

Item No. 9.	Classification: Open	Date: 18 July 2012	Meeting Name: Corporate Parenting Committee
Report title:		Corporate Parenting Committee – Work plan 2012/13	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All	
From:		Strategic Director of Children’s Services	

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the corporate parenting committee review the work plan for 2012/13 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 2012/2013 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 corporate parenting committee agreed on 7 July 2010 to move towards thematic meetings and followed this framework for the remainder of the municipal year 2010/11. Additionally, the committee agreed at its meeting on 21 April 2010 to receive a mid year performance review report. The committee also agreed to receive report/s of any significant performance variations evident from the monthly review of services for looked after children and care leavers.

Policy implications

4. The policy agenda has been measured against the 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 on these themes. In addition, the outcomes of the Ofsted 2011/12 triennial inspection of Southwark safeguarding and looked after children's services and other Government guidance will be taken into consideration in determining and reviewing the committee's work programme.

Future agenda items

5. The following work plan sets out themes for future meetings.

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Be Healthy Theme

- Young People's Substance Misuse Treatment Plan 2012-13
- Performance Report - Looked After Children
- Child and Adolescent Mental Health (CAMHS) Carelink
- Outcomes of Ofsted inspection of safeguarding and looked after children's services

5 November 2012

Enjoy and Achieve Theme

- Key stage 2 results and confirmed GCSE results
- Report from the Virtual Head Teacher
- Mid year performance review
- Report back to committee to monitor the situation relating to any likely impacts on access to higher education.

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Stay Safe Theme

- Annual report on adoption services
- Annual report on fostering services
- Stability and Permanency for Children in Care
- Children in Care and Youth Offending
- Independent Reviewing Officer (IRO) Annual Report

29 April 2013

Economic Wellbeing Theme

- Adolescent and After Care Service

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

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Making a Positive Contribution

- Feedback from joint meetings between Speaker Box and members of the Corporate Parenting Committee and Speaker Box action plan
- Speaker Box mission statement

Ongoing/monitoring

- Performance monitoring – committee to receive report/s of any significant variations evident from the monthly performance review of looked after children and care leavers services.

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
Minutes of meetings of Corporate Parenting Committee	Constitutional Team 160 Tooley Street SE1 2QH	Bola Roberts 020 7525 7232

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