

AGENDA

Meeting Corporate Parenting Panel

Date & Time of Meeting: 4.00pm, 13 July 2011

Venue: Committee Room 4, County Hall

Membership: County Councillors Paul Chaundy, Richard Cook, Kirsty

Davies, Susan Goddard, Roderick McKerlich, Keith

Parry, Cathy Pearcy and Jaswant Singh

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. Appointment of Chair for Municipal Year 2011/12

2. Appointment of Committee

Membership

The County Council at its meeting on 16 June 2011 appointed the following Members to this Committee:

County Councillors Chaundy, Richard Cook, Kirsty Davies, Goddard, McKerlich, Keith Parry, Pearcy and Singh

Welcome and Apologies

Declarations of Interest – to be made at the start of the agenda item in question, in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct

4. Minutes – To note the minutes of the meeting held on 18 May 2011 (copy attached)

Matters Arising

5. Services for Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children 4.15 – 4.35 pm

Debbie Martin-Jones Children's Services Service Manager (Looked After Leaving Care Service) will be in attendance to present the report

6. **Use and Purpose of Chronologies** 4.35 - 4.55pm

Nick Bryning - Children's Services Acting OM (District based case management services) will be in attendance to present the report

7. Children's Services Performance in respect of services for Looked After Children – annual outcome report 4.55 – 5.15pm

Sandra Thomas - Service Manager (Independent Review) and Kim Brown Service Manager (Policy Planning and Performance) will be in attendance to present the report

8. Information Item

To receive supplementary information following presentation from Careers Wales at the Panel's November 2010 meeting.

Standing Items:

- 9. New Developments (for example new legislation, consultations etc)
- Next Steps
 Consideration of updated Work Programme and draft agendas for future meetings (copy attached).
- 11. Any Other Business
- 12. Date of next meeting 20th September 2011 4-6pm Committee Room 1, County Hall

The following item contains information which is exempt by Schedule 12 A Part 1, Paragraph 1 (Information relating to Individuals) of the Local Government Act 1972.

13. Advocacy Service - Young Peoples' Perspectives (the annual report of the Advocacy Report was provided to the March meeting of the panel) 5.00 – 6.00pm

Angela Bourge Children's Services OM (Resources), and Elly Jones & Sylvia Lucano of the Advocacy Service (provided by Tros Gynnal) will be in attendance to support this item