

Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme – 2012/13

Meeting Date	Item	Issue for committee to consider	Outcome	Recommendations
13 June 2012	Brent Youth Parliament	The members of the Brent Youth Parliament will be invited to provide an update on their work since the committee last met, as well as to raise any issues of concern they would like the committee to consider.	No representation from BYP at this meeting.	
	Achievement at KS5 and destinations	Committee will be presented with a short report on KS5, A level results analysis for individual schools in Brent. Report will also include the Destinations report, which is a report on school leavers and progression after leaving school. Report will be presented by John Galligan.	Report was noted by members of the committee. Breakdown of the type of “other courses” started in 2011 in the table in section 3.7 requested. This information is not available as yet as students have not completed their courses. To be followed up later in the year.	
	Expansion of Brent Schools	Progress Report on Brent being allocated the best Capital Settlement in the country and an update on the 2 application bids under the ‘Priority Schools Building Programme’ for Alperton and Copland. Committee will consider the plans on expanding Brent schools. Report will be presented by Rik Boxer.	Report was noted by members of the committee.	

	Analysis of educational achievement by ethnicity	Report focussing in particular on attainment levels of under achieving groups in the borough.	Report was noted by members of the committee. Copy of the work programme mentioned in 4.7 of the report was requested. Query about why the 'White other' group was not filtered down into further groups and why was there no analysis on the individual groups that fall into this category. Naureen to feedback and provide information requested	
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19 July 2012	Brent Youth Parliament Background of Auditing Practices in Brent	<p>The members of the Brent Youth Parliament will be invited to provide an update on their work since the committee last met, as well as to raise any issues of concern they would like the committee to consider.</p> <p>The chair has requested for a report on the auditing procedures and findings for Brent schools. In addition to this information regarding governing practices and support to governors has also been requested. Report will also include an outline of procedures with C&F to ensure probity and correct auditing procedures and policies are in place. Report will be presented by Mustafa Salih, AD Strategic Finance CF and Simon Lane, Head of Audit & Investigations.</p>	<p>BYP to be invited to contribute ideas to the committee's work programme.</p> <p>Report was noted and an update report is submitted to committee in six months' time.</p>	

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of interim social workers 	
	Child Poverty Strategy	Anna Janes & Tony Hirsch will present the report.	Members noted the report and strategy, however expressed their concerns about the delivery of the action plan.	It was recommended that this should be a regular item for the committee. It was also recommended that poverty implications should be considered in all reports to committee.

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11 December 2012	Brent Youth Parliament	The members of the Brent Youth Parliament will be invited to provide an update on their work since the committee last met, as well as to raise any issues of concern they would like the committee to consider.	Members noted the recent activity of BYP and commended their commitment and enthusiasm.	
	Working with Families Initiative	Members to receive an update on how this is being progressed. This presentation will outline what is being done to align services to work together for the family as a whole and how this encompasses partnership working. This includes looking at how to bring partners together to create a Multi Agency Service Hub in the new civic centre. This will be presented by Sara Williams.	Members noted the presentation and requested further information on the financial savings to be made from the initiative.	

	<p>Implementing the Children & Young Peoples Plan</p> <p>Corporate Parenting</p>	<p>Members will be presented with the plan and a covering report outlining the partnership structure and proposed outcomes of the plan.</p> <p>Members will receive a report on Brent's model of corporate parenting in comparison to other local authorities. Including reasons for our approach and details of member involvement in the process. Examples of Best Practice models will be presented to members for discussion. An update on the LAC virtual school will also be included.</p>	<p>Members noted the report and requested that regular updates be provided to committee on the plans priorities.</p> <p>Members noted the report and requested for figures on how many LAC attend university and information on the care action plan and meetings to be provided.</p>	
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12 February 2013	<p>Brent Youth Parliament</p> <p>Bullying in Schools</p>	<p>The members of the Brent Youth Parliament will provide an update on their work since the committee last met, as well as to raise any issues of concern they would like the committee to consider.</p> <p>Request from BYP for the committee to request a report on how this is being tackled in Brent schools. A best practice presentation from a Brent school would be beneficial. Presentation</p>		

	<p>Youth Offending Task Group/Early Years Intervention Task Group</p> <p>Short breaks provision</p> <p>Services for SEN</p>	<p>by Stephen McMullan and BYP highlighting what is currently being done to tackle bullying to be presented to members.</p> <p>Members will receive a verbal update by Sara Williams on the progress of the recommendations made by the task group and how this is being developed.</p> <p>Committee to be presented with a verbal update by Sara Williams on how the provision for respite centres has been tackled and resolved.</p> <p>Committee to receive an update report by Sara Williams following the changes that have been made to the service. How are we addressing the issue of placing children outside of the borough?</p>		
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20 March 2013	Brent Youth Parliament	The members of the Brent Youth Parliament will be invited to provide an update on their work since the committee last met, as well as to raise any issues of concern they would like the committee to consider.		

	<p>Update on Auditing Practices in Brent</p> <p>Update requested from the report presented to the committee in July 2012. Chair has requested for an update on the financial situation and information related to the uptake from schools on the traded services offered by Brent.</p>		
	<p>Academies and Free Schools</p> <p>Members have requested a report clarifying the current situation in Brent in relation to which schools are academies. What is the current policy on this and what are the future plans for Brent schools.</p>		
<p>Items from the Forward Plan and Work Programme to be timetabled.</p> <p>The committee will be presented with a list of items related to children and young people's services on the Forward Plan, to decide whether there are any they wish to scrutinise. The committee's work programme will also be included on the meeting agenda</p>			
Item	Issue for the committee to consider		
Impact and Service Improvement Report	Anna Janes to provide information and will present the report.		
Domestic Violence – Children's Partnership Project	The committee will consider the Children's Partnership report on domestic violence in Brent, following up previous presentations to the committee on this issue.		
Youth service review update	As requested by the committee in October 2010, the committee will receive an update on the progress of the on going youth services		

	review, being carried out by the Children's Trust Sub Group.	
Local Safeguarding Children's Board (LSCB) Annual report April 2012	Update report against the LSCB action plan goes to executive on 19 September 2012.	
Early Years	Committee to be presented with a report on how the provision for early years has changed and what these changes mean for Brent. Report will be from a policy perspective.	
Educational Benefits of all through schools	Suggestion for a report covering the benefits and disadvantages of all through schools for members to consider.	
Adoption and Fostering annual report April 2011 to March 2012	Report goes to Executive on 19 September 2012. Main action of report is to increase recruitment and to move children out of Independent Fostering Agencies (IFS's)	
A plan for Children and Families in Brent (PSCFB) 2012-2015	Report on how Brent is will provide the support to ensure that children and young people in Brent are healthy and safe. The aim is to narrow the gap between those children who do well and those who need extra support to thrive. Report goes to Executive on 19 September 2012.	
Travel Plans and Parking Permits for schools	Report on the progress made on school travel planning, the process for school parking permits and future priorities.	
Child Poverty Strategy	It was agreed by members at the October meeting that this should be a regular item on the agenda and that members should receive regular updates on the work being done around this. This area links into various other projects and strategies and therefore will be presented to the committee as part of those.	
Payment by Results in Early Years	This initiative is aimed at children's centres and is a project to identify families with children in the 0-5 year age group. Sue Gates is the project manager.	

Youth Service Review	Not yet complete. Lead officer is Cathy Tyson.	
Review of young people's services	Committee to receive a report on the proposed restructure and how this will bring the different strands together.	
Items on the Forward Plan 07 2012-13, relevant to committee		
Decision will be taken by Executive between 1 Dec 2012 and 31 Jan 2013. Director of Children and Families Tel: 020 8937 3126 krutika.pau@brent.gov.uk	Authority to invite tenders for a Speech and Language Therapy service from June 2013. To approve a one year extension to the current contract with the incumbent for the Key Stage 1&2 and Key Stage 3&4 speech and language therapy service in mainstream Brent schools, on the basis that there is a proposed review of services to determine whether there are merits and savings/efficiencies to be made by commissioning the service jointly with health.	
Expected date of decision by Executive on 7 Feb 2013 Head of Transportation Tel: 020 8937 5151 paul.chandler@brent.gov.uk	School parking arrangements. To consider the report from Head of Safer Streets outlining the results of parking compliance surveys at schools, an examination of potential equalities issues and recommendation for future enforcement prioritization.	
Expected date of decision by Executive on 11 Feb 2013 Director of Children and Families Tel: 020 8937 3126 krutika.pau@brent.gov.uk	Authority for exemption to award up to a three year contract for Special Educational Needs Independent School Revision. To agree an exemption to the competitive requirements of Standing Orders to allow the direct award of a contract to an independent school for moderate learning difficulties to secure cost efficiencies for the council and on going provision for Brent children.	
Expected date of decision by Executive on 11 Feb 2013 Director of Children and Families Tel: 020 8937 3126	Authority for exemption to award contracts to selected Academies for specific SEN services formerly delivered to Brent Council via Service Level Agreement. To grant an exemption to the competitive requirements of Standing Orders to allow the direct award of contracts to Alperton Academy,	

krutika.pau@brent.gov.uk	Kingsbury High School, Queens Park Community School and Claremont Academy for SEN Services including a moderate learning difficulties unit, services to children with significant hearing impairment, and children new to Brent with English as an additional language.	
<p>Expected date of decision by Executive on 11 Feb 2013</p> <p>Director of Children and Families Tel: 020 8937 3126 krutika.pau@brent.gov.uk</p>	<p>SEN and Disability Strategy 2013-2016 To note the progress to date on development priorities for SEN and to approve the priorities contained within the SEN and Disability Strategy document for 2013-2016. Brent Council's strategy for children and young people aged 0-25 years with Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) will replace the previous SEND strategy produced in 2007 which was supplemented by the Education Accessibility Strategy published in 2010. The strategy contributes to our commitments outlined in our high level plan for Children and Families and has been developed from the One Council project review of SEND services and provision which is a two year review due for completion in 2013. Whilst the project review is designed to provide better services, increase our performance and reduce costs, it will also ensure that through this strategy our policy and practice will reflect the many changes and recommendations made at national level. These include the Equality Act (2010) and the government Green Paper Support and Aspiration: a new approach to special educational a new approach to special educational needs and disability (2011).</p>	
<p>Expected date of decision by Executive on 11 Feb 2013</p> <p>Director of Children and Families Tel: 020 8937 3126 krutika.pau@brent.gov.uk</p>	<p>Renewal of existing contracts relating to services at Children's Centres for the delivery of Speech and Language Therapy and Independent Advice and Guidance to Brent Families with children aged under 5 years To agree an exemption from the tendering requirements of Contract Standing Orders to allow the renewal of the current Speech and Language Therapy contract for children aged under five years and contract for Independent advice and guidance from 1 April 2013 to 31 March 2014 to allow officers to carry out a competitive procurement of both services with a view to achieving cost efficiencies.</p>	

<p>Expected date of decision by Executive on 11 Feb 2013</p> <p>Director of Children and Families Tel: 020 8937 3126 krutika.pau@brent.gov.uk</p>	<p>Outcome of Safeguarding Inspection report and Action Plan To note the outcome of the recent Safeguarding Children's inspection; the recommendations made for improvement and agree the action plan to address these.</p>	
<p>Expected date of decision by Executive not before 1 March 2013</p> <p>Director of Children and Families Tel: 020 8937 3126 krutika.pau@brent.gov.uk</p>	<p>Children and Young People - eligibility for assisted travel To note the report and agree to implementation of the new policy from April 2013. The council has worked with the West London alliance (WLA) to develop a common policy for deciding when assistance with transport to school will be provided. The purpose of the policy is to have parity with neighbouring boroughs in determining assistance with transport. The policy also focuses on developing independence and independent travel skills, and making best use of resources available to the council.</p>	
<p>Expected date of decision by Executive on 11 March 2013</p> <p>Director of Children and Families Tel: 020 8937 3126 krutika.pau@brent.gov.uk</p>	<p>Annual School Standards report To note current school standards in the borough and agree the approach to improving standards and narrowing attainment gaps.</p>	
<p>Expected date of decision by Executive on 20 May 2013</p> <p>Director of Children and Families Tel: 020 8937 3126 krutika.pau@brent.gov.uk</p>	<p>WLA/IFA Framework: outcome of procurement To agree Children's Services to be able to 'call off' (access) the West London Alliance Independent Fostering Framework. Tendering of the framework is being led by the London Borough of Hillingdon on behalf of the West London Alliance.</p>	