

MINUTES OF MEETING Cabinet HELD ON Tuesday, 13th June, 2023, 6.30 – 7.23pm

PRESENT:

Councillors: Peray Ahmet (Chair), Mike Hakata, Zena Brabazon, Dana Carlin, Lucia das Neves, Ruth Gordon, Adam Jogee and Sarah Williams

ALSO ATTENDING: Cllr Cawley- Harrison, Cllr White

1. FILMING AT MEETINGS

The Chair referred to the notice of filming at meetings and attendees noted this information.

2. APOLOGIES

There were apologies for absence from Cllr Chandwani and Cllr Arkell.

3. URGENT BUSINESS

None.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

5. NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CONDUCT BUSINESS IN PRIVATE, ANY REPRESENTATIONS RECEIVED AND THE RESPONSE TO ANY SUCH REPRESENTATIONS

None.

6. MINUTES

RESOLVED

To confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 18 April 2023 as a correct record.

7. DEPUTATIONS/PETITIONS/QUESTIONS

None.

8. MATTERS REFERRED TO CABINET BY THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

None.

9. OUTCOME OF OFSTED INSPECTION OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

The Cabinet Member for Children, Schools and Families introduced the report which provided an update on the findings and outcome of the Ofsted Inspection of Children's Social Care Services and set out the approach to address findings of the inspection and further develop services and outcomes for children who were in the care of the local authority.

The Cabinet Member thanked the Children Services Team for their hard work and achievements. She was proud of the service for the change in working culture, which had been fully recognised in the inspection findings. She commented on the valuable self-evaluation, which the service had undertaken in December 2022, which helped inform the inspection.

The Cabinet further commended the Children's service for achieving this significant milestone and thanked wider Council staff and partners for their support in this transformation. Special mention was made of the continuing support to care leavers and the Ofsted finding that the Council was making considerable progress to make a positive difference to children's lives.

In response to questions from Councillors: das Neves, Hakata, Gordon and Cawley Harrison, the following was noted:

- Pleased that the Council's work with children in care, had been recognised.
- That the inspection had found no children were at risk or unsafe.
- The service would need to provide a post inspection action plan by the 18th of July and this would set out the priority actions to be taken forward and would have granular detail on how these would be taken forward.
- The action plan would include actions related to permanency plans, private fostering arrangements, life story work and supervision across the service and improving the understanding and knowledge of frontline workers around adoption. The current draft action plan was being consulted on with key children's partners and would be considered and commented on by the Children and Young People's Scrutiny Panel on the 26th of June.
- The Children's service was exploring establishing a separate Children's commissioning and contracts team to help develop conversations with the marketplace around stability of placements, the recruitment of in house foster carers and enable better negotiations with the independent fostering agencies.
- The independent chair of the Excellence for Children's meetings was in the process of being confirmed at the present time. However, the individual likely to take the role was considerably experienced in the children's services area.
- The Council was part of a cohort of London Councils working with the LGA considering the inclusion of care leavers as a protected characteristic under the equality act.

RESOLVED to

1. Note the findings and outcome of the Ofsted Inspection of Children's Social Care Services, a copy of which is attached as Appendix 1; and
2. Note the approach set out in paragraph 4.5 of the report to address the findings of the inspection and further develop services and outcomes for children who are in care to the local authority.

Reasons for decision

Children's services were subject to a full Ofsted inspection called the [Inspection of Local Authority Children's Services \(ILACS\)](#) by a team of Ofsted inspectors over a three-week period. During the first week of the inspection, inspectors were off site and were provided with data and information in line with guidance in the ILACS framework. Inspectors were based in Haringey for the last two weeks of the inspection from 13 February to 24 February 2023.

The inspection framework is focused on gathering evidence on the improving outcomes for children and young people, and evidence of the impact of leaders. There is a strong emphasis on examining frontline practice, speaking directly to practitioners and taking into account the views of children, young people, and their parents and carers.

In advance of the inspection, the service produced a self-evaluation that set out strengths, areas for improvement and actions needed to improve practice and outcomes for children and young people. Ofsted received a copy of the self-evaluation in advance of the inspection and used this alongside a set of required data and information to form their key lines of enquiry. As part of the inspection process, inspectors look for evidence of progress from previous inspections. A Joint Targeted Area Inspection (JTAI) on neglect took place in December 2017. The last full inspection of children's services took place in 2018.

The judgement from the 2023 inspection is that the overall effectiveness of Children's Service is 'Good'.

