

<b>Item No.</b> 10.	<b>Classification:</b> Open	<b>Date:</b> 17 July 2013	<b>Meeting Name:</b> Corporate Parenting Committee
<b>Report title:</b>		Corporate Parenting Committee – Work Plan 2013/14	
<b>Ward(s) or groups affected:</b>		All	
<b>From:</b>		Director, Children's Social Care	

## **RECOMMENDATION**

1. That the corporate parenting committee review the work plan for 2013/14 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 2013/2014 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 has followed this framework since.

### **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.

### **Future agenda items**

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

#### **17 July 2013**

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

- Feedback from joint meetings between Speaker Box and members of the corporate parenting committee and Speaker Box action plan
- The Leaving Care Charter
- Progress report in respect of fostering recruitment initiatives (requested 29 April 2013)
- Letter from Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Children and Families “Corporate Parenting and the Voice of the Child in Care”.

#### **4 November 2013**

##### **Enjoy and Achieve Theme**

- Key Stage 2 results and confirmed GCSE results
- Report from the Virtual Head Teacher
- Mid year performance review
- Pupil performance. Interim position statement with regard to data collection (requested 26 February 2013).

#### **25 February 2014**

##### **Be Healthy Theme**

- Young People’s Substance Misuse Treatment Plan 2013-14
- Child and Adolescent Mental Health (CAMHS) Carelink.

#### **28 April 2014**

##### **Stay Safe Theme**

- Initiatives being undertaken to effect continuous improvement within the safeguarding and looked after children service (requested 26 February 2013)
- Annual report on fostering services
- Children in Care and Youth Offending
- Independent Reviewing Officer (IRO) Annual Report
- Report back to review the impact of LASPO on the council in terms of workload and cost (requested 29 April 2013 meeting)
- Placement and Stability
- LAC who go missing from care and placed out of borough.

**July 2014**

**Economic Wellbeing Theme**

- 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 partnership)
- Impact of welfare reform on looked after children, providing detail of case studies (requested 26 February 2013).

**Ongoing/monitoring**

6. 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**

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

**Resource implications**

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

**BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Minutes of meetings of Corporate Parenting Committee <a href="http://moderngov.southwark.gov.uk/ie/ListMeetings.aspx?CId=129&amp;Year=2013">http://moderngov.southwark.gov.uk/ie/ListMeetings.aspx?CId=129&amp;Year=2013</a>	Constitutional Team 160 Tooley Street London SE1 2QH	Paula Thornton 020 7525 4395

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