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NOTICE OF MEETING

CORPORATE PARENTING PANEL

Date & Time

Monday, 5 November 2012 at 11.00 a.m.

Venue at

Room 15, Priory House, Monks Walk, Shefford

Richard Carr
Chief Executive

To: The Chairman and Members of the CORPORATE PARENTING PANEL:

Elected Members (voting)

Cllrs M A G Versallion (Chairman), A L Dodwell (Vice-Chairman),
Mrs A Barker, N B Costin, Mrs S A Goodchild, Mrs D B Gurney, N J Sheppard
and B Wells

[Named Substitutes:

Cllrs: P N Aldis, D Bowater, B J Spurr and A M Turner]

Officers (voting)

Deputy Chief Executive/Director of Children's Services
Director of Social Care, Health and Housing

Carers (non-voting)

Only two of the four foster carers' co-opted representatives will be expected to attend at any one meeting.

AGENDA

1. **Apologies**

To approve any apologies for absence and notification of substitute Members.

2. **Minutes**

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Corporate Parenting Panel held on 3 September 2012 (copy attached).

3. **Chairman's Announcements and Communications**

To receive any announcements from the Chairman and any matters of communication.

4. **Members' Interests**

To receive from Members any declarations of interest.

Reports

Item	Subject	Page Nos.
5	The Future Development of the Corporate Parenting Panel To receive a presentation by the Deputy Chief Executive/Director of Children's Services. She will reflect on the progress of the Corporate Parenting Panel to date and will also point to good practice elsewhere, including new expectations by Ofsted for enhanced partnership working. The Deputy Chief Executive/Director of Children's Services will invite members of the Panel to make suggestions to improve and develop the work of the Panel in the next municipal year.	
6	Recruitment of Foster Carers To receive a presentation by the Head of Fostering and Adoption. She will set out the steps taken to recruit foster carers and members of the Panel will be encouraged to bring forward any ideas they have to improve the recruitment programme. The presentation will also set the scene for the regular report on the Fostering Service appearing later on the agenda and	

which features an update on the recruitment of foster carers (item 8 refers).

7 National Agenda - "Stolen Children"

To consider an oral report on a national agenda regarding "stolen children" following notification by the British Association for Adoption & Fostering.

8 Quarter Two Report on the Fostering Service - July to September 2012 * 9 - 16

To consider a report outlining activity in the Fostering Service during Quarter Two, with a comparison to previous quarters.

9 Half-Year Report on the Adoption Service - April to September 2012 * 17 - 20

To consider a report outlining activity in the Adoption Agency during the first six months of 2012-13.

10 Looked After Children's Health Progress Report * 21 - 26

To consider a report on the progress made in improving health outcomes for Looked After Children.