

Decision Maker: Executive

Date: 20th May 2015

Decision Type: Non-Urgent Executive Non-Key

Title: ANNUAL REPORT FROM EXECUTIVE WORKING PARTY ON CHILD SAFEGUARDING AND CORPORATE PARENTING

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Chief Officer: Executive Director of Education, Care & Health Services

Ward: (All Wards);

1. Reason for report

1.1 The purpose of the report is to provide the Executive with an annual update of the “Executive Working Party on Child Safeguarding and Corporate Parenting Arrangements in Bromley” work plan.

1.2 The Executive Working Party takes a lead role in

- promoting the safeguarding and prevention of neglect and abuse in Bromley, and;
- ensuring that children looked after by Bromley have their
 - interests protected;
 - opportunities maximised;
 - educational achievement enhanced;
 - voices heard and care services are shaped to meet their needs.

2. **RECOMMENDATION**

2.1 **The Executive is asked to note and comment on the contents of this report.**

Corporate Policy

1. Policy Status: Not Applicable:
 2. BBB Priority: Children and Young People:
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Financial

1. Cost of proposal: Not Applicable:
 2. Ongoing costs: Not Applicable:
 3. Budget head/performance centre:
 4. Total current budget for this head: £
 5. Source of funding:
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Staff

1. Number of staff (current and additional):
 2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours:
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Legal

1. Legal Requirement: Statutory Requirement:
 2. Call-in: Not Applicable:
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Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users/beneficiaries (current and projected):
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Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? Not Applicable
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments:

3. COMMENTARY

- 3.1 The Executive Working Party on Child Safeguarding and Corporate Parenting focus is to assist the Lead Member to carry out his responsibilities and to maintain an effective focus on services to safeguard children and promote life chances for Looked After Children (LAC) through detailed review and challenge.
- 3.2 The Executive Working Party is required to meet three times a year. Current membership comprises Councillors Robert Evans (Chairman), Nicholas Bennett, Diane Smith, Tim Stevens, Stephen Wells, Judi Ellis, Hannah Gray, and Pauline Tunnicliffe. The Working Party met on 14th January, 29th April, and 16th September 2014 and 15th January 2015. A further meeting is planned for 19th May 2015.
- 3.3 The group is supported by the Assistant Director for Children’s Social Care and Safeguarding and various officers depending on the agenda item, however the Head of Service for Care and Resources and the Head of Quality Assurance for Safeguarding attend on a regular basis. The group is also supported by two Bromley Looked After Children in the form of the Chair and Vice Chair of the Living in Care Council.
- 3.4 A summary of the work covered during 2014/15 is summarised in Appendix 1.

Non-Applicable Sections:	POLICY FINANCIAL LEGAL PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	