

NOMINATIONS OF NON-VOTING CO-OPTED MEMBERS FOR CORPORATE PARENTING COMMITTEE

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| Representative of Speakerbox (Southwark's Children in Care Council) | <p>By bringing expertise by experience about how the system of support works around children in care and care leavers. The committee would recognise the person would preferably be consistent through the year, but may change. The council would support this person in that role, as well as Speakerbox, through its Children's Rights and Participation function, to enable as far as possible the Speakerbox member to be representative of the voice of children in care and care leavers.</p> | <p>Francis Turkson (for November's committee meeting on Housing)</p> | <p>Francis has been an active member of Speakerbox for several years and is a Young People's Leaving Care Benchmarking Forum champion. He has a strong understanding of the issues that care leavers face, gathered from peers at Southwark and nationally.</p> <p>Francis has first-hand experience of finding accommodation through Southwark's Housing department, and following a corporate parenting roadshow in Housing, being offered a job.</p> |
| Representative from Southwark's frontline workforce | <p>By giving a sense of the reality of work on the frontline to enable it to better seek to ensure that the life chances of looked after children are maximised. This committee member would be supported by the Children and Families Principal Social Worker to enable them to be a representative voice for those that work every day with children in care and care leavers.</p> | <p>Social worker in the Leaving Care service</p> | <p>Nicky has a long-standing history and passion for working with young people, having been a personal advisor for 5 years, and a social worker in Southwark for 3 years.</p> <p>Nicky brings specialist experience in immigration and child sexual exploitation.</p> |
| Subject matter expert | <p>By adding knowledge and experience that is outside the day to day ambit of those working within the Southwark system to help the council better secure real and sustained improvements in the life chances of looked after children. The committee member would be supported by the Quality Assurance Unit to ensure they provide a valuable and relevant contribution to every committee.</p> | <p>Mark Kerr, Centre for Outcomes of Care</p> | <p>Mark Kerr is a Director at the Centre for Outcomes of Care, a non-profit organisation that was founded to improve outcomes in children's social care.</p> <p>He is a specialist in research and data of care leavers, and has worked with numerous local authorities nationally to help them improve.</p> |
| A critical friend from an area of the council outside Children and Adults Service | <p>By adding knowledge and experience of the council outside social care and education areas to aid the development of a cross council approach to corporate parenting. The committee member would be supported by the Quality Assurance Unit to ensure they provide a valuable and relevant contribution to every committee.</p> | <p>Professor Kevin Fenton, Strategic Director Place and Wellbeing, Southwark Council and Senior Advisor, Public Health England</p> | <p>Professor Fenton has extensive experience in the public health sector and has networks across the borough.</p> <p>Professor Fenton has taken an active interest in care leavers and has a particular passion for care leaver mental health.</p> |

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| A critical friend from the local community | By adding knowledge and experience of the community and its assets and to aid the development of a wider community ownership of outcomes for children in care and care leavers. The committee member would be supported by the Quality Assurance Unit to ensure they provide a valuable and relevant contribution to every committee. | Tracey Harrison, Partner and Chief Innovation Officer, EY | Tracey works at EY to transform the organisation to become digitally enabled. Tracey is a keen advocate of social mobility and inclusion. She has worked with EY, the EY Foundation, the Stephen Lawrence Charitable Trust and a number of other organisations championing and driving change in this area. |
| A foster carer | By adding knowledge and experience of the fostering and its impact and value to aid the development of better understanding and wider perspectives on caring for children in care and care leavers. The committee member would be supported by the Fostering Service Unit to ensure they provide a valuable and relevant contribution to every committee. | Rosamond Marshall | Rosamond is a level 3 carer who was approved as a Southwark foster carer on 9 February 2005. To become a Level 3 foster carer Rosamond has undertaken a significant number of training courses and has articulated how this training has informed her care as a foster carer within a portfolio. She is approved for two children (3 if siblings) aged 5-18 years. Currently, Rosamond is currently caring for two young males. Both boys have thrived in her care. Rosamond is an excellent carer and is regularly involved in supporting new carers. Rosamond is also a resident of Southwark. |