

Report for:	Cabinet – 18 June 2012	Item Number:
Title: Appointment of Cabinet Committees 2013/14		
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Ward(s) affected: Not Applicable		Non Key Decision

#### 1. Describe the Issue Under Consideration

To appoint Members to serve on the advisory committees set out below for the new municipal year 2013/14 and to confirm the terms of reference of these committees:

- Adult Safeguarding Advisory Committee
- Children's Safeguarding Policy and Practice Advisory Panel
- Corporate Parenting Committee
- London Housing Consortium

#### 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, which the governance arrangements within this report set out. The Adult Safeguarding Advisory Committee also provides the Cabinet with the assurance that the highest level of scrutiny are being offered to the safeguarding of vulnerable adults in Haringey, in an arms length overview capacity.

#### 3. Recommendations

It is recommended:



# **Haringey Council**

1) That Cabinet appoint the Members indicated below to serve on the Adult Safeguarding Advisory Committee, Children's Safeguarding Policy and Practice Advisory Panel and Corporate Parenting Committee, for the 2012/13 municipal year:

#### Adults Safeguarding Advisory Committee

Councillor Egan
Councillor Mallett
Councillor Winskill

# Children's Safeguarding Policy and Practice Advisory Committee

Councillor Adamou
Councillor Alexander
Councillor Bull
Councillor Scott
Councillor Stewart (Chair)
Hilary Corrick – Independent Member

#### Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee

Councillor Allison
Councillor Brabazon
Councillor Dogus
Councillor Reece
Councillor Solomon
Councillor Stennett
Councillor Waters (Chair)

# **London Housing Consortium**

Councillor Bevan Councillor Egan

# 4. Other Options Considered

Not applicable.

# 5. Background Information

The Adult Safeguarding Advisory Committee facilitates the development of performance management around the safeguarding of adults. It also reviews the effectiveness of the Council's policies and practice in relation to the safeguarding of adults and joint working of partner organisations to ensure that adults in Haringey are appropriately protected from all forms of abuse.

The Children's Safeguarding Policy and Practice Advisory Panel reviews the effectiveness of the Council's policies and practice with regard to the safeguarding of children. This includes looking at policies and practices in schools, children's homes and children's centres that relate to the safeguarding of children. It also



considers the effectiveness of the arrangements in place between partner agencies on child protection matters.

The Corporate Parenting Committee has 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.

# 6. Comments of the Chief Finance Officer and Financial Implications

The service manager confirms that these committees can be serviced from within existing business unit resources.

Members should note that these committees do 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 does not have to be limited to Cabinet Members. The Cabinet may change them, abolish them, or create further ones, at its own discretion. Under executive leadership arrangements, these powers must be exercised with the agreement of the Leader and may be exercised by the Leader personally.

# 8. Equalities and Community Cohesion Comments

The recommendations that Members serve on particular committees reflects Members' roles and expertise. The diversity of elected Members is balanced in terms of gender and ethnicity and therefore this balance will be reflected in the committees.

There has been consultation with regard to the nominations to these committees within the Majority and Minority Political Groups.

#### 9. Head of Procurement Comments

There are no specific implications arising from this report.

# 10. Policy Implications

There are no specific implications arising from this report.

# 11. Use of Appendices



# 12. 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 12 June 2012 entitled 'Appointment of Cabinet Committees'

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

To inspect them or to discuss this report further, please contact Xanthe Barker on 020 8489 2957.