

<b>REPORT TO:</b>	<b>Corporate Parenting Panel</b> <b>3 July 2013</b>
<b>AGENDA ITEM:</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>Draft Corporate Parenting Panel Work Programme 2013/14</b>
<b>LEAD OFFICER:</b>	<b>Council Solicitor and Monitoring Officer, Director of Democratic &amp; Legal Services</b>
<b>WARDS:</b>	<b>ALL</b>
<b>CORPORATE PRIORITY/POLICY CONTEXT: Croydon Children and Young Peoples Plan 2012-2015</b>	
<b>FINANCIAL SUMMARY: n/a</b>	
<b>FORWARD PLAN KEY DECISION REFERENCE NO.: n/a</b>	

**For general release**

## **1 RECOMMENDATION**

1.1 That the Corporate Parenting Panel:

- Confirm the approach to the work programme of theming meetings under the five ECM objectives.
- Identify and agree topics for inclusion in the work programme for January and March 2014 in particular when the Adoption Inspection report, the Annual Complaints report and the use of Independent Children's Homes for Placements, previously agreed are to be taken.

## **2 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

2.1 The purpose of this report is to keep members abreast of the Work programme for 2013/14. The programme of meetings from 2009/10 to date is attached at Appendix **A**. Previously the Panel had decided that the best way to proceed with developing a work programme was to theme each meeting as far as possible under the five ECM objectives. This has not always been achieved as Panel has had to take topical issues which do not necessarily follow the theme agreed.

## **3 DETAIL**

The terms of Reference of the Corporate Parenting Panel are:

- To monitor the provision of services for vulnerable children and young people in Croydon, specifically looked after children and those subject to child protection plans, by receiving reports from the Executive Director for Children, Young People and Learners and regular reports from the Local Safeguarding Children Board;
- To be responsible for monitoring and advising the Cabinet member and Executive Director on the Council's Corporate Parenting Policy.
- To listen to representations from children and young people in receipt of services from the council and to agree the basis upon which the children in care council can be involved with the panel;
- Monitor performance targets and CYPP priorities so far as they relate to vulnerable children and young people;
- Monitor the roll out of the Community Budget in respect of early years;

Reporting Arrangements - The Panel shall have an advisory role. Any action required, arising from the deliberations of the Panel which are not within the delegations to the Executive Director for Children, Young People and Learners, will be the subject of a report by the Executive Director to the Cabinet

It has been agreed that the work programme should revolve broadly around the Every Child Matters Objectives of

- Being healthy
- Stay safe
- Enjoy and Achieve
- Make a positive contribution
- Economic Well being

#### **4. CONSULTATION**

4.1 None for the purposes of this report.

#### **5 HUMAN RESOURCES IMPACT, EQUALITIES IMPACT, ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT, COMMENTS OF THE SOLICITOR TO THE COUNCIL**

5.1 None for the purposes of this report

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## Appendix A

### CORPORATE PARENTING PANEL Work programme 2009/10

Date	Verbal reports	Proposed Agenda items	Notes
22 July 2009		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Involving Children and Young People(Action for Children-Fostering Panel and Questionnaires)</li> <li>• Laming Report</li> <li>• Least Stable Looked After Children</li> <li>• Future Work programme</li> </ul>	
16 September 2009		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Education Achievement for Looked After Children</li> <li>• National Indicators for Looked After Children Monitoring Report</li> <li>• University Degrees and Looked After Children</li> <li>• Looked After Children Review Report</li> <li>• Future Work Programme</li> </ul>	
18 November 2009		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Laming Report – Progress on Implementing New Member Level and Director Level Governance Arrangements</li> <li>• Future Work Programme</li> </ul>	
20 January 2010		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Indicators for Looked After Children Monitoring Report</li> <li>• Update on Analysis of Least Stable Looked After Children</li> <li>• Future Work Programme</li> </ul>	

