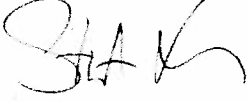




**Haringey** Council

Report for:		Item Number:	
Title:	Member appointments to remaining vacancies on the Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee and Children's Safeguarding Policy and Practice Committee		
Report Authorised by:	Stuart Young 		
Lead Officer:	Ayshe Simsek		
Ward(s) affected: None	Report for Non Key Decision		

### 1. Describe the issue under consideration

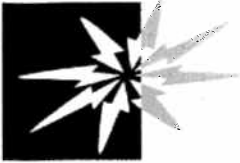
Appointments to the Member vacancies on the Cabinet Advisory Committees: Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee and Children's Safeguarding Policy & Practice Committee.

### 2. Cabinet Member introduction

It is vital that as a Council we have in place the necessary arrangements for ensuring we discharge our corporate parenting and child safeguarding arrangements. The governance arrangements for corporate parenting and child safeguarding matters respond clearly to the issues which were raised in the JAR inspection at the end of 2008.

### 3. Recommendations

- 3.1 That Cllr Dogus be appointed to serve on the Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee.
- 3.2 That Cllr Bull be appointed to serve on the Children's Safeguarding Policy and Practice Committee.



- 3.3 That Cllr Scott be appointed serve on the Children's Safeguarding Policy and Practice Committee.

#### **4. Other options considered**

The Cabinet have already agreed the terms of reference and political balance of these two committees. Agreement to these Member nominations is required to fill the outstanding vacancies and allow the committees to operate with the agreed number of participants.

#### **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 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.

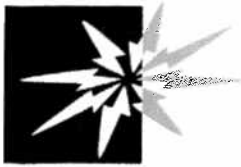
When these committees were last re-established (at the Cabinet meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> June 2012) the report listed a Labour vacancy on the Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee, a Labour vacancy and Liberal Democrat vacancy on the Children's Safeguarding Policy and Practice Committee. Nominations to these positions have been put forward by the Majority Party Chief Whip and Minority Party Chief Whip and therefore a Cabinet decision is required to formally appoint these members onto the two Children's Advisory Committees.

#### **6. Comments of the Chief Finance Officer and financial implications**

Members should note that the advisory committees have no formal decision making powers and thus will not have the authority to incur expenditure or make budgetary decisions.

#### **7. Head of Legal Services and legal implications**

The Council's Constitution sets out the relevant Cabinet arrangements at Part Three, Section D and confirms that the Cabinet may establish decision making committees, which may only include Cabinet Members. The Cabinet may establish advisory Committees, the membership of which need not be limited to Cabinet Members. The Cabinet may change them, abolish them, or create further ones, at its own discretion. Under the new executive leadership arrangements, these powers of the Cabinet must be exercised with the agreement of the Leader and may be exercised by the Leader personally.



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## **8. Equalities and Community Cohesion Comments**

There has been consultation on the proposed nominations to the two Advisory Committees within the Majority and Minority Political Groups.

## **9. Policy Implication**

There are no policy implications attached to this decision.

## **10. Use of Appendices**

None

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

### Background Papers

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

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

