



Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Tuesday, 23 February 2010 at 7.30 pm
Alperton Community School, Lower School, Ealing
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The press and public are welcome to attend this meeting

Agenda

Introductions, if appropriate.

Apologies for absence and clarification of alternate members

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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 Deputations (if any)	
3 Minutes of the previous meeting	1 - 12
4 Matters arising (if any)	
5 Early Years Single Funding Formula	13 - 38
During the discussion on the Early Years Single Funding Formula at the last Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee, it was requested that a verbal update on this issue be provided, along with a copy of the report which went to the Executive on the 15 th February 2010.	
6 Supporting schools to succeed	39 - 44
This report aims to inform members about the lowest performing schools in Brent, the factors which contribute to their low performance and the actions taken by the LA and the schools themselves to address the challenges.	
7 Tackling homophobic bullying in schools	45 - 46
This report provides the Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee with details on how homophobic bullying in schools is being tackled in Brent.	
8 School Status and Diversity in Brent	47 - 92
This report provides the Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Community with information on the following areas:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Demographics• Types of Schools in Brent• Brent's Admission Policies	

- Governing Bodies: details of the law, status, accountability, training, and recruitment
- School Funding

9 Transforming Learning in Brent (BSF)

93 - 98

The Council has been engaged with the entry process for Building Schools for the Future (BSF) for over a year now and on the 30 November 2009 it received the very welcome news that Brent was now successfully on the programme and will be formally starting before 1 April 2010. The report provides the Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee with an update on the programme and the next steps in the process. An outline project timetable is attached as Appendix A.

10 Special educational needs: place planning and financial overview

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This report provides an overview of SEN expenditure and an analysis of current and projected demand for SEN placements. It also outlines future plans to meet increasing demand with reference to the Building Schools for the Future 'Strategy for Change' which is currently under development.

11 School Places

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.

12 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 64.

13 Date of Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting of the Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee is scheduled to be held on Thursday 25 March 2010.



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