## CORPORATE PARENTING PANEL Work programme 2010/11

Date	Verbal reports	Proposed Agenda items	Notes
13 July 2010		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Terms of Reference for Children in Care.</li> <li>• Development of Croydon's Children In Care Council</li> <li>• The Development of Croydon's Virtual School</li> <li>• National Indicators Relevant to Children Looked After</li> </ul>	
22 September 2010		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting cancelled</li> </ul>	
20 January 2011		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Development of Croydon's Children in Care Council.</li> <li>• Croydon's Virtual School and Achievement in CLA Education</li> <li>• National Indicators Relevant to Children Looked After.</li> <li>• Statement of Purpose – Fostering</li> </ul>	
24 March 2011		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health of Croydon's Children in Care</li> <li>• Development of Croydon's Children in Care Pledge</li> </ul>	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Future Work programme</li> </ul>	

## CORPORATE PARENTING PANEL Work programme 2011/12

Date	Theme	Proposed Agenda items	Notes
7 July 2011		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adoption Issues-</li> <li>Overview of Corporate Parenting Issues</li> <li>Children's Social Care Annual complaints Report 2010/11</li> <li>The Children in Care Council                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This was an oral report by David Worlock, Director Social Care and Family Support</li> </ul> </li> <li>Engagement of Councillors in Corporate Parenting                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This is an oral report by David Worlock, Director Social Care and Family Support</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
27 September 2011	Enjoy and achieve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Achievements in CLA Education</li> <li>Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children</li> <li>The Experience of Children and Young People in Care</li> </ul>	
11 January 2012	Enjoy and achieve. Economic well being	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Looked After Children (LAC) Strategy and Forward Plan 2012</li> <li>Leaving Care Policy</li> <li>Croydon Safeguarding Children Board (CSCB) Business Plan 2011-2014</li> <li>Virtual School.</li> </ul>	
27 March 2012	Being Healthy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Looked After children Health Report</li> </ul>	Report on Progress in Establishing Children in care Council did not come
		Future Work programme	

## CORPORATE PARENTING PANEL Work programme 2012/13

Date	Theme	Proposed Agenda items	Notes
4 July 2012	Enjoy and achieve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Virtual schools</li> </ul>	
26 September 2012		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Children's Social Care Annual Complaints Report 2011-12</li> <li>Ofsted Inspection of the Adoption Service and Adoption Diagnostic</li> <li>Croydon IRO Annual Report 2011-2012</li> </ul>	
9 January 2013	Economic Well being	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Care Leavers, Employment, Education and Training Report 2012</li> <li>LAC Strategic Partnership Forward Plan Outcomes 2012</li> <li>Mental Health Services for LAC including CAMHS</li> <li>Future Work programme</li> </ul>	Mental health services/CAMHS was not ready for this meeting and is to be considered at the next meeting
20 March 2013	Being Healthy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mental Health Services for LAC including CAMHS</li> <li>Children on the Edge of Care</li> <li>Follow Up report from January meeting on EET and Care leavers</li> <li>Outcome of Ofsted Adoption Inspection</li> <li>Future Work programme</li> </ul>	The CAMHS report and the Children on the Edge of Care was not ready for this meeting.

## CORPORATE PARENTING PANEL Work programme 2013/14

Date	Theme	Proposed Agenda items	Notes
3 July 2013		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mental health Services for LAC including CAMHS Council response on Children In Care Council (CICC)suggestions for avoiding placement into care</li> <li>CICC view on the pledge</li> <li>Education and employment performance of care leavers</li> </ul>	
25 September 2013	Enjoy and achieve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Children on the edge of care</li> <li>Follow up on services for Children who had been in residential care and services provided by the respite unit for disabled children</li> <li>Progress Report on the Boroughs Virtual school</li> <li>Education and employment performance of Care leavers</li> </ul>	Item1.Brought forward from 20 March 2013 Item 3 relevant head teachers and designated teachers be invited to speak on the work of the virtual school
January 2014			
March 2014			

### Following topics have yet to be given a date

Use of Independent Children's Homes for Placements

Adoption Inspection report

Annual Complaints Report