

Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme – 2010/11

The items listed below include suggestions for the first meeting and items that the previous committee asked to be considered at a future meeting

Proposed Item	Issue for Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider	Committee Date
Committee Introductions	Councillor Gladbaum, chair of the committee, has asked that the councillors, co-opted members and officers spend some time introducing themselves at the beginning of the committee meeting.	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.	July 2010
Brent Youth Parliament	Overview of the work of the parliament including progress with 'Break the Stereotype fix the Impression' campaign (a campaign by BYP to improve adults perception of young people)	July 2010
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.	July 2010
Verbal updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Places • In – flow and out – flow of secondary aged pupils. 	July 2010
Work Programme	Overview of the importance of the scrutiny work programme and suggestions for topics that the committee may wish to look at	July 2010
Safety on the journey to and from schools task group	This task group report was agreed by the Executive in March 2010. This report will provide an update on the implementation of the recommendations	October 2010

Building schools for the future	Update on the progress with the Building Schools for the Future programme in Brent and timetable for the works to begin.	October 2010
Healthy Relationships task group	This report will provide an update on the implementation of the recommendations	October 2010
14-19 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.	October 2010
Support for Somali pupils	Update on the work within schools to provide additional support for Somali pupils through the extended schools programme.	October 2010
Special Educational Needs	Look at the outcomes of the council review of SEN in Brent.	October 2010
Education standards report	This report details pupil's exam results across all the key stages for the previous academic year.	December 2010
Safeguarding update	The committee discussed this issue on March 25 th and requested further information on the outcome of an analysis of child protection re-referrals in the light of possible recording errors and a brief report on the progress of the relevant performance indicators following a review.	December 2010
Homophobic Bullying update	A report on the progress of the work within the council to ensure that Brent has a robust approach to tackling homophobic bullying.	Feb 2011
Impact of domestic violence upon children and young people	Look at emerging evidence that children who are affected by domestic violence in the home are more likely to experience other negative outcomes.	tbc
Emerging legislation	To look at the impact of emerging legislation on work within the children and families department	tbc

Children in care council	This is a new body set up to represent the views of looked after children. The committee may wish to meet with the council to discuss their current work	tbc
Children's health in Brent	Overview of key issues regarding children's health in Brent to include update on progress with childhood obesity project and plans to recruit more school nurses, as the committee were planning to revisit these issues in 2010.	tbc