



Meeting: CHILDREN & FAMILIES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date: Tuesday, 11th December 2007

Time: 7.30 pm

Venue: Committee Rooms 1 & 2, 2nd Floor, Brent Town Hall, Forty Lane, Wembley, HA9 9HD

AGENDA

Membership:

Members

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Mr Lorenzato
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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 Wednesday 10th October 2007 are attached.

3. **Matters Arising**

p.13 4. **Youth Service Mapping**

This paper provides an up-date for officers and members on the youth services within the Borough and highlights the gaps in youth provision.

Members are asked note the progress on mapping of youth services within the borough.

p.17 5. **Languages in School**

Our children speak over 130 languages. Over three quarters of Brent's school children are from minority ethnic groups. Many bilingual pupils achieve very well academically, but there are patterns of underachievement for groups of pupils. Accelerating the rate of improvement of underachieving groups is a key objective for strategic priority three of the Children and Young Peoples' Plan. This report outlines approach to the collection of language data will and the relationship between first language, ethnicity and achievement for schools.

p.21 6. **Tracking Outcomes from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

This report outlines how outcomes from this committee are monitored and followed up.

Members are asked to comment on the method of tracking and monitoring actions and committee recommendations arising from the Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee



p.29 7. **Children and Families Complaints- Annual Report 2006/07**

The annual report for 2006/07 on complaints about Children and Families services is attached. The report provides information about the context and operation of the complaints procedure, the number and type of complaints made during the year and how these were dealt with.

Members may wish to identify areas that require further investigation.

p.41 8. **Primary and Secondary School Places Update**

This report provides an update on the issues relating to the sufficiency of primary and secondary school places, the numbers of children currently without a school place and the measures taken to provide suitable education provision for children out of school.

Members are asked to note the increases in pupil numbers at primary and secondary level and the proposed plans for increasing capacity.

9. **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee will be held on Tuesday 12th February 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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