

## Corporate Parenting Committee

**Wednesday 15 July 2020 at 5.00 pm**

This will be held as an online virtual meeting.

### Membership:

#### Members

Councillors:

M Patel (Chair)  
Conneely  
Gbajumo  
Kansagra  
Thakkar

#### Substitute Members

Councillors:

W Mitchell Murray and Sangani

Councillor:

Colwill, Maurice

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**The press and public are likely to be excluded from this meeting.**

## **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.

Item	Page
<b>1 Exclusion of the Press and Public</b>	
<p>The committee is advised that the public may be excluded from meetings whenever it is likely in view of the nature of the proceedings that exempt information would be disclosed. Meetings of the Corporate Parenting Committee are attended by representatives of Care In Action (CIA), the council's Children in Care Council. The committee is therefore recommended to exclude the press and public for the duration of the meeting, as the attendance of CIA representatives necessitates the disclosure of the following category of exempt information, set out in the Local Government Act 1972: - information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual.</p>	
<b>2 Apologies for absence and clarification of alternate members</b>	
<b>3 Declarations of interests</b>	
<p>Members are invited to declare at this stage of the meeting, any relevant disclosable pecuniary or personal interests in the items on this agenda.</p>	
<b>4 Deputations (if any)</b>	
<b>5 Minutes of the previous meeting</b>	To follow
<p>To approve the minutes of the previous meeting as a correct record.</p>	
<b>6 Matters arising (if any)</b>	
<p>To consider any matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting.</p>	
<b>7 Update from Care Leavers In Action Representatives</b>	
<p>This is an opportunity for members of Care Leavers In Action to feedback on recent activity.</p>	
<b>8 Corporate Parenting Support during the COVID-19 Pandemic</b>	1 - 8
<p>Provides a summary of the impact the Covid-19 pandemic has had on children in care, care leavers and foster carers, detailing Brent's response</p>	

as a Corporate Parent during this period.

**9 Annual Corporate Parenting Report 2019/20** 9 - 36

An annual report about the outcomes for Looked After Children (LAC) in line with requirements of The Care Planning, Placement and Case Review Regulations (2010) has to be provided to the Corporate Parenting Committee or local equivalent. This report fulfils that requirement. It provides a profile of Brent's looked after children and care leavers during 2019-2020, reporting on annual activity, highlighting strengths and areas for development in supporting looked after children and care leavers in Brent. The report also includes the Looked After Children and Permanency Service's priorities for 2020/21.

**10 Annual Report from the Brent Virtual School for Looked After Children 2018/19** 37 - 86

The purpose of the annual report is to outline the activity and impact of the Brent Virtual School during the academic year 2018-2019. Data contained in this report is for looked after children who were in the care of Brent Council for the academic year 2018-2019, and includes outcomes for all children who have been in care for a year or more as at 31st March 2019, ("eligible cohort"). The final DfE data sets for eligible cohorts were published in April 2020.

**11 Fostering Service Quarterly Report, Quarter 1 (Jan 2020 - Mar 2020)** 87 - 96

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).

**12 Six-Monthly Adoption Report - Adopt London West** 97 - 110

The purpose of this report is to provide a briefing to the Council's Corporate Parenting Committee in relation to: adoption performance data for the period 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020, the progress and activity of Adopt London West; and how good outcomes are being achieved for children. Information and child level data presented in Section 5 and 6 of this report were provided by Brent; the rest of this report includes the progress and activity of Adopt London West.

**13 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 60.

**Date of the next meeting:        Wednesday 21 October 2020**