

<b>Item No.</b> 11.	<b>Classification:</b> Open	<b>Date:</b> 18 February 2010	<b>Meeting Name:</b> Corporate Parenting Committee
<b>Report title:</b>		Corporate Parenting Committee – Workplan 2010	
<b>Ward(s) or groups affected:</b>		All	
<b>From:</b>		Strategic Director of Children’s Services	

## RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the corporate parenting committee consider reviewing the work plan for 2010.

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

### Role and function of the corporate parenting committee

2. The constitution for the municipal year 2009-2010 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 implications**

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 review the workplan.

#### **18 February 2010**

- Apprenticeship report from Head of Organisational Development
- Children Missing from Care
- Report on best practice from other authorities and how corporate parenting committee can provide support children and young people.
- Feedback/update from Speakerbox event including the issue of the name change of committee
- Children and Young People's Plan
- The Pledge
- "Tell it as it was"

#### **25 March 2010**

- Children looked after (CiC) performance indicators 2009-10 Quarter 4
- Children Looked After Performance report – latest figures
- Partnerships Strategy and Action Plan to support children and care leavers accessing employment, education and training - invites to key figures in apprenticeship schemes including 14 -19, Head of Southwark Works and Connexions to hear views.

#### **To be allocated:**

- Annual reports – ref apprenticeships, fusion, university
  - Annual Report – Health of Children in Care
  - Unaccompanied minors – Annual report
6. The annual meeting of council assembly in May 2010 will consider future dates. If the schedule of dates in 2009-10 is followed, then committee is likely to meet in:
    - July 2010
    - November 2010
    - February 2011

- April 2011

### 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	Constitutional Team	Bola Roberts 020 7525 7232

### AUDIT TRAIL

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