



**Meeting: CHILDREN & FAMILIES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**Date: Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2009**

**Time: 7.30 pm**

**Venue: Council Chamber, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Brent Town Hall,  
Forty Lane, Wembley, HA9 9HD**

## **AGENDA**

### **Membership:**

#### **Members**

**MOTLEY (C)**

**MRS FERNANDES (VC)**

**ARNOLD**

**ENIOLA**

**MISTRY**

**J MOHER**

**C J PATEL**

**TANCRED**

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Alternates**

Hashmi

Baker

Thomas

Beswick

Kansagra

R Moher

Bessong

Hirani

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Alternates**

Anwar

H M Patel

Bacchus

Butt

H B Patel

Singh

Clues

V Brown

**VOTING CO-OPTEEES:** *Rev Phil Stone*  
*Mrs Bondzi-Simpson*  
*Mr Lorenzato*  
*Mr Akisanya*

**OBSERVERS:** *Ms Jolinon*  
*Mrs Gouldbourne*  
*Mrs Singh*  
*Ms Cooper*  
*Mr Carter*

**NON-VOTING CO-OPTEEES:** *Dr Levison*  
*Mrs Tabi*

**For further information contact:**

**Democratic Services Officer – Maureen O’Sullivan**

**Tel: 020 8937 1357 email address: [maureen.o'sullivan@brent.gov.uk](mailto:maureen.o'sullivan@brent.gov.uk)**

**THE PRESS AND PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THIS MEETING**



**PLEASE RECYCLE**

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.

2. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the last meeting on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2009 are  
TO FOLLOW

3. **Matters Arising**

4. Report from the Director of Children and Families

**p1. Support for Somali Parents**

A new school funding formula was introduced for the 2008/09 academic year, which has included the provision of additional funding for schools based on the number of Somali boys in each school. Whilst there was no prescription on how schools could use this additional funding, there was an expectation that additional support to Somali parents would be a key aspect of schools' plans and use of funding.

This report provides an update of the additional support being made available to Somali parents including extended services provision.

5. Report from the Director of Children and Families

**p5. Child Protection Arrangements in Brent**

This report informs Scrutiny Members of the operational and strategic child protection arrangements in place in Brent in the light of the death of "Baby P" and the publication of the Ofsted inspection report on safeguarding and child protection in Haringey. It updates Members following the verbal feedback that was provided at the Executive meeting on 15 December 2008.

It advises members of the outcome of four pieces of work that were undertaken in the light of the events following Baby P's death. These were:

- an updated audit of services in response to Lord Laming's original recommendations,
- an audit of the action plan which arose following Brent's inspection of child protection services in 2003,
- an audit of the position in Brent measured against the findings of the Haringey Joint Area Review (November 08) and finally,
- an audit of all child protection cases and related plans (undertaken in December 2008).



The Executive, at its meeting on 16 February 2009, recommended an increase in resources for children's social care to be considered by Council on 2 March 2009.

6. Report from the Director of Children and Families

**p15. Annual Performance Assessment of Services for Children and Young People in Brent**

This report summarises the judgements of the Office for Standards in Education (Ofsted) for Brent's 2008 Annual Performance Assessment of services delivered during the period April 2007 to March 2008.

7. **Report from the of Chief Executive of NHS Brent**

**p67. School Nursing**

Since April 2008, NHS Brent has been responsible for both commissioning and providing school nursing services in Brent. From 1 April 2009, a nationally based contract will be in place for community services in Brent. A review of community services in Brent undertaken by the PCT in 2008/09 identified school nursing as a priority for development. An external review of school nursing commissioned by both commissioners and providers was undertaken in Autumn 2008. School nursing is a universal service to 55,000 children and 2/3 of the current child protection plans in Brent. The service offers support to all children of school age. Current service is under established and unable to meet national recommendations for one school nurse per secondary school. External reviews highlight the need for additional recruitment.

8. **School places verbal update**

9. **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee is scheduled for Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2009 at 7:30pm.

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 64.





Please remember to **SWITCH OFF** your mobile phone during the meeting.

- The meeting room is accessible by lift, and seats will be provided for members of the public.
- Toilets are available on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> floors.
- Catering facilities can be found on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor near the Assembly Hall and also on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor near the Council Chamber.
- A public telephone is located in the foyer on the ground floor, opposite the Porters' Lodge.

