CORPORATE PARENT PANEL ANNUAL REPORT

1.1 To consider the Corporate Parent Panel Annual Report 2019.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

2.1 • To consider the contents of the report.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

3.1 For Members of the Scrutiny Committee to be aware of the Corporate Parent Panel annual report.

3.2a Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No

3.2b Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council’s approved budget? Yes

3.3 Other alternative options considered:

Services are subject to national and statutory frameworks.

4.0 Council Priority:

4.1 The relevant Council Priority is:

• Creating stronger communities and increasing resilience.

5.0 Background Information

5.1 Working With Our Children

The Just Uz Council is a group of young people who give up their time to work with the Council to ensure that children and young people looked after by Blackpool are well represented and are influencing positive change. They have been incredibly
productive this year and some of the highlights of the work they have undertaken include:

- **The Shake It Up Conference 2019** took place on 24 July 2019 at Blackpool Winter Gardens. Around 100 children aged 10 to 25 came together to take part in a full day of consultation, activities and of course to have fun. They had lots of things to tell us to help the Council shake things up and have their say on how the future of Children’s Services is shaped. The conference voted for Shake It Up to be an annual event, so it will be happening again in 2020 and building on the success of 2019.

- **Take over Challenge Week 2019** 40 of our children and young people took part this year taking over various roles within the Council and our partner companies. The week was a huge success with lots of positive feedback from the young people and the adults whose roles they took over.

- **The Care Leaver Week** took place in October half term. This was well attended by our Young People and the feedback was extremely positive.

- **The “War against Words” Continues** with more words being added to the Banned list. The Council is promoting this message far and wide encouraging all to use a language that cares. The names of teams across children’s social care reflect the new model of practice and our War Against Words.

- **Ring fenced jobs for Our Care Leavers** Our young people can now apply at the internal stage of application one week before it goes out to anyone else for all grade C roles and below.

- **You’re Hired Crew** The ongoing involvement of our children and young people in the recruitment process for Children’s Services staff. Our young people are having a real say in who the service employs, they are sitting alongside team managers, heads of service etc. on the interview panels as well as holding their own group interview evening sessions.

The full Corporate Parent Panel Annual Report is attached at Appendix 9(a).

Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

6.0 **List of Appendices:**

Appendix 9(a) – Corporate Parent Panel Annual Report 2019.

7.0 **Legal considerations:**

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