
Council

23rd July, 2013

Name of Cabinet Member:

Councillor G Duggins - Cabinet Member Children and Young People and
Councillor D Kershaw - Cabinet Member (Education)

Director Approving Submission of the report:

Director of Customer and Workforce Services

Ward(s) affected:

Not Applicable

Title:

Appointments of the City Council - Membership of the Corporate Parenting Board

Is this a key decision?

No

Executive Summary:

This report seeks approval to amend the appointments made at the Annual Meeting of the City Council in May 2013 to the membership of the Corporate Parenting Board (which acts as the Cabinet Advisory Panel for Looked After Children).

Recommendations:

That the City Council appoints Councillor Innes (Deputy Cabinet Member (Children and Young People)) and Councillor Howells (Deputy Cabinet Member (Education)) to the Corporate Parenting Board (which acts as the Cabinet Advisory Panel for Looked After Children).

List of Appendices included:

1. Terms of Reference and current membership of the Corporate Parenting Board

Background papers:

None

Other Useful Documents:

Cabinet Report, 16 April 2013, establishing the Corporate Parenting Board

<http://democraticservices.coventry.gov.uk/documents/s10032/Establishment%20of%20Corporate%20Parenting%20Board.pdf>

Has it or will it be considered by Scrutiny?

No

Has it, or will it be considered by any other Council Committee, Advisory Panel or other body?

No

Will this report go to Council?

Yes – 23rd July, 2013

Report title: Appointments of the City Council

1. Context (or background)

Appointment to Corporate Parenting Board

- 1.1 Cabinet has approved the establishment of the Corporate Parenting Board to perform the functions of a cabinet advisory panel as set out in the Board's Terms of Reference (appended). The City Council is the corporate parent of all children it takes into its care and as the Corporate Parent to these looked after children and young people it is important that there is a mechanism whereby strategic level decisions and services can be reviewed at a senior level.

Amendment to Membership

- 1.2 At the Annual Meeting of the City Council on 16th May 2013, the membership of this Board was agreed. It is now proposed to appoint Councillor Innes (Deputy Cabinet Member (Children and Young People)) and Councillor Howells (Deputy Cabinet Member (Education)) to the Board with immediate effect.

2. Options considered and recommended proposal

It is proposed that:

- 2.1 Councillor Innes (Deputy Cabinet Member (Children and Young People)) be appointed to the Corporate Parenting Board
- 2.2 Councillor Howells (Deputy Cabinet Member (Education)) be appointed to the Corporate Parenting Board.

3. Results of consultation undertaken

- 3.1 Not applicable

4. Timetable for implementing this decision

- 4.1 The appointment will take effect from the date of the Council Meeting.

5. Comments from Director of Finance and Legal Services

- 5.1 Financial implications

Not applicable

- 5.2 Legal implications

The appointment of additional councillors is within the Board's terms of reference.

6. Other implications

These appointments will enable the Board to be more effective in carrying out the functions assigned to it by Cabinet.

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Membership of the Corporate Parenting Board, appointed at the Council's Annual Meeting 16 May 2013:

Councillor Duggins	Cabinet Member for Children and Young People (Chair)
Councillor Kershaw	Cabinet Member for Education
Councillor Abbott	Chair of Education and Children's Scrutiny Board (2)
Councillor Chater	Labour Group Representative
Councillor Blundell	Shadow Cabinet Member for Education
Councillor Lepoidevin	Shadow Cabinet Member for Children and Young People
Councillor Skinner	Conservative Group Representative

Terms of Reference

1. The Board will be constituted as a Cabinet Advisory Panel with a politically balanced membership.
2. To focus on the requirements in legislation and in good practice advice for Elected Member involvement and support in service improvement for looked after children and young people.
3. To develop a work programme and allocate and monitor tasks within the City Council to improve outcomes for looked after children.
4. To identify key areas where services and partner agencies need to deliver improved support for looked after children and refer these issues to the relevant organisations as necessary.
5. To develop and support direct communication with looked after children, including formal meetings and consultation leading to the establishment of a Children's Council, a structured pattern of visits to children's homes and social work team offices, and also informal meetings with looked after children and young people with a social and enjoyable element.