

Open Report on behalf of the Interim Executive Director of Children's Services

Report to:	Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee
Date:	1 June 2012
Subject:	Corporate Parenting Panel Update

Summary:

The work of the Corporate Parenting Panel remains critical in promoting life chances and opportunities for vulnerable children, Looked After Children and Care Leavers. Members act as Champions on behalf of these groups of children and young people. The Panel meets on a quarterly basis and includes representatives from looked after children and foster carers.

Through the presentation of Reports, Performance Information, Sub-Groups, and Visiting Members responsibilities, the Panel scrutinise that arrangements for the safety and welfare of Looked After Children and care leavers are in accordance with what every good parent would want for their own child.

It is agreed that the minutes of the Corporate Parenting Panel be presented to the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee and the draft minutes of the meeting held on 19/04/2012 are attached.

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 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 draft minutes provide an account of the work undertaken since the previous Panel held on 02/02/2012.

3. Consultation

a) Policy Proofing Actions Required

Not applicable

4. Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Minutes of the Corporate Parenting Panel 19 April 2012.

5. Background Papers

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

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