



Children's Services - Corporate Parenting Overview and Scrutiny Sub Panel Agenda

Monday 1 October 2012, 4.30pm - 6.30pm

Littledown Youth Centre, Chaseside, Bournemouth

Panel Members:

Elected Members

Councillor Anne Rey - Chairman

Councillor Christopher Wakefield - Vice Chairman

Councillor Malcolm Davies

Councillor Beverley Dunlop

Councillor Susan Phillips

Councillor Allister Russell

Councillor Nicola Greene - Cabinet Member with portfolio for Education and Children's Services

Non Elected Members

Ms Lynn Giles Action for Children

Mrs Ella Christopher Action for Children

Mrs Janice Gilkes Primary Phase Parent Governor

Mr Ted Taylor Virtual School Governing Body

Fiona Haughey Community Health representative

Lesley Bond Foster Carer representative

Helen Hartnell Foster Carer representative

Vacancy Foster Carer representative

and CLICK Members

Minimum Number of Elected Members required to attend - quorum - 3 members

Note to Elected Members: All Members serving on this Panel are required to have a valid Criminal Records Bureau check on account of contact with young people. Please bear this in mind if you are considering substituting for this Panel, and contact Democratic Services at an early stage for advice

Directions to Littledown Youth Centre:

- The Youth Centre is located within the Littledown complex at Chaseside.
- It is separate to the main building and situated within the main car park. The Youth Centre building is close to the basketball court, at the far side of the car park near Castle Lane.
- A number of main bus routes stop at Royal Bournemouth Hospital, which is opposite the Littledown Centre.

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Items for Discussion with the Press and Public Excluded*

* NOTE: In relation to the items of business appearing below, the Panel is asked to consider the following resolution:-

"That under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1 and 2 in Part I of Schedule 12A of the Act and that the public interest in withholding the information outweighs such interest in disclosing the information.

1. MEMBERSHIP OF PANEL

The Democratic Services Officer will report on the membership of the Panel together with any apologies.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive any declarations of interest from Members of the Panel on matters before the meeting.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

To approve as a correct record for signing the minutes of the previous Panel meeting held on 3 July 2012. Minutes circulated at 'A'.

4. ICE BREAKER - 4.35 pm - 4.45 pm

5. THIRD ANNUAL AUDIT OF OUR PROMISE - UPDATE ON WORK WITH KIM DRAKE, SERVICE DIRECTOR, AND CLICK MEMBERS - 4.45 pm- 5.15 pm

At the July meeting the Panel agreed that CLICK members should be invited to work with Kim Drake, the Service Director, to develop the ideas from the focus groups into clear recommendations and agree a timetable for doing this. The Panel will receive a presentation about this work from CLICK members

6. INDEPENDENT REVIEW OFFICER'S ANNUAL REPORT - 5.15 pm - 5.25 pm

To receive an update from the Independent Review Officer.

7 BREAK - 5.25 pm - 5.30 pm

8. ADOPTION SERVICES - 6 MONTHS ACTIVITY REPORT - 5.30 pm - 6.00 pm

To receive a presentation from Heather Freeman, Adoption Team Manager.

9. UPDATE ON MEASURES TO SAFEGUARD LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE AND CARE LEAVERS - 6.00 pm - 6.30 pm

To receive a presentation from Gill Bishop and Mary Taylor on measures which are in place locally to ensure the safety of our looked after children and young people and care leavers.

10. MEETING DATES 2013

Meeting dates for 2013 are scheduled as follows -

- Monday 28 January
- Monday 29 April
- Monday 2 September
- Monday 4 November

All meetings are due to take place at Littledown Youth Centre, 4.30 - 6.30pm

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

To consider any other business of which prior notice has been received and by special circumstances, which shall be specified in the minutes, the Chair is of the opinion that the items should be considered as a matter of urgency.

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3 July 2012

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillor Anne Rey - Chair; Councillor Chris Wakefield - Vice-Chair; Councillors Malcolm Davies, Susan Phillips, Allister Russell; Councillor Nicola Greene, Cabinet Member for Education and Children's Services.

ALSO PRESENT:

Councillor Eddie Coope Chair of Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Panel

NON-ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lesley Bond	Foster Carer representative
Ella Christopher	Action for Children
Lynn Giles	Action for Children
Janice Gilkes	Primary Phase Parent Governor
Fiona Haughey	Deputy Chief Operating Officer - Bournemouth and Poole Community Health Services
Ted Taylor	Virtual School Governing Body

and 3 CLICK Members

ALSO PRESENT:

David Beardsley	Bournemouth and Poole 14 - 19 Team
Martin Butcher	School Performance and Improvement
Aideen Cleary	Team Manager, Children's Social Care
Kim Drake	Service Director, Children's Social Care
Jane Godfrey	Welfare Projects Officer, Housing Landlord and Parks
Jean Haslett	Safeguarding and Quality Assurance
Lisa Male	Looked After Children Participation Worker
Jenny Mauger	Housing Landlord and Parks
Jean McBain	Bournemouth and Poole 14 - 19 Team
Mary Taylor	Corporate Parenting Lead, and Team Manager, Fostering

The meeting started at 4.30pm and finished at 6.35 pm.

Note: To see a copy of the public reports that were considered by the Panel at this meeting please visit:

<http://www.bournemouth.gov.uk/CouncilDemocracy/Councillors/BoardsPanels/CorporateParentingPanel.aspx>

Please note that the next meeting of the Corporate Parenting Panel is scheduled to take place at the Littledown Youth Centre at 4.30 pm on Monday 1 October 2012.

