

# CORPORATE PARENTING PANEL

## MINUTES

### 2 OCTOBER 2019

<b>Chair:</b>	* Councillor Janet Mote	
<b>Councillors:</b>	* Sue Anderson	* Christine Robson
	* Simon Brown	* Lynda Seymour
	† Angella Murphy-Strachan	* Chloe Smith
<b>Non-Voting Advisory Member:</b>	* Valerie Griffin	Foster Carer
<b>In attendance: (Officers)</b>	Paul Hewitt	Corporate Director, People
	Peter Tolley	Divisional Director, Children and Young People
	Barbara Houston	Head of Service, Corporate Parenting
	David Harrington	Head of Business Intelligence, Resources
	Mellina Williamson-Taylor	Head Teacher, Harrow Virtual School
	Anupameya Jain	Acting Assistant Head Teacher, Harrow Virtual School
	Joanne Tortipidis	Senior Education Officer
	Laurie Ward	Specialist Nurse for Children Looked After, Harrow
	Teresa Chisholm	CNWL

- \* Denotes Member present
- (1) Denote category of Reserve Members
- † Denotes apologies received

## **RECOMMENDED ITEMS**

### **61. Corporate Parenting Strategy 2019/21**

Peter Tolley (Divisional Director, Children and Young People Service) introduced the report which set out details of the Council's Corporate Parenting Strategy for 2019/21, explaining that the Panel was being asked to make a recommendation to Cabinet to approve the strategy set out in the report. The Strategy outlined the Council's strategic framework and key priorities relating to CLAs in Harrow in order to ensure they were provided with stable placements, support and education.

Following questions and comments from the Panel, officers advised that:

- The principles of corporate parenting outlined in the Children and Social Work Act 2017 had placed explicit emphasis on the statutory responsibilities of corporate parenting, particularly in relation to care leavers.
- A report focusing specifically on the Council's Participation Strategy outlining the Council's engagement plans with young people would be presented to the Panel at a separate meeting.
- A Children Looked After (CLA) event was planned during the autumn half-term at the Hive Stadium, providing an opportunity to meet young people. An invitation was extended to members and officers to attend.
- Recent training on corporate parenting had been delivered to elected members. The training was annually refreshed to ensure members were kept abreast of the latest developments.
- A number of minor oversights had been made to the content of the report presented to the Panel. It was agreed that the amendments be made prior to presenting the report to Cabinet.

#### **Resolved to RECOMMEND:**

That the Cabinet be recommended to approve the Corporate Parenting Strategy 2019/21, subject to agreed adjustments in content.