



<b>Report for:</b>	<b>Cabinet – 12 June 2012</b>	<b>Item Number:</b>	
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Appointment of Cabinet Committees 2012/13</b>		
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<b>Ward(s) affected: Not Applicable</b>		<b>Non Key Decision</b>	

## **1. Describe the Issue Under Consideration**

To appoint Members to serve on the advisory committees set out below for the new municipal year 2012/13 and to confirm the terms of reference of these committees:

- Adult Safeguarding Advisory Committee
- Children's Safeguarding Policy and Practice Advisory Panel
- Corporate Parenting Committee

To approve the proposed disestablishment of the Cabinet committees set out below following the evaluation of changes introduced as part of the Governance Review, undertaken in 2011:

- Cabinet Procurement Committee
- Cabinet Voluntary Sector Committee

## **2. Cabinet Member Introduction**

It is vital that as a Council we have in place the necessary arrangements for ensuring we discharge our corporate parenting and child safeguarding arrangements, which the governance arrangements within this report set out. The Adult Safeguarding Advisory Committee also provides the Cabinet with the



assurance that the highest level of scrutiny are being offered to the safeguarding of vulnerable adults in Haringey, in an arms length overview capacity.

### **3. Recommendations**

It is recommended:

1) That Cabinet appoint the Members indicated below to serve on the Adult Safeguarding Advisory Committee, Children's Safeguarding Policy and Practice Advisory Panel and Corporate Parenting Committee, for the 2012/13 municipal year:

Adults Safeguarding Advisory Committee

Councillor Egan

Councillor Mallett

– Councillor Winskill

Children's Safeguarding Policy and Practice Advisory Committee

Councillor Adamou (Chair)

Councillor Allison

Councillor Stewart

(Plus Hilary Corrick – Independent Member)

X1 Labour Position TBC

Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee

Councillor Allison

Councillor Brabazon

Councillor Reece

Councillor Solomon

Councillor Stennett

Councillor Waters (Chair)

X1 Labour Position TBC

2) That the terms of reference for each of these advisory committees, as detailed in Appendices 1, 2 and 3, be approved.

3) That Cabinet approve the disestablishment of the executive committees set out below:

- Cabinet Procurement Committee
- Cabinet Voluntary Sector Committee

### **4. Other Options Considered**

Not applicable.

### **5. Background Information**



The Adult Safeguarding Advisory Committee facilitates the development of performance management around the safeguarding of adults. It also reviews the effectiveness of the Council's policies and practice in relation to the safeguarding of adults and joint working of partner organisations to ensure that adults in Haringey are appropriately protected from all forms of abuse.

The Children's Safeguarding Policy and Practice Advisory Panel reviews the effectiveness of the Council's policies and practice with regard to the safeguarding of children. This includes looking at policies and practices in schools, children's homes and children's centres that relate to the safeguarding of children. It also considers the effectiveness of the arrangements in place between partner agencies on child protection matters.

The Corporate Parenting Committee has an overview of the Council's role as Corporate parent for children and young people who are in care. It is responsible for ensuring that the life chances of children in care are maximized in terms of health, educational attainment and access to training and employment, in order to aid the transition to a secure and fulfilling adulthood.

The Council commissioned a review of its governance arrangements in 2011 and the recent evaluation of this recommended that the Cabinet Procurement Committee and Cabinet Voluntary Sector Committee should not be re-established in 2012/13. The functions previously delegated to these executive committees will revert to Cabinet.

## **6. Comments of the Chief Finance Officer and Financial Implications**

The service manager confirms that these committees can be serviced from within existing business unit resources.

Members should note that these committees do not have the authority to incur expenditure or make budgetary decisions.

## **7. Head of Legal Services and Legal Implications**

The Council's Constitution sets out the relevant Cabinet arrangements at Part Three, Section D and confirms that the Cabinet may establish decision making committees, which may only include Cabinet Members. The Cabinet may establish advisory committees the membership of which does not have to be limited to Cabinet Members. The Cabinet may change them, abolish them, or create further ones, at its own discretion. Under executive leadership arrangements, these powers must be exercised with the agreement of the Leader and may be exercised by the Leader personally.

## **8. Equalities and Community Cohesion Comments**



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The recommendations that Members serve on particular committees reflects Members' roles and expertise. The diversity of elected Members is balanced in terms of gender and ethnicity and therefore this balance will be reflected in the committees.

There has been consultation with regard to the nominations to these committees within the Majority and Minority Political Groups.

### **9. Head of Procurement Comments**

There are no specific implications arising from this report.

### **10. Policy Implications**

There are no specific implications arising from this report.

### **11. Use of Appendices**

Appendix 1 – Terms of Reference for Adult Safeguarding Advisory Committee

Appendix 2 – Terms of Reference for Children's Safeguarding Policy and Practice Advisory Committee

Appendix 3 - Terms of Reference for Corporate Parenting Committee

### **12. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985**

#### Background Papers

The following background papers were used in the preparation of this report:

- Report to the Cabinet on 7 June 2010 entitled 'Appointment of Cabinet Committees'
- Report to Council on 21 May 2012 entitled ' Report of Governance Review Delivery Group'

The background papers are located at River Park House, 225 High Road, Wood Green, London N22 8HQ.

To inspect them or to discuss this report further, please contact Xanthe Barker on 020 8489 2957.

## APPENDIX 1

### Terms of Reference - Adult Safeguarding Advisory Committee

- i. To examine and review the effectiveness of the Council's policies and practice in relation to the Safeguarding of Adults;
- ii. To review and examine the effectiveness of arrangements for co-operation and joint working of Adults Safeguarding issues between partner agencies;
- iii. By obtaining the views of key stakeholders (staff, families/care providers and the person themselves) to obtain a qualitative understanding of how safeguarding processes are working to protect vulnerable adults;
- iv. To consider the Council's policies and performance in relation to safeguarding adults through observing practice within Haringey;
- v. To make recommendations on these issues to the Cabinet, the lead member for Safeguarding Adults and the Assistant Director for safeguarding in order to take forward and drive improvements to safeguarding adults within the borough.
- vi. To receive periodic reports on national and local practice developments and to be kept updated on key issues in relation to safeguarding adults.
- vii. To be cognisant of the work of the Safeguarding Adults Board and to meet periodically with the Independent Chair, the Assistant Director and the Head of Service.
- viii. To undertake a scrutiny function of services provided across the borough which may be subject to safeguarding concerns.

## APPENDIX 2



## Terms of Reference – Children’s Safeguarding Policy and Practice Advisory Committee

- i. To examine and consider the effectiveness of the Council’s policies and practice, including policies and practices in schools, children’s homes and children’s centres, relating to the safeguarding of children.
- ii. To examine and consider the effectiveness of the arrangements for co-operation on child protection matters between partner agencies.
- iii. To consider the Council’s policies and performance relating to safeguarding through observing practice in Haringey and obtaining the views of key stakeholders (staff, families and children /young people) to attain a qualitative understanding of safeguarding practice.
- iv. To make recommendations on these matters to the Cabinet or Cabinet Member for Children and Young People and Director of Children and Young People’s Service in taking forward improvements to safeguarding of children.
- v. The Chair will determine the Committee’s procedures and the means for conveying the Committee’s views to the Cabinet but, in the event of any dispute, the outcome will be determined by the majority vote of the Committee’s membership with the Chair having a casting vote.



## Terms of Reference – Corporate Parenting Committee

- i. To be responsible for the Council's role as Corporate parent for those children and young people who are in care;
- ii. To ensure the views of children in care are heard;
- iii. To seek to ensure that the life chances of children in care are maximized in terms of health, educational attainment and access to training and employment to aid the transition to a secure and fulfilling adulthood.
- iv. To ensure that the voice and needs of disabled children are identified and provided for;
- v. To provide an advocacy function within the Children's Trust and the Council on behalf of children in care;
- vi. To monitor the quality of care provided by the Council to Children in Care;
- vii. To ensure that children leaving care have sustainable arrangements for their future wellbeing.