

# **PART 5**

## **TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR COUNCIL COMMITTEES AND SUB- COMMITTEES**

### **EXTRACT**

## **CORPORATE PARENTING COMMITTEE**

### **Membership:**

Lead member for children and young people (Chair), five members of the Council and up to four non-voting co-opted members.

### **Terms of reference:**

1. To secure sustained improvements in the life chances of looked after children and care leavers in Brent and work within an annual work plan to that end.
2. To ensure the Council is fulfilling its duties for looked after children and care leavers corporately and with other partners and statutory agencies to ensure services are responsive to the needs of looked after children and care leavers.
3. To monitor and review the quality and effectiveness of services across the council, partner agencies and commissioned services to achieve continuing improvements in outcomes for looked after children and care leavers.
4. To provide a forum for children in care in Brent to talk about issues relating to their experience of being looked after by the Council and to participate in decision making.
5. To directly receive the views of children and young people looked after and leaving care via the Children in Care Council mechanisms and annual consultation to ensure their views and experiences directly influence decisions made at this level.
6. To promote joint-working arrangements between council departments and partner agencies in order to improve outcomes for looked after children.
7. To consider recommendations from internal and external inspections and reviews, to agree the actions needed to address any issues identified and to evaluate the implementation of any agreed plan.
8. To champion the educational achievement of children in care.
9. To develop, maintain and keep under review the Brent Looked After Children and Care Leaver Strategy and Action Plan.
10. To consider matters referred to the Committee within its terms of reference and to make recommendations as appropriate to the relevant committee, portfolio holder, officer or partner agency.
11. To provide an annual report on the work of the Committee, highlighting strengths and areas for development in supporting looked after children in Brent.