

Open Report on behalf of the Executive Director Adults and Children's

Report to:	Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee
Date:	2 December 2011
Subject:	Corporate Parenting Panel Update

Summary:

The Corporate Parenting Panel has a special responsibility for the wellbeing of our Looked After Children in Lincolnshire. This means scrutinising the work of the Local Authority to ensure that they receive excellent care and helping children make a success of their life.

Actions Required:

The Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee is asked to note the work of the Corporate Parenting Panel and to consider the matters raised and addressed.

1. Background

The panel regularly scrutinises:

1. The education achievement of Looked After Children.
2. Reg 33 reports from independent visitors of residential care settings
3. The number and nature of complaints from Looked After Children
4. Placement analysis including the recruitment and retention of foster carers
5. Children's participation
6. Visiting members reports to care settings
7. Foster care annual report - Ofsted Inspections.

There has been a task and focus group looking at respite care for Looked After Children in placement.

The panel meet quarterly and is continually evolving and is very proactive in seeking information to inform members about the quality of services provided by the local authority and partner agencies, as is evidenced in the recording of the minutes.

2. Conclusion

The ongoing scrutiny process looking at how well we meet our respective responsibilities and the different aspects of a child and young person's needs is pivotal to the work of the Corporate Parenting Panel. The attached minutes provide an account of the work undertaken since the previous Panel held on 07/04/2011.

3. Consultation

a) Policy Proofing Actions Required

No applicable

4. Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Corporate Parenting Panel - Minutes 20/10/2011

5. Background Papers

No background papers within Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the preparation of this report.

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