

## **Minutes of a work programming meeting of the Corporate Parenting Panel held on 13 July 2015**

### **Present:**

#### **Councillors:**

Peter Fowler  
Bob Hicks  
Dave Parsons  
Clive Rickhards  
Jenny St John  
Chris Williams (Chair)

#### **Officers**

Shinderpaul Bhangal, Practice Leader, Children's Participation  
Ann Mawdsley, Senior Democratic Services Officer  
Brenda Vincent, Service Manager (Safeguarding)

#### **Also Present:**

Gemma Pestell, Warwick University

### **1. General**

#### **(1) Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillor Dave Shilton.

#### **(2) Disclosures of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests**

None.

### **2. Update from Officers**

Brenda Vincent updated the Panel on the current direction of travel for her service, and the challenges for the Panel. These included:

#### **1. Corporate Parenting Development Group**

Brenda Vincent chairs this group which brings together officers involved with looked after children (LAC), looking at general issues as well as bespoke groups looking at areas such as the Specialist Fostering Scheme. It was agreed that in order to cascade this information to Members, that the notes of this group would be included with Corporate Parenting Panel agendas.

## SSDA 903 Report

This report was a requirement for Local Authorities to complete for Government on LAC. A summary of this report was tabled. As a result of this report the following areas were agreed for the work programme:

- Marketing for Foster Carers in Warwickshire
- A report on the outcome of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) on LAC, with a view to making a recommendation to the Children and Young People OSC on recruitment and retention of foster carers in Warwickshire.
- A report to the next Corporate Parenting Panel on health checks and annual health assessments.
- A report to the Panel from John Scouller, Chair of the Warwickshire Tiffin Club, setting out what has been achieved.
- A report from Hugh Disley on NEETs and what is being done with LAC around education, employment and mentoring young people.
- Brenda Vincent and Shinderpaul Bhangal to look at how best to benchmark against other authorities, taking into account those authorities that have been identified by Ofsted as being outstanding for LAC.
- Brenda Vincent to report to the Panel on the Corporate Parenting Panel Booklet.
- Shinderpaul Bhangal to bring an update to the Panel on the outcome of a review of the Pledge by the CiCC.
- A special meeting to be held to consider the e-module.
- Brenda Vincent to continue to bring a dataset on LAC to each meeting of the Panel.
- A report on the Closing the Gap Project Board to be brought to the same meeting as the education results.

Shinderpaul Bhangal tabled an Improvement Plan for LAC, bringing together issues raised by young people through a variety of sources. It was agreed that this should be populated with dates for implementation, and reported against at each Panel meeting.

### **3. Any Other Business**

It was agreed that future dates of CiCC meetings would be sent to members of the Panel for information and Councillor Jenny St. John noted that councillors could not access the Corporate Parenting e-module and requested some guidance on this. Shinderpaul undertook to get an update on this from the Learning Pool.

The following rota was agreed for Councillors attending the CiCC meetings:  
Tuesday 5 May 2015                      Councillor Dave Shilton  
Tuesday 9 June 2015                     Councillor Peter Fowler  
Tuesday 7 July 2015                     Councillor Chris Williams.

The future meeting dates set out in the agenda were agreed.

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Chair

The meeting closed at 11.15 am