



Corporate Parenting Committee

MINUTES of the OPEN section of the Corporate Parenting Committee held on Thursday 25 March 2010 at 1.00 pm at Town Hall, Peckham Road, London SE5 8UB

PRESENT: Councillor Lisa Rajan (Chair)
Councillor Veronica Ward
Councillor Eliza Mann

OFFICER SUPPORT: Rory Patterson (assistant director of specialist services & safeguarding), Chris Saunders (head of children looked after service), Beatrice Cooper (designated doctor for children looked after), Dee Copeland (children's services), Paul McCarthy (adolescence and aftercare), Eleanor Parkin (children's services), Paula Thornton (constitutional officer) and Bola Roberts (constitutional officer).

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Lewis Robinson, Barrie Hargrove, Althea Smith and Barbara Hills co-opted member.

2. CONFIRMATION OF VOTING MEMBERS

Those members listed as being present were confirmed as the voting members.

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 interest.

5. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the open minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 18 February 2010 be approved as a correct record and signed by the chair.

6. CHILDREN LOOKED AFTER PERFORMANCE MONITORING REPORT

RESOLVED:

1. That the report be noted and the measures adopted to address performance in relation to long-term stability be endorsed.
2. That future performance reports in the autumn to include details of children looked after (CLA) university placements.

7. HEALTH OF CHILDREN IN CARE

RESOLVED:

1. That the update report from the designated doctor for children in care be noted and accepted.
2. That a future committee meeting be allocated to address the whole theme of "Being Healthy" for looked after children. This would address all the strategies relating to the physical health of children in care namely, mental health substance use, teenage pregnancy, physical health and positive activities.
3. That the following points raised by the committee in response to the report and presentation by the designated doctor for children in care be addressed as set out:
 - The commissioning process should factor in the key requirement for the health care needs and plans for children (appropriate link with the Children's Trust) to be met.
 - The need for an identified nurse for children looked after (young persons) post 18.
 - A report to come back to the corporate parenting committee on the progress of these requests.

8. NOT IN EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT OR TRAINING (NEET) STRATEGY - PROGRESS UPDATE

Councillor Rajan requested that the 'foot in the door' scheme which aims to generate part time work experience and promote part time work opportunities for young people be brought forward to be examined in the context of the not in education, employment or training (NEET) work and speakerbox to a future meeting.

RESOLVED:

That the progress of the children looked after (CLA) services not in education, employment or training (NEET) strategy since presentation to corporate parenting committee in November 2009 be noted.

9. CORPORATE PARENTING COMMITTEE WORK PLAN 2010

RESOLVED:

That the work plan for 2010 be noted and that officers check status on previous report requests to ensure that the next work plan includes any outstanding requests.

The meeting closed at 2.45pm

CHAIR:

DATED: