

Meeting: CHILDREN & FAMILIES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

**COMMITTEE** 

Date: Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> March 2007

Time: 7.30 pm

Venue: Committee Rooms 1 & 2, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Brent Town Hall,

Forty Lane, Wembley, HA9 9HD

# **AGENDA**

## Membership:

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Date: 20/02/07

Introductions, if appropriate.

Apologies for absence and clarification of alternate members

## 1. Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests (if any)

Members are invited to declare at this stage of the meeting, any relevant financial or other interest in the items on this agenda.

## p.1 2. Minutes of the Previous Meetings

The minutes of the last meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2007 are attached.

### 3. **Matters Arising**

### 4. Item Requested by a Member of the Committee – Youth Service Provision

A member of the Committee has asked that this matter be discussed by the Committee and the following two petitions were submitted supporting this.

Petition – Against the Cuts in the Growth of the Youth Service

A petition has been received in the following terms:

"We the undersigned deplore the lack of youth services and facilities to support young people and their families in North Kilburn. We believe that the absence of youth services in the area is leading to increased anti-social behaviour and a rise in crime including car burglary, vandalism, mugging and drug-trafficking. We are petitioning for more youth services and facilities. We oppose the cuts in grants to youth services over the years."

The petition was signed by 35 registered electors in the borough.

Petition – Keep Streatley Road Scout Hut for Your Community Use

A petition has been received in the following terms:

"We the undersigned strongly object to the scout hut at 1A Streatley Road, NW6 being given over to private developers. We ask that the scout hut at 1A Streatley Gardens be kept as a much needed site for community use."

The petition was signed by more than 50 registered electors in the borough.

### p.9 5. Annual Education Standards Report 2005/06

This report outlines key trends in educational standards at Key Stages 1, 2, 3 and 4 and includes a section focused on the performance and progress of looked after children.



#### Children's Centres in Brent p.45 6.

This report sets out progress to date and the key issues in regard to Children's Centres in Brent.

#### p.53 7. Kingsbury and Stonebridge Integrated Service Programmes

The 'Every Child Matters: Change for Children Programme and The Children Act 2004 requires all local authorities and their partners to cooperate and deliver integrated frontline services, in order to improve outcomes for all children and young people in their area. Brent Children and Families Department has addressed this agenda by developing an integrated frontline service model in the Stonebridge and the Kingsbury wards. This report sets out progress to date and the key issues in regard to the two pilot programmes that have been successfully implemented. These have been offering inclusive early intervention provision for children and young people aged 0 -18 and their families who may be at risk of social exclusion.

### Improving Outcomes for African Caribbean and Black African Pupils – Task p.57 8. **Group Update**

This report outlines the current activity within the Improving Outcomes task group. It has been agreed that an update of this work will be brought to every meeting of this committee.

#### 9. **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee will be held on Wednesday, 18th April 2007.

#### 10. **Any Other Urgent Business**

Notice of items to be raised under this heading must be given in writing to the Democratic Services Manager or his representative before the meeting in accordance with Standing Order No 65.



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