

Corporate Parenting Committee

MINUTES of the OPEN section of the Corporate Parenting Committee held on Monday 5 November 2018 at 2.00pm at the Council Offices, 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH

PRESENT: Councillor Jasmine Ali (Chair)
Councillor Evelyn Akoto
Councillor Sunny Lambe
Councillor Catherine Rose
Councillor Charlie Smith
Florence Emakpose (Co-opted Member, non-voting)

OFFICER SUPPORT: Alasdair Smith, Director of Children and Families
Tom Stevenson, Assistant Director, Quality and Performance, Children's and Adults' Services
Dr Stacy John-Legere, Designated Dr for Looked After Children
Elizabeth Murphy, Consultant Child and Adolescent Psychotherapist
Helen Woolgar, Assistant Director, Safeguarding and Care
Beverley Olamijulo, Constitutional Team

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor 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.

4. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

Councillor Sunny Lambe declared an interest with regard to a family member (his partner)

being employed by the NHS. This was not a disclosable pecuniary interest.

No other disclosures or dispensations were made.

5. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 4 July 2018 be approved as a correct record and signed by the chair.

6. ANNUAL REPORT HEALTH OF LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN 2017-2018

RESOLVED:

1. That the annual report health of looked after children 2017 – 2018 and information set out in Appendix 1 of the report be noted.
 - The figures on the referrals of young people that are placed in care were noted. At least 50% of young people lived in the borough and 51% lived in neighbouring boroughs (Lambeth, North Kent or Croydon).
 - Care link: Workable for families' which was set up by the referral team, working alongside social workers that accept children under their care.
2. That officers provide the necessary statistics to the committee on child and adolescent mental health services (CAMHS) to see if the threshold for Southwark looked after children is being met.

7. INDEPENDENT REVIEWING OFFICERS (IRO) ANNUAL REPORT 2017-18

RESOLVED:

1. That the Independent Review Officers (IRO) Annual Report be noted.
2. That a further progress report be provided at the next meeting on the systems surrounding the IRO reports which previously which had been ineffective to social care work.
3. That further information on statistics relating to children in the borough, who have been exposed to sexual exploitation, be provided to the committee at the next meeting.
4. That a representative from Speakerbox be invited to attend the next meeting, which includes a representative from the recruitment panel.
5. That the committee continue to work and engage fully with young people.

8. FOSTERING SERVICE ANNUAL REPORT 2017-18

RESOLVED:

That the annual report of Southwark Fostering Service 2017-18 be noted.

9. ADOPTION SERVICE ANNUAL REPORT 2017-18

RESOLVED:

That the annual report of Southwark Adoption Service 2017-18 be noted.

10. UNACCOMPANIED ASYLUM SEEKING CHILDREN IN CARE AND CARE LEAVERS

RESOLVED:

That the briefing report on unaccompanied asylum seeking children in care and care leavers set out in Appendix 1 of the report be noted.

11. CATCH 22 PROJECT - VERBAL UPDATE AT COMMITTEE

Dr. Stacy John-Legere updated the committee with regard to the Catch 22 Project.

RESOLVED:

That it be noted that further public health provision will be extended to Family Management Partnership (FMP) for care leavers, which entitles them to free swim and gym at any of the council run leisure centres in the borough. In addition, the committee expressed their wish that this service be extended to foster carers, especially those that are Southwark residents.

12. CORPORATE PARENTING COMMITTEE - WORK PLAN 2018-19

RESOLVED:

1. That the work plan for 2018-19 as set out in paragraph 5 of the report be noted.
2. The draft agenda for the next meeting be noted as follows:

26 February

- Sufficiency strategy update
- Ofsted progress report
- IRO – report back as set out in item 7.

The meeting ended at 4.10 pm.

CHAIR:

DATED: