

Corporate Parenting Committee

MINUTES of the OPEN section of the Corporate Parenting Committee held on Tuesday 1 May 2012 at 2.00 pm at 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH.

PRESENT: Councillor Catherine McDonald (Chair)
Councillor Barrie Hargrove
Barbara Hills
Gordon McCullough

OFFICER SUPPORT: Rory Patterson (assistant director of specialist services & safeguarding), Alasdair Smith, Darren Coghlan, Liz Britton (children's services), Bola Roberts and Paula Thornton (constitutional team).

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Althea Smith, Claire Hickson, Rosie Shimell and Lisa Rajan.

2. CONFIRMATION OF VOTING MEMBERS

The members listed as present were confirmed as the voting members for the meeting.

3. NOTIFICATION OF ANY ITEMS OF BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR DEEMS URGENT

There were no urgent items.

4. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

There were no disclosures of interests or dispensations.

5. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the open minutes of the meeting held on 21 February 2012 be approved as a

correct record and signed by the chair.

6. ADOLESCENT AND AFTERCARE SERVICE

RESOLVED:

1. That it be noted that the delivery of the adolescent and aftercare service for looked after children and care leavers (13-21) contributes to economic well being.
2. That the relocation of the children looked after service in a single purpose built central location in Peckham from May 2012 be welcomed by the committee and noted.
3. That corporate parenting committee promote key partnerships/protocols with other council services to target looked after children and care leavers to deliver tangible outcome regarding apprenticeships, training and further education.
4. That the cabinet member for children's services write to all cabinet members to clarify how the needs for all looked after children and care leavers are being met within their portfolio areas and encouraging interventions that are in place or being developed.

7. NEET (NOT IN EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT OR TRAINING) STRATEGY REPORT

RESOLVED:

1. That the report be noted.
2. That officers circulate to members of the committee figures of the outcomes and destinations for looked after children. Officers to also include in this note data relating to the activities utilised by looked after children as set out in Appendix 1 of the report.

8. PERFORMANCE REPORT - LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

9. CORPORATE PARENTING COMMITTEE - WORK PLAN 2011/12

RESOLVED:

1. That the work plan for 2011/12 as set out in paragraph 5 of the report be noted.
2. That it be noted that the 'Be Healthy Theme' currently scheduled for July 2012 meeting may be amended if the final Ofsted report on the triennial inspection is

published. If published the July committee would consider this Ofsted report.

3. That the corporate parenting committee's meetings in 2012/13 be scheduled for start times in the day time and that the council calendar due for consideration by the council assembly meeting in May 2012 be accordingly adjusted.
4. That a verbal update given by the deputy director, children's specialist services and safeguarding to the committee in respect of the legal position and advice for unaccompanied minors be noted.

The meeting ended at 3.00pm.

CHAIR:

DATED: