



TERMS OF REFERENCE

CORPORATE PARENTING GROUP

1. Council Members of the Corporate Parenting Group

Membership of the Corporate Parenting Group will comprise:

- (i) The Cabinet Member for Children and Young People
- (ii) One other Cabinet Member
- (iii) The Chair of the Children & Young People Select Committee
- (iv) 5 other nominees representing the political balance of the council

2. Other Participants in Group Meetings

Other Group members will include:

- (i) A varying number of children and young people looked after by LB Lewisham to include the Chair and other representatives from the Children in Care Council
- (ii) The Director of Childrens Services; the Service Manager for Looked After Children, Leaving Care Services & Adoption, and the Service Manager for Business Strategy, Fostering, Placements & Procurement, or their nominated alternatives
- (iii) The Participation Manager
- (iv) An open invitation to the Young Mayor and/or Deputy Young Mayor
- (v) Guest presenters, as appropriate to the theme of each meeting
- (vi) Other appropriate persons who members or young people may wish to invite to participate in the Group
- (vii) Representatives of Lewisham Foster Carers Association

3. Chair of the Corporate Parenting Group

The Group will be chaired by the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People

4. Aims of Group

- (i) To ensure that children and young people can make their views known on all aspects of the corporate parenting agenda.
- (ii) To advise the Mayor and Cabinet on corporate parenting issues.
- (iii) To establish an environment whereby Members and young people work together to address the needs, aspirations and future life chances of Lewisham's looked after children.
- (iv) To empower children and young people to be involved in decision making with adults.
- (v) To support the involvement of children and young people in the development and evaluation of services and to ensure their views are heard.

- (vi) To oversee the implementation of best practice principles in all aspects of service delivery, with the aim of producing positive outcomes for looked after children.

5. Frequency of Group Meetings

The Corporate Parenting Group meetings will be held three times a year to correspond with school terms.

6. Quorum

The quorum for a Group meeting will be a quarter of Councillor membership but not less than three members.

7. Reporting Lines

The Corporate Parenting Group will have the right to report to the Mayor and Cabinet which will include an Annual Report.

These revised Terms of Reference were formally approved and adopted by the Corporate Parenting Group meeting held on 8th January 2014.