

CORPORATE PARENTING BOARD

12 October 2015

CHILDREN'S HOMES REGULATORY VISITS

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

1 Purpose of the report

1.1 To inform Members of the plans for the quarterly Regulation 44 visits by Members and Officers.

2 Background

- 2.1 Regulation 44 visits had previously been undertaken by a bordering LA, under a reciprocal arrangement. This was recently reviewed and a decision was taken to dispense with this arrangement.
- 2.2 It was agreed that an officer within Children's Services, with the right skills and experience would undertake this work.
- 2.3 It was further agreed that a Member would be part of the visit on a quarterly basis, in order that Members are given a direct overview of the care that we provide Sunderland Children within our Residential homes.
- 2.4 There is also an opportunity that Members could attend the homes within their Ward areas.
- 2.5 A list of Members and their respective areas is included (Appendix 1).
- 2.6 The homes are situated within the following Ward areas:
 - Colombo Road North Ward
 - Revelstoke Road North Ward
 - Sea View East Ward
 - Monument View Coalfields
 - Grasswell House Coalfields
- 2.7 The Officer identified to undertake the Visits has been agreed as Dot McGough, who has previously undertaken this role.
- 2.8 The Regulation 44 visits will commence with Dot McGough at the end of October 2015.

3 Proposals

- 3.1 Young People are clear that the homes are 'their' homes and prefer that the numbers of visitors be kept to a minimum. With that in mind it is proposed that there are no more than two identified Members as visitors for each home. One as the main identified visitor and one as the stand-in visitor, if the first one is unavailable.
- 3.2 Dot McGough will undertake training with all the identified Members, so that Members are aware of the new Children's Homes Regulations and the new reporting format.
- 3.3 On completion of the training visits will commence with Members in attendance. Training will be arranged during October.

4 Recommendations

- 4.1 Agree Members involvement
- 4.2 Training dates to be agreed.
- 4.2 Agree the rota for Member visits. (Appendix 2).

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SCHEDULE

Date	Residential Home	Members
October 2015		
January 2016		
April 2016		
July 2016		