



AGENDA

Meeting	Corporate Parenting Panel
Date & Time of Meeting:	5.00pm, 26 March 2013
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) Angela Bourge (Operational Manager, Resources) Debbie Martin-Jones (Operational Manager, Looked After Children and Leaving Care) Ingrid Masmeyer (Operational Manager, Youth Offending Service) Andrea Higgins (Education Achievement Leader) Representatives of Care Leavers Group 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 Jonathan Evans
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 29th January (copy attached)
 - 2.1. Accuracy
 - 2.2 Actions
3. **Looked After Children: An inspection of the work of Youth Offending Services with children and young people who are looked after and placed away from home**
5.10 – 5.40pm (Report attached)
Ingrid Masmeyer, Operational Manager – Youth Offending Service, will be in attendance for this item.
4. **5.40 – 5.55pm**
New developments, information to note
 - **Thornhill Road Children's Home – Analysis of Closure**
(Briefing Paper attached)
Verbal update – Angela Bourge, OM - Resources
 - **Visit of Children's Commissioner**
Verbal update - Chair, Cllr Jonathan Evans
5. **Next Steps**
5.55 – 6.05pm
Consideration of Panel's work programme and proposed agendas for future meetings (copy attached).
6. **AOB**
6.05 – 6.15 pm
7. **Discussion with Care Leavers Group**
6.15 – 7.00pm
8. **Date of next meeting: TO BE CONFIRMED**