

Corporate Parenting Committee

MINUTES of the OPEN section of the Corporate Parenting Committee held on Tuesday 26 February 2013 at 2.00 pm at Ground Floor Meeting Room GO2C, 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH

PRESENT: Councillor Dora Dixon-Fyle (Chair)
Councillor Eliza Mann
Councillor Catherine Bowman
Councillor Barrie Hargrove
Councillor Claire Hickson
Councillor Althea Smith
Barbara Hills
Councillor Poddy Clark

OFFICERS PRESENT: Rory Patterson, Director, Children's Social Care
Alisdair Smith, Acting Head of Service Children Looked After
Liz Britton, Education Lead – Looked After Children

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

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Gordon McCullough.

2. CONFIRMATION OF VOTING MEMBERS

The members listed above were confirmed as the voting members.

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

There were no late items.

4. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

There were none.

5. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 5 November 2012 be approved as a

correct record and signed by the chair.

6. PUPIL PERFORMANCE IN 2011/2012 AND THE DEVELOPMENTS LINKED TO THE LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN EDUCATION TEAM

RESOLVED:

1. That the contents of the report be noted.
2. That future reports identify key areas requiring improvement and areas that are doing well.
3. That an interim position statement with regard to data collection issues be reported back to committee.

7. MID YEAR PERFORMANCE REPORT - LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN

RESOLVED:

That the contents of the report be noted.

8. MONITOR OF ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION IN LIGHT OF THE CHANGE IN FEE REGIME

RESOLVED:

That the contents of the report be noted.

9. IMPACT OF WELFARE REFORM ON LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN

RESOLVED:

1. That the contents of the report be noted.
2. That a report is received with regard to the implications of welfare reforms on looked after children, providing some examples/case studies.

10. PROGRESS ON THE SAFEGUARDING AND LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN POST-INSPECTION REPORT

RESOLVED:

1. That the contents of the report be noted.
2. That a report is received on the initiatives being undertaken to effect continuous improvement within the service.

11. CORPORATE PARENTING COMMITTEE WORK PLAN 2012/13

RESOLVED:

1. That the work plan be noted.
2. That with regard to the reports scheduled for April 2013 on adoption and fostering, officers include a specific reference to Special Guardianship issues.
3. That officers offer an invitation for Speakerbox to attend the July 2013 meeting of the corporate parenting committee. The committee were keen to ensure that Speakerbox felt welcome to attend if they so wished when matters relating to Speakerbox were listed on the agenda.

CHAIR:

DATED: