

CORPORATE PARENTING PANEL

MINUTES

12 APRIL 2016

Chair: * Councillor Mitzi Green

Councillors: * Christine Bednell * Janet Mote
* Simon Brown * Mrs Christine Robson (3)
* Jo Dooley

* Denotes Member present
(3), Denote category of Reserve Members

RECOMMENDED ITEMS

90. Corporate Parent Strategy Update

The Panel received a report regarding progress made on the Corporate Parenting Strategy which had been submitted to Council and Cabinet in 2015. The report highlighted the Council's Corporate Parenting responsibilities and outcomes for Harrow's Children Looked After.

An officer provided an overview of progress on the priority actions for 2014-16 and attention was drawn to the following:

- the Member induction and workshops had been well attended ; Further refresher sessions would be arranged. There was Member representation on the Virtual School Improvement Board;
- attendance by young people at the last quarterly Beyond Limits session had been disappointing. Information on the next session due to be held on 28 April 2016 would be circulated to Panel Members;

- progress had been made in regard to health assessments through partnership with the CNWL Children Looked After Team;
- the Key Performance Indicator (KPI) results reflected the dramatic improvement in placements through a range of foster carers providing stability and value for money, the doubling of the adoption scorecard, and consistently good time frames.
- the officer had met with the Portfolio Holder for Children and Families to discuss apprenticeships for Care Leavers;
- there had been positive feedback regarding the CLA Celebration event.

Members expressed appreciation on the positive progress of the Corporate Parent Strategy, in particular the success in the recruitment of an increased number of in-house foster carers, the improvement in placement stability, the improvement in the number of health assessments and reviews, and the positive feedback from the Children Looked After Celebration Event

The officer undertook to provide an annual update on the Corporate Parent Strategy.

Resolved to RECOMMEND: (to Cabinet)

That the strategy update and progress made be noted.

Reason: All councillors are Corporate Parents and need to be aware of how these responsibilities are being carried out.

Background documents

None

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