

Item No. 9	Classification: Open	Date: September 4 2008	Meeting Name: Corporate Parenting Committee
Report title:		Corporate Parenting Committee – Workplan 2008/2009	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All	
From:		Strategic Director for Legal and Democratic Services	

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the corporate parenting committee consider items to add to the new workplan for the municipal year 2008 to 2009 listed in paragraph 9.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Role and function of the corporate parenting committee

2. The constitution for the municipal year 2008 to 2009 records the corporate parenting committee's role and functions are as follows.
 1. To secure real and sustained improvements in the life chances of looked after children, and to work within an annual programme to that end.
 2. To develop, monitor and review a corporate parenting strategy and work plan
 3. To seek to ensure that the life chances of looked after children are maximised in terms of health educational attainment, and access to training and employment, to aid the transition to a secure and productive adulthood.
 4. To develop and co-ordinate a life chances strategy and work plan to improve the life chances of Southwark looked after children.
 5. To recommend ways in which more integrated services can be developed across all council departments, schools and the voluntary sector to lead towards better outcomes for looked after children.
 6. To ensure that mechanisms are in place to enable looked after children and young people to play an integral role in service planning and design, and that their views are regularly sought and acted upon.
 7. To ensure performance monitoring systems are in place, and regularly review performance data to ensure sustained performance improvements in outcomes for looked after children.
 8. To receive an annual report on the adoption and fostering services to monitor their effectiveness in providing safe and secure care for looked after children.
 9. To report to the council's executive on a twice yearly basis.
 10. To make recommendations to the relevant executive decision maker where responsibility for that particular function rests with the executive.
 11. To report to the scrutiny sub-committee with responsibility for children's services after each meeting.
 12. To appoint non-voting co-opted members.

Every child matters

3. The public policy agenda is measured against the government's five "Every Child Matters" outcomes which are
 - Be Healthy
 - Stay Safe
 - Enjoy and Achieve
 - Make a Positive Contribution
 - Achieve Economic Well-Being

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

Future Meetings

4. The following meeting dates and agenda items for this municipal year have been drafted prior to this meeting's discussion about the committee agenda for this year. The committee is asked to consider other future items.

2pm, November 19 2008:

- Report on adoption and fostering services
- Update on statistics on university entrance for CLA
- Head teachers in Southwark to help improve the 'virtual head teacher' programme
- CLA performance indicators 2008-09 Quarter 2
- Joint Area Review
- GCSE examination results
- Kinship policy

2pm, February 3 2009:

- Report on teenage and aftercare service
- Report on alternatives to care
- Annual report on delivery of the participation strategy and action plan
- CLA performance indicators 2008-09 Quarter 3

2pm, April 2 2009:

- Presentation on apprenticeship scheme
- Report on services for immigrants and unaccompanied minors

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

5. The continued work of the corporate parenting committee informs policy development.

COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT

6. The work of the corporate parenting committee contributes to community cohesion and stability.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

7. There are no extra resources needs foreseen at this stage.

CONSULTATION

8. None.

SUPPLEMENTARY ADVICE FROM OTHER OFFICERS

9. None required.

APPENDICES

10. None.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Previous reports to Corporate Parenting Committee	Constitutional Team	Richard Blakeley 020 7525 7232

AUDIT TRAIL

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