



Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Thursday, 10 February 2011 at 7.00 pm
Committee Rooms 1 and 2, Brent Town Hall, Forty
Lane, Wembley, HA9 9HD

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Hector
Oladapo
HM Patel
Vacancy

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HB Patel

Statutory Co-optees

Mrs Shabna Abbasi
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Dr J Levison

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Mr A Carter
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Agenda

Introductions, if appropriate.

Apologies for absence and clarification of alternate members

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1 Declaration of personal and prejudicial interests	
Members are invited to declare at this stage of the meeting any relevant financial or other interest in the items on the agenda.	
2 Deputations (if any)	
3 Minutes of the last meeting held on 9 December 2010	1 - 6
The minutes are attached.	
4 Children's safeguarding services in Brent	
The committee will receive a presentation on safeguarding services in Brent. It will be split into two parts – Child Protection and Looked After Children and provide members with:	
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5 Children in care council - Care in Action	
The committee has invited representatives of Care in Action (CIA) to give a presentation on their current work and to start to build a working relationship with this group. Members of the CIA will be at the committee to speak to members.	
6 Impact of domestic violence on children and young people	7 - 12
The committee will consider a report on the changes that are happening around domestic violence services in Brent, with a focus on the impact on children and young people.	

7 School places in Brent - verbal update

This is a standing item on the committee's agenda. Members will be updated on the current position regarding school places in the borough.

8 Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 13 - 20

The Work Programme is attached.

9 Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 29 March at 7.00 pm.

10 Any other urgent business

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**MINUTES OF THE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
Thursday, 9 December 2010 at 7.00 pm**

PRESENT: Councillor Gladbaum (Chair) and Councillors Aden, Harrison, Hector, Oladapo, Abassi, Mrs L Goldbourne and Ms C Jolinon

Also Present: Councillor Arnold

Apologies were received from: Ms J Cooper and Brent Youth Parliament representatives.

1. Declarations of personal and prejudicial interests

None made at this meeting.

2. Deputations

None received.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 20 October 2010

RESOLVED:-

That the minutes of the last meeting held on 20 October 2010 be agreed as an accurate record of the meeting subject to the following corrections;

Add Mrs Abbassi to the list of those who gave apologies for absence.

Clause 11: Delete references to Councillor Hector and replace with Harrison

4. Matters Arising

Mr Lorenzo.

It was noted that the death of Mr Lorenzo, co-opted member for the Catholic Church had been notified to all members of the Committee.

My Place Project

The Lead Member for Children & Families Councillor Arnold reported that the £5million bid submitted for the "My Place Project" in conjunction with Roundwood Youth Centre had been successful. Subject to final approval of the business case, the flagship building in Roundwood Park would now proceed.

Notice of meetings

Lesley Goldbourne, an observer, informed the Committee that in future changes made to dates of meetings be notified to all members well in advance. The Policy and Performance Officer Andrew Davies took this on board.

5. Primary school expansion strategy

Rik Boxer (Assistant Director, Achievement & Inclusion) gave a verbal update on the number of children without a school place in Brent and the vacancies in each year group. In reference to a paper circulated at the meeting, members noted that the most pressure was in the years Reception to Year 2 where the number of children without school places exceeded vacancies but that there was some capacity in Years 3-6. The Assistant Director pointed out that the situation was not unique to Brent as it was a London wide problem. He then referred to the cluster map that showed the concentration of children without school places in various year groups and areas within the Borough.

Mrs Goldbourne asked what the position would be when unplaced primary school children in the south of the Borough were of secondary school ages (Year 7-11) as there were more secondary schools in the north of the Borough. Rik Boxer responded that there are current vacancies in Crest Academy and Newman College in the south of the Borough. There was an agreed secondary expansion strategy through Building Schools for the future which is now being re-worked following the cessation of BSF investment. Councillor Arnold added with emphasis that the development of a strategy to provide adequate school places across the primary and the secondary sectors was on the current administration's agenda. The Assistant Director in responding to questions about those children who parents would not would not accept places at certain schools, stated that measures were being taken to communicate the positive work of Brent schools and address any issues of misconception. In welcoming the measures, the Committee urged the Assistant Director to convey to the Children information Service, the need for their services in addressing the problem.

Richard Barrett (Head of Property & Asset Management) outlined the strategy and options for delivering additional school places adding that total funding of £967,000 had been allocated to meet the cost of temporary expansions from the Council's School Capital Programme for Park Lane Primary, Braintcroft Primary, Brentfield Primary and Ashley Gardens Early Learning Centre at Preston Manor High School. These were additional to temporary reception places at Granville Nursery School, Curzon Crescent Nursery School and College Green Nursery School. Richard Barrett continued that under the Basic Need Safety Valve (BNSV) scheme, emergency allocation of funds had been made to provide sufficient reception places by September 2011. BNSV schemes were currently in progress at St Robert Southwell RC Primary, Brentfield Primary and Newfield Primary schools. He drew members' attention to the Council's main programme of £17.01m and emphasised the need for progress on design, planning and procurement if the funds were to be spent by September 2011 subject to the Director inviting applications from all heads, otherwise the Council would be required to make up any resulting shortfall.

RESOLVED:-

That the contents of the report, Brent Primary School Expansion: Delivery Strategy 2010-10 be noted.

6. **16-19 Agenda**

The Committee gave consideration to a report that provided an update on the progress the local authority (LA) had made in planning for and delivering its statutory 16-19 responsibilities together with the national policy changes that had taken place since July.

John Galligan (Strategic Coordinator) informed the Committee that the guidance on the role of local authorities would be published in the autumn and went on to outline the main changes as follows;

- The withdrawal of the National Commissioning Framework
- The removal of the planned in-year adjustments for providers that over-recruit or under-recruit in the academic year 2010-11.
- The transfer of the direct funding of colleges and training providers from LAs to the Young People's Learning Agency (YPLA) from 1st August.
- The introduction of a 16-19 allocations process based upon lagged learner numbers. For the 2011/12 academic year the YPLA will allocate funding based upon the providers' autumn 2010 data returns.
- The removal of the requirement to have Regional Planning Groups and sub-regional groupings of LAs.

In drawing members' attention to Brent's main priorities as set out in the report, the Strategic Coordinator stated that the Authority would not be able to develop the details of the plan until the publication of the white paper and Commissioning Guidance. He continued that the Council had continued to plan for and implement its statutory 16-19 functions whilst awaiting the detail that would underpin the Secretary of State's announcements. He added that when the Schools White Paper and the new Commissioning Guidance were published the Council would need to make decisions on the resources required to meet its 16-19 statutory duties and whether the Brent 14-19 Partnership would be the best mechanism for their delivery.

Mrs Goldbourne, in reference to the 2011 funding formula for sixth forms which would be based on success rates, enquired as to which qualifications were being recognised in arriving at the success rates. The Strategic Coordinator responded that all qualifications excluding AS level were included and added that as from next year AS level would be included. Councillor Arnold expressed disappointment at the way the government had handled the 16-19 agenda and with the lack of guidance she felt that a vacuum would be created within the system. In response to a query by Harbi Farah, the Somali community representative about the processes for promoting apprenticeship, the Strategic Coordinator stated that the Council was working closely with all schools, local businesses and with support from the National Apprenticeship Scheme adding that the current economic climate was hampering the scheme's success.

John Galligan continued that the Council was linking up with Connexions, neighbouring Local Authorities and the College of North West London to develop more foundation work and reduce drop-out rate by reviewing the provision at year 12. In noting the report, Members emphasised the need for the Council to work in close partnership with the voluntary sector as a means of re-connecting with young people. The Chair commented that the phasing out of student maintenance allowance would have an adverse impact on the education for post 16.

