

AGENDA

Meeting	Corporate Parenting Panel
Date & Time of Meeting:	4.00pm, 20 September 2011
Venue:	Committee Room 2, County Hall
Membership:	Cllr Paul Chaundy, Cllr Richard Cook (Chair), Cllr Kirsty Davies, Cllr Susan Goddard, Cllr Roderick McKerlich, Cllr Keith Parry, Cllr Cathy Percy, Cllr Jaswant Singh
Officers in attendance:	Maria Michael (Chief Children's Services Officer)

Terms of Reference:

To oversee the development and effective implementation of Cardiff Council's Corporate Parenting Strategy.

To monitor the way in which services that have a responsibility to Looked After Children and Care Leavers fulfil their responsibilities and to raise matters of concern about the delivery of services that arise at meetings of the Board.

To promote the joining up of key strategies, policies and local planning arrangements where this will increase their effectiveness and support a holistic approach to improving the life changes and overall outcomes of looked after children and care leavers in line with their peers.

To raise the profile of the needs of looked after children and care leavers through a range of activities which will include consideration of performance information, meetings with looked after children, care leavers, parents, foster carers, staff and visits to children's services and resources, including children's homes.

To ensure that children and young people have information about what they can expect from Cardiff Council as their corporate parent.

To promote meaningful consultation and participation and ensure that the view of children, young people, their families and carers are listened to and taken into account through the Panel/Board and by the Council as a whole.

To ensure that the achievements of looked after children, care leavers, foster carers and staff are celebrated and rewarded.

To ensure that systems are in place to ensure children who are looked after can be confident that their individual interests will receive full and fair consideration including when these may be in conflict with aspects of the policies and procedures of the Council.

To make recommendations to others in respect of the corporate parenting of looked after children as consistent with the role and purpose of the panel.

1. Appointment of Chair for Municipal Year 2001/12

2. Appointment of Committee

Membership

The Council at its meeting on 16 June 2011 appointed the following Members to this Committee:

County Councillor Richard Cook (Chairperson)

County Councillors Paul Chaundy, Kirsty Davies, Sue Goddard, Roderick McKerlich, Keith Parry, Cathy Pearcy and Jaswant Singh'

3. Welcome and Apologies – Chair Cllr Richard Cook

Declarations of Interest – to be made at the start of the agenda item in question, in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct

4. Minutes – To note the minutes of the meeting held on 18 May 2011 (*copy attached*)

Matters Arising

5. **Services for Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children** 4.10 – 4.30 pm

Debbie Martin-Jones Children's Services Service Manager (Looked After Leaving Care Service) will be in attendance to present the report

6. **Use and Purpose of Chronologies** 4.30 - 4.50pm

Nick Bryning - Children's Services Acting OM (District based case management services) will be in attendance to present the report

7. **Children's Services Performance in respect of services for Looked After Children – annual outcome report** 4.55 – 5.10pm

Sandra Thomas - Service Manager (Independent Review) and Kim Brown Service Manager (Policy Planning and Performance) will be in attendance to present the report

8. **Information Item** 5.10-5.15pm

To receive supplementary information following presentation from Careers Wales at the Panel's November 2010 meeting.

To receive information about correspondence from Executive Nurse Director of Cardiff and Vale University Health Board about health assessments for Looked After Children.

Standing Items:

12. New Developments (for example new legislation, consultations etc) 5.15- 5.25pm

Briefing on Childrens Commissioner for Wales report in July regarding support for Care Leavers.

13. Next Steps 5.25 – 5.30pm
Consideration of updated Work Programme and draft agendas for future meetings (copy attached).

14. AOB

15. Date of next meeting 9th November 2011 – 4-6pm Committee Room 3, County Hall

The following item contains information which is exempt by Schedule 12 A Part 1, Paragraph 1 (Information relating to Individuals) of the Local Government Act 1972.

16. **Advocacy Service - Young Peoples' Perspectives (the annual report of the Advocacy Report was provided to the March meeting of the panel) 5.30 – 6.00pm**

Angela Bourge Children's Services OM (Resources), and Elly Jones & Sylvia Lucano of the Advocacy Service (provided by Tros Gynnal) will be in attendance to support this item