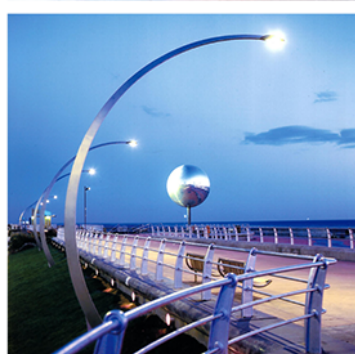
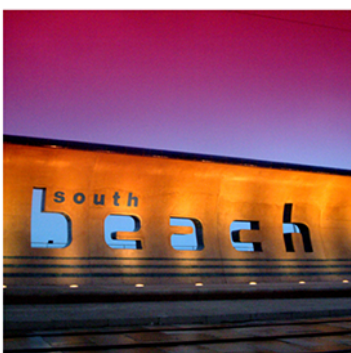


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## Overview of Panel

There are five Corporate Parent Panel meetings held annually, one of which is a 'Take Over' by members of the Justuz Children in Care Council and Care Leavers Forum. Young people chair the meeting and set the agenda.

The Corporate Parent Panel is chaired by Cllr Graham Cain Lead Member for Children's Services. The Director of Children Services Diane Booth also attends.

The meetings have been attended by representatives from Children's Services, BYPS, Early Help, Foster Carer's, Health, Education, Headstart, Commissioning, Justuz and Elected Members.

The corporate parent panel has been working to an Action Tracker which will result in the development of an Action Plan.

During the meetings individuals representing organisations are invited to present annual reports which give detailed accounts of the work being done to deliver services to our children and young people. Our Children and Young people are presented with the reports and invited to give their feedback, which is included in the finalised reports.

There are set agenda items which include the Young People's update which allows representatives of the Justuz Children in Care Council the opportunity to report on the work they are involved and consulted on and the events our children and young people will have the chance to be involved in for the coming year.

Further set agenda items include housing, communication and the progress of the work plan. From this individuals are tasked with actions to complete and report back on at the next panel. It is imperative that tasks are completed in order to improve the services delivered.

It is an expectation that all reports submitted to the panel will have had consultation with our children and young people and their views incorporated into the findings.

## Work Undertaken

During this year work has been undertaken on the following:-

- 16/17 yr old Positive Transitions Support and Accommodation Pathway
- Council Opportunities for Young People

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- Developed a new leaflet called 'Have your say' – a customer relations feedback form
- Use of language and terminology to be more in line with young people's understanding
- Carer profiles to be updated to include who currently lives in the house including other children. A Family Profile template has been developed and is updated before a young person is placed.
- Child friendly minutes are now being documented by IRO's and sent to children following review
- Foster Carer reviews improved through consultation with carers
- Recruitment of Care Leavers into internal vacancies
- Involvement of young people in the recruitment process for Children's service staff
- Young people being actively involved in delivery of training to staff and foster carers'

## Work Ongoing

- Care Leaver Offer
- Memory boxes and storage for personal ID
- Development of a video for staff training which will look at real life experience of what it is like to be a Looked After Child in Blackpool Council
- Work on 'Contact' and improving the quality time young people have with their families
- Development of the Core

## Work undertaken/ongoing by Justuz

- Developing information packs for any young person who becomes looked after
- Pocket money policy

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- Consultation on Contact – how they see their families
- Consultation on the Pledge
- Creation of a Jargon Buster
- Involvement in the production of Care Leaver Offer through Care Leaver forum
- Use of Social Media/technology for better communication between young people and their workers
- Development of a version of The Pledge which is more ‘user friendly’ for our younger children 8 and under

## Training and Development

There has been training delivered to staff and elected members for Corporate Parenting update. There are further dates available later in the year.

Our young people have been involved in training for foster carer’s.

Work is underway with our Professional Lead to identify where young people can contribute to our training offer.

Our young people are involved in co -production with Headstart.

There is a plan in place to produce a film that will be used for training purposes. It will be co-delivered with young people and used for staff training purposes.