RESOLVED:-

That the report on 16-19 agenda be noted.

7. **Special Educational Needs: One Council project**

The Committee considered this report which followed on from previous reports to this Committee outlining plans to meet the increasing demand for specialist SEN placements and to manage related budgetary pressures. Rik Boxer the Assistant Director drew members' attention to the project concept paper that had been developed as part of the One Council Programme. The paper set out a high level plan for the period September 2010 to August 2013 with the dual aim of improving local arrangements for meeting special educational needs and providing efficiency savings. The document was considered by the Capital Programme Board which agreed that a business case should now be developed based on the concept paper, setting out the costs and benefits of the project in more detail.

Rik Boxer outlined the 3 main strands of the document as follows:-

- a) strategic planning and expansion of local specialist provision for children requiring placement in additionally resourced mainstream provision or special school provision.
- b) better commissioning arrangements for out-Borough SEN placements, where these continue to be required.
- c) further steps required to increase the capacity of mainstream schools to meet a wider range of special educational needs that would prevent the need for specialist placements.

The Assistant Director continued that the project would increase in-Borough SEN provision for children with high level needs by approximately 50 places within the project period with a long-term objective of establishing approximately 200 additional high quality places by 2020. This cost effective local provision would reduce expenditure on out-Borough placements and associated transport costs with an added benefit of increasing inclusion of children with high level SEN into mainstream schools. He highlighted some of the challenges facing the service including population growth the increase in the number of children with profound learning needs, the reductions in the Building Schools for the Future (BSF) scheme and general uncertainties around lack of capital funding.

Members noted the robust measures taken by the Department including joint placement with education and social care, united efforts with other Boroughs under the West London Alliance, an umbrella organisation, had helped in driving down overall costs. Despite the difficulties being experienced, positive progress was being made including the rebuilding of Village School in Roe Green and the additional provision places at Preston Manor High School for autistic children. It was generally felt that the provision of a greater range of good educational options would benefit children and young people, families and the Council by way of reduced expenditure on out-Borough placements.

Members then asked questions about “statementing” of children and what remedies were available to parents who were unhappy with the outcomes for their children. The Assistant Director responded that differences in views and perceptions were inevitable and hence parents had recourse to a tribunal. He continued that the waiting period before assessment was 6 months as set down by statute adding that since September measures had been put in place to fast track the system thus enabling Brent to achieve a compliance rate of around 85%. In bringing the discussion to a close, the Chair emphasised the need for an early intervention to ensure effective support and action and in that regard suggested greater use of the Parent Partnership Service for impartial guidance.

RESOLVED:-

That the report on special education needs, one Council project, and the issues raised by members be noted.

8. Safety at the school gates task group follow up

The Committee considered this report which provided an update on the implementation of the recommendations arising from the Safety at the school gates task group. The task group was set up following concerns by young people about personal safety as they travelled on public transport to and from school in light of a wealth of data from surveys and crime statistics showing that robberies, bullying and anti-social behaviour were prevalent at the end of the school day in areas where young people congregated. The task group was carried out in 2009/10 by members of the Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee and reported its findings to the Executive in March 2010.

Andrew Davies Policy and Performance Officer outlined the aims and the main findings of the task group and added that although positive initiatives were taking place in Brent, the task group also found that there were specific areas of concern such as overcrowding on bus route 245, resulting in anti-social behaviour and disruption to other passengers. He drew members’ attention to the recommendations attached as appendix 1 to the report which set out details of each recommendation and progress made to date.

In discussing the report, Harbi Farah the representative from the Somali Community drew members’ attention to recommendation 1 of the appendix and noted that membership of the Safety and Security in and around Schools group did not include parents. It was generally agreed that parents should be involved in the group for effectiveness. Andrew Davies undertook to contact the officers responsible (Nicole

Rush and Inspector Hambleton of Brent Police) to ensure parent involvement in the working group on safety and security around schools. Mrs Abbasi (statutory co-opted member) informed the Committee about the effectiveness of the safety/parent parking scheme at Oliver Goldsmith Primary School in addressing parking issues around the school.

