



<b>Report for:</b>	<b>Cabinet – 25 June 2014</b>	<b>Item Number:</b>	
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Appointment of Cabinet Committees 2014/15</b>		
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<b>Ward(s) affected:</b>	<b>Not Applicable</b>	<b>Non Key Decision</b>	

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

- 1.1 To appoint Members to serve on the advisory committees set out below for the new municipal year 2014/15 and to confirm the terms of reference of these committees:
- Adult Safeguarding Advisory Committee
  - Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee
  - London Housing Consortium Joint Committee.

## **2. Cabinet Member Introduction**

- 2.1 The Adult Safeguarding Advisory Committee 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 arm's length overview capacity. It is proposed to continue with the current arrangement for the Adult Safeguarding Advisory Committee.
- 2.2 Under the arrangement for the establishment of advisory Committees of the Cabinet, it is proposed to bring forward more focused and accountable arrangements for scrutinising progress in Children's Services. The Children's Safeguarding Policy and Practice Advisory Committee was established to review and advise Cabinet on the effectiveness of the Council's policies and practice with regard to the safeguarding of children and also considers the effectiveness of



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policies and practices in schools, children's homes and between partner agencies. This has made a helpful and useful contribution to the improvement in services to children but now the time is right for this role to be consolidated with the work undertaken by the Children and Young People's Scrutiny Panel. For 2014/2015, it is proposed not to re-establish the Children Safeguarding Policy and Practice Advisory Committee. The Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee is responsible for the Council's role as corporate parent for children and young people in care. They seek to ensure that the health, education and access to employment of children in care is maximised, monitor the quality of care provided, and also ensure that children leaving care have sustainable arrangements for their future. It is proposed to continue with the current arrangement for the Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee.

- 2.3 The London Housing Consortium is a not for profit body set up to provide effective procurement solutions for public sector bodies, to include local authorities. The Council has been represented on the Joint Committee of the Consortium since it was established in December 2012. It is proposed that such an arrangement continues.

### 3. Recommendations

- 3.1 It is recommended that for 2014/15 municipal year:

- i) Cabinet establish the Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee, the Adult Safeguarding Advisory Committee and the London Housing Consortium and that the terms of reference for these bodies be noted;
- ii) Cabinet appoint the Members indicated below to serve on the Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee, the Adult Safeguarding Advisory Committee and the London Housing Consortium Joint Committee:

Adults Safeguarding Advisory Committee

Councillor Egan  
Councillor Opoku  
X1 Liberal Democrat TBC

Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee

Councillor Berryman  
Councillor Gunes  
Councillor Stennett  
Councillor Waters  
Councillor Weston  
X2 Liberal Democrat TBC

London Housing Consortium Joint Committee

Councillor Bevan  
Councillor Strickland



- iii) Cabinet discontinue the arrangement for Children's Safeguarding Policy and Practice Advisory Committee.

#### **4. Alternative Options Considered**

Not applicable.

#### **5. Background Information**

- 5.1 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.
- 5.2 The Children's Safeguarding Policy and Practice Advisory Committee 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 Children's Safeguarding Policy and Practice Advisory Committee is not being re-established as this role will now be consolidated with the work undertaken by the Children and Young People Scrutiny Panel.
- 5.3 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.
- 5.4 The London Housing Consortium Joint Committee is comprised of nine Local Authorities, to include representatives from other London boroughs, and it discharges the executive functions of the participating Consortium Local Authorities. Members of the Joint Committee must be appointed by the Cabinets of those authorities. Where five or more authorities form a joint committee, Regulations provide that the membership of the joint committee need not be entirely comprised of Cabinet members and where that is the case, other Regulations concerning publicity prior to and following the making of key decisions do not apply. To minimise the administration surrounding the Joint Committee it is written into its Constitution – see Appendix C to this report at page 1, sub paragraph 1.3 - that each participating Local Authority should appoint one Cabinet Member and one non Cabinet Member. The Council's nominees fulfil these criteria.

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



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- 6.1 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. Assistant Director Corporate Governance and Legal Implications**

- 7.1 The Assistant Director Corporate Governance has been consulted on the contents of this Report.
- 7.2 The Council's Constitution sets out the relevant Cabinet arrangements at Part Three, Section D and confirms that 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. 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**

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 A – Draft Terms of Reference for Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee.

Appendix B - Terms of Reference for Adult Safeguarding Advisory Committee

Appendix C – Constitution containing Terms of Reference for the London Housing Consortium Joint Committee

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

### Background Papers

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



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- Report to the Cabinet on 18 June 2013 entitled 'Appointment of Cabinet Committees'

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