

<b>Item No.</b> 12.	<b>Classification:</b> Open	<b>Date:</b> 3 November 2014	<b>Meeting Name:</b> Corporate Parenting Committee
<b>Report title:</b>		Corporate Parenting Committee – Work Plan 2014/15	
<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 2014/15 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 2014/2015 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 is required to set its annual work plan at this meeting.

### **3 November 2014**

- Key stage 2 results and confirmed GCSE results
- Report from Virtual Head Teacher
- Mid year performance review
- Annual report on fostering services
- Placement Stability - Factors affecting long term stability \*
- Link between out of Borough Placements and children missing from care \*
- Report back from Speakerbox (from meeting held in October 2014) \*

\* Report backs requested at last meeting 21 July 2014.

### **24 February 2015**

- Annual Report from Designated Doctor for Children Looked After
- Independent Reviewing Officer (IRO) Annual Report
- Transition from Care to Independent Living (including availability of independent living accommodation) \*

### **Issues to be programmed**

- The effect of the recent developments in public health (transfer from NHS to council on children in care)
- Teenage pregnancies among children in care
- Progress reports and the measures of success for children in care
- Feedback on work currently being undertaken by the department to improve the service
- Education and how levels can be further improved
- Mentorship by members of the committee.

### **Community impact statement**

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

### **Resource implications**

6. 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	Kenny Uzodike 020 7525 7236

## AUDIT TRAIL

Lead Officer	Rory Patterson, Director, Children's Social Care		
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