



Meeting: CHILDREN & FAMILIES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date: Wednesday 4th February 2009

Time: 7.30 pm

**Venue: Council Chamber, 2nd Floor, Brent Town Hall,
Forty Lane, Wembley, HA9 9HD**

AGENDA

Membership:

Members

MOTLEY (C)

MRS FERNANDES (VC)

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Anwar

H M Patel

Bacchus

Butt

H B Patel

Singh

Clues

V Brown

VOTING CO-OPTES: *Rev Phil Stone*
Mrs Bondzi-Simpson
Mr Lorenzato
Mr Akisanya

NON-VOTING CO-OPTES: *Dr Levison*
Mrs Tabi

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Mrs Singh
Ms J Cooper
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PLEASE RECYCLE

Introductions, if appropriate.

Apologies for absence and clarification of alternate members.

1. **Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests (if any)**

Members are invited to declare at this stage of the meeting, any relevant financial or other interest in the items on this agenda.

p. 1 2. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the last meeting on Wednesday 26th November 2008 are attached.

3. **Matters Arising**

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Tackling Homophobic Bullying

Tackling all forms of bullying remains a high priority for the local authority and School Improvement Services. In November 2007, the Children and Families department held a conference to highlight the importance of tackling homophobic bullying. Ten schools were represented and there were 40 participants. This academic year, 2008-9, tackling homophobic bullying a major focus, and the Council is working with Stonewall, the charity that advises the government on tackling homophobic bullying, on its Education Champions programme to take a lead in this area with schools.

5. Report from the Director of Children and Families

to follow **Review of the Impact and Outcomes of Special Projects for Secondary School Age Children Newly Arrived in Brent**

This report provides information on the education provision in special projects for secondary school age children who are new arrivals to Brent.

6. **Update on Primary and Secondary School Places**

Members will be provided with 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.

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Local Area Agreement – Priorities for Children and Young People

This report provides information and an update for members on the progress and performance of the Local Area Agreement (LAA) 2008-2011 with regard to the priorities for children and young people.

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Reducing Childhood Obesity

This report provides information about childhood obesity from a national and local perspective, outlining its dramatic increase in recent years and detailing the socio-economic, health and financial consequences of this increase both now and in the future. It should be noted that Brent currently has higher levels of overweight and obese children than the national averages. Tackling childhood obesity is a national government priority, and the National Obesity Strategy set out the first steps towards meeting the challenge. Primary Care Trusts and local authorities are expected to engage and empower their communities to lead healthier lifestyles, and the report provides details of the Council's joint strategy with NHS Brent to reduce and prevent further increases in childhood obesity.

9. **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee is scheduled for Thursday 5th March 2009.

10. **Any Other Urgent Business**

Notice of items to be raised under this heading must be given in writing to the Democratic Services Manager or his representative before the meeting in accordance with Standing Order No 64.



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