

## CORPORATE PARENTING PANEL

14 JANUARY 2008

Chairman: \* Councillor Janet Mote

Councillors: \* Mrs Margaret Davine \* Eric Silver  
 \* Mitzi Green \* Mark Versallion (4)  
 \* Paul Osborn

\* Denotes Member present

(4) Denotes category of Reserve Member

**PART I - RECOMMENDATIONS - NIL****PART II - MINUTES**21. **Attendance by Reserve Members:**

**RESOLVED:** To note the attendance at this meeting of the following duly appointed Reserve Member:-

Ordinary MemberReserve Member

Councillor Mrs Myra Michael

Councillor Mark Versallion

22. **Declarations of Interest:**

**RESOLVED:** To note that there were no declarations of interests made by Members in relation to the business transacted at this meeting.

23. **Arrangement of Agenda:**

**RESOLVED:** That all items be considered with the press and public present.

24. **Minutes:**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 8 October 2007 be taken as read and signed as a correct record.

25. **Public Questions:**

**RESOLVED:** To note that no public questions were received at this meeting under the provisions of Advisory Panel and Consultative Forum Procedure Rule 16 (Part 4E of the Constitution).

26. **Petitions:**

**RESOLVED:** To note that no petitions were received at this meeting under the provisions of the Advisory Panel and Consultative Forum Procedure Rule 14 (Part 4E of the Constitution).

27. **Deputations:**

**RESOLVED:** To note that no deputations were received at this meeting under the provisions of Advisory Panel and Consultative Forum Procedure Rule 15 (Part 4E of the Constitution).

28. **Harrow Position in relation to "Care Matters- Time for Change" White Paper:**

The Panel received an information report of the Corporate Director, Children's Services, setting out Harrow's current position in relation to the Government White Paper "Care Matters: Time for Change". An officer reported that, while Harrow was already operating some of the provisions of the White Paper, there were likely to be cost implications, the extent of which would depend on the amount of Government funding attached to the implementation of legislation. No details were currently known about this or about the timing of any legislation, but officers would keep the Panel informed of developments. Officers agreed to include a glossary of acronyms and terms in future reports.

**RESOLVED:** That the report be noted.

29. **Activity and Performance:**

The Panel received an information report of the Corporate Director, Children's Services, setting out key data relating to Children Looked After (CLA) and Children on the Child Protection Register (CPR), including key performance indicators up to the end of November 2007. The Panel noted the very good performance in several areas, including in the health of CLA, the stability of placements and the participation of CLA in reviews. Officers reported that the proportion of adoptions of CLA had increased since the report had been written, and this also demonstrated very good performance.

Officers agreed to provide an annual comparison with the performance of other boroughs and to repeat an analysis of carers' criteria relating to factors such as culture and religion.

**RESOLVED:** That the report be noted.

(Note: The meeting having commenced at 6.05 pm, closed at 7.15 pm)

(Signed) COUNCILLOR JANET MOTE  
Chairman