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To: Children's Champions Board - 5 December 2007

Subject: Proposals for a Corporate Parenting Workshop

Classification: Unrestricted

Summary: This report presents, and seeks views, on an outline proposal for a Corporate Parenting Workshop to KCC Members.

FOR INFORMATION

Introduction

1. (1) The statutory framework underpins the important role of elected Members of Local Authorities as the 'corporate' parent of children and young people looked after by or leaving the care of the Local Authority.

(2) The provision of a Corporate Parenting Workshop is part of a package of information and guidance to help Members to understand and fulfil their responsibilities as corporate parent.

The Outline Proposal

2. (1) The draft outline proposal for the Corporate Parenting Workshop is appended.

(2) It is suggested that the workshop takes place on or after February 2008 in order to take advantage of NCB training materials which are expected to be released in January 2008.

Other Provision

3. Plans are also underway to set up a meeting between Members of the Children's Champions Board and Looked After Children and care leavers so that they are able to learn about their experiences of what it is like being in care. It is suggested that this meeting takes place by early January 2008.

Recommendations

4. Members of the Children's Champions Board are asked to:

- (a) Note the contents of the report.
- (b) Put forward views on the draft programme so that officers are able to work up the final programme.

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Background Documents:

None

Proposal for the Corporate Parenting Awareness Raising Workshop for Members

(Half day seminar)

Draft outline agenda

- Welcome and introduction Ann Allen
- Opening presentation - Graham Badman and/or other CFE director
- A brief overview of outcomes for LAC against the ECM key outcomes, then info about Care Matters and the Kent Pledge
- Hardelot DVDs and input from some of the young people involved to highlight key messages from LAC and care leavers
- Corporate parenting and implications for Members - to include use of NCB training materials (if available)/ alternatively use presentation and updated data from previous workshop - Paul Brightwell/John Mitchell
- Question and Answer session
- Close - Ann Allen