

**Open Report on behalf of Debbie Barnes,
Executive Director of Children's Services**

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| Report to: | Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee |
| Date: | 1 March 2013 |
| 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 the 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 17th January 2013 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 Corporate Parenting Panel meets on a quarterly basis, and is continually evolving. They are very proactive in seeking information to inform members about the quality of services provided by the local authority and partner agencies, this is evidenced in the recording of the minutes.

2. Conclusion

The ongoing scrutiny process looks at how well we meet our respective responsibilities, and also at the different aspects of a child and young person's needs. This 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 11/10/2012.

3. Consultation

a) Policy Proofing Actions Required

No applicable

4. Appendices

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| These are listed below and attached at the back of the report | |
| Appendix A | Corporate Parenting Panel Minutes 17/01/2013 |

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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