

<b>Item No</b> 12	<b>Classification:</b> Open	<b>Date:</b> February 3 2009	<b>Meeting Name:</b> Corporate Parenting Committee
<b>Report title:</b>		Corporate Parenting Committee – Workplan 2009/10	
<b>Ward(s) or groups affected:</b>		All	
<b>From:</b>		Strategic Director for Legal and Democratic Services	

## RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the corporate parenting committee consider items to add to the workplan for the next municipal year.
2. That the committee notes the priorities for service improvement identified by the joint area review and includes in its work programme.

### **Role and function of the corporate parenting committee**

3. 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.

## Future meetings

### April 2 2009:

Presentation on apprenticeship scheme  
Report on services for immigrants and unaccompanied minors  
Annual report on referral and assessment  
New approach to improving attainment for children in care  
Performance report  
Long term stability of placements

### Municipal year: 2009-10 (meeting dates to be determined)

Children looked after performance indicators  
GCSE examination results  
Commissioning strategy  
Partnership with Youth Offending Team  
Evaluation of initiatives

## AUDIT TRAIL

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