

At a meeting of the CHILDREN AND FAMILIES ADVISORY PANEL of HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL held at The Castle, Winchester on Wednesday 2 October 2013.

Chairman:
p Councillor David Keast

p Ann Briggs	p Jackie Porter
p Rita Burgess	p Roz Chadd
p Jacqui England	p Malcolm Wade
p Jonathan Glen	p Christopher Wood

7. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received for this meeting.

8. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

All Members who believe they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in any matter to be considered at the meeting must declare that interest and, having regard to the circumstances described in Part 3 Paragraph 1.5 of the County Council's Members' Code of Conduct, leave the meeting while the matter is discussed, save for exercising any right to speak in accordance with Paragraph 1.6 of the Code. Furthermore all Members with a Non-Pecuniary interest in a matter being considered at the meeting should consider whether such interest should be declared, and having regard to Part 5, Paragraph 2 of the Code, consider whether it is appropriate to leave the meeting while the matter is discussed, save for exercising any right to speak in accordance with Code.

9. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of 25 July 2013 were considered by the Panel, agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

10. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman advised that a list of children's homes in Hampshire would be circulated following this meeting for Members to indicate which homes they wished to visit in their local area. He also advised that it would be beneficial for all Panel members to visit Glen House in Swanwick. This information would then be fed back to the Children's Services Department for the necessary arrangements to be made. Feedback from these visits would then be given by Members at the next appropriate Panel meeting and would appear as a standing item on future agenda papers.

11. CORPORATE PARENTING

The Panel received and noted a presentation from the Director of Children's Services (Item 5 in the Minute Book) on the County Council's corporate parenting responsibilities, in particular how the Council supports young people so they become, and continue to be, happy, healthy, confident and successful

adults. Details were also given on the role of our Members when visiting the Council's six residential children's homes for 12-16 year olds and three homes for children with disabilities.

Feedback on how the County Council measures against our targets will form part of the presentation in relation to Item 7 on this agenda.

12. **OFSTED THEMATIC INSPECTIONS OF VIRTUAL SCHOOL AND 2013 CHILDRE IN CARE EDUCATION RESULTS (PROVISIONAL)**

The Panel received a report of the Director of Children's Services on virtual school arrangements for improving the educational outcomes for looked after children in Hampshire.

The Director reported that the Authority was recognised as well-led and had good systems and processes in place and. The current arrangements continued to be reviewed and any necessary changes made at the appropriate time. Future priorities would include improving school attendance.

13. **COUNTY COUNCIL'S CARE AMBASSADORS**

The Panel received and noted a presentation from the Director of Children's Services on the role of the County Council's care ambassadors.

Members noted that there were currently thirteen Ambassadors aged 17-23 who had been in Hampshire's care and had now taken on this role to provide support and strategic direction, service delivery and mentoring to young people. Two of our Ambassadors were invited to attend this meeting and gave their feedback on their experience coming through the Council's care system.

It was also reported that a new dedicated, interactive website for children in care and care leavers known as "SPARK" was to be launched

14. **SUPPORTING TROUBLED FAMILIES IN HAMPSHIRE - YEAR 1 REPORT**

The Panel received and noted a presentation from the Director of Policy and Governance – Corporate Services giving an update on year 1 for the Supporting Troubled Families Programme in Hampshire.

The Director reported on the Council's target of helping 1,590 families over the next three years by improving outcomes and developing greater inter-agency coordination and more effective partnership working.

It was noted that 546 families were identified in year 1, which exceeded the target of 530) and that good contributions from most agencies including public health were now agreed. Following on from this, Members were advised that Year 2 would embed a new way of sharing information and joining up services delivery at the family level.