

Decisions of the Corporate Parenting Panel held on Wednesday 13 January 2016

These decisions are published for information in advance of the publication of the Minutes

DECISIONS:

1. ADOPTION AND FOSTERING OF SIBLING GROUPS

Resolved –

- (1) That the progress made in respect of the development of a Policy on the Adoption and Fostering of Sibling Groups be noted.
- (2) That the Assistant Director – Children’s Specialist Services be requested to present the policy document to the Panel for consideration, once drafted, together with information in respect of the numbers of sibling groups and the numbers and relationships of the siblings therein in order to assist Members in understanding the complexity of the issues in placement.
- (3) That a further report be submitted to the Panel six months after implementation of the policy.

ACTION: *Assistant Director – Children’s Specialist Services*

(Patsy Burrows – 01274 434349)
(Mary Brudenell – 01274 437343)

2. EMOTIONAL AND MENTAL WELLBEING OF LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN

Resolved –

- (1) That the contents of Document “J” be noted and welcomed.
- (2) That the Assistant Director – Children’s Specialist Services be asked to submit progress reports to the Panel, in due course, to include information on the allocation of the available finance both in the initial stages and longer term.

ACTION: *Assistant Director – Children’s Specialist Services*

(Cath Dew - 01274 437949)



3. JOURNEY TO EXCELLENCE

Resolved –

That the Assistant Director, Children’s Specialist Services be asked to further develop the links between Members of the Corporate Parenting Panel and the Children in Care Council by looking into the possibility of undertaking:

- (i) joint scrutiny of particular priorities**
- (ii) a peer review alongside another local authority,**

in order to establish how the authority is performing in its role as corporate parent in terms of the participation of looked after children and young people.

ACTION: Assistant Director – Children’s Specialist Services

(Gani Martins – 01274 432904)

4. WORK PLAN 2015/16

Resolved –

(1) That the following matters be added to the Panel’s Work Plan for 2015/16 or 2016/17:

- (i) Adoption and Fostering of Sibling Groups: once the policy document is drafted and six months after implementation.**
- (ii) Emotional and Mental Wellbeing of Looked After Children: progress reports including information on the allocation of the available finance.**
- (iii) Journey to Excellence: progress report.**

***ACTION: Assistant Director – Children’s Specialist Services
City Solicitor***

(Gani Martins – 01274 432904)

**FROM: D Pearson
Interim City Solicitor
City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council**

**Committee Secretariat Contact: Sheila Farnhill – 01274 432268
i:\decsheets\corpparentpanel2015-16/ CPP13Jan**