RESOLVED:-

(i) that the progress report on the Safety at the schools gates task group be noted;

(ii) that the undertaking by the Policy and Performance Officer to ensure the involvement of parents in the task group be noted.

9. **Verbal update - school places in Brent**

This item was considered with the Primary School Expansion Strategy (agenda item 5).

10. **Work Programme 2010-11**

Andrew Davies (Performance and Policy Officer) updated members on the schedule of work programme and identified the following 3 issues within the current cycle;

- i) Safeguarding update
- ii) Domestic Violence
- iii) Children in Council care

In noting the work programme, members requested further information on children's health and in particular, obesity.

RESOLVED:-

That the update on the work programme be noted.

11. **Date of next meeting**


Thursday, 10 February 2011 at 7:00pm.

12. **Any other urgent business**

None.

The meeting closed at 9.05 pm

H GLADBAUM
Chair

	<p style="text-align: center;">Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee</p> <p style="text-align: center;">10th February 2011</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Report from the Director of Strategy, Partnerships and Improvement</p>
For Action	Wards Affected: ALL
<p style="text-align: center;">Domestic violence in Brent and the impact on young people</p>	

1. Background

- 1.1 This brief overview report supports the presentation that will be given to the committee. This will be followed by a question and answer session that will flesh out in detail any matters not covered.
- 1.2 The vast majority of the victims of domestic violence are women and children, and women are also considerably more likely to experience repeated and severe forms of violence, and sexual abuse. Women may experience domestic violence regardless of ethnicity, religion, class, age, sexuality, disability or lifestyle. Domestic abuse can also occur in a range of relationships including heterosexual, gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender relationships, and extended families.
- 1.3 While both men and women may experience incidents of inter-personal violence, women are considerably more likely to experience repeated and severe forms of violence. 32% of women who had ever experienced domestic violence did so four or five (or more) times, compared with 11% of the (smaller number) of men who had ever experienced domestic violence; and women constituted 89% of all those who had experienced 4 or more incidents of domestic violence. (Walby and Allen, 2004) These points are not always evident in statistical summaries (for example those produced by the Home Office) as they focus on single incidents, rather than on the complex pattern of overlapping and repeated abuse perpetrated within a context of power and control.
- 1.4 Brent does provide services to male victims, and talks continue with partner boroughs to expand this service as required. As this paper looks at existing services the main focus is women and girls.
- 1.5 The remit is expanding. Current service provision in Brent for domestic violence is, by default, addressing many areas of other forms of violence against women and girls

(VAWG) within their client support. This includes on street prostitution and to a lesser existent trafficking.

- 1.6 Many areas of violence against women will often be occurring at the same time for many victims. Subsequently the very nature of what the client presents with means that frontline services strive to address the clients support needs in a holistic way.
- 1.7 However, this does not correlate that existing service provision is set up, funded or has the specialist expertise to be addressing this broader agenda of VAWG.

2. Brent's Perspective

- 2.1 Brent's Crime Prevention Strategy Group (CPSG), this partnership carries out the statutory functions of required under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, can be justifiably proud of its record of regarding Domestic Violence.
- 2.2 This investment in time and resources has resulted in the Community Safety Partnership Unit (BCSPU) setting the benchmark in training and partnership working within the West London Partnership. Brent, because of this commitment, is one of only six areas nationally to have a specialist Domestic Violence Court. The professional support staff and magistrates who are regularly trained and constantly supported the number of cases where the victim is too frightened to proceed continues to fall.
- 2.3 Over the last eighteen months BCSPU have focused on reaching victims via their doctors, maternity services and housing providers. In 2010 an independent study showed victims had felt confident about coming forward because of the services offered and their knowledge of those. Victim's first contact with the Police was predominantly positive and the independent advisory service commissioned by the BCSPU also received excellent feedback.

