

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	

	<p>Local Safeguarding Children's board annual report</p> <p>SEN update report</p> <p>School places update</p>	<p>would like the committee to consider.</p> <p>To receive a report on the work of the local authority and its partners to ensure safeguarding of children in Brent</p> <p>To consider progress on transformation of special educational needs provision in the borough</p> <p>Standing item to update committee</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>At 12 July 2013 there were 24</p>	
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		<p>members of the current situation regarding school places in the borough</p>	<p>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.</p>	
	Dental health presentation	<p>Overview from the Director of Public Health on dental health issues of children and young people in Brent</p>	<p>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.</p>	
10 October 2013	<p>Corporate parenting – annual report</p> <p>Careers Advice</p>	<p>To receive a report on the council's progress and approach to acting as corporate parent of looked after children</p> <p>Report on services on careers</p>		

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

	<p>following lack of time at October meeting)</p> <p>Children's Centres Update</p>	<p>turn round the lives of families with complex needs and to improve our overall approach to improving families' lives.</p>	<p>The report was noted.</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>05 February 2014</p>	<p>Brent Youth Parliament</p> <p>Update on financial management in schools</p> <p>Expenditure of Pupil Premium</p> <p>School places update</p>	<p>The members of the Brent Youth Parliament will be invited to briefly summarise their recent activities and issues in their written update.</p> <p>Members have requested for an annual update. The report will provide information on the auditing procedures and findings from audits for Brent schools.</p> <p>Requested in June</p> <p>Standing item to update committee members of the current situation</p>	<p>Report to be submitted.</p>	<p>Members raised concerns regarding progress made against the Child Poverty Strategy. CY to give verbal update on strategy in March and for an update report to be brought to the committee for first meeting</p>

	Alternative education, behaviour and attendance	<p>regarding school places in the borough</p> <p>Update on plans to transform the approach in the borough to supporting pupils at risk of exclusion and non-attendance.</p>		of next municipal year
19 March 2014	<p>Brent Youth Parliament</p> <p>Task Group Presentation</p> <p>School places update</p> <p>Post-school destinations of pupils</p> <p>Results of LSCB Audits</p> <p>Youth Offending Service report (tentatively scheduled at request of Children & Families)</p>	<p>A report will be submitted</p> <p>A task group from the Partnership & Place OSC will give a short presentation on their findings regarding FGM, Honour-based violence and forced marriage.</p> <p>Standing item to update committee members of the current situation regarding school places in the borough</p> <p>Requested by members at June meeting</p> <p>Requested by members following LSCB item at July meeting</p> <p>General update and impact on tackling child poverty</p>		

	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		

Forward Plan (for next municipal year):

1. Update on the Child Poverty Strategy
2. Report on the outcomes of the Social Mobility Commission
3. Report on the outcomes of the Schools Commission
4. Annual Adoption and Fostering Report 2014