



Corporate Parenting Committee

MINUTES of the OPEN section of the Corporate Parenting Committee held on Wednesday 18 July 2012 at 2.00 pm at Council Offices, 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH

PRESENT: Councillor Dora Dixon-Fyle (Chair)
Councillor Eliza Mann
Councillor Claire Hickson
Barbara Hills

OFFICER SUPPORT: Rory Patterson (assistant director of specialist services & safeguarding), Sarah Power (legal services) and Paula Thornton (constitutional team).

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Barrie Hargrove and Gordon McCullough.

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

The chair gave notice that the following late item would be considered for reasons of urgency to be specified in the relevant minute:

Item 10: Safeguarding and Looked After Children Inspection Outcomes

4. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

There were no disclosures of interests or dispensations.

5. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

The minutes of the meeting held on 1 May 2012 be approved as a correct record and signed by the chair.

6. CHILD AND ADOLESCENT MENTAL HEALTH (CAMHS) AND CARELINK

This item was deferred until the next committee meeting 5 November 2012.

7. 2012/13 YOUNG PEOPLES SUBSTANCE MISUSE (YPSM) TREATMENT PLAN

RESOLVED:

It was agreed that the deputy director children's specialist services provide a verbal update to the next meeting on the number of looked after children receiving treatment.

1. That the recommendations and actions set out in the draft Young Peoples Substance Misuse (YPSM) Treatment Plan for 2012/13 (See Appendix A) be noted.
2. That it be noted the draft plan proposes the following key priority areas as follows:
 - Universal work by building individual's knowledge around substance misuse
 - Targeted work to reach the most vulnerable groups
 - Specialist work to ensure young people have access to structured treatment
3. That it be noted that this paper has been written to inform members how the 2012/13 Plan will be used to reduce substance misuse and the progress of the Specialist YPSM service and to update members of the policy implications and strategy alignment of the work.
4. That the importance of partnership work to reduce young people's substance misuse be noted.

8. PERFORMANCE REPORT - LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

9. CORPORATE PARENTING COMMITTEE WORK PLAN 2012/2013

RESOLVED:

That the following adjustments be made to the corporate parenting committee 2012/13 work plan:

- 5 November 2012 theme to be amended to economic wellbeing
- That two additional items relating to the impact of welfare reforms and pathway planning (feedback for young people leaving care) also be added to this meeting.

10. SAFEGUARDING & LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN INSPECTION OUTCOMES

This item had not been circulated five clear days in advance of the meeting. The chair agreed to accept this item as urgent as the committee were considering their work plan for 2011/12 and the outcomes of the Safeguarding and Looked After Children Inspection would support members in determining the work plan and prioritising issues for consideration. Following the publication of the Inspection Outcomes on the 10 July 2012 it was important that committee were made aware of the information as a matter of urgency to enable them to consider priorities for improvements on its looked after children. The consideration of the report provided sufficient time for officers to produce a detailed action plan for the next committee.

RESOLVED:

1. That the Inspection report and priorities identified for improvement be noted.
2. That the deputy director specialist children's services brings a detailed plan to the next corporate parenting committee on how the improvements will be implemented.

The meeting ended at 3.05pm

CHAIR:

DATED: