**Pan-London Placements Commissioning Programme Steering Group**

**Terms of Reference**

Purpose

This Steering Group oversees the Pan-London Placements Commissioning Programme and reports to the LCIIB (London Children’s Innovation and Improvement Board).

The Pan-London Placements Commissioning Programme is an ambitious collaborative programme developed with the shared aims of:

* Enhancing placement sufficiency
* Securing more efficient use of public resources
* Improving outcomes for children in London

Activity and Responsibilities of the Steering Group

* Oversight of the Pan-London Placements Commissioning Programme (PLPCP)
* Generating ambition, innovation and capacity for delivery at pace through communication with local authority DCSs in the sub-region and sub-regional commissioning partnerships
* Promoting opportunities with local authorities and addressing barriers to implementation
* Review of programme progress at each meeting, with quarterly reports to LCIIB
* Oversight of PLPCP budget, including delegated authority to deploy the budget
* Communication with LCIIB, pan-London collaborative groups, local authorities and sub-regional commissioning groups to disseminate learning from the projects
* Accountability to LCIIB for outputs from the programme

Membership

The Steering Group will comprise:

* ALDCS Policy Lead for Finance and Resources (Chair)
* A DCS from each of the four sub-regions
* A representative member of Society of London Treasurers
* An officer from London Councils

Each DCS will nominate an alternate DCS from the sub-region to attend in their place in exceptional circumstances, to maintain momentum and continuity of the programme.

Each DCS will stand for twelve months, after which a new representative from the sub-region will be appointed.

Steering Group Support and Logistics

The Steering Group will meet quarterly, with support provided by the LIIA programme team.

Review

The Steering Group is time-limited for the duration of the programme. In addition, a review of the group’s effectiveness in fulfilling its functions should be undertaken after twelve months and these terms of reference should be reviewed as part of this process.