



Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Tuesday 15 December 2009 at 7.30 pm

Committee Rooms 1 and 2, Brent Town Hall
Forty Lane, Wembley, HA9 9HD

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Agenda

Introductions, if appropriate.

Apologies for absence and clarification of alternate members

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1 Declarations 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 this agenda.	
2 Minutes of the previous meeting	1 - 10
3 Matters arising	
4 Youth Crime Prevention: the work of the Youth Offending Service	11 - 28
This report outlines the work of the Youth Offending Service (YOS), including the changes recently introduced to the youth justice system as a result of the Criminal Justice and Immigration Act 2008 and new approaches to working with young offenders. It also details the restructuring of the YOS since the last Scrutiny Report in early 2008 and updates the profiles of young offenders and trends in offending. It includes illustrative information about the work being undertaken with those young people on court-ordered sentences and the role of the YOS in prevention programmes for those at risk of offending as well as recent developments in the service.	
5 Improving outcomes for underachieving groups	29 - 34
Improving outcomes for underachieving groups remains a high priority for the local authority and for the School Improvement Service in particular. This is reflected in the School Improvement Service action plans which refer to accelerating the rate of improvement of underachieving groups, narrowing and eliminating gaps. In Brent there has been a borough-wide drive to improve outcomes for its main underperforming groups, Black Caribbean and Somali pupils. This report focuses on the impact of that work and provides an overview of the five Every Child Matters outcomes for the White British, White Other and White Irish groups. The report draws on data currently available to the local authority. It should be noted that information on outcomes in all areas is not available.	

6 Update on the transfer of responsibility for 16-19 education

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The Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act became law in November 2009, transferring the Learning and Skills Council's (LSC) responsibilities for funding and commissioning 16-19 education provision to local authorities from 1 April 2010. The transfer will help Brent Children's Partnership to integrate the planning, funding and local accountability of services provided for young people and their families. It will help to ensure that provision meets the needs of young people and that their outcomes improve. This report sets out the responsibilities which the local authority (LA) will have and the progress the LA has made in planning for the commissioning of 16-19 education provision.

7 Special Educational Needs: update on progress of SEN Improvement and Efficiency Review

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A report providing an overview of progress and provision for children with special educational needs was presented to the Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee in November 2008. It was noted that a SEN review was scheduled to take place under the Council's Improvement and Efficiency Scheme and members recommended that progress on the implementation of the review and other SEN developments were reported back to the Committee. This report provides an update on progress.

8 Building Schools for the Future (BSF)

Verbal update on the Council's bid to secure early entry into the BSF process.

9 School places in Brent

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

10 Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee is scheduled to be held on Tuesday 23 February 2010.

11 Any other urgent business

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