

Corporate Parenting Committee

MINUTES of the OPEN section of the Corporate Parenting Committee held on Tuesday 8 November 2016 at 2.00 pm at the Council Offices, 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH

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

OFFICER SUPPORT: 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
Liz Britton, Children's and Adults' Services
Vanessa White, Head of Service, Permanence, Children's and Adults' Services
Avnee Morjaria, Virtual Headteacher
Helen Woolgar, Children's and Adults' Services
Francis Flaxington, Catch 22

1. APOLOGIES

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

Apologies for lateness were received from Councillors Helen Dennis and Eliza Mann.

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.

However, the chair confirmed that the meeting would receive an update from the recent Speakerbox meeting held in October 2016 half term.

4. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

Councillor Jasmine Ali declared an interest with regard to Items 9 and 10 on the fostering service by virtue of her employment as a fostering policy adviser. This was not a disclosable pecuniary interest.

5. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 12 July 2016 be approved as a correct record and signed by the chair.

6. LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN AND AUTISTIC SPECTRUM DISORDER (ASD)

RESOLVED:

1. That the report be noted.
2. That the committee receive an update on 16+ accommodation to a future meeting.

7. INNOVATION BID: CARE LEAVERS

Frances Flaxington, Catch 22 and Alisdair Smith, director, children and families presented this item to committee.

The outcome of the bid was expected to be announced in December 2016.

The following comments were made:

- Welcome chance to develop innovative and specialised services
- A great opportunity to co-design a service with young people as leaders, at the forefront of the process
- Young people advocacy role and links with CAMHS discussed
- Welcomed role of mental health champion being highlighted
- Opportunity for foster cares to be genuinely involved
- Questions asked relating to 'The Trust' component of the bid (confirmed that this was

subject to further advice).

RESOLVED:

That the Innovation Bid be noted.

8. INDEPENDENT REVIEWING OFFICER (IRO) ANNUAL REPORT 2015/16

RESOLVED:

1. That the Independent Reviewing Officer (IRO) annual report be noted.
2. That the committee receive a further report on the following:
 - Breakdown for drift in care planning (18 highlighted on IRO report)
 - Further detail and breakdown on 184 recorded representations and escalations to manager from IRO's (dispute resolution process)
 - Pupil premium general report (looked after children and evidence).

9. FOSTERING SERVICE ANNUAL REPORT 2015/16

This item was deferred until the 1 March 2017 committee.

10. FOSTER CARE TRAINING

RESOLVED:

1. That the report be noted.
2. That the committee receive a brief update on foster care training (educational side).

11. CORPORATE PARENTING COMMITTEE - WORK PLAN 2016/17

RESOLVED:

1. That the work plan be noted.
2. That the following items be scheduled for consideration at the 1 March meeting:
 - Virtual Headteachers Annual report.
 - Further update arising from IRO report. The committee requested a breakdown for both statistics: drift in care planning (18) and 184 recorded representations and escalations to manager from IRO's (dispute resolution process)
 - Pupil Premium report (looked after children and evidence)
 - Fostering Service Annual Report 2015/16 (deferred from November meeting)
 - Foster care training update (educational side), as requested by November meeting
 - Health Annual report.

3. That an additional meeting of the committee be set up between March and July 2017.

12. FEEDBACK FROM SPEAKERBOX MEETING

The committee received feedback from the Speakerbox meeting held October half term 2016 as follows:

- Quality of sibling contact. Use of film and training for social workers discussed. Contact has been made with a group to progress filming and training is due to be set up for social workers. This is set in the context of understanding the complexities that can be present in the area of sibling contact. Reference also made for such contact to be 'fun' for the young people.
- Web site. Development of new web site that will enable greater communication with young people and the use of possible surveys for the committee to become aware of the views from the wider care population. A future committee to discuss possible issues that might be the subject of any such surveys.
- Golden rules. Work to promote these rules.

Speakerbox due to meet again in the February 2017 half term.

Meeting ended at 4.15 pm.

CHAIR:

DATED: