

<b>Item No.</b> 12.	<b>Classification:</b> Open	<b>Date:</b> 16 February 2011	<b>Meeting Name:</b> Corporate Parenting Committee
<b>Report title:</b>		Corporate Parenting Committee – Workplan 2010/2011	
<b>Ward(s) or groups affected:</b>		All	
<b>From:</b>		Strategic Director of Children's Services	

## RECOMMENDATION

1. That the corporate parenting committee review the work plan for 2010-11 as set out in paragraph 5 of the report.

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

### Role and function of the corporate parenting committee

2. 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**

3. 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. The corporate parenting committee agreed on 7 July 2010 to move towards thematic meetings.

### **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 may wish to review the scheduling.

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#### **Stay Safe Theme**

- 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.

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#### **Economic Wellbeing Theme**

- Annual report on the adoption and fostering services (deferred from February 2011)
- 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.
- Financial management issues for children leaving care and avoidance of loan sharks.

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#### **Making a Positive Contribution**

- Feedback from joint meetings between Speakerbox and members of the Corporate Parenting Committee and Speaker box action plan

- Speakerbox mission statement

#### Items to be allocated

- Report on the intergenerational review and the results to be reported back to corporate parenting committee (as requested under Designated Doctor for Children Looked After Annual report 2009/10 and Draft teenage pregnancy strategy items considered 22.09.10)
- To receive the draft 2011-12 Young People's Substance Misuse Commissioning Update Treatment Plan for comment prior to its presentation to the Southwark Children and Families trust and the Drug and Alcohol Action Team Board
- Financial costings for extending the 16 plus transition phase and to mainstream more comprehensive work in respect of the work of the under 5's.

#### 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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