



South Tyneside Council

item 4

Corporate Parenting & Schools Forum Appointments 2026/27 (Cabinet)

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Cabinet – 27 May 2026**

Report to the Executive (Cabinet)

Cabinet Portfolio/Lead Member: Councillor Mackings – Leader of the Council

Report of the Head of Legal and Governance and Deputy Monitoring Officer

Subject: Corporate Parenting & Schools Forum Appointments 2026/27

Date: 27 May 2026

Wards affected: all

Council ambitions: all

Does the report and any appendices contain information which has been identified as confidential or exempt?

- No, this report does not contain information identified as confidential or exempt.

For Executive Decisions only:

Is the decision a Key Decision? No

Is it included in the Forward Plan? No

If not in the Forward Plan is the report: General Exception Rule / Special Urgency Rule

Relevant Scrutiny Chair: N/A

Is the decision eligible for call-in by Scrutiny? No

(If the decision is anything other than any executive decision made by the Cabinet or a Key Decision made by an officer under delegated powers, call-in is not applicable. This should be explained in the report).

Purpose of Report

1. Cabinet needs to review the membership of Corporate Parenting and make any changes considered necessary. The previous membership is set out below to assist in the process.

<i>By position</i> – Lead Member for Children & Families, Education and Skills) (Chair)
Elected Member
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Director of Children's Services (Stuart Easingwood)
Service Manager Integrated Looked After Children (Tony Joyce)
Head of Children and Families Social Care (Chris Ring)
Head of Virtual School for Looked After Children & EMTRAS (<i>when required</i>)
A senior manager from South Tyneside Housing Services/Regulatory Services
A senior manager from Leisure Services
A senior representative from Cumbria, Northumberland Tyne & Wear Mental HealthTrust
A senior representative from South Tyneside NHS Foundation Trust

2. Corporate Parenting Panel membership should include the Lead Member for Children & Families, Education and Skills by position, who shall also serve as Chair. Additionally, five other Elected Members should be appointed.
3. Corporate Parenting Panel acts as an advisory body and to oversee the exercise by the Council of its statutory responsibilities as corporate parent. This will ensure that all of the children and young people that it looks after receive a high standard of care and that their life chances are maximised by:
 - Being healthy
 - Staying safe
 - Enjoying and achieving
 - Making a positive contribution
 - Achieving economic well-being
4. Cabinet must review the membership of Schools Forum and make any changes considered necessary. The previous membership is set out below to assist in the process:

<i>By position</i> – Lead Member for Finance & Resources
<i>By position</i> – Lead Member for Children & Families, Education and Skills
5 Representatives from Community Primary Schools
1 Representative from VA (Voluntary aided) Primary Schools
3 Representatives from Academy Primary Schools
3 Representatives from Community Secondary Schools
3 Representatives from Academy Secondary Schools
1 Representative from 16-19 Partnership
1 Representative from Special Schools
1 Representative from Nursery Schools
1 Representative from the Early Years PVI (Private, Voluntary or Independent) Sector
1 Representative from Trade Unions
2 Representative from Diocesan Boards
1 Representative from Pupil Referral Unit
Director of Children's Services (Stuart Easingwood)
Head of Education (Joanne Campbell)
Assistant Director of Finance (Alan Foster)
Finance Business Partner (Kevin Smith)
Finance Business Partner (Steph Humble)
Finance Advisor (Emma Adams)

5. Schools Forum membership should include the Lead Member for Finance & Resources and the Lead Member for Children & Families, Education and Skills by position.
6. In England, a Schools Forum is a statutory consultative body established by local authorities under the Schools Forums (England) Regulations 2012, with its role and purpose grounded in the wider framework of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 and subsequent school funding legislation. Its primary function is to advise the local authority on the allocation, management and distribution of the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) and other school funding matters, ensuring that financial decisions reflect the needs and priorities of schools and pupils. Schools Forum helps to promote transparency, fairness, and strategic collaboration between the local authority and its education providers.

Recommendations

7. Cabinet note and approve the membership of Corporate Parenting Panel as per paragraph 1 of the report, including the Lead Member for Children & Families, Education and Skills who will act as Chair, in addition to five other Elected Members.

8. Cabinet note and approve the membership of Schools Forum as per paragraph 4 of the report, including the Lead Member for Finance & Resources and the Lead Member for Children & Families, Education and Skills.

Reasons for Recommendations

9. In order that the statutory responsibilities of the Council in relation to Corporate Parenting Panel and Schools Forum are appropriately fulfilled.

List of Appendices

None

Corporate Parenting

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The following is a list of the background papers (excluding exempt papers) relied upon in the preparation of the above report:

Background Paper	File Ref:	File Location