

Corporate Parenting Committee

MINUTES of the OPEN section of the Corporate Parenting Committee held on Monday 5 November 2012 at 2.00 pm at the Council Offices, 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH

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

OFFICER SUPPORT: Rory Patterson (director of children's social care), Alasdair Smith, (acting head of children looked after services), Jackie Cook (head of social work improvement and quality assurance), Linda Ryan (Carelink), Shelley Burke (head of overview and scrutiny), Sean Usher and Paula Thornton (constitutional team).

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Gordon McCullough, Councilors Catherine Bowman and Wilma Nelson.

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 minutes of the meeting held on 18 July 2012 be approved as a correct record and signed by the chair.

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

RESOLVED:

1. That the delivery of the children and adolescent and mental health (CAMHS) Carelink service be noted.
2. That the training with British Association for Adoption and Fostering (BAAF) for foster carers, social workers, independent reviewing officer's (IRO), members of the adoption and fostering panels and possibly contact workers be noted. The aim of this training will be to think specifically about the emotional and developmental needs of under 5's.
3. That it be noted that officers will promote key partnerships and protocols with other council services to target looked after children (LAC) and adolescents suffering from mental health issues and the other services and training provided by (CAMHS) Carelink service be noted.

7. TELL IT HOW IT WAS REPORT 2011-12

RESOLVED:

1. That the document attached as Appendix 1 to the report "Tell it How It Was 2011-12" be noted.
2. That the recommendations at the end of Appendix 1 of the report be noted.

8. SAFEGUARDING & LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN INSPECTION OUTCOMES

RESOLVED:

1. That the inspection report and the key areas for improvement in relation to looked after children listed in paragraph 7 of the report be noted.
2. That the director of children's social care bring a progress report to the next corporate parenting committee, including a focus on the economic wellbeing of children leaving care.

9. CORPORATE PARENTING WORK PLAN 2012/13

RESOLVED:

1. That corporate parenting committee work-plan for 2012/13 be noted.
2. That the item on the impact of welfare reforms on looked after children/young people be deferred until 26 February 2013 meeting.

The meeting ended at 3.10pm.

CHAIR:

DATED: