

**CORPORATE PARENTING COMMITTEE
DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION**

ARTICLE 8 – REGULATORY AND OTHER COMMITTEES

Add in 8.01 under name of committee and role and functions the following:

Role and Functions

Name of committee	Role and functions
Corporate parenting committee	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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.

Name of committee	Role and functions
	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.

PART 3A: MATTERS RESERVED TO COUNCIL ASSEMBLY

In paragraph 16, **add**:

- Corporate Parenting Committee

PART 3 - RESPONSIBILITY FOR FUNCTIONS –

PART 3L: MATTERS RESERVED TO THE CORPORATE PARENTING COMMITTEE

Note: The purpose of the committee is to review and monitor the council's role as a corporate parent. This would involve the participation of members on a cross party committee. However any specific actions it might identify as necessary would be executive functions and need to be taken under executive responsibility for functions. For this reason no specific matters have been reserved to this committee.

DECISION MAKING STRUCTURE

Include Corporate Parenting Committee.

Notes:

1. In 2005/06 the full executive established the Corporate Parenting Panel as a working panel. It is comprised of 7 places, plus the executive member with responsibility for children's services. The 7 places were allocated on a politically proportionate basis of 3 Labour, 3 Liberal Democrats and 1 Conservative. The executive member with responsibility for children's services chairs the panel.
2. If established as a full committee, corporate parenting would be constituted as an "ordinary committee" and the proportionality calculated in conjunction with other ordinary committees. The executive member with responsibility for children's services would chair the committee and be appointed as a member on the committee by his/her political group.
3. Section 13 Local Government and Housing Act 1989 provides, among other things, that a person who has been appointed as a member of a committee under section 102 Local Government Act 1972 is to be treated as a non-voting member of the committee. It is possible for the council to appoint voting co-optees but only in relation to education committees/sub-committee. This does not apply to the corporate parenting committee, as it is not an education committee/sub-committee.