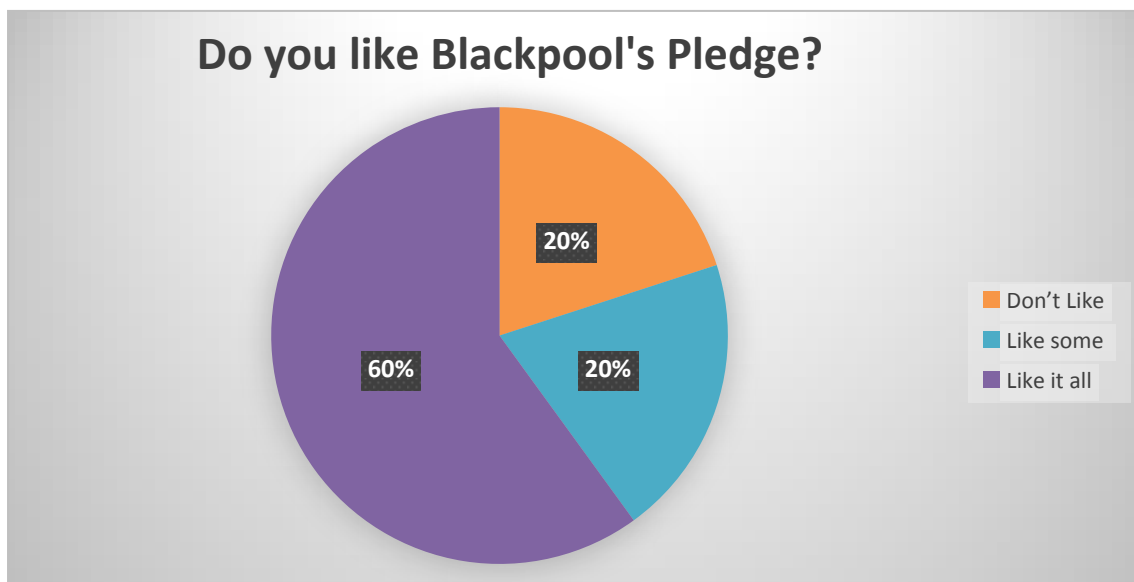
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## The Pledge Consultation 2018

Justuz members were consulted about Blackpool's Pledge.

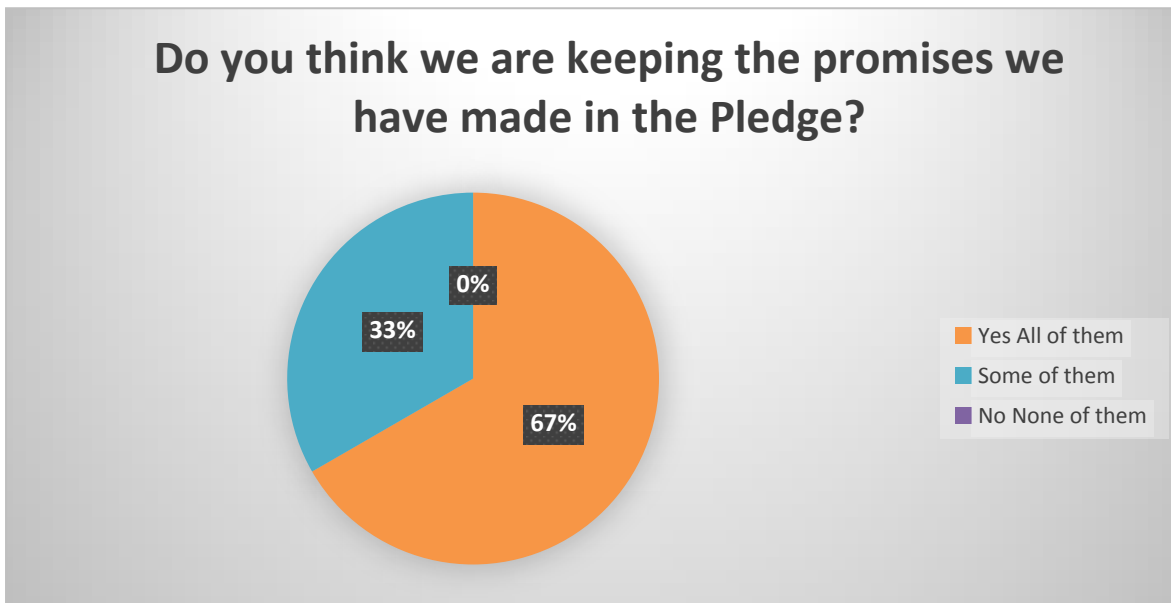


We simply asked them...



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We also asked which promises in the Pledge are most important to them:

Justuz told us:

- Keeping us safe
- Staying in touch
- Listen to us
- Give us choices
- Help us prepare for the future
- Making sure we are happy with the people looking after us
- Being honest with us
- Showing up on time
- Caring for us and treating us with respect

Justuz told us that they didn't think we had missed any important promises that should be written in the pledge and were happy with our promises.

Justuz told us that we need a younger friendly version of the Pledge, one that is easier to understand and more appealing to younger children.

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## **Actions from Pledge Consultation**

Justuz to help create a more appealing, younger, colourful and fun to read version of the Pledge for our children for children age 8 and under.

To put our pledge to the Test!

Justuz will be doing some mystery shopping over the next few months to check out how we are keeping the most important promises to them. They will report their findings back to The Corporate Panel.

## **Future work**

As above there is a plan in place to look at production of a Film co- produced by our young people. This will be an exciting piece of work that will bring the experience of our Young people to life.

Development of the Google Platform is ongoing to reach more of our children and young people to inform of service development, consultation, recruitment and promote a culture of open two way discussion.

Work needs to be undertaken with our young people to consider how the Corporate Parent Panel is run and to ensure that it is inclusive of all its members.

Our yearly Celebration of Achievement award will be once again held in March 2019. This is a very enjoyable event where we celebrate the achievements of our children and young people.

There is a programme of yearly events that are co-ordinated by our Participation Team and Justuz. See attached to Panel Agenda.

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