

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

Report to:	<b>Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee</b>
Date:	<b>14 June 2013</b>
Subject:	<b>Corporate Parenting Panel Update</b>

#### **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, 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 4 April 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 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. Attached at Appendix B are the terms of reference for the Panel which sets out its role and remit in more detail.

### **2. Conclusion**

The on-going 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 meeting held on 17 January 2013.

### **3. Consultation**

#### **a) Policy Proofing Actions Required**

n/a

### **4. Appendices**

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Corporate Parenting Panel Minutes 4 April 2013
Appendix B	Corporate Parenting Panel Terms of Reference

### **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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