Judgement	Grade
Overall effectiveness	Good
The impact of leaders on social work practice with children and families	Good
The experiences and progress of children who need help and protection	Good
The experiences of children in care	Requires improvement to be good
The experiences and progress of children care leavers	Good

The Ofsted inspection found that "In 2018, inspectors judged Haringey children's services to require improvement to be good. Since then, an ambitious and stable

leadership team has made considerable progress and much of the service is now transformed. The senior leadership team has achieved steady improvement in the quality and impact of social work practice for children in need of help and protection and sustained good support for care leavers. Services in these areas are now good, with some examples of excellent child and family-centred practice” (Inspection of Haringey local authority children’s services report, page 9).

Ofsted acknowledged that most children are now well supported and “that leaders know there is more to do to achieve the same level of progress in developing services for children in care’. Under a heading, ‘what needs to improve”, inspectors noted the following areas:

- The effectiveness of permanence planning for children in care, including the challenge brought by independent reviewing officers.
- The identification of and response to children in private fostering arrangements.
- The provision and quality of life story work at key developmental stages in children’s lives.
- The quality of supervision in ensuring that plans for children make a positive impact.
- The understanding and knowledge of frontline workers about adoption.

A Post Ofsted Action Plan, that responds to the areas for improvement, will be presented to the Children’s and Young People’s Scrutiny Panel on 26 June 2023. The Director of Children’s Services (DCS) and the Cabinet Member for Children, Schools, and Families, will submit the action plan to Ofsted on 18 July 2023. The delivery of the action plan will be overseen the AD for Safeguarding & Social Care who will provide progress reports to the Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee, Children and Young People’s Scrutiny Panel, and the Haringey Safeguarding Children Partnership.

As part of our post Ofsted work towards excellent social work practice we will establish independently chaired, ‘Excellence for Children’ meetings’. These meetings, that will include the Leader, Lead Member, Chief Executive, DCS, and others, will support the service as it continues the journey towards an overall Ofsted judgement of Outstanding.

Alternative Options

None. After the inspection, the local authority should write an action plan that responds to the findings in the report. It must submit its action plan to Ofsted within 70 working days of receiving the final inspection report. The requirement for this is set out in the [Education and Inspections Act 2006 \(Inspection of Local Authorities\) Regulations 2007](#).

10. SCHOOL STREET PLAN

The Cabinet Member for Climate Action, Environment and Transport, and Deputy Leader of the Council introduced the report, which sought approval of the proposed School Streets Plan, which set out the recommended plan for delivery of School Streets in Haringey until 2025/26.

The Cabinet Member highlighted the following achievements and benefits of the School Streets programme:

- The borough had one of the most successful School Streets programmes in London with 23 School Streets and one of the fastest growing programmes.
- The need to protect early educational establishments from traffic volumes and improve safety on the road and Streets for children and young people. The highest number of accidents occurred for children under the age of 12 during School drop off times.
- Significantly accepted programme in Schools and the community. Acknowledgement of the additional protections that the School Streets programme provides to health and wellbeing.
- The aim was to continue the programme until there was a School Street outside every educational establishment in the borough.
- Delivering the aims of reduced traffic volumes outside Schools reduced oxide levels.
- Increase in walking and cycling.
- Aim to have healthy Streets and healthy School zones, for Schools that were not able to have a School Street i.e. those on a main road.

In response to questions from Cllr das Neves, and Cllr Cawley – Harrison, the following information was noted.

- The Council's Active Travel team worked closely with Schools and 100% of Headteachers, that have received School Streets, were in support of them.
- School Streets were part of the hard infrastructure of tools to improve the environment and air quality in the borough. The Active Travel team were part of the soft infrastructure of the Council taking forward initiatives to improve air quality in and around Schools which involved parents and carers. The success of the schemes was underpinned by upfront engagement, in line with Haringey Deal principles, to identify any early issues and resolve any legitimate concerns that Headteachers, staff, parents and carers had. This way of working would be continued for the forthcoming schemes.
- With regards to meeting the future funding requirement for an increased Schools Streets programme, this was through 50% capital funding and 50% external funding. The Council were confident in securing the expected external funding through external sources such as the Mayor's Air Quality Fund and government public health funding. The Council were further expecting to exceed the forecasted receipt of external funding required.
- The 18-month period of the School Streets scheme was an experimental traffic order and had allowed the Council to adjust a scheme based on feedback. This report was proposing that the schemes were designed up front and implemented based on the community feedback received. The newer process was commented to be more inclusive as it allowed the Council to seek the views of the community beforehand, and allowed a smoother, quicker deployment of the School Street.
- With regards to including Christchurch Road in the Coleridge School Street, there had been discussions with the community groups and site visits taken forward by officers. They had advised that this road would be part of a wider highways intervention programme.

