

Item No.	Classification: Open	Date: November 26 2009	Meeting Name: Corporate Parenting Committee
Report title:		Corporate Parenting Committee – Workplan 2009 -10	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All	
From:		Strategic Director of Children’s Services	

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the corporate parenting committee consider reviewing the work plan for 2009 -10.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Role and function of the corporate parenting committee

2. The constitution for the municipal year 2009 -10 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 executive on a twice yearly basis.
 10. To make recommendations to the relevant executive decision maker where responsibility for that particular function rests with the executive.
 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 committee receives an annual report on adoption and fostering services and independent review officers service, quarterly reports on performance indicators for children looked after, regular reports from the speakerbox service for children looked after and ad hoc statistical analyses and the outcome of statutory service inspections.

Policy

4. The policy agenda has been measured against the government's 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 to meet these outcomes.

Future agenda items

5. The following workplan listing agenda items for this municipal year have been drafted. The committee is asked to consider other future items.

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- Annual report on the adoption and fostering services
- Children looked after (CiC) performance indicators 2009 -10 Quarter 2
- Coaching Scheme for Care Leaver
- Aftercare Service for Care Leavers
- GCSE Examination Report

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- Children looked after (CiC) performance indicators 2009-10 Quarter 4

To be allocated:

- Employment Education and Training for care leavers
- Annual reports – ref apprenticeships, fusion, university
- Annual Report – Health of CiC
- Aftercare Service for Care Leavers
- Unaccompanied minors – Annual report
- Children missing from care

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	Bola Roberts 020 7525 7232

AUDIT TRAIL

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