

MPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Report

Committee/Panel:	Corporate Parenting Board
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Title:	Overview of Participation Conference
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1. Recommendation

- 1.1. That the Corporate Parenting Board support similar events taking place in the future in order to gain feedback / wishes and views from children and young people to influence the shaping of service going forward.

2. Summary

- 2.1. The attached report provides a summary of the Participation Conference held on 22 October 2018 (attached at Appendix 1).
- 2.2. The conference was attended by 83 people, 51 adults and 32 young people. Prior to the conference each district was given the task of presenting an activity, the parameters were loose to enable creative thinking.
- 2.3. The day created lots of energy and valuable contributions from our young people. Activities included; what are the qualities of a social worker?, What's good and not so good? Importance of communication and terminology used.
- 2.4. The feedback from the activities completed on the day is detailed within the report and the next step will be to formulate a plan to make changes, influence service delivery.

3. Contextual information

- 3.1. The voice of children and young people is crucial to ensure that Social Care provide the best service possible to our children and young people. Their voice matters as our involvement with their family is about improving outcomes for them. Children and Young People have lived experiences and can teach professionals how to improve interactions and support.
- 3.2. The Participation Conference was an event to gather staff and young people together from around the county and to share different activities around the participation of children and young people.

CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:**Links to the Strategic Plan**

Hampshire maintains strong and sustainable economic growth and prosperity:	yes
People in Hampshire live safe, healthy and independent lives:	yes
People in Hampshire enjoy a rich and diverse environment:	yes
People in Hampshire enjoy being part of strong, inclusive communities:	yes

Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

DocumentLocation

None

IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:

1. Equality Duty

1.1. The County Council has a duty under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 ('the Act') to have due regard in the exercise of its functions to the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation and any other conduct prohibited under the Act;
- Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic (age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, gender and sexual orientation) and those who do not share it;
- Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

Due regard in this context involves having due regard in particular to:

- a) The need to remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by persons sharing a relevant characteristic connected to that characteristic;
- b) Take steps to meet the needs of persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic different from the needs of persons who do not share it;
- c) Encourage persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.

1.2. **Equalities Impact Assessment: N/A.**

2. Impact on Crime and Disorder: None.

3. Climate Change:

- a) How does what is being proposed impact on our carbon footprint / energy consumption? No impact.
- b) How does what is being proposed consider the need to adapt to climate change, and be resilient to its longer term impacts? No impact.