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Corporate Parenting Committee

Thursday 27 July 2017 at 5.00 pm

Board Room 2 - Brent Civic Centre, Engineers Way,
Wembley HA9 0FJ

Membership:

Members

Councillors:

M Patel (Chair)
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Thomas
Warren

Substitute Members

Councillors:

S Choudhary, Crane, Dixon and
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Notes for Members - Declarations of Interest:

If a Member is aware they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest* in an item of business, they must declare its existence and nature at the start of the meeting or when it becomes apparent and must leave the room without participating in discussion of the item.

If a Member is aware they have a Personal Interest** in an item of business, they must declare its existence and nature at the start of the meeting or when it becomes apparent.

If the Personal Interest is also a Prejudicial Interest (i.e. it affects a financial position or relates to determining of any approval, consent, licence, permission, or registration) then (unless an exception at 14(2) of the Members Code applies), after disclosing the interest to the meeting the Member must leave the room without participating in discussion of the item, except that they may first make representations, answer questions or give evidence relating to the matter, provided that the public are allowed to attend the meeting for those purposes.

*Disclosable Pecuniary Interests:

- (a) **Employment, etc.** - Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit gain.
- (b) **Sponsorship** - Any payment or other financial benefit in respect expenses in carrying out duties as a member, or of election; including from a trade union.
- (c) **Contracts** - Any current contract for goods, services or works, between the Councillors or their partner (or a body in which one has a beneficial interest) and the council.
- (d) **Land** - Any beneficial interest in land which is within the council's area.
- (e) **Licences**- Any licence to occupy land in the council's area for a month or longer.
- (f) **Corporate tenancies** - Any tenancy between the council and a body in which the Councillor or their partner have a beneficial interest.
- (g) **Securities** - Any beneficial interest in securities of a body which has a place of business or land in the council's area, if the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body or of any one class of its issued share capital.

**Personal Interests:

The business relates to or affects:

(a) Anybody of which you are a member or in a position of general control or management, and:

- To which you are appointed by the council;
- which exercises functions of a public nature;
- which is directed is to charitable purposes;
- whose principal purposes include the influence of public opinion or policy (including a political party of trade union).

(b) The interests a of a person from whom you have received gifts or hospitality of at least £50 as a member in the municipal year;

or

A decision in relation to that business might reasonably be regarded as affecting, to a greater extent than the majority of other council tax payers, ratepayers or inhabitants of the electoral ward affected by the decision, the well-being or financial position of:

- You yourself;
- a member of your family or your friend or any person with whom you have a close association or any person or body who employs or has appointed any of these or in whom they have a beneficial interest in a class of securities exceeding the nominal value of £25,000, or any firm in which they are a partner, or any company of which they are a director
- any body of a type described in (a) above.

Agenda

Introductions, if appropriate.

Apologies for absence and clarification of alternate members.

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| 1 Declarations of interests | |
| Members are invited to declare at this stage of the meeting, any relevant disclosable pecuniary, personal or prejudicial interests in the items on this agenda. | |
| 2 Minutes of the previous meeting | 1 - 8 |
| To approve the minutes of the previous meeting as a correct record. | |
| 3 Matters arising (if any) | |
| To consider any matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting. | |
| 4 Deputations (if any) | |
| To hear any deputations received from members of the public in accordance with Standing Order 69. | |
| 5 Children in Care - questions and answers | |
| This is an opportunity for members of the Children In Care Council (CIA) to feedback on recent activity. | |
| 6 Presentation from the Lead Nurse for Looked After Children, London North West Healthcare NHS Trust | |
| The Lead Nurse for Looked After Children, London North West Healthcare NHS Trust, will present a case study to the Committee highlighting some of the health needs of Looked After Children and illustrating how Health services and the Local Authority interface to achieve positive outcomes for Looked After Children. | |
| 7 Brent Fostering Service Quarterly Monitoring Report 1st April - 30th June 2017 | Report to Follow |
| The purpose of this report is to provide information to the Council's Corporate Parenting Committee about the general management of the in- | |

house fostering service and how it is achieving good outcomes for children. This is in accordance with standard 25.7 of the Fostering National Minimum Standards (2011). The report covers the first quarter of this reporting year.

8 Annual Corporate Parenting Report 2016-2017

Report
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The Care Planning, Placement and Case Review Regulations (2011) require Local Authorities to provide an annual report about the outcomes for Looked After Children (LAC) which should be presented to the Corporate Parenting Committee. This report fulfils that requirement, providing a profile of Brent's looked after children and care leavers during 2016-2017 and reporting to the committee on work completed, highlighting strengths and areas for development in supporting looked after children and care leavers in Brent.

9 Independent Reviewing Officer (IRO) Annual Report 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017

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This report outlines the contribution of Independent Reviewing Officers (IROs) on quality assuring and improving services for children in care. It also contains quantitative and qualitative evidence relating to the IRO provision in Brent as required by statutory guidance. This report includes quotations gathered from a 'Bright Spots' survey carried out with looked after children and consultation with the Care in Action, Brent's Children in Care Council.

10 Any other urgent business

Notice of items to be raised under this heading must be given in writing to the Head of Executive and Member Services or his representative before the meeting in accordance with Standing Order 64.

Date of the next meeting: Tuesday 24 October 2017



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