

Time Commenced: - 6.30 pm
Time Finished: - 7.25 pm

CORPORATE PARENTING SUB-COMMISSION TUESDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 2006

Chair: Councillor Macdonald
Present: Councillors Ginns, Higginbottom and Williams

11/06 Late Items to be Introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

12/06 Declarations of Interest

Name	Type of Interest	Reason
Councillor Macdonald	Personal	Governor – Lees Brook Community Sports College
	Personal	Member of National Union of Teachers
	Personal	Adoption Panel Member
Councillor Higginbottom	Personal	Vice Chair of Governors – Ashgate Primary School
	Personal	Governor Brackensdale Junior School
Councillor Ginns	Personal	Volunteer Youth Worker

13/06 Minutes of the Corporate Parenting Sub-Commission – 4 July 2006

The minutes of the meeting held on 4 July 2006 were agreed and signed by the Chair.

14/06 Call – In

There were no items.

15/06 Statistical Information on Children Looked After

The Commission received a report from the Corporate Director for

Children and Young People which provided the Sub-Commission with statistical information on Children Looked After.

Councillor Williams raised concerns about the steady rise in the figures relating to Children Looked After and about the long term impact of the removal of Family Support Worker posts as part of the 2006/07 budget.

Resolved to:

- 1. note the report and;**
- 2. ask the Cabinet to protect the posts of Family Support workers who work with Children In Need when considering future budgets.**

16/06 Role and Activity of Independent Reviewing Officers

The Sub-Commission received a report from the Corporate Director for Children and Young People relating to the Role and Activity of Independent Reviewing Officers.

Resolved to receive the report.

17/06 Adoption Agency Policies

The Sub-Commission received a report from the Corporate Director for Children and Young People regarding Adoption Agency policies.

Councillor Williams highlighted that there were a number of inconsistencies in the timescales reported in the report.

The Sub – Commission noted that case law had now clarified previously unclear regulations and laws regarding Human Rights and the rights of the grandparents of the biological family.

Resolved to note the recommendations.

18/06 Additional Information Sought Relating to the LAC Review

The Sub –Commission were given the opportunity to discuss with the Assistant Director Children and Families the topic review before they began to formulate their recommendations.

Resolved to email any outstanding questions or requests for information to Rob Davison by 11 September and to meet on 18 September at 1pm to formulate recommendations.

Minutes End

