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NOTICE OF MEETING

CORPORATE PARENTING PANEL

Date & Time

Monday, 7 October 2013 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, D Bowater, N B Costin, Mrs S A Goodchild, N J Sheppard and
B Wells

[Named Substitutes:

Cllrs P N Aldis, Mrs G Clarke, Mrs D B Gurney, K Janes, B J Spurr and
A M Turner]

Officers (voting)

Deputy Chief Executive/Director of Children's Services
Director of Social Care, Health and Housing (or the Head of Housing Services
or their representative if the Director of Social Care, Health and Housing is
unable to attend)
Head of Leisure Services (or their representative if the Head of Leisure
Services is unable to attend)

Carers (non-voting)

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

AGENDA

1. **Apologies for Absence**

To receive 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 22 July 2013 (copy attached).

3. **Members' Interests**

To receive from Members any declarations of interest.

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

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

Reports

Item	Subject	Page Nos.
5	Entitlements for Looked After Children and Care Leavers - Workshop	* 11 - 12

Members of the Children in Care Council will be attending the All Party Parliamentary Group for Looked After Children and Care Leavers in the House of Commons on 23 October 2013 to discuss entitlements for Looked After Children and care leavers. A copy of the outcome of an earlier meeting of the Group held in February 2013 is attached.

Prior to attending the Group meeting in October the Children in Care Council wishes to discuss the following question with members of the Corporate Parenting Panel in a workshop session:

'As Corporate Parents, how will you ensure young people are receiving the entitlements they are due to receive as a looked after child or care leaver?'

6 **Quarter One Report on the Fostering Service - April to June 2013** * 13 - 18

To consider a report outlining activity in the fostering service during Quarter One, with a comparison to previous quarters.

7 **Interim Report of the Virtual School for Looked After Children** * 19 - 28

To consider a report on the role of the Virtual School and the outcomes for Looked After Children in the Academic Year 2012/13, the steps taken since September 2012 to develop the role of the Virtual School in order to improve outcomes for Looked After Children and young people and the next stages in the School's development.