3. Current Services

- 3.1 There are a number of voluntary sector organisations in Brent supporting victims and many focus their service on particular groups such as ethnic and cultural groups. Some of these are part funded through the Supporting People Budget. Their input is extremely valuable but their capacity is limited.
- 3.2 For the last three years Advance (a charity) has been commissioned to deliver the bulk of the support services for victims.
- 3.3 The project annually has the capacity to received 600 referrals. The project is currently working with over 100 'high risk' survivors.
- 3.4 They also provide a 24 hour referral pathway to the service for the police in Brent.
- 3.5 Last year in Brent there were 4030 domestic violence incidents reported to the police. This year, to the end of July 2010, 1384 reports have been made. *The Way Forward 2010 – 2013: The Mayor of London Office strategy to taking action to end violence*

against women and girls.¹ Highlights that the police are unaware of 81% of domestic abuse.

- 3.6 The various providers work extremely cooperatively together and have excellent working relationships with BCSP and other Council and agencies departments. Forums, training and informal networking are maintained.
- 3.7 In 2009/10 114 children (52%) who were subject to a child protection plan in Brent were registered under the risk factor of domestic abuse.
- 3.8 A snap shot of the position on the 7th September 2010 showed that 271 were subject to a child protection plan in Brent. 154 children (57%) are registered under 'emotional abuse' which is used as a proxy indicator for registration due to domestic abuse.

4. Managing the Risks - Brent MARAC (Multi agency risk assessment conference)

- 4.1 The aim of MARAC 's is to offer a specialist multi agency response to the top 10% of victims at the highest level of risk of serious injury or death due to domestic abuse.
- 4.2 In Brent this forum was restarted some eighteen months ago. The Brent MARAC last year reviewed 249 cases of very high risk victims last year. It has been evaluated that Brent's MARAC should aim to review 450 cases per year based on population and crime reporting figures. Progress continues on the gap in services evidently means services, skills and capacity was lost a recent inspection found that progress was "excellent" (Quality Assurance Assessment).

5. Cost of Domestic Violence

- 5.1 The Home Office published figures last year for each borough, which calculates the human and societal cost for domestic abuse.
- 5.2 The calculations for **Brent** based on population size of 271,000:

No. Of women who have been a victim of Domestic Violence	No. Of women who have been sexually assaulted	No. Of women who have been a victim of stalking	Total cost** to Sectors	
6,369*	5,691*	11,270*	Physical & Mental health care	£11,155,397.00
*data comes from BCS figures who only sample 16-59 year old age group. Figures do not include repeats			Criminal Justice	£7,026,401.00
			Social	£1,323,208.00

¹ <http://www.london.gov.uk/priorities/crime-community-safety/tackling-priority-crimes/violence-against-women/way-forward>

**costs estimated from Home office research 2009/10

Services	
Other- Housing, civil legal, employment	£32,263,584.00
TOTAL cost:	£ 51,768,589.00
Additional TOTAL Human & emotional cost	£165,286,584.00

6. Looking to the Future

- 6.1 Currently, as in the rest of the public sector resources are under pressure however, whilst every effort to cut waste and greater prioritisation is being explored as far as practicable services will be maintained.
- 6.2 At the time of writing this report it is not possible to outline the future funding for Domestic Violence work.
- 6.3 A number of options are being pursued including cross multi- borough commissioning.
- 6.4 In addition a number of funding bids have been submitted with BCSU working in partnership with Voluntary sector agencies to access charitable, lottery and trust funding.
- 6.5 Brent has also been short-listed for a European Funding grant that will provide supplementary funding for a period of three years.

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Appendix 1: Paper -CASE STUDY example of IDVA intervention with a client.

