

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF CABINET COMMITTEE - CORPORATE PARENTING
HELD IN COMMITTEE ROOMS 1/2/3, CIVIC OFFICES, ANGEL STREET, BRIDGEND,
ON TUESDAY, 13 JANUARY 2009 AT 4:00PM

Present: -

Councillor A E Davies - Chairperson

Councillors

M E J Nott - Leader
H J David - Cabinet Member - Resources
L C Morgan - Cabinet Member - Wellbeing
J C Spanswick - Cabinet Member - Communities

Invitees:

Councillors

R D L Burns
M W Butcher
N Clarke
P Hacking
K Watkins

Officers

H Anthony - Corporate Director - Children
A Harris - Corporate Director - Wellbeing
L Harper - Head of Safeguarding and Family Support
M Shepherd - Head of Healthy Living
E Davies - Group Manager Legal Services
L Hutton - Transformation and Development Manager - HR
J McKirdle - Group Manager Housing
A Rees - Senior Cabinet and Committee Officer

5 MEETING ARRANGEMENTS

It was proposed that one representative from each Directorate would be invited to attend future meetings of the Committee, unless a specific officer was required to attend. It was also proposed that future meetings be held at 3.30pm or immediately following the meeting of Cabinet whichever was the later.

6 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor D Sage who had a prior commitment.

7 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

8 MINUTES OF A PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Committee - Corporate Parenting held on 27 November 2008 be approved as a true and accurate record.

The Head of Safeguarding and Family Support advised that in relation to minute number 4 that an approach had been made with the Youth Council to invite a representative to become a permanent invitee of the Committee, however, the Youth Council had yet to identify a representative.

9 DRAFT CORPORATE PARENTING STATEMENT

The Head of Safeguarding and Family Support presented a Draft Corporate Parenting Policy which had been endorsed by the Social Services and Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee in December 2006 as a basis for consultation with stakeholders, including children and young people. The Head of Safeguarding and Family Support proposed that the Committee consider the Draft Policy Statement to decide whether it was still fit for purpose in 2009, given that it was originally drafted in 2006. She presented to the Committee examples of Corporate Parenting statements from the National Scottish Executive and from another local authority.

The Head of Safeguarding and Family Support advised the Committee that a charity Tros Ganol had been engaged to undertake a consultation of Looked After Children of in-house residential provision.

The Committee reviewed in detail the Draft Corporate Parenting Policy making amendments as necessary prior to consultation being undertaken with stakeholders and partners.

- RESOLVED: (1) That the Committee approve the amendments to the Draft Corporate Parenting Statement as the basis for consultation with stakeholders and partners prior to it being considered by the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- (2) The Head of Safeguarding and Family Support draw up a list of partner agencies to be consulted.

10 FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

The Head of Safeguarding and Family Support presented the Committee's Forward Work Programme for the period January to March 2009.

The Head of Safeguarding and Family Support also reported on information about a care leaver's story.

- RESOLVED: (1) That the Committee approve the amended Forward Work Programme as follows:-

Title of Report	Cabinet Committee
Roles and Responsibilities of the Local Authority - Roles and Responsibilities in relation to Corporate Parenting	3 March 2009
Development of work experience scheme and training employment	31 March 2009

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Corporate parenting role : Training for members and stakeholders 31 March 2009

Residential review of homes

Evaluating the effectiveness of the Corporate Parenting Committee

Permanency Policy

Education of Looked After Children

- (2) That the Committee receive information about a care leaver's story.

The meeting closed at 5.30pm