

# Corporate Parenting Board

The journey so far.....

# The Independent Jersey Care Inquiry (2017)

“...there seemed to be little evidence of a full commitment to the concept that children looked after by the States were entitled to have the full resources of the States applied to their best interests throughout their time in care and indeed, beyond’ (IJCI: 2017: Vol 3 of 3 pp.61)”

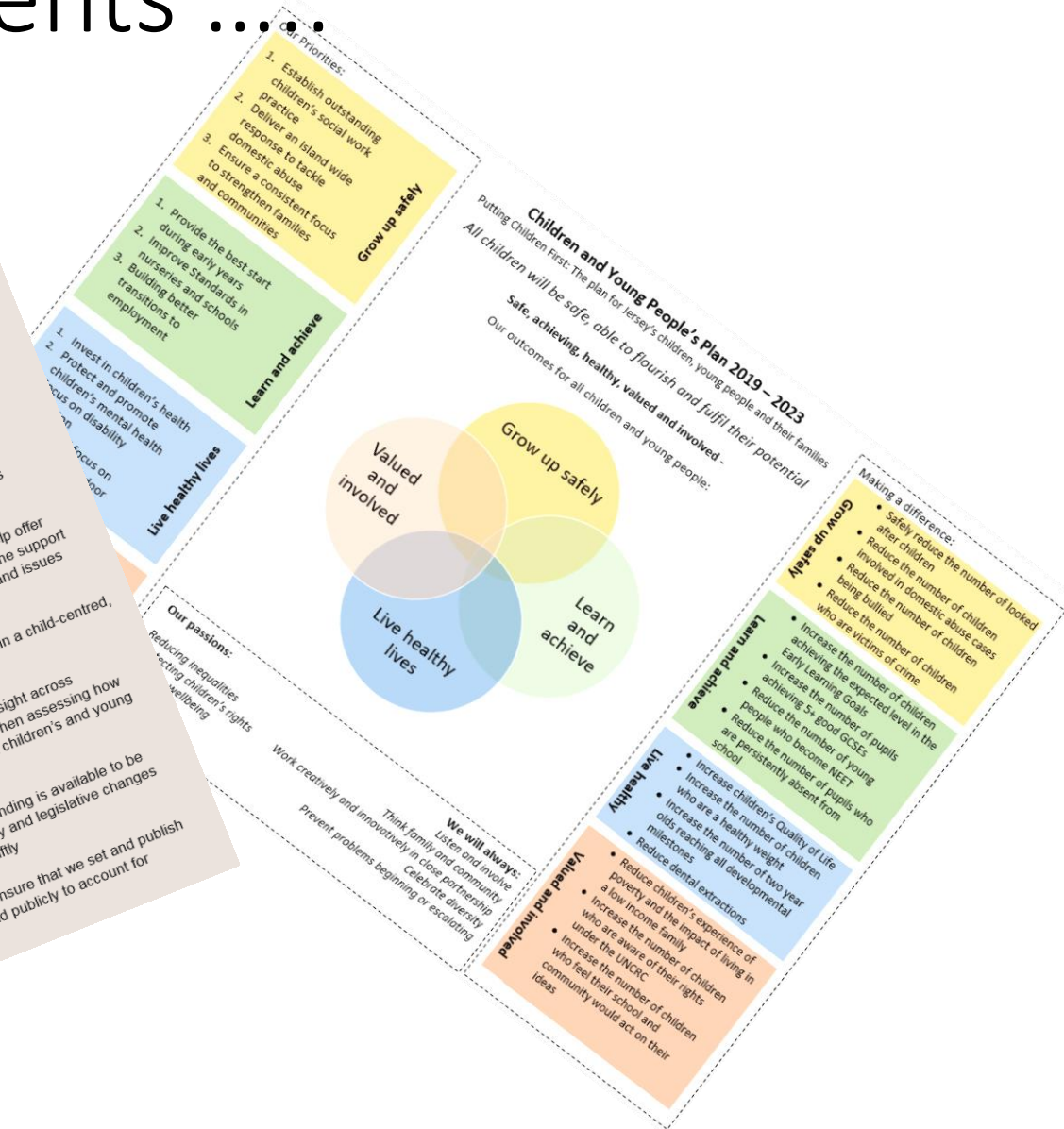
# Building on our commitments ...

**STATES OF JERSEY**  
**DRAFT STATEMENT OF COMMON STRATEGIC POLICY 2018-22**  
Lodged au Greffe on 3 October 2018  
by the Council of Ministers  
States Greffe

## Putting Children First

Members of the States Assembly, the Council of Ministers and the Executive Leadership of the public service pledge that we will work together and support and challenge one another to ensure that:

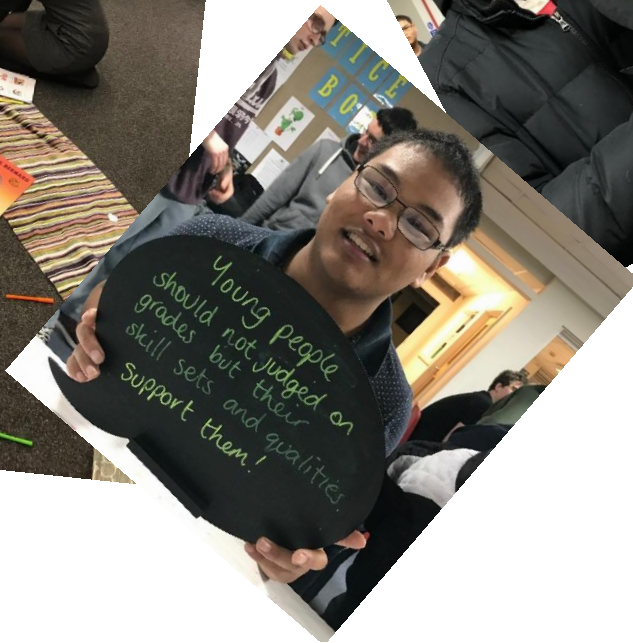
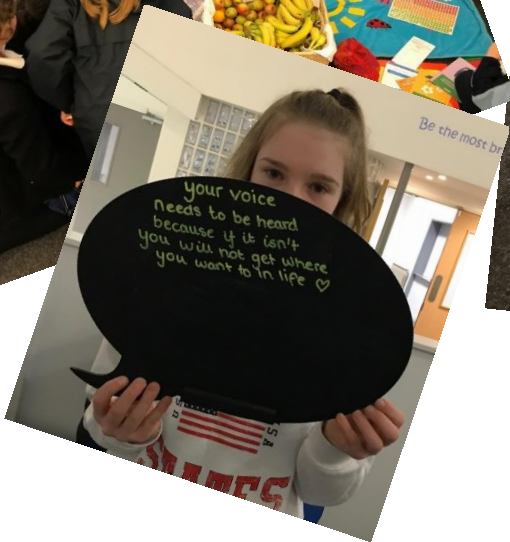
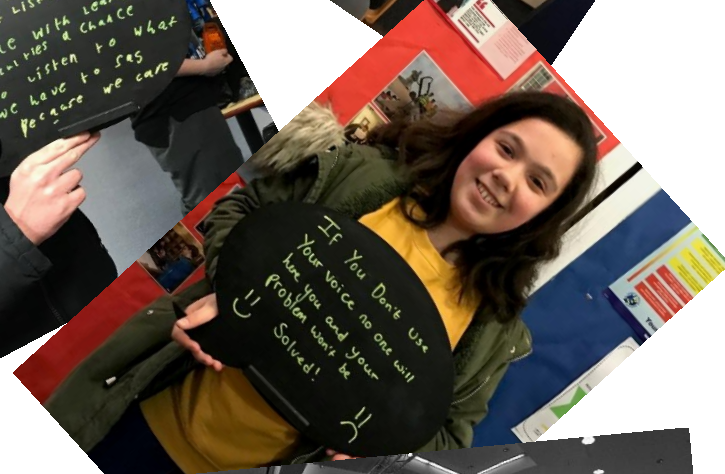
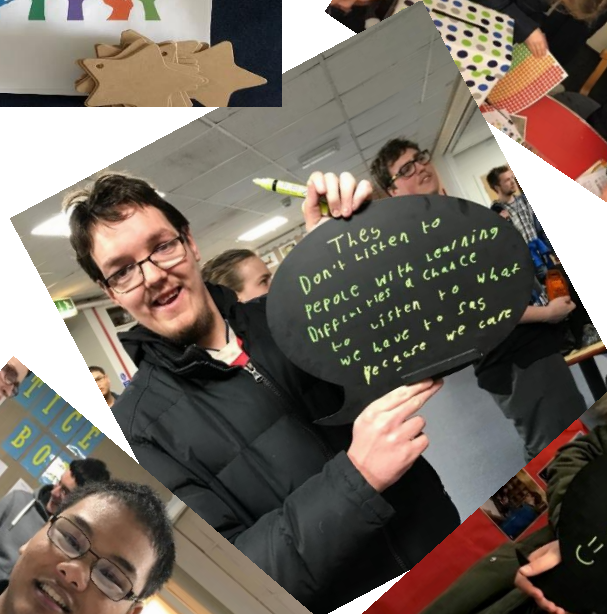
- 1 We will listen** directly to children and young people and involve them in how we design, deliver and review our services
- 2 We will provide** integrated support for families that need extra help caring for their children
- 3 We will provide** all children in our care with access to a safe, loving, secure home environment
- 4 We will expand**, join up and target our early help offer to ensure that children and young people get the support they need when they need it, to prevent risk and issues from escalating
- 5 We will work together** to recruit and retain a child-centred, stable, highly professional workforce
- 6 We will make** it easier for data and insight across organisations to be shared so that, when assessing how best to meet their needs, we look at children's and young people's lives as a whole
- 7 We will ensure** that sufficient funding is available to be effective and that any regulatory and legislative changes needed will be progressed swiftly
- 8 We will work together** to ensure that we set and publish clear standards and be held publicly to account for achieving them



# Our Vision

It is our vision that.....as corporate parents, we will put children at the centre of our thinking and will do everything we can to create a nurturing environment. We will support our children to enjoy and benefit from loving, strong and dependable relationships, wherever possible within families, so that, regardless of their start in life, they can go on to enjoy positive and fulfilling relationships, flourish and fulfil the promise of a bright future.

Corporate Parenting Policy Framework (2018)



# Terms of reference - Aims and Principles

1.1: The Corporate Parenting Board will provide political oversight on how the Government of Jersey is discharging its Corporate Parenting duties to Looked After Children and Care Leavers.

1.2: The Corporate Parenting Board will oversee the development of a Corporate Parenting strategy, which is established by all those with direct and indirect responsibilities for Looked After Children and Care Leavers.

1.3: The Board will ensure that the strategy is underpinned by the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) and what it means for each organisation.

1.4: The Board will embody the 'Putting Children First' Pledge and more intuitively, it will ask the question "would this be good enough for my child?" in relation to aspiration, outcomes, policies and services

# Putting words into action

- accept responsibility for children in the state's care and this means putting the needs of looked after children and care leavers at the heart of all that we do;
- seek for them the same outcomes any good parent would want for their own children;
- be alert to matters which do or could potentially adversely affect the wellbeing of looked after children and care leavers;
- promote the interests of those children and young people;
- provide looked after children and care leavers with opportunities to participate in activities designed to promote their wellbeing;
- support children to become successful, resilient, happy, fulfilled adults.

# Features of a Corporate Parenting Strategy

- **Priority 1:** All Ministers and senior leaders across key partners will understand and act on their responsibilities as corporate parents by placing children at the heart of all that they do
- **Priority 2:** All children will have a safe and stable place they call home where they feel loved, valued and cared for by excellent carers
- **Priority 3:** All children will be supported to achieve their potential in education
- **Priority 4:** All children will enjoy the best possible health, including being supported to achieve good physical and mental wellbeing
- **Priority 5:** All children will have access to and are encouraged to participate in things they are interested in, including a range of play, sport, leisure and cultural activities
- **Priority 6:** As corporate parent, we will actively listen and respond to the voices, wishes and feelings of our children
- **Priority 7:** All children will be encouraged to be proud of themselves and recognise that we are proud of them by the way we celebrate their successes
- **Priority 8:** All children are supported in their transition to adulthood so that when the time comes for them to leave our care they do so in a way that enables them to become confident, successful, secure and fulfilled members of society