

**Update on work programme for Corporate Parenting**  
**Advisory Committee**  
**Tuesday 17 July 2018**

Following on from the previous update I provided the Committee with, the OM Lead identified to support my work stream has changed due to Daniel Jones taking up a new position in another Authority. I am yet to meet Dan's Interim replacement to discuss the work stream which I took up last year and am therefore unaware of any progress on potential opportunities to strengthen the Committee's role and Members' understanding of being Corporate Parents.

However, Dan and I previously identified that 'guidance' to Elected Representatives on their role as Corporate Parents was seriously outdated and it was our intention to write to Welsh Government to request an updated version. Cllr Hinchey and I wrote to David Melding AM, as Chair of the Ministerial Advisory Group on Improving Outcomes for Children, with the suggestion of meeting and also for an updated version of the guidance to be produced. I am pleased to note that Welsh Government are reviewing the guidance to Elected Members and that Cardiff will be very well represented by Debbie Martin-Jones on the Task and Finish Group.

In terms of pushing forward with developments I would like to see the following opportunities explored further:

- *Speak to Cardiff Youth Council about adding a section to their website (Tools4Life) explaining the Council's role as a corporate parent in a child friendly;*
- *Carry out a survey of Members to gain an insight to their understanding of their role as corporate parents, also asking for comments on how we can better improve that understanding;*
- *Expansion/repetition of introductory training to Members (only 24/75 Members have undertaken training – 5 of whom are Members of CPAC);*
- *Bring case studies to CPAC on a regular basis and share with wider Members through a regular e-newsletter;*

As well as continuing with the strengths of the Committee (reporting to Council, Cabinet representation, attendance at the Brightsparks Awards etc.), I also believe there is an opportunity for the Committee's Terms of Reference to be reviewed. In my opinion this is to ensure that the work of the Committee is both realistic and undertaken, as there are some elements which have not been undertaken in my first year on the Committee (to my knowledge).

It is my intention to discuss the ToR with the Chair of the Committee and then with Senior Management within Children's Services and Democratic Services, and I hope to update the Committee further at our next meeting.