



## North Northamptonshire Corporate Parenting Board

### <Interim> Terms of Reference 2023-2025

**“We will be our best, so every child can be their best.”**

#### **Introduction**

North Northamptonshire’s Corporate Parenting Board has been established to provide oversight and strategic direction to the local authority in fulfilling its corporate parenting responsibilities for children and young people in care. The Board will aim to promote the best interests of children in care, ensure that their needs are being met, and encourage their participation in decision-making processes that affect them.

#### **Purpose**

The purpose of the Corporate Parenting Board is to:

1. Ensure that the local authority fulfils its corporate parenting responsibilities towards children and young people in their care.
2. Provide strategic direction, oversight and challenge to the local authority and Northamptonshire Children’s Trust on the planning and delivery of services for children in care, care leavers, and those on the edge of care.
3. Monitor and review the effectiveness of the local authority’s and Northamptonshire Children’s Trust’s policies, procedures, and practices in relation to the care of children and young people in care.
4. Promote good practice, innovation and continuous improvement in the care and support of children and young people in care.
5. Encourage the participation of children and young people in care in the development and delivery of services that affect them.

#### **Membership:**

Corporate Parenting Board will comprise of the following members:

*Chair – Executive Member for Children*

*Members - The Board will include representatives from the local authority’s children’s services department, elected members, health services, education, the police, the voluntary sector and care leavers.*



### **Meetings:**

The Board will meet on a bi-monthly basis and may hold additional meetings as necessary. The meetings will be minuted and the minutes circulated to all members of the Board. The Board may invite other individuals to attend meetings as appropriate.

Agendas and documents shall be circulated 5 clear working days before the meeting.

Standing agenda items shall include:

- a) A review of the action log
- b) An update from a care experienced young person

Notes and decisions shall be circulated to members of the Board following the relevant meeting.

### **Reporting:**

The Board will report to the NNC's Executive and relevant Scrutiny Committee on its activities, achievements, and challenges. The report will be made available to the public via usual democratic service mechanisms.

### **Review:**

The Terms of Reference for the Corporate Parenting Board will be reviewed on an annual basis and updated as necessary. The review will be conducted by the Board.

### **Decision Making**

Decision making will be through unanimous consent of its members. If unanimous consent is not possible then the matter shall be referred to the Executive for determination in accordance with this terms of reference.