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## NOTICE OF MEETING

### CORPORATE PARENTING PANEL

Date & Time

**Monday, 24 March 2014 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 3 February 2014 (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

<b>Item</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Page Nos.</b>
5	<b>Children in Care Council Annual Report for 2013</b>  To consider the Children in Care Council Annual Report for 2013 and Participation Forward Plan for 2014.  (Note: There will be an accompanying presentation from representatives of the Children in Care Council).	* 49 - 66
6	<b>Report of the Virtual School for Looked After Children</b>  To consider a report on the role of the Virtual School for Looked After Children, the educational outcomes for Looked After Children in the academic year 2012/13 and the measures taken since September 2013 to develop the School's role and thereby improve outcomes for Looked After Children and young people.	* 67 - 84
7	<b>Recruitment &amp; Retention Strategy 2014-15</b>  To receive a presentation by the Interim Recruitment and Marketing Officer on proposals to improve the recruitment and retention of foster carers by the Fostering Service.	

8 **Update Report: Fees and Allowances for Foster Carers**

\* 85 - 90

To consider a report outlining the review of the foster care allowance scheme undertaken in order to increase remuneration to the Council's foster carers and help address the high use of independent foster agency placements.