Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme – 2013/14

Meeting Date	Item	Issue for committee to consider	Outcome	Recommendations
18 June 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.	BYP has focused on bullying, aiming for a clear and consistent policy across schools. They have been campaigning for the Curriculum For Life, and aim for pupils from each school to join this. Are working to raise awareness of the 16-19 bursary amongst young people.20 th annual Brent Eton Summer School takes place in first week of July.	
	School place strategy report	To consider progress on school place planning and expansion	Report was noted, and that Cheryl Painting would provide further information on detail of works planned at Copland School, and the Equalities Impact Assessment for the School Places Strategy.	
	Inspection of Fostering Service	Members will receive an update on the recent inspection.	Report was noted, and Nigel Chapman would provide further information on the numbers of children placed outside Brent.	
17 July 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	BYP has been supporting the Curriculum For Life campaign, holding an event for pupils from six schools. Mosaic and Brent Anti-bullying Council have been	

	would like the committee to consider.	asked to provide training for young people which can be further cascaded. Councillors are also requested to speak in schools about their work. BYP is concerned about the effect of personnel changes on its support, however while the vacant support post will be filled, it is unlikely to be added to.	
Local Safeguarding Children's board annual report	To receive a report on the work of the local authority and its partners to ensure safeguarding of children in Brent	Since the new chair took office in May 2012, the structure and constitution of the LSCB has been reformed. A report on the Board's audit work will be submitted at a later meeting of the committee, and Child Poverty implications will be submitted for the current paper before the next meeting of the committee.	
SEN update report	To consider progress on transformation of special educational needs provision in the borough	The One Council Project had supported the service to achieve a number of significant improvements regarding issuing of statements, in-borough provision and financial performance. However, demand is projected to increase over the next seven years at least, and the new regime coming into force from 2014 must be planned for.	
School places update	Standing item to update committee	At 12 July 2013 there were 24	

	Dental health presentation	members of the current situation regarding school places in the borough Overview from the Director of Public Health on dental health issues of children and young people in Brent	children who had not yet been offered a school place (very recent arrivals), with places available for all. There were 205 children without school places but for whom offers had been made. There would be sufficient secondary school places for the 2014/15 academic year due to free schools opening. October's update will include detail on numbers of children not taking up a school place after more than six months. Oral health of under-5s is a key issue for Brent and was the worst in England in 2007-08, causing school absences and acting as a poor indicator for adulthood. An oral health plan is in development focusing on earlier regular brushing with fluoride toothpastes, working with the dental community and training frontline staff. The committee would propose to the relevant NHS body that dental staff be allowed to go into schools to offer checks to pupils.	
10 October 2013	Corporate parenting – annual report	To receive a report on the council's progress and approach to acting as corporate parent of looked after children		
	Careers Advice	Report on services on careers		

		advice requested by BYP		
	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.		
	School Places update	Standing item to update committee members of the current situation regarding school places in the borough		
10 December 2013	Brent Youth Parliament (to be limited introductions and participation as members of the committee – confirmed with chair)	The members of the Brent Youth Parliament will be invited to briefly summarise their recent activities and issues in their written update.	The update was noted.	
	School standards	A report on standards in the borough's schools	The report was noted.	
	School places update	Verbal update given	The update was noted.	
	Working with families update (rescheduled	Update on the council and its partners' work to intervene early to	The update was noted.	

	following lack of time at October meeting) Children's Centres Update	turn round the lives of families with complex needs and to improve our overall approach to improving families' lives.	The report was noted.	A further report was requested analysing the strengths and weaknesses of the Early Years Team be provided to the committee at its meeting in March 2014.
05 February 2014	Brent Youth Parliament	The members of the Brent Youth Parliament will be invited to briefly summarise their recent activities and issues in their written update.		
	Update on financial management in schools	Members have requested for an annual update. The report will provide information on the auditing procedures and findings from audits for Brent schools.		
	Expenditure of Pupil Premium	Requested in June		
	School places update	Standing item to update committee members of the current situation		

	Alternative education, behaviour and attendance	regarding school places in the borough Update on plans to transform the approach in the borough to supporting pupils at risk of exclusion and non-attendance.	
19 March 2014	Brent Youth Parliament	The members of the Brent Youth Parliament will be invited to briefly summarise their recent activities and issues in their written update.	
	School places update	Standing item to update committee members of the current situation regarding school places in the borough	
	Post-school destinations of pupils	Requested by members at June meeting	
	Results of LSCB Audits	Requested by members following LSCB item at July meeting	
	Youth Offending Service report (tentatively scheduled at request of Children & Families)	TBC – added at suggestion of Children & Families	
	Early Years Service	An analysis of the strength and weaknesses of the service.	

Progress on borough plan – children and young people	Report on progress against CYP pledges in revised borough plan		
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Additional Notes

For the next municipal year: Update on the Child Poverty Strategy, a report on the outcomes of the Social Mobility Commission, a report on the outcomes of the Schools Commission.