- ADVANCE receive a referral from Police following a perpetrator being charged with a domestic violence related offence.
- ADVANCE contact the survivor to offer the service. Introduce the independent support that is available. After completing a risk assessment of their current situation and hearing what the client would like to happen, discuss all the options available to them. Inform them about what the police powers are, what action the police are taking, if applicable ensure they understand the upcoming court process.
- Options covered are: Housing options - staying with friends, remaining at home, emergency housing options, civil legal options, women's refuge options, and sanctuary scheme.
- Following the risks identified through the risk assessment refer to the MARAC if case meets the criteria. Provide ongoing crisis intervention support and safety planning.
- If case is referred to MARAC, act as the voice of the survivor at the MARAC and advocate on their behalf, reporting back decision made at the meeting.
- Survivor decides if any, what options she wants to take up and IDVA supports her through this process.

Eg. Referrals to other support agencies, arranging appointments with solicitors, providing support letter for housing, support through and beyond any court case. Liaise with other agencies on behalf of survivor ie, Children's services. Referrals to counselling services, assisting with locating a refuge space.

- ADVANCE liaise with CSU re: charge/bail conditions/ court hearing.
- ADVANCE attends Specialist Domestic Violence Court (SDVC) and contacts survivor immediately from court with the court result. Explain the bail/ remand conditions granted. Liaises at court with CPS re: any risk updates and clients wishes to support the prosecution.
- ADVANCE continues to liaise with OIC re: special measures, interpreters.
- Encourages survivor to report breaches of bail/ further incidents.
- Support survivors through their fears of attending court. Fears of engaging with statutory services.
- ADVANCE support client on the day of trial. If found guilty...
- ADVANCE liaises with Probation officer who is writing Pre-Sentence Report to make client's views known
- Provide client with outcome of court decision at trial, explain sentencing options open to the court
- Provide further safety planning and options for future.

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- Advise survivor on child contact options/ family court procedures, orders which can be obtained to protect the children.
- Refer on/ sign post as appropriate: counselling, outreach support.
- If client moves to another area ensure they are linked up with support services in that area, and understand options to report future incidents to the police/ report breaches of any civil court orders.

Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme – 2010/11

Meeting Date	Item	Issue for committee to consider	Outcome
13 th July 2010	Children and young people's plan 2009-11 – progress report.	The Children's Plan sets out the vision and objectives for Brent council and its partners in delivering children's services in Brent. This report will provide the committee with a good overview of the current work and priorities for children and young people in Brent.	Report noted.
	Brent Youth Parliament Overview	Overview of the work of the parliament including progress with 'Break the Stereotype fix the Impression' campaign (a campaign by BYP to improve adult's perception of young people).	Agreed to set up quarterly meetings between the chair of the Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee and BYP representatives.
	Annual Education Standards Report	This will report validated attainment data for assessments undertaken in summer 2009, which will be useful background information for the committee at its first meeting.	
	Verbal updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Places • In – flow and out – flow of secondary aged pupils. 	Reports noted.

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20 th October 2010	Support for Somali pupils	Update on the work within schools to provide additional support for Somali pupils through the extended schools programme.	Report noted.
	Localities Services	The committee has asked for a report on the council's locality based social care teams and the work they do with vulnerable young people and families.	Report noted. Andrew Davies agreed to send the members of the committee information in the Brent Integrated Care Organisation.
	Youth Service Review	The results of the Youth Services Review will be presented to the committee to give members an overview of the service in Brent.	The committee considered the report and recommended that children with disabilities are included in the Strategic Forum that is being formed to develop Youth Services in the borough. The committee will consider an update on the review in February or March 2011.
	Youth Offending Task Group terms of reference	The committee has agreed to continue with a task group looking at youth offending in Brent, but to start this work again with revised terms of reference. These will be presented to the committee for approval at the October meeting.	Terms of reference for the task group were agreed and the committee nominated three members to carry out this work – Cllrs Helga Gladbaum, Ann Hunter and Pat Harrison.
	Brent Youth Parliament Media Summit Report	The chair of the committee has asked for a report on the outcome of the Brent Youth Parliament Media Summit held in August 2010. The focus of the summit was the BYP campaign, "Break the stereotype, fix the impression" aimed at improving the	Report noted. The committee offered to assist the Brent Youth Parliament if it is unable to take forward the offers made to it at the Media Summit. At present the parliament members are confident this won't be necessary.

