

LONDON BOROUGH OF HARROW

MEMBER DEVELOPMENT PANEL

17 APRIL 2007

Reference from the Meeting of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Sub-Committee meeting held on 18 October 2006: Final Report of the Light Touch Review of the Education of Looked After Children

1. The Sub-Committee received a report of the Director of People, Performance and Policy, alongside a verbal report of the Chairman of the Review Group, on the findings of the review of the education of Looked after Children.
2. Members commended the work of the Review Group and its report. However, concern was expressed at the projected cost of an event being held to reward Looked after Children (LAC) that had emerged during the Review. Members urged that this costing be explored further. Members were also of the view that all Members should be trained on corporate parenting.
3. Members requested that Recommendation 5 of the report be placed before Recommendation 4, as it linked with Recommendation 3.

RESOLVED: That (1) the final report of the light touch review of education of Looked after Children be noted;

(2) the findings and recommendations of the light touch review, as set out in the review report, be endorsed;

(3) the report be forwarded to Cabinet for consideration at the next meeting;

(4) the Corporate Parenting Group be requested to ensure that every Member of the Council attends as many as possible Looked after Children events per year to ensure they remain in touch with looked after children and young people and fulfil their responsibilities as corporate parents;

(5) the Member Development Panel be requested to organise a seminar on corporate parenting for the current intake of Members, and consider the valuable input that the Corporate Parenting Group could play in this training;

(6) the Director of Children's Services be requested to prepare a plan of action resulting from the light touch review and report back to the Sub-Committee, at its meeting on 13 February 2007, when the relevant Portfolio Holder would also be invited to attend to participate on this matter.

FOR CONSIDERATION

Background Papers: Minutes of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Sub-Committee on 18 October 2006 and the Report of the Director of People,

Performance and Policy: Final Report of the Light Touch Review of the Education of Looked After Children

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