- Some Headteachers were indicating that more active travel was benefiting pupils' learning and enabling them to have better learning receptors. This was good area to explore further with education colleagues to understand if there were further learning benefits that these interventions could also deliver.

RESOLVED to

1. Approve the proposed direction that the Council intends to take in the School Street Plan (which is set out in section 6 of the report) to introduce School Streets in its area.
2. Approve the School Street programme identified in Appendix A of the report, delivery of which will be subject to the outcome of design, consultation and delegated decision-making.
3. Approve the Healthy School Zones programme identified in Appendix B of the report.
4. Approve changes to the School Street exemptions as identified in Appendix C of the report.

Reasons for decision

In 2020, Cabinet approved the first School Street Plan¹ (the '2020 Plan') which set out a funded delivery programme until 2024/25, focussing mainly upon primary Schools. Over this 4-year programme, the Council set out that it would work to deliver 20 new School Streets within Batch 1 and its associated budget. However, over the first 4 years of this programme, the Council has now delivered a total of 28 School Streets within this budget and, in doing so, became one of the most successful Councils in terms of delivery.

As this successful programme moves towards its conclusion, a new – more ambitious – School Street Plan is necessary to bring the benefits of these projects to even more of our School children and communities. The new School Street Plan reflects the administration's 2022 manifesto commitment and the specific targets contained within the Corporate Delivery Plan 2022/23 and 2023/24 (see Section 7).

To tackle toxic air around those Schools that are considered unsuitable for a School Street, a separate programme of Healthy School Zones is considered appropriate and therefore approval is sought to commence delivery at those locations.

A consistent set of exemptions for School Streets have been in place since the 2020 Plan but, in light of experience during that period, minor changes are considered necessary and recommended within this report.

Alternative options considered

¹ <https://www.minutes.haringey.gov.uk/ieIssueDetails.aspx?IIid=71809&PlanId=0&Opt=3#AI66280>

Do nothing

With the current School Street Plan nearing its conclusion, this option would result in, at best, an ad-hoc approach towards School Streets or, at worst, no more School Streets being delivered. This would not align with the administration's manifesto commitment or Corporate Delivery Plan. Therefore, this option was rejected.

An alternative order of delivery

It would not be possible to deliver all School Streets at the same time. Therefore, this Plan sets out a three-year programme until 2025/26. The order of priority has been based upon (a) in-flight projects (b) a multi-criteria assessment (MCA) where each School has been scored against several criteria to provide a prioritised list (Appendix A). Whilst many alternative criteria could be applied, officers consider that the recommended approach is logical.

Where a School Street is not considered feasible or necessary, for example where a School is not on a borough road, on a classified road, has very low numbers of pupils or where existing highway layouts mean that measures similar to a School Street are already in place, then that School has been identified for a Healthy School Zone (Appendix B).

Alternative range of School Street exemptions

A range of exemptions to all School Streets are already provided for (see paragraphs 6.45 and 6.46). Whilst additional exemptions could, legally, be enabled (such as loading or taxis) these options are not compatible with the use of CCTV enforcement. Additionally, providing further exemptions for motor vehicles would undermine the key objectives of a School Street which aim to reduce road danger by providing separation between motor vehicles and vulnerable road users.

11. TOTTENHAM HALE PLACEMAKING: FUNDING ALLOCATIONS

The Cabinet Member for Council Housebuilding, Placemaking and Development introduced the report which noted the termination of the Borough Intervention Agreement dated 14 March 2018 (Affordable Housing Cashflow Funding) with the GLA, related to £7.35m recoverable grant payment and sought approval for the reallocation of funds identified to repay this grant funding (£7.35m SDP Land Receipts) to support priority capital projects in Tottenham Hale as well as wider Council priorities.

The Cabinet Member highlighted the following achievements of Tottenham Hale place making:

- 3,200 new homes being built, 40% were affordable, including nearly 700 high quality and sustainable new Council homes, located with direct access to parks and open spaces.
- A new district health centre; new community hub; a range of good and outstanding local Schools; comprehensive healthy Streets improvements and

- major investment in green infrastructure including over 400 new trees being planted across our Streets, public spaces and new developments.
- The building of 35,000sqm additional commercial space, supporting the existing retail and commercial uses in the centre and creating new local jobs and business opportunities.
 - Flagship green and open spaces programmes at Down Lane Park and The Paddock have been shaped with the community, for the community, exemplifying the commitments made to residents through the Haringey Deal.
 - The co-designed masterplan for Down Lane Park would see over £9m investment in new and improved facilities for the community, climate resilience and a new community hub to serve the neighbourhood.
 - The Paddock will have the Borough's first new Nature Reserve in over a decade, investing in improvements across the site including educational facilities, and incorporating land around the riverine edges to create an additional 1.9 acres of publicly accessible greenspace.

The Cabinet Member added that the decision represented a major investment by the Council in the green and social infrastructure that would make a genuine difference to the lives and futures of Tottenham Hale's residents. The proposed decision honoured the Council's commitment to reinvest the proceeds of the sale of land through the Strategic Development Partnership, into securing long term and direct benefits for our residents.

In response to questions from Councillor Hakata and Councillor Cawley – Harrison , the following was noted:

- The Down Lane project had involved 18 meetings of community groups including youth and disabled resident representation and involved working with stakeholders to improve and redesign the park. This was a co design in action and there was confidence that a good process had been followed.
- There was 40% affordable housing target had been reached. The Council had acquired a number of Council homes and had strived to achieve as much mixed tenure and to increase amenities.
- With regards to the Notting Hill Genesis housing project not hitting the milestone dates for the funding and not proceeding to development as planned, it was noted that they had very recently now gone on site and were aiming to complete in late 2025. The context of this outcome was outlined, noting the period for this placemaking dating over a period of 6 years, which had seen a fundamental change in the approach to affordable housing. This arrangement had been first agreed in landscape where there was emphasis on intermediate housing and when there was limited cash flow for housing provision .There was now more funding available from the GLA and the Council had reached a target on affordable homes.
- That when Notting Hill Genesis had indicated that they would not proceed with the original allocation, the Council considered next steps in the context of the green and open spaces category and returned this funding allocation to enable

meeting original commitments made to residents. The Council were satisfied that there was enough funding to deliver on these commitments to place making in Tottenham Hale and the Notting Hill Genesis action had no impact on this.

RESOLVED to

1. Note the termination of the Borough Intervention Agreement dated 14 March 2018 (Affordable Housing Cashflow Funding) with the GLA, related to £7.35m recoverable grant payment for additional affordable homes at Tottenham Hale (and that the £7.35m SDP land receipts allocated for repayment to the GLA is now no longer required for that purpose). The termination Notice is provided at Appendix 4.
2. Reallocate the £7.35m SDP Land Receipts in the following order:
 - a. In accordance with July 2016 Cabinet Decision as set out in Appendix 1, allocate £5.85m to secure the delivery of priority green and social infrastructure projects in Tottenham Hale including Down Lane Park and The Paddock, in recognition of the strategic importance of these two priority projects to the wider neighbourhood.
 - b. £1.5m to be retained corporately.

Reasons for decision

Termination of the Affordable Housing Cashflow Funding BIA

This tranche of Housing Zone Funding was recoverable grant to create 113 additional affordable homes on Notting Hill Genesis' Ashley House & Cannon Factory development in order to help to achieve the target of 40% affordable housing across the Tottenham Hale Housing Zone. This funding would be repaid to the GLA upon receipt of the equivalent amount of SDP land receipts, under the Development Agreement.

The Council has since achieved the target of 40% affordable housing through our own efforts. None of the grant monies have been received yet and the Notting Hill Genesis development has failed to meet the milestone dates for the funding so the GLA will no longer be providing this funding. This will have no bearing or repercussions for the Council.

In accordance with the Council's Constitution, exiting the Funding Agreement would normally require a Cabinet Decision, however the GLA has now terminated the Funding Agreement and this should be noted. The capital receipts generated by the SDP have been allocated by Cabinet in prior decisions (see Appendix 1) that support the 2016 decision to reinvest in the Tottenham Hale DCF. Due to the GLA terminating the Funding Agreement the previous decision to allocate £7.35m to the repayment of grant needs to be revisited.

Reallocation of the £7.35m SDP Land Receipts

The prior Cabinet decision in July 2016 determines that this money would be reinvested back into the Tottenham Hale District Centre Framework (DCF) area to enable the delivery of affordable housing and DCF capital works (see para 1.3 and Appendix 1).

The Council has secured over 3,200 new homes at Tottenham Hale as part of the delivery of the DCF, and has bettered the commitments made around affordable housing outcomes with over 40% affordable housing secured including nearly 700 new Council homes.

It is the remaining later packages of DCF Capital Works (green and open spaces and the provision of a permanent community hub - replacing the provision lost at the Welbourne site) which would be at risk if the long term commitments made as part of the DCF were not realised at this late stage. Closing the funding gap to enable flagship green and social infrastructure projects in the Green and Open Spaces Strategy, Down Lane Park and The Paddock, is a major priority for Tottenham Hale and will deliver significant benefit to our residents. The current funding for these projects includes £4.65m of external funding raised, comprising £750k GLA Green and Resilient Spaces Funding and over £3.9m s106.

These projects represent the outworking of the Council's Draft Parks and Greenspaces Strategy, which has three core aims 1) Inclusion 2) Climate Change and Sustainability 3) Quality Parks. They are being delivered in partnership with the community, helping the Council to address multiple strategic priorities and exemplifying the Haringey Deal. They sit in an area of greenspace deficiency and with the planned growth of Tottenham Hale, they are having to work hard and be built to a high standard to accommodate the demands on them. This will support the Council's Walking and Cycling Action Plan in an area of high deprivation and high childhood obesity. Any revenue implications resulting from these improvement works will be met by existing parks maintenance budgets and supported by engaging residents in active volunteering in the parks in accordance with the draft Parks and Green Spaces Strategy and responding to the Haringey Deal.

The operating costs for the new community hub would be met by the future operator who will be appointed in accordance with the Council's property and procurement governance arrangements.

Alternative options considered

Return all funds to the General Fund. This option is not recommended as it is not in accordance with prior decisions related to the usage of these funds.

Retain all funds for DCF Infrastructure. This option is not recommended as the £7.35m exceeds the funds required to address the shortfall in priority capital projects in the Tottenham Hale DCF Green and Open Spaces programme: Down Lane Park and the Paddock. The projects in the DCF Streets and Spaces programme are funded and in delivery.

Secure the funding required to deliver the key priority projects and return the remainder to the General Fund. This is the recommendation of this report.

12. EXTENSION OF EXISTING FIRE SAFETY CONSULTANCY

The Cabinet Member for Housing Services, Private Renters and Planning introduced the report which sought approval for the variation of the existing contract value for the current provision of Fire Safety Consultancy Services to the Council, for the remaining contract term, to January 2025. This contract was needed until an in-house team was established.

In response to questions from Councillor Cawley – Harrison the following was noted:

- Clearly there would be an increase in the number of fire safety inspections of Council homes and the Council were working to increase the number of trained Council staff able to carry out these assessments.
- The Director for Placemaking and Housing outlined, as advised in previous Cabinet reports and to the Housing Improvement Board, that the Council had commissioned an independent review of the landlord function, following the insourcing of Homes for Haringey which included verifying data concerning fire risk assessments. This had identified a number of issues with the data compilation and the Council had put in place a number of actions to address this issue.
- The data issues were not related to the performance of the contractor and extension of the contract was an expedient way to ensure the fire safety services continued efficiently.

RESOLVED to

1. Approve a variation of the existing contract with Faithorn Farrell & Timms LLP for the provision of Fire Safety Consultancy Services to the Council by increasing the maximum contract value by an additional £247,500 taking the maximum contract value to £742,500 over the maximum contract period of 5 years (of which 3 years and 7 months currently remain) including the optional extension period of up to 2 further years beyond the initial 3-year contract period.

Reasons for decision

In order to deliver the Fire Safety programmes, which includes Fire Risk Assessments, Surveys, Specifications and Schedules of Works, Reports and Quality Assurance, Haringey Council requires the support of specialist fire safety services (including Project Management; Surveying; Cost Consultancy; and Quality Management & Assurance from Competent Persons).

The existing arrangements for this work have been in place since January 2022 and were procured as a direct award under the South East Consortium's Fire Safety Consultancy Framework. After initially approaching the top ranked consultancy, we approached the second placed consultancy, Faithorn Farrell & Timms LLP (FFT), who were able to take on and support our service requirements.

The consultants are and have since been successfully delivering programmes of safety inspections and surveys, critical to the safety of residents. This support is currently relied upon whilst we continue to try to recruit to existing vacancies within our team of Fire Risk Assessors and Surveyors, who would normally deliver the core elements of this work. However, due to market pressures and a shortage of suitably competent persons this is taking longer than originally anticipated.

Even when the team is fully resourced, there will always be a need to rely upon additional consultancy services to support the in-house team through peaks in workload and gaps in resources. The procurement of a longer-term support arrangement is the subject of a separate and new procurement project currently being progressed, to take over this provision once this extension is exhausted.

As we continue delivering fire safety programmes, the variation of this contract offers continuity and the necessary resource availability to support the in-house team in the delivery of the essential life-safety programmes.

The variation supports the ongoing delivery of major fire safety inspection and delivery programmes to comply with the Fire Safety Act, the Building Safety Act and subsequent secondary legislation being introduced in the form of Regulations. Such projects include Broadwater Farm Fire Safety Works, Type 3 Fire Risk Assessments, Bin-chute upgrades, Loft compartmentation and Fire Door inspections.

Alternative options considered.

Do nothing. This would leave the residents subject to living in buildings where there could be fire safety issues that go unrecorded and unremedied if we do not undertake Fire Risk Assessments and improvement works. In addition, the Council would not be compliant with both the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety Order) 2005 and the Fire Safety Act 2021 and its subsequent secondary regulations.

Undertake all the work in-house. This option is not viable due to the current lack of specialist skills available in the market for Haringey to recruit.

Procure a new contract. This is in progress but will not be in place in time to deliver the current requirements.

13. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CORPORATE PARENTING COMMITTEE, APPOINTMENT OF CABINET MEMBERS TO COMMITTEES AND PARTNERSHIPS 2023-24, AND CONFIRMATION OF TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Leader introduced the report which sought approval for the re-establishment of the Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee, to confirm its terms of reference, and appoint Members to serve on this advisory Cabinet sub-Committee. The report also sought approval to confirm the terms of reference of the Community Safety Partnership and appoint members to this statutory partnership body.

It was noted that the Cabinet Member for Children, Schools and Families had asked for the Cabinet Member Cabinet Member for Health, Social Care, and Wellbeing to participate in the Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee Meetings to provide a link and scrutinise information on transitions of young people from Children's to Adults related services.

The Democratic Services Manager advised that there was universal provision in committee standing orders for any member of the Council, with the chair's permission, to attend and participate in a committee meeting. It was agreed that the Cabinet Member for Health, Social Care, and Wellbeing participate as a Councillor attendee at these meetings and the Committees team would facilitate this attendance.

RESOLVED to

1. Re-establish the Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee, and that the terms of reference for this advisory Sub Committee, attached at Appendix A of the report be noted.
2. Note the Community Safety Partnership terms of reference attached at Appendix B of the report.
3. Appoint the following Members to serve on the Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee and Community Safety Partnership:

Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee

Chair – Cllr Brabazon Cabinet Member for Children, Schools, and Families

Cllr Ali

Cllr Collett

Cllr Johnson

Cllr Opoku

Cllr Weston

Cllr Isilar-Gosling

Community Safety Partnership

Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Cohesion (as Co-Chair)

Cabinet Member for Children, Schools, and Families

Cllr da Costa

Reasons for decision

Establishing a Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee ensures that there is an overview of the Councillors statutory role as a corporate parent, assisting the Council to deliver its duties to children in care and young people leaving care.

Appointments from Cabinet are required to the Community Safety Partnership to reflect statutory duties and enable high level, accountable, strategic, oversight of issues relating community safety.

Alternative options considered

The alternative option would be for the Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee to cease and this would mean that there is not a scheduled opportunity for members and officers to meet and discuss the wellbeing of children in care and to ensure that the Council is meeting its corporate parenting obligations. This Committee is different to the Children and Young People’s Scrutiny Panel as it concentrates on Looked After Children and care leavers and reports directly to the Cabinet.

The Community Safety Partnership is a statutory partnership body and therefore not appointing Cabinet Members to this body is not an option.

14. MINUTES OF OTHER BODIES

RESOLVED

To note the minutes of other bodies.

15. SIGNIFICANT AND DELEGATED ACTIONS

RESOLVED

To note the significant and delegated actions.

16. NEW ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS

None.

17. NEW ITEMS OF EXEMPT URGENT BUSINESS

None.

CHAIR: Councillor Peray Ahmet

Signed by Chair

Date