		impression of young people in the press.	
	Verbal Update – School Places in Brent	This is a standing item on the committee’s agenda. Members will be updated on the current position regarding school places in the borough.	Report noted

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9 th December 2010	16-19 Agenda	This report will detail the progress with the transfer of the 16-19 education council from the learning and skills council to the local authority.	Report noted
	Special Educational Needs	The committee will consider the outcomes of the council’s review of SEN in Brent, following on from last year’s Ofsted Report and previous reports to the Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee.	Report noted
	Safety at the school gates task group follow up	This task group report was agreed by the Executive in March 2010. This report will provide an update on the implementation of the recommendations	Report noted – the committee suggested that parents are included in the working group looking at safety and security around schools that is run by the council’s community safety team.
	Strategy for primary school developments	The committee is to receive a report on primary school redevelopment in Brent and the schools included in the plans.	Report noted, although there was concern that the philosophical arguments about although schools had not been discussed before the strategy was put together,

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10 th February 2011 – social care themed meeting	Safeguarding services in Brent	<p>The committee will receive a report and presentation on safeguarding services in Brent. It will be split into two parts – Child Protection and Looked After Children. The reports and presentation will provide members with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An overview of the services • The structure of the services and the models of service delivery • The numbers of young people that the services are working with • The pressures faced by safeguarding services • Performance indicators • Information on adoption and fostering, in addition to the reports on safeguarding. 	
	Children in care council	This is a new body set up to represent the views of looked after children. The committee has invited representatives of CIA to give a presentation on their current work and to start to build a relationship with this group.	
	Impact of domestic violence upon children and	The committee will consider a reporting that looks at emerging evidence that children	

	young people	who are affected by domestic violence in the home are more likely to experience other negative outcomes. The report will also look at the changes that are happening around domestic violence services in Brent.	
	Verbal Update – School Places in Brent	This is a standing item on the committee’s agenda. Members will be updated on the current position regarding school places in the borough. A written report will be provided for this meeting.	

Meeting Date	Item	Issue for committee to consider	Outcome
29 th March 2011	Education Standards in Brent	The committee will receive a report on the 2010 education standards in Brent.	
	Youth Offending Task Group	The final report of the task group will be presented to members for approval.	
	Special Educational Needs	The committee will consider the SEN One Council project, which has previously been reported to members, in December 2010. Depending on progress with this work, this could be taken by the committee in June 2011.	
	Review of full time nursery places in Brent	Cllr Gladbaum has seen an article on this in the Brent Magazine and would like a report on the key changes and the impact that this will have on young people.	

	Children's Centres in Brent	Report listed in the forward plan, to come to the Children and Young People Committee for scrutiny.	
	Impact of the budget on future service delivery (including schools budget)	The committee will receive a report on the impact that the CSR and local government settlement will have on children's services, including the Brent schools budget, which is listed separately in the council's forward plan.	
	Youth service review update	As requested by the committee in October 2010.	
	Sports services in Brent schools	The chair of the committee wants to take a report looking at the impact of reductions in funding to sports services in schools, as proposed by the government.	
	Verbal Update – School Places in Brent	This is a standing item on the committee's agenda. Members will be updated on the current position regarding school places in the borough.	

Items to be timetabled

Item	Issue for the committee to consider
Healthy Relationships task group	This report will provide an update on the implementation of the recommendations, which the committee needs to follow up.
Emerging legislation	To look at the impact of emerging legislation on work within the children and families department, following the formation of a new government.

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