

Children's Safeguarding Policy and Practice Advisory Committee

MONDAY, 28TH JANUARY, 2013 at 19:30 HRS - CIVIC CENTRE, HIGH ROAD, WOOD GREEN, LONDON N22 8LE.

MEMBERS: Councillors Adamou, Allison, Bull, Corrick, Scott, Stewart and Waters

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES

To received any 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 Item 10 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 - 6)

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 22 November 2012 as a correct record.

5. MATTERS ARISING (PAGES 7 - 10)

To consider the Committee Work Plan.

6. PRESENTATION FROM THE EARLY YEARS SERVICE ON THEIR SAFEGUARDING SUPPORT (PAGES 11 - 24)

The Head of Service, Ros Cooke, accompanied by Shubhi Raymond, will provide give a presentation on the support provided by the Early Years service and Children's Centres on safeguarding.

7. CHILD PROTECTION VISITS COMPLETED BY THE DISABLED CHILDREN'S TEAM (PAGES 25 - 26)

Update on the performance of the Disabled Children's team for completing child protection visits .

8. SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES (PAGES 27 - 34)

At the September meeting, the Committee learnt about the work that was underway in the Disabled Children's team to identify children and young people who have additional needs such as speech and language therapy and are known to Social Care but not subject to Child protection plans.

9. DRAFT COUNCIL REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE (PAGES 35 - 40)

To consider and comment on the draft council report setting out how the Committee has achieved its remit. The report will progress to Cabinet on the 12 February and full Council on the 18 March 2013.

10. NEW ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS

To consider any new items of Urgent Business admitted under Item 2 above.

11. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

The press and public were excluded from the meeting for consideration of the following item as it contained 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 namely information relating to an individual and information likely to reveal the identity of an individual.

12. AUDIT ON NEW REFERRALS

The Committee has asked the Independent Member to complete an audit of a sample of new referrals from a particular week in December, specifically looking at the thresholds of need that are being applied.

REPORT TO FOLLOW

13. NUMBERS OF CHILD PROTECTION INVESTIGATIONS COMPLETED BY THE BOROUGH IN COMPARISON TO STATISTICAL NEIGHBOURING BOROUGHS (PAGES 41 - 42)

14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

To agree the date of the next meeting.

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