



AGENDA

Meeting	Corporate Parenting Panel
Date & Time of Meeting:	4.00pm, 21 st March 2012
Venue:	Committee Room 1, County Hall
Membership:	Cllr Paul Chaundy, Cllr Richard Cook (Chair), Cllr Kirsty Davies, Cllr Susan Goddard, Cllr Roderick McKerlich, Cllr Cathy Percy, Cllr Jaswant Singh, Cllr John Dixon
Officers in attendance:	Maria Michael (Chief Children's Services Officer) Philip Lenz (Chief Officer, Shared Services) Mike Winnard (Partnership Coordinator, HR People Services) Debbie Martin-Jones (Operational Manager – Case Management Services for LAC & Young People Leaving Care) Ros Caines-Prentice (Operational Manager, Case Management Services for Children in Need) Chris Horrocks (Service Manager - Child Health & Disability) Pam Williams (Panel Administrator)

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. **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
2. **Minutes** – To note the minutes of the meeting held on 9th January 2011 (*copy attached*)
Matters Arising
3. **HR People Services Support to the ‘Brighter Futures’ Project 4.10 – 4.40 pm** (Report attached)
Debbie Martin-Jones – Operational Manager (Case Management Services for Looked After Children & Young People Leaving Care), Philip Lenz - Chief Officer, Shared Services
Mike Winnard – Partnership Coordinator, HR People Services will be in attendance to present this report
4. **Looked After Children who are disabled with complex needs 4.40 – 5.00 pm** (Report to follow)
Ros Caines-Prentice, Operational Manager, Case Management Services for Children in Need and Chris Horrocks, Service Manager, Child Health & Disability will be in attendance to present this report
5. **Response to Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee’s Report on Case Management in Children’s Services Intake & Assessment** (Report to follow)
5.00 – 5.20 pm
Ros Caines-Prentice, Operational Manager, Case Management Services for Children in Need will be in attendance to present the report
6. **Children’s Home – Update** (Briefing note attached)
7. **Standing Item 5.30 – 5.45 pm**
New Developments (for example new legislation, consultations etc)
 - **Short Breaks for Children with Complex Needs** – report to follow
 - **Proposed Al Wales Adoption service** – verbal information
8. **Next Steps 5.45 – 5.50pm**
Consideration of Panel’s work programme and proposed agendas for future meetings (copy attached).
 - **Feedback on Member Visit to Barnardo’s Contact Service at Ely Family Centre, 9 February 2012** (briefing note attached)

9. **AOB**
5.50– 6.00 pm
10. **Date of next meeting:** 4 July, 4 – 6 pm, Committee Room 4 (to be confirmed corporately)