

Corporate Parenting Committee

MINUTES of the Corporate Parenting Committee held on Tuesday 25 February 2014
at 2.00 pm at the Council Offices, 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH

PRESENT: Councillor Dora Dixon-Fyle (Chair)
Councillor Eliza Mann (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Catherine Bowman

**OFFICERS
PRESENT:** Rory Patterson, Director, Children's Social Care
Elizabeth Murphy, Southwark CAMHS
Linda Ryan, Child Mental Health Specialist Practitioner/Team
Manager,
Michelle Whitting, Senior Permanence Advisor
Dionne Cameron, Alcohol Strategy/Young People Substance
Misuse Lead,
Alison Campbell, Alcohol Strategy/Young People Substance
Misuse
Celia Parker, Principal Social Worker
Shirley Walker, Children's Services
Paula Thornton, Constitutional Team
Kenny Uzodike, Constitutional Team
Shelley Burke, Head of Overview and Scrutiny

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Barbara Hills and Carolyn Martin.

2. CONFIRMATION OF VOTING MEMBERS

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

The chair informed the committee, that following the change in the political composition of the council, Councillor Althea Smith had been withdrawn as the Labour Group nominee on this committee with effect from 19 February 2014.

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

There were none.

5. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 4 November 2013 be approved as a correct record and signed by the chair.

6. CHILD AND ADOLESCENT MENTAL HEALTH (CAMHS) - CARELINK

RESOLVED:

That the report on Carelink and the valuable role it plays in early identification of mental health needs, in the provision of responsive and accessible assessment and treatment for children and young people in care and in conjunction with social care officers, helping to maintain stable placements for this vulnerable group of children and young people in care be noted.

7. YOUNG PEOPLES SUBSTANCE MISUSE (YPSM)

RESOLVED:

1. That the delivery of recommendations and actions set out in the YPSM Treatment Plan for 2013/14 in 2014/15 will continue be noted.
2. That it be noted this paper was written to inform members on how the reduction of substance misuse will continue within 2014/15, the progress of the Specialist YPSM service and to update members of the policy implications and strategies alignment of the work.
3. That officers will promote the importance of partnership work to reduce young peoples substance misuse be supported and noted.

8. REPORT IN RESPECT OF FOSTER CARER FEES AND ALLOWANCES

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

9. PROGRESS REPORT IN RESPECT OF FOSTERING RECRUITMENT

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

10. UPDATE REPORT ON ADOPTION RECRUITMENT

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

11. REPORT BACK INTO THE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT LEAD CHILDREN BEING TAKEN INTO CARE

The chair and members of the committee commended the team for their hard work and asked that their appreciation be communicated to the other members of the team.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

12. STATUTORY GUIDANCE ON CHILDREN WHO RUN AWAY OR GO MISSING FROM HOME OR CARE

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

13. WORK PLAN

RESOLVED:

1. That the work plan for 2014/15 for the corporate parenting committee as set out in paragraph 4 of the report be noted.
2. That the committee receive reports from the speakerbox meetings on a regular basis.

Meeting ended at 4.30pm.

CHAIR:

DATED: