



AGENDA

Meeting	Corporate Parenting Panel
Date & Time of Meeting:	4.00pm, 25 th September 2012
Venue:	Committee Room 4 , County Hall
Membership:	Cllr Paul Chaundy, Cllr Richard Cook, Cllr Jonathan Evans. Cllr Susan Goddard, Cllr Phil Hawkins, Cllr Sue Lent, Cllr Roderick McKerlich, Cllr Jim Murphy
Officers in attendance:	Nick Jarman (Corporate Director, People) Debbie Martin-Jones (Operational Manager – Case Management Services for LAC & Young People Leaving Care) Angela Bourge – (Operational Manager, Resources) Siobhan Teague – (Registered Manager, LAC Accommodation Services – Residential Service) Wendy Hopkins – (Additional Learning Needs Coordinator, Cantonian High School) 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. **Appointment of Chair for Municipal Year 2012/13**
2. **Membership:**

The County Council at its meeting on 17 June 2012 appointed the following Members to this Committee:

County Councillors Chaundy, Richard Cook, Evans, Goddard, Hawkins, Lent, McKerlich and Murphy

Terms of Reference: to be agreed
3. **Welcome and Apologies**

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 21st March 2012 (copy attached)
Matters Arising
5. **Introduction to Corporate Parenting Panel and Roles of Children's Services Officers**

4.15 – 4.30 pm
Cllr Richard Cook, Cabinet Member, Social Care, Health & Wellbeing - Childrens
Nick Jarman, Corporate Director, People
6. **Update on Looked After Children (LAC) Education**

4.30 – 4.50 pm (Briefing paper attached)
Debbie Martin-Jones, Operational Manager – Case Management Services for LAC & Young People Leaving Care will be in attendance to present the report
7. **Joint Working (Experience of a Children's Home and School working together)**

4.50 – 5.10 pm (Briefing paper attached)
Angela Bourge, Operational Manager – Resources, Siobhan Teague, Registered Manager, Crosslands Children's Home and Wendy Hopkins, Additional Learning Needs Coordinator, Cantonian High School will be in attendance to present the report
8. **Standing Item**

5.10 – 5.40 pm
New Developments (for example new legislation, consultations etc)

 - Thornhill Road update – verbal information
 - Letter received and response sent to CSSIW regarding briefing for the Rt Hon Michael Gove - attached
 - The Visits to Children in Long-Term Residential Care Regulations 2011 – explanatory memorandum attached
 - Participation & Involvement – verbal information

9. **Next Steps**
5.40 – 5.50pm
Consideration of Panel's work programme and proposed agendas for future meetings (copy attached).
10. **AOB**
5.50– 6.00 pm
11. **Date of next meeting:** 13 November 2012, 4 – 6 pm,
Committee Room 4