

AGENDA

Meeting Corporate Parenting Panel

Date & Time of Meeting: 4.00pm, 16 March 2011

Venue: Committee Room 4, County Hall

Membership: Cllr Paul Chaundy, Cllr Richard Cook (Chair), Cllr John Dixon, Cllr Lisa Ford, Cllr Susan Goddard, Cllr Lyn Hudson, Cllr Cathy Percy, Cllr Jane Rogers

Officers in attendance: Maria Michael (Chief Children's Services Officer)
Marilyn Lawrence (Operational Manager and Panel Advisor)

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**
 2. **Minutes:**
To note the minutes of the meeting held on 19 January 2011 (*copy attached*)
Matters Arising
 3. **Draft Placements Strategy - Angela Bourge OM**
 4. **Better Outcomes Verbal Update - Marilyn Lawrence OM**
 - Educational Attainment of Looked After Children
 - Performance in respect of health assessments
 - Performance in respect of GP registrations
 5. **Current Issues in Adoption Services - Angela Bourge OM**
 6. **Disabled Children's Strategy -**
Jane Issacs Action for Children & Marilyn Lawrence OM Child Health & Disability
 7. **Children & Young Peoples Plan**
Richard Hibbs OM Central Unit for Partnership Support
 8. **Member Training - Discussion**
 9. **Briefing on Specialist Child & Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) for Looked after Children.**
Dr Meraj Hassan, Clinical Director CAMHS & Angela Bourge OM (Resources)
- Standing Items:**
9. **New Developments including new legislation, consultation:**
 - 9.1 National Minimum Allowances for Foster Carers**
- Angela Bourge OM (Resources)
 - Circular 2011 – 2012 on Social Care Workforce Development programme
Briefing by Maria Michael Chief Children's Services Officer
 - "My Planner" – A resource for looked after children and young people moving towards independent living – Maria Michael CCSO (Letter from Children's Commissioner for Wales dated 28/02/11 attached)
 10. **Next Steps:**
Work Programme and agendas for future meetings (draft attached)
 11. **AOB**
 12. **Date of next meeting 18 May 2011 – Committee Room 4 County Hall**