

Item No. 9.	Classification: Open	Date: 7 July 2010	Meeting Name: Corporate Parenting Committee
Report title:		Corporate Parenting Committee – Workplan 2010 -2011	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All	
From:		Strategic Director of Communities, Law & Governance	

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the corporate parenting committee review the proposed work plan for 2010/11 and give consideration to holding themed meetings based on the Every Child Matters (ECM) outcomes as outlined under future agenda items below.
2. To raise at the meeting any other areas of special interest to be considered for inclusion in the committee work plan for 2010/11 and to note that additional reports can be requested throughout the year and linked with the Every Child Matters themed meetings as appropriate
3. To decide upon the allocation of business items for the next Corporate Parenting Committee meeting in September.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Role and function of the corporate parenting committee

1. The constitution for the municipal year 2010-2011 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 cabinet on a twice yearly basis.
10. To make recommendations to the relevant cabinet decision maker where responsibility for that particular function rests with the cabinet.
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.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

2. The committee has previously received an annual report on adoption and fostering services and independent review officers service, quarterly reports on performance indicators for children looked after, regular reports from the speakerbox service for children looked after and ad hoc statistical analyses and the outcome of statutory service inspections. Some of these reports could now be addressed and considered under their relevant theme.
3. Corporate parenting committee have also requested that the agendas of the committee (18 February 2010 meeting) move towards thematic meetings, with the specific request to mirror the themes to be considered by Young Southwark so that the views of members can be reported by the champion.

Policy Implications

4. The policy agenda has been measured against the government's five "Every Child Matters" outcomes: Be Healthy; Stay Safe; Enjoy and Achieve; Make a Positive Contribution; Achieve Economic Well-Being. The committee's programme of work has been developed to meet these outcomes.

Future agenda items

5. The following workplan sets out the allocation of items for future meetings. The committee will need to decide upon the timing and considering of these items.

22 September 2010

Be Healthy Theme

- Designated Doctor for Children Looked After – Annual report (for consideration by the new committee)
- Teenage Pregnancy Strategy
- Substance Misuse Strategy
- Child and Adult Mental Health Services (CAMHS) support for CLA – Carelink
- Update on final end of year 2009-2010 performance indicators and focus on key indicators for the Be Healthy theme e.g. health assessments, and the wider performance data.

9 November 2010

Enjoy and Achieve Theme

- KEY stage results and confirmed GCSE results
- Report from the Virtual Head Teacher (Celebration, Special needs, attendance, exclusion)

- Accessing Leisure, including Fusion Partnership
- Children in Care Placements Commissioning Strategy
- Children Looked After (CLA) performance indicators 2010-2011 Quarter 2, focusing on key indicators for the enjoy and Achieve theme and wider performance data.

16 February 2011

Stay Safe Theme

- Annual report on the adoption and fostering services
- Safeguarding children – trends and court actions (report from legal services and CLA 0-12 services)
- Stability and Permanency for Children in Care, including life story work
- Children in Care and Youth Offending (including data analysis and joint working).
- Independent Reviewing Officers (IRO) Annual report
- Children looked after (CLA) performance indicators 2010-11 Quarter 3, focusing on key indicators for the Stay Safe theme and wider performance data.

26 April 2011

Economic Wellbeing Theme

- Unaccompanied minors
- Adolescent and After Care Service
- NEET Strategy (Not in Education, Employment or Training) (including university support, apprenticeships, coaching, drop-in services, connexions, Southwark Works, training partnerships.
- Children Looked After (CLA) performance indicators for the Economic Wellbeing theme and wider performance data.

To be allocated:

- Speakerbox Action Plan
- Children in Care Annual Report
- Feedback from joint meetings between Speakerbox and members of the Corporate Parenting Committee

6. Meeting dates for 2010/11:

7 July 2010
 22 September 2010
 9 November 2010
 16 February 2011
 26 April 2011

Community Impact Statement

6. The work of the corporate parenting committee contributes to community cohesion and stability.

Resource implications

7. There are no specific implications arising from this report.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
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