

Item No. 8	Classification: Open	Date: June 18 2008	Meeting Name: Corporate Parenting Committee
Report title:		Appointment of non-voting, co-opted members and invitations to attend meetings	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		None	
From:		Strategic Director of Children's Services	

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the committee continues with two non-voting co-opted members for 2008/2009.
2. That the committee considers which organisations to approach for the appointment of non voting co-opted members for 2008-9.
3. That the committee continues its commitment to meeting twice yearly with speakerbox.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

4. The terms of reference include a provision for this committee to appoint non-voting co-opted members to ensure members receive a range of views from organisations who support Children Looked After (CLA) and can assist in facilitating consultation with CLA to ensure the committee are aware of their views and experiences. The corporate parenting committee appointed two co-opted members for the 2007 to 2008 municipal year.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

5. The committee could consider inviting representatives from Southwark Primary Care Trust, Young Southwark, headteacher representatives, Speakerbox, CAMHS and Carelink to the corporate parenting committee to participate in its agenda.
6. Southwark Primary Care Trust (PCT) and Young Southwark (the children's trust) were invited to appoint non-voting, co-opted members to the committee for 2007 to 2008. The PCT is a major partner in the children's trust and a representative provides a valuable perspective on matters being considered by the committee. Young Southwark includes representatives from voluntary and community groups.
7. In the last year, the committee has received a representative of the authority's organisational development team and appointed virtual headteacher to discuss issues of interest to the committee.
8. It was agreed at the Corporate Parenting Committee on September 10 2007 that the committee will receive an annual report on the delivery of the participation strategy and action plan. In addition, it was agreed that the committee meet

twice per annum with Speakerbox to discuss and provide input into the committee's agreed work plan, provide feedback on agreed initiatives and make recommendations for future areas for development.

9. The committee may wish to receive reports, at future meetings, from specific groups or organisations on their activities or they may wish representatives to attend meetings to address issues within reports. The committee may wish to identify priorities from the white paper and use these to shape the groups they wish to invite to contribute to future meetings. It is suggested that a headteachers' representative, Carelink and the Foster Carers Association be invited to future meetings.

Community Impact Statement

10. The appointment of non-voting members and the involvement of other groups in the work of the Committee will enhance the involvement of wider community views in the work of the Committee.

Resource implications

11. There are no additional resource implications to this report.

Consultation

12. No consultation has been undertaken.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Minutes of meeting of Corporate Parenting Committee, September 10 2007	Constitutional Team	Richard Blakeley 020 7525 7232

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