



Report for:	Cabinet – 16 June 2015	Item Number:	
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Title:	Appointment of Cabinet Committees 2015/16
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Ward(s) affected: Not Applicable	Non Key Decision
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1. Describe the Issue Under Consideration

- 1.1 To appoint Members to serve on the advisory committees set out below for the new municipal year 2015/16 and to confirm the terms of reference of these committees:
- Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee
 - LHC Joint Committee.

2. Cabinet Member Introduction

- 2.2 The Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee is responsible for the Council's role as corporate parent for children and young people in care. They seek to ensure that the health, education and access to employment of children in care is maximised, monitor the quality of care provided, and also ensure that children leaving care have sustainable arrangements for their future. It is proposed to continue with the current arrangement for the Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee.
- 2.3 The LHC is a not for profit body set up to provide effective procurement solutions for public sector bodies, to include local authorities. The Council has been represented on the Joint Committee of the Consortium since it was established in December 2012. It is proposed that such an arrangement continues.
- 2.4. Under the Care Act 2014, the Council is required to establish a Safeguarding Adults Board. Prior to the Act the Council already had in place the Safeguarding Adults Board as well as a separate Safeguarding Adults Advisory Committee. The Council



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also has an Adult and Health Scrutiny Panel whose policy remit includes Adults Safeguarding. Therefore, it is proposed to not continue with the Safeguarding Adults Advisory Committee arrangement and review this by the end of the municipal year.

3. Recommendations

3.1 It is recommended that for 2015/16 municipal year:

- i) Cabinet establish the Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee, and the London Housing Consortium and that the terms of reference for these bodies be noted;
- ii) That Cabinet dis-continue the arrangement for the Safeguarding Adults Advisory Committee for 2015/16.
- iii) Cabinet appoint the Members indicated below to serve on the Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee, and the LHC Joint Committee:

Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee

Cllr Ann Waters
Cllr Anne Stennett
Cllr Patrick Berryman
Cllr Makbule Gunes
Cllr Elin Weston
Cllr Liz Morris
Cllr Bob Hare

LHC

Cllr Strickland
Cllr Bevan

4. Alternative Options Considered

Not applicable.

5. Background Information

5.1 Given the statutory duty for the Council to have in place a Safeguarding Adults Board which has been in operation since 2006 and taking into consideration the existing policy remit of the Adults and Health Scrutiny Panel to scrutinise the safeguarding of Adults, it is proposed to not re - establish the Safeguarding Adults



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Advisory Committee; subject to further considering the Multi Agency Safeguarding Adults Pan London policies and procedures which will be available in the Autumn and further to considering the implications of the Care Act.

- 5.2 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.
- 5.3 The LHC is comprised of nine Local Authorities, to include representatives from other London boroughs, and it discharges the executive functions of the participating Consortium Local Authorities. Members of the Joint Committee must be appointed by the Cabinets of those authorities. Where five or more authorities form a joint committee, Regulations provide that the membership of the joint committee need not be entirely comprised of Cabinet members and where that is the case, other Regulations concerning publicity prior to and following the making of key decisions do not apply. To minimise the administration surrounding the Joint Committee it is written into its Constitution – see Appendix C to this report at page 1, sub paragraph 1.3 - that each participating Local Authority should appoint one Cabinet Member and one non Cabinet Member. The Council's nominees fulfil these criteria.

6. Comments of the Chief Finance Officer and Financial Implications

- 6.1 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. Assistant Director Corporate Governance and Legal Implications

- 7.1 The Assistant Director Corporate Governance has been consulted on the contents of this Report.
- 7.2 The Council's Constitution sets out the relevant Cabinet arrangements at Part Three, Section D and confirms that 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. 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

Appendix A – Draft Terms of Reference for Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee.

Appendix B – Constitution containing Terms of Reference for the London Housing Consortium Joint Committee

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 18 June 2013 entitled 'Appointment of Cabinet Committees'
- Report to the Cabinet on 25 June 2014 entitled 'Appointment of Cabinet Committees'
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The background papers are located at River Park House, 225 High Road, Wood Green, London N22 8HQ.

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