

Corporate Parenting Strategy - Consultation

An online survey was carried out from October 13th to November 7th, accessible via the Council's consultation page on its website. The survey was promoted through the Participation team for distribution to children and young people and shared directly with key partner agencies—including Health, Police, Schools, and the voluntary and community sector (VCS). Additionally, fostering families received the survey, and it was circulated to children's services staff through the Director of Children's Services newsletter.

Feedback was gathered both through the online consultation and via direct email submissions. All feedback received has been incorporated into the results presented below.

In addition to the above two consultation meetings took place with cared for and care experienced children and the outcomes of these meetings directly affected the drafting of the strategy.

Here are the key insights from the aggregated responses:

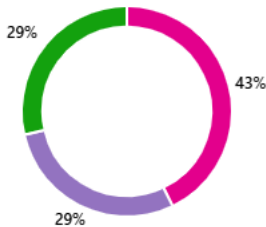
- The strategy is widely seen as reflecting what children and young people need, with most respondents rating it as 'Mostly' or 'Yes, definitely.' However, there is a strong call for clearer, measurable ambitions—especially in education, with suggestions for specific targets and strengthened partnerships with schools.
- The most valued elements of the strategy are 'Participation and voice,' 'Education and learning,' and 'Health and wellbeing,' each highlighted by nearly all respondents. This underscores the importance of inclusion, educational outcomes, and holistic support.
- Recurring suggestions for improvement include: enhancing multi-agency collaboration (especially between education, health, and social care), increasing transparency and accountability (such as through clearer governance and feedback mechanisms), and making the strategy more accessible and actionable for both professionals and young people.
- Most respondents feel they understand the main aims of the Corporate Parenting Strategy either 'Quite well' or 'Very well', and the majority believe the strategy mostly reflects what children and young people need.
- The concept of the "Contract of Trust" is generally seen as clear and meaningful, but a few respondents are less certain.
- The most common themes in suggestions for improvement are: increasing accountability, ensuring the voices of young people are central, and strengthening the focus on education as well as highlighting the importance of multi-agency collaboration for delivering the strategy, especially around physical and mental health priorities to reflect shared responsibility and oversight.

These insights highlight the importance of clear accountability, meaningful participation of young people, and a strong educational focus in the strategy.

The following presents a summary of the responses to the quantitative questions:

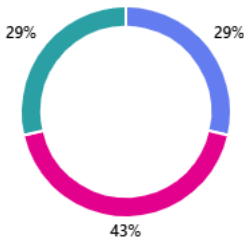
1. Are you responding as a:

Child or young person	0
Carer or foster carer	3
Care experienced adult	0
Staff member	2
Other (please specify)	2



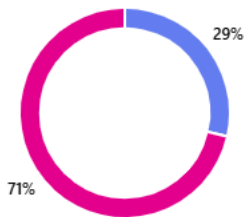
3. How well do you understand the main aims of the Corporate Parenting Strategy?

Very well	2
Quite well	3
Not very well	2
Not at all	0



4. Do you feel the strategy reflects what children and young people need from their corporate parents?

Yes, definitely	2
Mostly	5
Not really	0
Not at all	0
Not sure	0



5. The strategy talks about a "Contract of Trust." Do you feel this is clear and meaningful?



6. Which parts of the strategy do you think are most important? (Tick all that apply)

