



**Child Protection & Child Protection Plans
Cabinet Response to Scrutiny Report**

<p>Scrutiny Committee: Children & Young People Report: Child Protection & Child Protection Plans</p> <p>Lead Scrutiny Member: Joy Francis, Karen Tomlinson Lead Scrutiny Officer: Sarah Morris/Stephanie Jones</p> <p>Cabinet Member: Stephen Burrell, Jayne Greenaway</p> <p>Response prepared by: Laura Johnston, Head of Safeguarding and Phil Griffiths, Democratic Services Manager</p> <p>Cabinet Meeting: 22nd March 2011</p>			
Scrutiny Recommendation	Response and summary of action being taken to implement, or reason for rejection	Date by which action will be taken	Person responsible for action (name and title)
Training on Corporate Parenting is made a mandatory part of the Member Development Programme for all Members.	Corporate Parenting forms part of the Member Induction and will be listed as essential for all Members, however unlike regulatory training it cannot be listed as mandatory unless Members all agree to this and the necessary amendments are approved to the Constitution. One area of major concern in introducing mandatory Corporate Parenting is the application of sanctions for non attendance. There are currently no sanctions in place for this type of situation.	From May 2011	Phil Griffiths Democratic Services Manager



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<p>The Council informs prospective candidates standing for Councillor in future elections of the responsibility that all elected members have as corporate parents.</p>	<p>Candidates will be informed of this responsibility and made aware of the training which forms part of their induction programme.</p>	<p>In election packs March/April</p>	<p>Phil Griffiths Democratic Services Manager</p>
<p>The Cabinet Member for Children and Young People provides regular information to the Members of the Children and Young People's Scrutiny Committee on the savings made as a result of the investment in child protection services and how this will be monitored to ensure that the 3 year savings targets are met.</p>	<p>The service review of children's and adults services is addressing the lack of effective communication and co-ordination between teams that still exists. The new structures will support improved management of cases, provide services that enable more children to stay at home in a safe environment and, where possible, returning other children in care as early as possible by putting in place targeted personalised care. Our clear policy will be that, wherever possible, we will seek to support parents to look after their children in their own homes and our assessments and service delivery arrangements and processes will be geared to securing this. The recent investment in child protection will support these changes; resultant savings could be monitored by the CFEC scrutiny committee.</p>		<p>Laura Johnston</p>