

Report of the Strategic Director of Resources

Corporate Parenting Sub-Commission – Terms of Reference

SUMMARY

- 1.1 At its meeting on 13 September the Children and Young People Commission agreed to establish a Corporate Parenting Sub Commission
- 1.2 This report sets out the Sub-Commission's terms of reference.

RECOMMENDATION

2.1 To approve the terms of reference as set out in this report.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

3.1 To ensure the Sub- Commission has a clearly defined Terms of Reference which clearly defines its role.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 4.1 The Commission asked at its meeting on 13 September that the terms of reference were in line with the terms of reference for the Corporate Parenting Sub-Commission which was disbanded by Council on 26 May 2010.
- 4.2 The proposed terms of reference are detailed in appendix 2.

This report has been approved by the following officers:

Legal officer	
Financial officer	
Human Resources officer	
Service Director(s)	
Other(s)	

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Background papers:	None
List of appendices:	Appendix 1 – Implications

Appendix 2 – Proposed Terms of reference
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IMPLICATIONS

Financial

1.1 None directly arising from this report

Legal

2.1 None directly arising from this report

Personnel

3.1 None directly arising from this report

Equalities Impact

4.1 None directly arising from this report

Health and Safety

5.1 None directly arising from this report

Carbon commitment

6.1 None directly arising from this report

Value for money

7.1 None directly arising from this report

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

8.1 Strong Scrutiny helps to ensure that the all of the Council's priorities are met.

Corporate Parenting Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Commission Terms of Reference

- 1) To review reports on Councillor visits to children's residential establishments.
- 2) To review reports on Regulation 22 visits carried out monthly by external managers of children's residential units.
- 3) To consider reports on the extent to which the Council is meeting its statutory responsibilities in relation to the health, education and care from children looked after and how it is working corporately to make leisure, employment and housing opportunities available for young people under its care.
- 4) To consider progress on meeting targets in Fostering and Adoption.
- 5) To receive regular progress reports on the council's corporate parenting policy for children in the care of the Council.
- 6) To consider issues that are limiting the Council's ability to act effectively as good parents and make recommendations to the Council Cabinet on improvements.
- 7) To consider an annual report on the Council's performance as a Corporate Parent.
- 8) To receive pro-forma reports on all relevant key indicators.
- 9) To receive annual reports on fostering and adoption.
- 10) To monitor the work of the Corporate Parenting Forum
- 11) To consider the effectiveness of the council's safeguarding policy and monitor member attendance on children's safeguarding programmes and the Corporate Parenting Training.