

## CORPORATE PARENTING PANEL

8 OCTOBER 2007

Chairman: \* Councillor Janet Mote

Councillors: \* Mrs Margaret Davine \* Eric Silver  
 \* Mitzi Green \* Mark Versallion (4)  
 \* Chris Mote (1)

\* Denotes Member present  
 (1) and (4) Denote category of Reserve Member

**PART I - RECOMMENDATIONS - NIL****PART II - MINUTES**11. **Attendance by Reserve Members:**

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

Ordinary MemberReserve Member

Councillor Mrs Myra Michael  
 Councillor Paul Osborn

Councillor Mark Versallion  
 Councillor Chris Mote

12. **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.

13. **Arrangement of Agenda:**

**RESOLVED:** That (1) in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985, the following item be admitted late to the agenda by virtue of the special circumstances and grounds for urgency detailed below:-

Agenda itemSpecial Circumstances / Grounds for Urgency

11. Service Delivery Arrangements for Children Looked After

This report was not available at the time the agenda was printed and circulated owing to officers' preparation for the Fostering Inspection. Members were asked to consider the report, as a matter of urgency, as it had been requested at the Panel meeting on 18 April 2007.

(2) all items be considered with the press and public present.

14. **Minutes:**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 18 April 2007 be taken as read and signed as a correct record.

15. **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).

16. **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).

17. **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).

18. **Government White Paper, "Care Matters - Time for Change":**  
The Panel received a report of the Corporate Director, Children's Services, summarising the Government White Paper, "Care Matters – Time for Change". The officer reported on how Harrow was organising its response to the White Paper. She agreed to supply Members with copies of the response when it was ready. The officer also briefed Members on the work of the Children Looked After Life Chances Forum and answered questions from Members, who noted that Harrow had already adopted as standard practice many of the proposals set out in the White Paper.

**RESOLVED:** To note the scope of the White Paper and the changes and recommendations in terms of service delivery and the impact on Children Looked After.

19. **Activity and Performance Relating to Children Looked After and Children on the Child Protection Register:**  
The Panel received an information report of the Corporate Director, Children's Services, setting out key data relating to Children Looked After and Children on the Child Protection Register, as well as information on key performance indicators up to the end of August 2007. The officer answered questions from Members who noted, among other things, an increased level of good health of Children Looked After.

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

20. **Service Delivery Arrangements for Children Looked After:**  
The Panel received a report of the Corporate Director, Children's Services, setting out information on the service delivery arrangements in relation to Children Looked After. The officer reported that a dedicated team was in place and functioning, with the stability of placements as a focus. Issues raised by Members included delays in access to mental health services by Children Looked After, particularly children moving between boroughs. The officer reported that this was being resolved with the appointment of a dedicated therapist for Children Looked After.

**RESOLVED:** To (1) endorse current service developments;

(2) support the future development of these services.

(Note: The meeting having commenced at 6.10 pm, closed at 7.25 pm)

(Signed) COUNCILLOR JANET MOTE  
Chairman