



**Haringey Council**

<b>Report for:</b>	<b>Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee</b>	<b>Item Number:</b>	
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Terms of reference</b>		
<b>Report Authorised by:</b>			
<b>Lead Officer:</b>	<b>Ayshe Simsek</b>		
<b>Ward(s) affected:</b>	<b>Report for Key/Non Key Decisions:</b>		

**1. Describe the issue under consideration**

To ratify the terms of reference agreed by Cabinet on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2012

**2. Cabinet Member introduction**

N/A

**3. Recommendations**

To ratify the terms of reference

**4. Other options considered**

N/A

**5. Background information**

Provision exists in the Council Constitution for the Cabinet to establish advisory or consultative bodies the membership of which is not limited to Cabinet Members. The Joint Area Review report into Haringey's Children Services in 2009 identified the need to improve governance of safeguarding arrangements for children. The



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Children's Safeguarding Policy and Practice Committee and Corporate Parenting committee were established in July 2009 in response to this and they have continued to be re-established by the Cabinet since this date.

Most council do have a Corporate Parenting Committee as they provide 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.

In April 2012 the Governance review delivery group considered decommissioning the Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee and they proposed a scrutiny panel on Children's Services take on its functions and responsibilities. However following further study in May the group felt that as the scrutiny panels were not prescribed at this stage, and given the importance of fulfilling the Council's role as corporate parent to children in care, they recommended that this Committee continued in 2012/13. The Committee could then be reviewed once the scrutiny panels were more firmly established.

Subsequent to this direction by the Governance Delivery Group, the Cabinet formally established the Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee at their meeting on the 12 June 2012 with the following membership and terms of reference

### **Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee Membership**

Councillors:                Waters (Chair)  
                                     Stennett  
                                     Brabazon  
                                     Allison  
                                     Reece  
                                     Solomon  
                                     1 Labour position to be filled

#### Quorum

The quorum will be two members.

The terms of reference are set out below:

- 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.

## **6. 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 24 February 2009 entitled Action Plan in Response to the Joint Area Review of Safeguarding in Haringey.

Report to the Cabinet on 21 July 2009 entitled Appointment of Cabinet Advisory Committees.

Report to Cabinet on 15 July 2010 entitled Appointment of Cabinet Committees.

Report to Cabinet on 07 June 2012 entitled Appointment of Cabinet Committees

Report to Cabinet on 12 June 2012 entitled Appointment of Cabinet Advisory Committees.

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

To inspect it or to discuss this report further, please contact Ayshe Simsek on 020 8489 2929.