

# CONSTITUTION OF THE LONDON BOROUGH OF CROYDON

## Part 6.E – TERMS OF REFERENCE CORPORATE PARENTING PANEL

**Established:** First established 2007 and re-established annually since then as an informal advisory body to the Cabinet Member with responsibility for Children's Services.

**Regularity of meetings:** 6 times per year.

**Membership:** 7 Members - 5:2

5 Members of the Administration, including and to be chaired by the Cabinet Member with responsibility for Children's Services.

2 Members of the Opposition

6 Co – Opted Members:

- Virtual School Head
- LAC Nurse/Doctor
- Children in Care Council
- Care leaver
- Foster carer
- Health Commissioner

**Proportionality:** Not applicable

**Democratic Services & Governance Officer:**

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**Lead Officers:**

- Executive Director Children, Families and Education Director of Early Help and Children's Social Care
- Head of Corporate Parenting, Early Help and Children's Social Care

**Quorum:** 3

**Access to information:**

Due to the nature of the work of the Panel and its Membership, meetings of the Panel are not able to be held in public, however, agenda papers and minutes are made available on the Council's website. Agenda papers are published five clear working days in advance of Panel meetings.

Councillors that are not Members of the Panel are permitted to attend meetings at the discretion of the Panel Chair.

### **Terms of Reference (Revised 2019):**

- The Corporate Parenting Panel will focus on improving outcomes for children looked after by Croydon Council.
- To support the Council's development of a corporate parenting strategy and to monitor and review its implementation.
- To monitor performance targets and priorities so far as they relate to children looked after or young people in receipt of leaving care services.
- To consider recommendations from internal and external inspections and reviews and hear the voice of children looked after and care leavers in responding to them
- To monitor the health needs of looked after children, promoting positive engagement of health partners in Corporate Parenting.
- To monitor the education needs of looked after children, promoting positive engagement of education partners in Corporate Parenting.
- To ensure the Council actively promotes opportunities for looked after children across the whole Council.
- To ensure that the voice and opinions of as wide a range as possible of children looked after and care leavers, including those with disabilities, are heard and that their views are used to co-produce services, shape policy and monitor performance.
- To advise the Lead Member for Children's Services on issues relating to Corporate Parenting Policy.
- To report annually to the Council on the work of the Panel.