

Corporate Parenting Committee

MINUTES of the OPEN section of the Corporate Parenting Committee held on Monday 29 April 2013 at 2.00 pm at the Council Offices, 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH

PRESENT: Councillor Dora Dixon-Fyle (Chair)
Councillor Eliza Mann
Councillor Catherine Bowman
Councillor Claire Hickson
Councillor Wilma Nelson
Barbara Hills
Carolyn Martin

OTHERS PRESENT: Rory Patterson, Director, Children's Social Care
Alasdair Smith, Acting Head of Services CLA
Caroline Muller, Service Manager - QAU /LADO
Wendy Foreman, Head of campaigns

OFFICER SUPPORT: Sean Usher, Constitutional Team
Paula Thornton, Constitutional Team

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Althea Smith and apologies for lateness were received from Councillor Catherine Bowman.

2. CONFIRMATION OF VOTING MEMBERS

The members listed above were confirmed as the voting members.

The committee confirmed the appointment of Carolyn Martin (Family Action) as a non-voting co-opted member to represent the voluntary and community sector.

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

There were none.

4. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

There were none.

5. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 26 February 2013 be approved as a correct record and signed by the chair.

6. ANNUAL REPORT OF ADOLESCENT AND AFTERCARE SERVICE

RESOLVED:

1. That key partnerships/protocols with other council services to target looked after children (CLA) and care leavers to deliver tangible outcomes regarding apprenticeships, training and further education be promoted.
2. That all council departments considering targeted interventions/inclusions for children looked after (CLA) and care leavers be promoted.
3. That the widened responsibilities placed upon local authorities, by the Care Planning Regulations 2011, in particular additional responsibilities towards young people resuming education be noted.
4. That the legislative changes contained within the Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders 2012 Act be noted.
5. That the commencement of the tendering process for the provision of high quality, cost effective semi-independent accommodation be noted.

7. INDEPENDENT REVIEWING OFFICER ANNUAL REPORT

RESOLVED:

1. That the Independent Reviewing Officer annual report be noted.
2. That an action plan be drawn up for implementation of the recommendations.

8. LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE AND OFFENDING - IMPACT OF THE LEGAL AID, SENTENCING AND PUNISHMENT OF OFFENDERS ACT 2012 (LASPOA)

RESOLVED:

1. That the implications of Legal Aid Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act (LASPO) on resources within the youth offending service (YOS) and the adolescent & aftercare service be noted.
2. That the proposed changes to the care planning guidance to looked after children on remand be noted.

3. That the committee receive a report back in one year to review the impact of LASPO on the council in terms of workload and cost.

9. ADOPTION SERVICE ANNUAL REPORT

RESOLVED:

That adoption service annual report be received and the recommendations of the adoption improvement plan which seek to deliver a step change in the number of approved adopters and children adopted from care be noted.

10. ANNUAL REPORT ON FOSTERING

RESOLVED:

1. That the annual fostering report be noted.
2. That the proposals to improve recruitment of Southwark approved foster carers be noted.

11. WORK PLAN 2012/13

RESOLVED:

1. That the work plan for 2012/13 be noted.
2. That the committee receive a progress report to the July 2013 meeting in respect of fostering recruitment initiatives.

The meeting closed at 4.00pm

CHAIR:

DATED: