

# **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CORPORATE PARENTING ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY, 17TH MARCH 2022, 7:00PM - 7:59PM**

## **PRESENT:**

**Councillors: Zena Brabazon and Tammy Palmer**

### **1. FILMING AT MEETINGS**

The Chair referred to the filming of meetings and this information was noted.

### **2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (IF ANY)**

Apologies had been received from Councillor Weston, Councillor Chenot, Councillor James and Councillor Opoku.

As the meeting was not quorate, the Committee agreed to proceed informally.

### **3. URGENT BUSINESS**

There were none.

### **4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **5. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of 25 January.2022 the were to be circulated at the next meeting.

### **6. PERFORMANCE FOR QUARTER 3 2021/22 WITH UPDATES FOR JANUARY 2022**

Mr Richard Hutton, Senior Performance Officer, presented the item and informed that paragraph 2.6 of the report should read that 59% of the total male population was shown in the graphs below and not 69%.

The Committee heard that:

- There was nothing concerning reflected in the report including for the parkway plans. All staff were working to improve the plans in any case.

- Of the new starters, there were nine male and four female infant individuals (babies) and therefore there were thirteen in all.
- Approximately one quarter of the individuals became permanently looked after.
- There were two age ranges which needed to be monitored. Some of the baby is born during the coronavirus crisis were going into care proceedings. If a home could not be found for those children via extended family members, then they would be part of the corporate parenting process there were also children who are arriving into care in the adolescent years who were converted into a full care order. Some come in late and move rapidly through the system.
- There were some others in the Enfield and Hertfordshire area who are having children removed from their care repeatedly. Haringey had availability of private housing which was an attraction for other boroughs to use as a resource.
- The corporate parenting responsibility for babies and late adolescents would likely fall to Haringey in the long term.
- If a child was placed in Haringey by another borough which was a Looked After Child, send that child would remain the responsibility of the placing borough. However, if the child was placed and was part of a Child In Need or a Child Protection Plan followed by emerging needs, then the children would eventually become the responsibility of Haringey.
- The phrase 'suitable accommodation' had a loose definition but there were some categories which defined the term differently.

The Chair felt it was important to have communication with other boroughs.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

## **7. PRIVATE FOSTERING STATEMENT**

Ms Beverley Hendricks, Assistant Director for Safeguarding and Social Care, introduced the item.

The meeting heard that:

- There were concerns in the safeguarding arrangements for young children arriving as refugees from the Ukraine and were invited to live in foster homes.
- Approximately 90,000 potential Ukrainian refugees have registered but the government had not provided any guidelines of the process that would take place.
- No details had yet been released regarding the safeguarding role for local authorities for potential refugees.
- If a child refugee (under 17) arrived without having gone through the set process, then they would go through the unaccompanied asylum seekers process.

Members were happy to accept the statement as presented and to proceed with the campaign.

RESOLVED:

Members indicated approval of the Haringey Private Fostering Statement of Purpose.

## **8. CORPORATE PARENTING CHAMPIONS**

Ms Emma Cummergen, Head of Young Adult Service, presented the item and stated that the project was a pilot to how elected members could be given a champion role around themed areas. This would help develop elected members to be champions of advocacy experts with access to subject expert advisors giving people greater opportunities to consult children and young people.

The Chair stated that the role of corporate parenting was an important role for councillors and greater attention to the role was long overdue. It was important to note that every councillor in Haringey had an important responsibility to the young people of the borough and it was important that councillors were reminded of this duty.

The Committee noted the presentation and thanked officers for their work and dedication.

RESOLVED:

That the presentation be noted.

## **9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There was none.

CHAIR:

Signed by Chair .....

Date .....