



AGENDA

Meeting	Corporate Parenting Panel
Date & Time of Meeting:	4.00pm, 18 May 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
Officers in attendance:	Maria Michael (Chief Children's Services Officer)

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
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 16 March 2011 (*copy attached*)
Matters Arising
3. **Current Issues in Adoption services – item deferred from March meeting.** Angela Bourge OM resources & Michele Long Team Manager Adoption (4.15 – 4.35)
4. **Advocacy Service annual report** - Angela Bourge OM (Resources) 4.35-4.55)
5. **Complaints and Representations annual report** - Andrew Sharp
Complaints Officer Children's Services (4.55-5.15)
6. **Annual Report on Regulation 32 Visits to Children's Homes** - Angela Bourge OM (Resources) (5.15-5.35)
7. **Care Leavers Forum Awards Ceremony – April 2011** – briefing note circulated to panel members
Standing Items:
8. New Developments including new legislation, consultation
 - i. Children's Commissioner for Wales
 - review of advocacy services
 - "my planner" – handbook for young people leaving care
 - ii. CSSIW – Thematic Inspection – Commissioning – May/June 2011
 - iii. "Families First" – Second Phase Pilot
9. Next Steps
Work Programme and agendas for future meetings (draft attached)
10. AOB
Member Update – Annual Council meeting to be held on 19th May – nominations for all Committees to be given.
11. Date of next meeting 13th July 2011 – Committee Room 4 County Hall