It is recommended that you check this information with Democratic Services closer to the scheduled date of the next meeting in case the arrangements have been changed.

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Item 1	19	Membership of Panel	Apologies for not being able to attend the meeting were received from Councillor Beverley Dunlop and Helen Hartnett
Item 2	20	Declarations of Interest	There were no declarations of interest made by Panel members on any of the agenda items.
Item 3	21	Minutes of the last meeting on 3 rd April 2012	The minutes were agreed and signed by the Chair.
Item 5 Presentation	22	<p>Third Annual Audit of our Promise to Looked After Children and Young People</p> <p>CLICK members presented the key findings from this year's audit. The audit had asked looked after children and young people for their views on whether the Council was keeping its 'promise' to them as a corporate parent. CLICK members talked about some of the differences between the 2011 and 2012 results. They asked the Panel to work in focus groups on three areas of concern -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% of looked after children and young people should have a suitcase • Uncertainty about support received from education workers • Looked after young people should have more involvement in their leaving care plan 	<p>1. The Panel agreed that CLICK members should be invited to work with the Service Director, Kim Drake, to develop the ideas from the focus groups into clear recommendations and agree a timetable for doing this. These ideas had included -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Making the suitcase a priority. Introduce a checking system to ensure everyone has a suitcase/bag and is involved in choosing their own. Not expensive to achieve but invaluable to the child or young person. • Improving how children and young people get information about their education workers so that everyone knows who they are, what they do and how to contact them - this could be done by letter with a photo, role description and contact details, or a passport style design, and/or by using diagrams. Rethink job titles and keep staff details up to date. • Designing the format of the leaving care plan to suit the young person not just the adults! Adapting the format to suit different abilities. Young people should be involved with their Pathways worker in

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		<p>The Panel received feedback from the focus groups and talked about what to do next.</p>	<p>developing their leaving care plan at an earlier stage and treat it as a living document which can be changed.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. The Panel asked for a progress report on this work at its next meeting in October. 3. The Panel thanked members of CLICK for the work they had done on the annual audit and the excellent presentation they had given at the meeting.
<p>Item 6</p> <p>Draft protocol</p>	23	<p>Draft protocols being developed with young people on how to manage allowances if they are working / earning</p> <p>The Panel was asked to sign up to the draft protocol in principle.</p> <p>Mary Taylor explained that CLICK members had suggested the four staged approach for contributions - these were shown in the standards table (2) on page one.</p> <p>Members talked about the costs of working - bus fares for example - and whether this should be deducted from contributions.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Panel agreed to support the draft protocol in principle. 2. The Panel asked for a change to be made to the wording of item 4 in the Standards table, to read - 'The young person's Social Worker should negotiate the amount required to be paid by the young person with the young person and the carers.' This would allow travelling costs and other costs of working to be taken into account where appropriate.

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Item 6 Strategy	24	<p>Corporate Parenting Strategy for 2012 - 2016</p> <p>Kim Drake explained that the Council's leadership team had looked at the strategy and made some very positive comments.</p> <p>The Chief Executive, Tony Williams, had asked if the young people would consider two suggestions from him to make the Council's commitment to looked after children even stronger. These were -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All of the Council's service plans should explain what contribution each service makes to looked after children and corporate parenting - add bullet point 15 to page 7 • To make the wording in the speech bubble logo even stronger - to say 'These are all our children' or something similar. 	<p>The Panel agreed to ask Lisa Male and members of CLICK to discuss the suggested changes to the Corporate Parenting Strategy, and advise the Panel and Kim Drake whether these should be accepted.</p> <p>Note - As the Strategy is being considered for final approval by the Council's Cabinet on 25 July any changes will need to be made in time for the Strategy to be circulated on 16 July.</p>
Item 7 Presentation	25	<p>Education, Employment and Training Opportunities for Looked after Young People and Care Leavers</p> <p>The Panel received a joint presentation from Aideen Cleary, Team Manager in Children's Social Care, and David Beardsley</p>	<p>The Panel noted the actions being taken to improve the outcomes for looked after children and young people in education, training and employment, particularly the 16 - 17 year old age group.</p> <p>The Panel noted that it was hoped to continue the 'Moving On' project work but that this would be subject to funding</p>

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		<p>and Jean McBain from Bournemouth & Poole 14 - 19 Team. This included information about -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How the teams support learners, in particular their role in helping to improve outcomes for looked after children and young people • The Government's wish to raise the participation age to 18 - that is, the age for compulsory education or training • Working with other departments and partners to offer opportunities in work experience and apprenticeships • The particular support of Housing Landlord and Parks in offering work experience and apprenticeships • Expanding those opportunities across the Council and its partners, e.g BH Live • Statistics for looked after young people in the 16 - 17 year old age group show that this group needs extra support • The 14 - 19 team's 'Moving On' project work for Years 9 - 11, and the positive feedback from CLICK members • The pioneering model of training which takes place at Oakmead College. 	<p>being available.</p> <p>The Panel recommended that a training session on this area of work should be scheduled for all Councillors before a future Council meeting.</p>

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Item 8	26	Meeting dates 2012	The Panel was informed after the meeting that the next meeting would be held on Monday 1 October 2012 at 4.30pm at the Littledown Youth Centre.
Item 9	27	Any other business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor Nicola Greene reported that she had been invited to give a presentation on corporate parenting to full Council and would welcome input from CLICK members • Ted Taylor commented on the safety of looked after children in light of the recent Rochdale case 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor Greene agreed to discuss this in more detail after the meeting with Lisa Male and CLICK members • The Panel asked for an update at its October meeting on measures which are in place locally to ensure the safety of our looked after children and care leavers