

## **Parenting Forum – Operational Team** **Terms of Reference**

### **Purpose:**

1. To co-ordinate and champion the contribution of parents, children, young people and service providers into the development, implementation and evaluation of Southampton's Parenting and Family Support Strategy.
2. To provide a platform for service providers to share good practice, and develop strong operational links and robust communication and referral processes.
3. To work with all partners to attract and coordinate funding into the city that furthers the aims of the Parenting and Family Support Strategy and adds to it.

### **Scope:**

1. The support/challenge of all voluntary, statutory and private sector agencies to develop and maintain effective parental/carer involvement in all aspects of the planning cycle of service provision.
2. The support/challenge of all agencies to review their service provision in the light of national guidance and local priorities and to submit new ideas for interagency service developments to the Commissioning Team.
3. To make clear recommendations to the Commissioning Team on all aspects of the development, implementation and evaluation of the Parenting and Family Support Strategy.
4. To develop ways to promote the Think Family agenda and other related ideas with all services.

### **Membership**

- Representative of Commissioning Team (Chair)
- Parenting Champion
- Parents and Carers – to be minimum of 10% and maximum of 50% of membership.
- Representative of each of the major providers of parenting support in the city – to include all sectors.

### **Frequency of meetings:**

Every 3 months.

**Reporting To:**

- Parenting Commissioning Group