

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. 	Report noted
	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.	Report Noted
	Impact of domestic violence upon children and	The committee will consider a reporting that looks at emerging evidence that children	Report noted – the committee has agreed to

	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.	consider a further report from the Children's Partnership on its domestic violence project, which is starting in March / April 2011. This will be added to the committee work programme.
	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.	Report noted – agreed to keep this item

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29 th March 2011	Education Standards in Brent	The committee will receive a report on the 2010 education standards in Brent.	
	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 – this went to the Executive in February 2011	
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Summer 2011 (date still to be set)	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.	
	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.	
	All through schools	The committee was interested in considering the merits of all through schools and whether Brent should be pursuing this as a viable option in any school expansion strategy. A report on this issue will be presented to the committee for discussion.	
	Youth Offending Task Group	The final report of the task group will be presented to members for approval.	

Items to be timetabled

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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.
Underachievement in Brent Schools	It has been suggested that the Children and Young People Committee considers a report on the underachievement of pupils in Brent schools, particularly Somali pupils. The focus of the report should be on the services that are in place to help underachieving groups, rather than looking at statistics on performance.
Brent Music Service	The committee has asked for a report on the Brent Music Service.
Welsh Harp Education Centre	The committee is concerned about the possible closure of the Welsh Harp Education Centre and has asked for a report on this issue, setting out the services that it provides for school pupils and their families and the options available to replace those services in the borough.
Family Support Services	The committee has requested a report on family support services in Brent.
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.