



## **CORPORATE PARENTING COMMITTEE**

MINUTES of the OPEN section of the meeting of the CORPORATE PARENTING COMMITTEE held on THURSDAY NOVEMBER 22 2007 at 4.00pm in the Town Hall, Peckham Road, London SE5 8UB

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**PRESENT:** Councillor Caroline Pidgeon (chair).  
Councillors Veronica Ward (vice-chair), Adedokun Lasaki, Althea Smith and Lewis Robinson.  
Lesley Humber (co-opted member: Southwark Primary Care Trust).

**ALSO PRESENT:** Chris Saunders (head of children looked after service), Rory Patterson (assistant director of specialist children's services and safeguarding), Sarah Feasey (legal officer), James Brown (management and information analyst), Anne Shapiro (virtual headteacher) and Richard Blakeley (clerk).

### **1. MEMBERSHIP**

The membership of the corporate parenting committee was noted.

### **2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillor John Friary, Councillor Martin Seaton and Natalia Salli (co-opted member: Young Southwark).

### **3. CONFIRMATION OF VOTING MEMBERS**

Those members listed as being present were confirmed as the voting members.

### **4. NOTIFICATION OF ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIR DEEMS AS URGENT**

There were no urgent items.

### **5. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS**

There were no disclosures of interest and dispensation.

### **RECORDING OF MEMBERS' VOTES**

Committees and community councils procedure rule 1.9 (4) allows a member to record her/his vote in respect of any motions and amendments. Such requests are detailed in the following minutes. Should a member's vote be recorded in respect to an amendment, a copy of the amendment may be found in the minute file and is available for public inspection.

The committee considered the items set out on the agenda, a copy of which has been incorporated in the minute file. Each of the following paragraphs relates to the item bearing the same number on the agenda.

**6. MINUTES** (see pages 1-6)

**RESOLVED:** That the open minutes of the meetings held on July 25 2007 and September 10 2007 be agreed as the correct records.

**7. CORPORATE PARENTING STRATEGY** (see pages 7-22)

The assistant director of specialist children's services and safeguarding introduced the report. Members asked questions.

**RESOLVED:** That the draft corporate parenting strategy be agreed subject to:-

- more detail being provided on the children's service on page 9
- the rewording of the third bullet point on page 12

**8. KEY STAGE 2 AND GCSE EXAMINATION RESULTS FOR CHILDREN LOOKED AFTER 2007)** (see pages 23-31)

The management and information analyst introduced the report. Members asked questions.

**RESOLVED:** That the report on key stage 2 and GCSE examination results for children looked after 2007 be received.

**9. CHILDREN LOOKED AFTER PERFORMANCE INDICATORS 2007-8 QUARTER 2** (see pages 32-36)

The assistant director of specialist children's services and safeguarding introduced the report. Members asked questions.

**RESOLVED:** That the report on children looked after performance indicators 2007-8 quarter 2 be received.

**10. CORPORATE PARENTING COMMITTEE WORKPLAN (REVISED)** (see page 37)

The committee considered the work plan.

**RESOLVED:** That the corporate parenting committee work plan (revised) be received subject to minor changes.

**PART B – CLOSED AGENDA**

**EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED:** That the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item(s) of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph(s) 1-7 of paragraph 10.14 of the access to information procedure rules of the constitution.

The decision reached in the closed section of the meeting is set out in full below.

**1. MID YEAR BUDGET POSITION, INCLUDING ANNUAL REPORT ON CHILDREN'S PLACEMENTS**

The assistant director of specialist children's services and safeguarding introduced the report. Members asked questions.

**RESOLVED:** That the mid year budget position, including annual report on children's placements and the management action being taken to balance the budget be noted.

The meeting closed at 5.30pm.

**CHAIR:**

**DATED:**