
REPORT OF DIRECTOR GOVERNANCE AND LEGAL SERVICES

CORPORATE PARENTING ADVISORY COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

Reason for this Report.

1. To correct an administrative error made in the adoption of the Terms of Reference of the Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee at Annual Council on 26 May 2016.

Background

2. The Council at its meeting on 24 July 2014 established the Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee and approved the Terms of Reference in accordance with the recommendation received from the Constitution Committee 11 June 2014.

Issues

3. The Terms of Reference approved by Annual Council 26 May 2016 in its report Item 12, Establishment of Committees, their Size and Terms of Reference reflected those of the previous Corporate Parenting Panel.
4. The a Terms of Reference approved by Council 24 July 2014 and has informed the work of the Committee are as follows:

Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee

Terms of Reference:

- a) To actively promote real and sustained improvements in the life chances of Looked After Children, Children in Need, Care Leavers and children and young people in the criminal justice system and to work within an annual programme to that end;
- b) To develop, monitor and review a corporate parenting strategy, and ensure its effective implementation through work plans and corporate parenting training programmes;
- c) To seek to ensure that the life chances of Looked After Children, Children in Need and care leavers are maximised in terms of

health, educational attainment, and access to training and employment, to aid the transition to a secure and productive adulthood;

- d) To recommend ways in which more integrated services can be developed across all Council directorates, schools and other stakeholders to lead towards better outcomes for Looked After Children, Children in Need and care leavers;
- e) To ensure that mechanisms are in place to enable Looked After Children, Children in Need and care leavers, to play an integral role in service planning and design, and that their views are regularly sought and acted upon;
- f) To ensure performance monitoring systems are in place, and regularly review performance data to ensure sustained performance improvements in outcomes for Looked After Children, Children in Need and care leavers;
- g) To receive all relevant Children's Services inspection and annual reports, including: Children's Homes Quality of Care Report; Case Practice Reviews, Fostering Annual Quality of Care Report; Adoption Fostering Annual Quality of Care Report; 4C's Commissioning; Out of Area Annual Report; Annual Report of Brighter Futures (with education); Children's Complaints reports; and Advocacy Annual Report;
- h) To report to the Cabinet at least twice a year;
- i) To make recommendations to the Cabinet where responsibility for that function rests with the Cabinet;
- j) To report to the Children and Young People's Scrutiny Committee as necessary;
- k) To recommend the appointment of co-opted Committee Members for approval by Council;
- l) To develop and undertake a programme of consultation, listening and engagement events with Looked After Children and care leavers, as well as visits to services providing support and advice to Looked After Children, Children in Need and care leavers;
- m) To submit an Annual Report on the work of the Committee to Full Council.

Legal Implications

5. The establishment of an Advisory Committee, agreeing its terms of reference and membership, and making appointments to the Committee are all matters which must be approved by full Council.

Financial Implications

6. There are there are no additional financial implications arising from this report that have not been included within the Council's budget for 2015/16.

RECOMMENDATION

The Council approve the Terms of Reference for the Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee as a correction to an administrative error to those agreed in the report to Annual Council 26 May 2016.

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Background Papers

Council 24 July 2014 – Establishment of a Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee Report

Council 26 May 2016 – Establishment of Committees, their size and Terms of Reference Report