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**TO EACH MEMBER OF THE
CORPORATE PARENTING PANEL**

11 January 2018

Dear Councillor

CORPORATE PARENTING PANEL - Monday 15 January 2018

Further to the agenda and papers for the above meeting, previously circulated, please find attached the following report which was marked to follow:-

10. Work Programme

To consider the Panel's work programme.

Should you have any queries regarding the above please contact me.

Yours sincerely

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Central Bedfordshire Council

Corporate Parenting Panel

Monday, 15 January 2018

Work Programme

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Purpose of this report

The purpose of this report is to assist the Corporate Parenting Panel in discharging its responsibilities by providing a proposed work programme for consideration.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Panel considers the proposed work programme attached at Appendix A.

1. To assist the Corporate Parenting Panel a work programme is attached at Appendix A to this report. The work programme contains the known agenda items that the Panel will need to consider.
2. Additional items will be identified as the municipal year progresses. The work programme is therefore subject to change.

Council Priorities

3. The activities of the Corporate Parenting Panel are crucial to ensuring that the Council effectively discharges its role as Corporate Parent of Looked After Children. By considering, approving and following its work programme the Panel helps support the Council's priorities of providing improving education and skills, protecting the vulnerable; improving wellbeing and being a more efficient and responsive Council.

Corporate Implications

Legal Implications

4. There are no legal implications.

Financial and Risk Implications

5. There are no financial and risk implications.

Equalities Implications

6. Central Bedfordshire Council has a statutory duty to promote equality of opportunity, eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and foster good relations in respect of nine protected characteristics; age disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation.
7. Report authors will be encouraged to work with the Corporate Policy Advisor (Equality & Diversity) in order to ensure that relevant equality implications are identified.

Conclusion and next Steps

8. This report will assist the Corporate Parenting Panel in discharging its responsibilities. Any amendments approved by the Panel will be incorporated in the work programme.

Appendices

The following Appendix is attached:

Appendix A – Corporate Parenting Panel Work Programme

Background Papers

None

Corporate Parenting Panel Work Programme

2017/18 Municipal Year	
3 July 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Independent Reviewing Officers' Annual Report 2016/17 (SK) • Fostering Recruitment and Retention Strategy 2017/18 (AC) • Investigating Concerns and Complaints against Foster Carers (AC) • Fostering Agency Q4 Performance Report (AC) • Fostering Agency Annual Report 2016/17 (AC) • Adoption Recruitment Strategy 2017/18 (NP) • Adoption Agency Annual Report 2016/17 (NP) • Work Programme (LM)
4 September 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fostering Service Q1 Report (AC) • Children in Care Council Progress Report (MS/CiCC) • MOMO App Demonstration (MS/CiCC) • Work Programme (LM)
13 November 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fostering Service Q2 Report (AC) • Adoption Agency Six Monthly Interim Report April-September 2017 (NP) • Virtual School for LAC Final Report for Academic Year 2015/16 (JE) EXEMPT ITEM • Virtual School for LAC Interim Report for Academic Year 2016/17(JE) EXEMPT ITEM • Work Programme (LM)
15 January 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LAC Annual (Health) Report (NHS – Bedfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group) (TMcD) • LAC Social Worker 'Churn' (RC) • Adoption Fund (NP) • Presentation on the PAUSE Programme (AC/GJ) • Action Plan arising from the Ofsted inspection • Work Programme (LM)
5 March 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leaving Care Housing (spotlight report) (AC/NS) • Spotlight Report on the PAUSE Programme (AC/GJ) • Children with 3 or more placement moves in 12 months (AC/GJ) • Possible exemption of Care Leavers from Council Tax (AC/GJ)

Appendix A

Unscheduled reports:

1. The appointment of a lay member/parent and the appointment of a substitute elected Member to the Joint Adoption Panel (author to be determined).
2. 'Spotlight Report' on the current process which applies to young people as they move into adult social care and what additional action can be taken to improve support for them during this phase (young people to be invited to attend and talk about their experiences) (GJ)
3. 'Spotlight Report' on how the adoption process works and how people become adopters (GJ) – *AC suggestion – timetabled for March 18*
4. 'Spotlight Reports' on the following issues:
 - a. LAC with disabilities (KH)
 - b. Unaccompanied asylum seekers as LAC (AC)
 - c. The Virtual School (JE)
 - d. The reason for, and the impact of, the movement of LAC between different foster carers (AC)
 - i. (authors to be determined)
5. A report by the foster carer representatives (Central Bedfordshire branch of the FCA) setting out feedback on various issues of their choice.
6. 'Spotlight Report' on youth support and help for adolescents in gaining further education, apprenticeships or employment (GJ) (09.05.16)
7. 'Deep Dive Report' with presentation on care leavers' employment (including Aspirations Wish List) (GJ) (08.05.17)
8. How does the CiCC view Members? (04.09.17)
9. Questionnaire for Foster Carers (13.11.17) – *AC suggestion - to be timetabled for May 18*
10. Permanency Planning for Children including the process and early intervention (13.11.17) – *suggested a full report in line with OFSTED plan to be presented September/November 18*