



AGENDA

Meeting	Corporate Parenting Panel
Date & Time of Meeting:	4.30pm, 18 March 2014
Venue:	Committee Room 4 , County Hall
Membership:	Cllr Paul Chaundy, Cllr Richard Cook, Cllr Chris Davis, Cllr Jonathan Evans (Chair), Cllr Susan Goddard, Cllr Sue Lent, Cllr Roderick McKerlich, Cllr Jim Murphy (Vice Chair)
Officers in attendance:	Debbie Martin-Jones (Operational Manager, Looked After Children and Leaving Care) Angela Bourge (Operational Manager, Resources) Steve Davies (Operational Manager LAC Education) Finn Madell (Team Manager Leaving Care) Martina McCrossan (Team Manager Fostering & Adoption) Dr Marilyn Rivron (Associate Specialist Community Paediatrician) Bernard McDonald (Area Manager Cardiff CSSIW South East) Karen Wilkinson (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 21st January 2014 (copy attached)
 - 2.1. Accuracy
 - 2.2. Actions
3. **Adoption & Strategy**
4.40 – 5.00pm
Angela Bourge (Operational Manager Resources) & Martina McCrossan (Team Manager Fostering & Adoption) will be in attendance for this item.
4. **Health Issues for LAC**
5.00 - 5.20pm
Dr Marilyn Rivron (Associate Specialist Community Paediatrician) will be in attendance for this item.
5. **Forthcoming LAC Inspection in May 2014**
5.20 – 5.40pm
Debbie Martin-Jones (Operational Manager, Looked After Children and Leaving Care) & Finn Madell (Team Manager Leaving Care) will be in attendance to give the panel a verbal update.
6. **New developments, information to note**
5.40 pm – 5.50 pm
7. **Next Steps**
5.50 – 6.10pm
Consideration of Panel's work programme and proposed agendas for future meetings (copy attached).

Panel to suggest items of interest for future meetings.
8. **AOB**
6.10pm – 6.30pm
9. **Date of next meeting:** 20th May 2014, 4.30 pm Committee Room 4