Date of Meeting: 15 June 2016

Terms of Reference For Corporate Parenting Panel

Subject

Key Decision: No

Responsible Officer: Chris Spencer, Corporate Director People

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Christine Robson, Portfolio Holder Children and Families

Exempt: No

Decision subject to Call-in: Yes (following consideration by Cabinet)

Wards affected: All Wards

Enclosures: Current Terms of Reference with suggested amendments in tracked changes
Section 1 – Summary and Recommendations

This report sets out to review the current terms of Reference for the Corporate Parenting Panel and suggest amendments in line with good practice.

Recommendations:

(1) To consider the proposed amendments to the Terms of Reference (including purpose and membership) of the Corporate Parenting Panel;

(2) To recommend to Cabinet that the revised Terms of Reference be approved and recommended to Council for inclusion in the Council’s Constitution and that Council also be requested to agree any changes in Panel membership arising.

Reason: To ensure the Terms of Reference are reviewed and updated in line with good practice and guidelines.

Section 2 – Report

The current terms of reference for the Corporate Parenting Panel can be found attached. Suggested amendments are in track changes. If the Corporate Parenting Panel make changes these will need to be forwarded to Cabinet for approval.

Risk Management Implications

There are no additional risks identified.

Legal Implications

Proposed recommendation would amend the Council’s constitution if adopted by Council.
Financial Implications
No additional costs have been identified

Equalities implications / Public Sector Equality Duty
The terms of reference outline how the Corporate Parenting Panel can ensure all Children Looked After are cared for appropriately and offered a range of services to meet their needs

Council Priorities
The updated terms of reference support the council priorities of supporting the vulnerable

Section 3 - Statutory Officer Clearance

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Ward Councillors notified: NO, as it impacts on all Wards.
EqIA carried out: NO
EqIA cleared by: NO
Section 4 - Contact Details and Background Papers

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Background Papers:

NONE