

Item No. 13.	Classification: Open	Date: 25 February 2014	Meeting Name: Corporate Parenting Committee
Report title:		Corporate Parenting Committee – Work Plan 2013/14	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All	
From:		Director, Children’s Social Care	

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the corporate parenting committee review the work plan for 2013/14 as set out in paragraph 4 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 review and update the work plan each meeting.

Future agenda items

4. The following work plan sets the programme of items for future meetings. The committee will be required to set its annual work plan at its first meeting of the 2014/15 municipal year in July 2014. This meeting will also include a full schedule of meetings for the year.

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- Young People's Substance Misuse Treatment Plan 2013 -14
- Child and Adolescent Mental Health (CAMHS) Carelink
- Report back on the circumstances that lead children being taken into care.

July 2014

Committee to set work plan for 2014/15.

- Annual Report from Designated Doctor for Children Looked After
- 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

Ongoing/monitoring

5. 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 London SE1 2QH	Paula Thornton 020 7525 4395

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