



Corporate Parenting Committee

MINUTES of the OPEN section of the Corporate Parenting Committee held on Wednesday 22 April 2015 at 4.00 pm at the Council Offices, 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH

PRESENT: Councillor Victoria Mills (Chair)
Councillor Jasmine Ali
Councillor Radha Burgess
Councillor Kath Whittam

OFFICER SUPPORT: Rory Patterson, Director, Children's Social Care
Jane Scott, Team Manager, Specialist Children Services
Jackie Cook, Head Of Social Work Improvement And Quality Assurance, Children's and Adults' Services
Paula Thornton, Constitutional Team

OTHERS: Florence Emakpose, World of Hope

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Barbara Hills and Councillor Evelyn Akoto.

2. CONFIRMATION OF VOTING MEMBERS

The members listed as present were confirmed as the voting members for the meeting.

3. NOTIFICATION OF ANY ITEMS OF BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR DEEMS URGENT

No urgent items were identified.

4. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

There were no disclosures of interests or dispensations.

5. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 24 February 2015 be approved as a correct record and signed by the chair.

6. INDEPENDENT REVIEWING OFFICER'S (IRO) ANNUAL REPORT 2013/14

RESOLVED:

1. That the priorities for 2015 as set out in paragraph 74 of the report be noted.
2. That it be noted that a health section would in future be added to the Independent Reviewing Officer's Annual report.
3. That with regard to the cases referred to in paragraphs 39 and 40 of the report, (escalation of concerns to the appropriate management level) officers email members of the committee approximate details of these cases. It was noted that further detail would in future be included in the annual report.

7. TRANSITION FROM CARE TO INDEPENDENT LIVING

RESOLVED:

1. That the actions being taken to ensure positive outcomes are achieved for looked after children in Southwark be noted.
2. That it be noted that officers would report back to the committee later in the year following the outcome of a review of semi-independent living/supported housing.

8. EDUCATIONAL OUTCOMES FOR CARE LEAVERS (DESTINATION DATA)

RESOLVED:

1. That the content of the data analysis report and the importance of achieving good educational outcomes to secure long term economic wellbeing for those who have been in care be noted.
2. That further information be received in relation to placement stability, being developed through the 16+ accommodation review, to provide more context for the factors affecting the achievement of good educational outcomes for those in care.
3. That educational outcomes of looked after children and championing the rights of looked after children to have access to a good education whilst in care continue to be monitored.

4. That it be noted that cabinet are due to receive a report in respect of Southwark Schools to its September meeting and Councillor Victoria Mills confirmed that looked after children would be included in this report.

9. CORPORATE PARENTING COMMITTEE WORK PLAN 2014/15

RESOLVED:

1. That a letter be drafted for Councillor Victoria Mills as soon as possible to send in respect of the medical advisor appointment and that the committee receive an update to the July committee in respect of this appointment.
2. That all the items listed for 13 July 2015 committee be noted and agreed.
3. That in terms of items to be programmed for 2015/16 the Autism Strategy be added in order to review progress.
4. That the director, children's social care report back on Innovation Projects and that this also be added to the list for items to be programmed for 2015/16.

Meeting ended at 5.20pm.

CHAIR:

DATED: