
SPECIAL MOTION NO. 3 – CHILDREN IN CARE

Standing in the names of:

- (i) Councillor Helen Binmore
- (ii) Councillor Donald Johnson

“This Council:

1. Notes that:

- The number of looked after children in the borough has fallen in every year since 2006 and that by the end of 2011 there were only 233 children in care at the end of 2011;
- Hammersmith & Fulham Council has outperformed the national average by 40% every year for the last 5 years for children leaving care on permanency orders;
- The Council is ranked first in the country for Special Guardianship Orders, and;
- The Council has met both thresholds for the new Adoption Scorecard this year.

2. Welcomes:

- the work of the recently formed Children in Care Council;
- the official launch of the Council's 'Pledge to all Children in Care' in September, and;
- the establishment of the Hammersmith & Fulham Opportunity Trust.

3. Resolves to:

- Review the 'Pledge to all Children in Care' every year;
- Work closely and collaboratively with the Children in Care Council;
- Drive to secure stable attachments through permanency orders;
- Actively manage adoption cases and continue to tackle delays, and;
- Further support our children in care and care leavers by promoting the Hammersmith & Fulham Opportunity Trust”.