

# Children's Safeguarding Policy and Practice Advisory Committee

THURSDAY, 23RD JANUARY, 2014 at 19:30 HRS - CIVIC CENTRE, HIGH ROAD, WOOD GREEN, LONDON N22 8LE.

MEMBERS: Councillors Adamou, Browne, Hilary Corrick, Hare, Scott and Stewart (Chair) **AGENDA** 

#### 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

#### 2. URGENT BUSINESS

The Chair will consider the admission of late items of urgent business. Late items will be considered under the agenda item they appear. New items will be dealt with at Items 9&12 below.

#### 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

A member with a disclosable pecuniary interest or a prejudicial interest in a matter who attends a meeting of the authority at which the matter is considered:

- (i) must disclose the interest at the start of the meeting or when the interest becomes apparent, and
- (ii) may not participate in any discussion or vote on the matter and must withdraw from the meeting room.

A member who discloses at a meeting a disclosable pecuniary interest which is not registered in the Register of Members' Interests or the subject of a pending notification must notify the Monitoring Officer of the interest within 28 days of the disclosure.

Disclosable pecuniary interests, personal interests and prejudicial interests are defined at Paragraphs 5-7 and Appendix A of the Members' Code of Conduct.

#### 4. MINUTES (PAGES 1 - 10)

To consider the minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2013.

### 5. MATTERS ARISING (PAGES 11 - 12)

To note the agenda plan for the Committee.

## 6. PERFORMANCE REPORT (PAGES 13 - 36)

This report sets out the performance data and trends for an agreed set of measures relating to: Children and Families – contacts, referrals and assessments and child protection.

### 7. EXTERNAL REPORT FROM SKYLAKES (PAGES 37 - 60)

Members are asked to note the contents of the independent report by Skylakes attached as Appendix1 and the improvements introduced by the service.

# 8. THE INDEPENDENT MEMBER'S QUALITATIVE AUDIT ON DECISIONS TO UNDERTAKE A SECTION 47 INVESTIGATION (PAGES 61 - 68)

It was agreed at the last Committee meeting, in September, for the Independent Member to audit the child protection investigations carried out in a certain week in September and analyse the rationale for taking forward Child Protection investigations.

#### 9. NEW ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS

To consider new items of business as per item 2.

#### 10. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

The press and public will be excluded from the meeting for consideration of the following items as they contain exempt information as defined in section 100a of the local government act 1972 (as amended by section 12A of the local government act 1985) paragraphs 1&2&3 namely information relating to an individual and information likely to reveal the identity of an individual.

# 11. THE INDEPENDENT MEMBER'S QUALITATIVE AUDIT ON DECISIONS TO UNDERTAKE A SECTION 47 INVESTIGATION (PAGES 69 - 76)

To consider exempt information relating to agenda item 8.

#### 12. NEW ITEMS OF EXEMPT URGENT BUSINESS

To consider new items of exempt business as per item 2.

## 13. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Date of next Joint meeting between Children's Safeguarding Policy and Practice Committee with Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee on March 6<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm.

Next Childrens Safeguarding Policy and Practice Committee on **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014 7.30pm**.

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