



# Agenda

**Meeting:** Corporate Parenting Panel – Partnership Group  
**Date:** Monday 17 March 2014  
**Time:** 4.30pm  
**Venue:** Frank Branston Room, Borough Hall, Cauldwell Street, Bedford  
**Contact:** Tara Geere, Head of Service Looked After Children ([tara.geere@bedford.gov.uk](mailto:tara.geere@bedford.gov.uk))

Item	Subject	Introduced by
1.	Apologies	Chair
2.	Disclosures of Local and/or Disclosable Pecuniary Interests	Chair
	<p>Members are reminded that where they have a local and/or disclosable pecuniary interest in any business of the Council to be considered at this meeting they must disclose the existence and nature of that interest at the commencement of that consideration, or when the interest becomes apparent, in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct.</p> <p>(Note: Paragraph 3 of the Council's Code of Conduct for Members relates to Local Interests. Paragraph 4 relates to Disclosable Pecuniary Interests)</p>	

<b>3.</b>	<b>Minutes</b>			<b>Chair</b>
	To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 29 January 2014 (copy enclosed).			<b>Chair</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Voice of the Child</b>			<b>Emma Sparrow</b>
	To receive feedback from the Children in Care Council event in half-term and Team Champion update.			
<b>5.</b>	<b>Education of Looked After Children</b>			<b>Virtual School</b>
	To consider and review the following composite Corporate Parenting Panel and Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee recommendations:			
	<b>RECOMMENDATION</b>	<b>LEAD OFFICER</b>	<b>REQUIRED OUTCOMES</b>	<b>TIMESCALE</b>
	<u>Education</u> (a) The Head of the Virtual School should produce an annual report to the Corporate Parenting Partnership and Executive Board setting out for Bedford Borough Looked After Children:- - attainment - achievement - attendance,	Assistant Director/ Chief Education Officer	All LAC attending an Educational setting have a Personal Education Plan (PEP) identifying levels of progress <sup>1</sup>  All School Governing Bodies to appoint a LAC champion <sup>2</sup>  LAC to be part of the Governor Training	Ongoing

<sup>1</sup> OSC Recommendation 2.4

<sup>2</sup> OSC Recommendation 2.6

	<p>exclusion, any time off roll</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- whether school places are inside or outside the Borough, and the reported impact of this on the young person</li> <li>- a report on an annual survey of Looked After Children carried out to ascertain their views on the education they have received</li> <li>- confirmation that good practice for Looked After Children between school has been shared with all schools</li> </ul> <p>(b) There should each year be a Looked After Children Achievement Awards ceremony for Bedford Borough children:- (this may be linked to a foster care awards ceremony for Bedford Borough carers)</p>	<p>Assistant Director/ Chief Social Worker</p>	<p>Programme<sup>3</sup></p> <p>The Virtual School functions will be communicated to all interested parties<sup>4</sup></p> <p>The Virtual School will champion good practice<sup>5</sup></p>	<p>May 2014 and ongoing</p>	
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<sup>3</sup> OSC Recommendation 2.11

<sup>4</sup> OSC Recommendation 2.8

<sup>5</sup> OSC Recommendation 2.10

6.	<b>Corporate Parenting Policy</b>	<b>Tara Geere/ Emma Sparrow</b>
7.	<b>Future funding 2014/2015 for pre-apprenticeship programmes</b>	<b>Tara Geere</b>
8.	<b>Margaret Dennison Bursary</b>	<b>Tara Geere/ Emma Sparrow</b>
9.	<b>Looked After Children profile</b>	<b>Tara Geere</b>
10.	<b>Summary of some of the learning points from today</b>	<b>Chair</b>
11.	<b>Future Agenda items</b>	<b>Chair</b>
12.	<b>Dates of future meetings</b>	<b>Chair</b>
	To note the following dates for future meetings of the Partnership Group:  Wednesday 21 May 2014 and Thursday 19 June 2014.	

**Date of issue:** 14 March 2014