

Corporate Parenting Committee

MINUTES of the OPEN section of the Corporate Parenting Committee held on Tuesday 12 July 2016 at 2.00 pm at the Council Offices, 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH.

PRESENT: Councillor Victoria Mills (Chair)
Councillor Evelyn Akoto
Councillor Jasmine Ali
Councillor Helen Dennis
Councillor Kath Whittam
Councillor Kieron Williams (Vice-chair)
Florence Emakpose (Co-opted Member)

OFFICER SUPPORT: David Quirke-Thornton, Director of Children's and Adults Services
Alasdair Smith, Director of Children and Families
Simon Mitchell, Senior Commissioning Manager
Dr. Stacy John-Legere, Designated Doctor
Angela Brown, Designated Nurse
Rachel Howard, Performance and Quality Assurance Lead, Children's and Adults' Services
Vanessa White, Head of Service, Permanence, Children's and Adults' Services

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Barbara Hills.

2. CONFIRMATION OF VOTING MEMBERS

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

3. ELECTION OF A VICE-CHAIR

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Kieron Williams be elected as vice-chair of the corporate parenting

committee for the 2016/17 municipal year.

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

No urgent items were identified.

5. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

There were no disclosures of interests or dispensations.

6. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meetings held on 23 February and 22 March 2016 be approved as a correct record and signed by the chair.

7. SOUTHWARK'S ALL AGE AUTISM STRATEGY AND HOW THIS IMPACTS LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN - UPDATE

RESOLVED:

1. That a 'deep dive' report be received to the November meeting relating to 3 to 5 children identified on the autistic spectrum, so that the committee can examine the processes followed for these particular cases.
2. That the committee also receive an update to the November meeting on the requested audit of the numbers of Southwark looked after children and care leavers with autism. This report should set out a way forward from the social care and educational perspective in response to the committee's request for additional information.
3. That officers also include within the November report, benchmarking and examples of other authorities that have done well in this area.

8. FOSTER CARE TRAINING

RESOLVED:

1. That the committee receive an update report to its March 2017 meeting, including progress on the workshops planned with Southwark virtual schools on the secure base model and involvement of wider family members.
2. That in reference to the on-going evaluation and surveys that are sent to carers 9 months following interviews, that the committee receive a report to its November meeting on the results produced from this next data gathering exercise.
3. That the committee receive an update to its November meeting in respect of the

referrals on sexual health and care link (all ages, also including earlier age groups). This update should set the numbers involved, reasons and some commentary.

9. UPDATE ON CARE SERVICE RESPONSE TO ISSUES RAISED BY SPEAKERBOX

RESOLVED:

1. That the committee accepts the further response of the care service to the issues raised by Speakerbox at its meeting with the corporate parenting committee on 27 October 2015.
2. That the committee be sent details of the gardening project that will be taking place in August 2016.
3. That in an effort to promote more contact with young people, the director of children and families look an opportunity for the committee to meet the young people (perhaps have dinner) to enable informal and relaxed discussions.
4. That the committee receive a report to its November meeting on the feedback to the young people.

10. INNOVATIONS PROJECTS

RESOLVED:

1. That the work of two innovation projects be noted and that the committee consider a report on their evaluation at their November meeting.
2. That officers email to members of the corporate parenting committee a copy of the Pause project presentation.

11. VERBAL UPDATE TO ISSUES ARISING FROM 22 MARCH 2016 PRESENTATION TO COMMITTEE - PLACEMENT STABILITY

The director of children and families responded to the queries listed from the 22 March 2016 meeting of the corporate parenting committee.

RESOLVED:

That the committee see a draft or final version of the front loaded/early intervention offer, to promote and support placement stability to its November meeting.

12. CORPORATE PARENTING COMMITTEE - WORK PLAN 2016/17

RESOLVED:

1. That officers and the chair of corporate parenting committee review the work plan; following which the draft agenda for the November 2016 to be circulated to members of the committee for comment.

2. That officers establish the annual reports that are due to the committee and that these be programmed in the work plan.
3. That in addition to the reports added to the November meeting, that an item on the corporate parenting principles also be received to this meeting (resulting from legislative changes).

Meeting ended at 4.10 pm.

CHAIR:

DATED: