



Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Wednesday 21 October 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

Item	Page
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 - 6
3 Safeguarding children in Brent	
Verbal feedback to the committee following the recently established cross-party meeting which looks at safeguarding children in Brent.	
4 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.	
5 Building Schools for the Future (BSF)	
Verbal update on the Council's bid to secure early entry into the BSF process.	
6 Annual Report of Brent Youth Parliament (BYP) 2008-09	7 - 18
This report sets out the progress and impact made by the Brent Youth Parliament (BYP) at the end of its second term. The report evaluates the performance of the youth parliament against the terms of reference agreed by its currently elected members at their induction session in November 2008. The report is an update from the six monthly progress report that was presented at the Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee in April 2009, thereby highlighting progress made by BYP in the last six months only.	

7 Scope of Youth Services Review 19 - 34

The Services for Young People Review is an opportunity to evaluate the Youth Service and, more broadly, services and positive activities for young people in Brent. It will examine opportunities and the potential to reconfigure service provision so that youth provision in the borough is more closely aligned to the tiered model of need set out in the Brent Children and Young People's Plan 2009-2011. The review forms part of Brent's One Council Transformation Programme and has an efficiency target of £200,000 set against it.

8 Allocation and funding of nursery places 35 - 60

Universal nursery provision for 3 and 4 year olds was made available in 1998 through the allocation of government funding to local authorities; and the inclusion of the private voluntary and independent (PVI) sectors as nursery providers. All children aged 3 and 4, whose parents wished to take up the offer, were funded to receive 12.5 hours of nursery provision, equating to a part-time place. Government only provides funding for part time places in both sectors. Changes to government legislation on the number of hours to be provided, and on funding arrangements for nursery places for 3 and 4 year olds, have initiated a review of current arrangements in Brent. It is apparent that historic arrangements in place have led to inconsistencies in access to full-time and part-time places across the borough. In order to achieve transparency in allocating resources, and effectiveness in raising standards for all children, and narrowing the attainment gap between them, a new process for funding using a local single funding formula (SFF) and allocating early years (nursery) places has been developed.

9 Performance Management of Children & Young People Plan 2008-09 61 - 70

This report shows the level of progress made by the Brent Children's Partnership Board in 2008/09 in delivering the strategic priorities identified in the 2006/09 Children and Young People's Plan.

10 Final task group report on pupil safety on the journey to and from school 71 - 94

The final report of the task group on pupil safety on the journey to and from school.

11 Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee is scheduled to be held on Tuesday 15 December 2009.

12 Any other urgent business

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