



# Havering

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## CHILDREN & LEARNING OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE AGENDA

7.30 pm	Tuesday 21 October 2014	Committee Room 2 - Town Hall
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Members 9: Quorum 4

### **COUNCILLORS:**

Gillian Ford (Chairman)  
Jason Frost (Vice-Chair)  
Nic Dodin

John Glanville  
Reg Whitney  
Julie Wilkes

Joshua Chapman  
Philippa Crowder  
Carol Smith

### **CO-OPTED MEMBERS:**

#### **Statutory Members representing the Churches**

Phillip Grundy, Church of  
England  
Jack How, Roman Catholic  
Church

#### **Statutory Members representing parent governors**

Phillip Grundy, Church of  
England  
Jack How, Roman Catholic  
Church  
Julie Lamb, Special Schools  
Margaret Cameron, NAHT  
Keith Passingham, NASUWT  
Emma Adams, Primary  
Lynda Rice, Secondary  
Julie Lamb, Special

Non-voting members representing local teacher unions and professional associations:  
Ian Rusha (NUT), Keith Passingham, NASUWT & Margaret Cameron, NAHT

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Members of the public are entitled to report on meetings of Council, Committees and Cabinet, except in circumstances where the public have been excluded as permitted by law.

Reporting means:-

- filming, photographing or making an audio recording of the proceedings of the meeting;
- using any other means for enabling persons not present to see or hear proceedings at a meeting as it takes place or later; or
- reporting or providing commentary on proceedings at a meeting, orally or in writing, so that the report or commentary is available as the meeting takes place or later if the person is not present.

Anyone present at a meeting as it takes place is not permitted to carry out an oral commentary or report. This is to prevent the business of the meeting being disrupted.

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Members of the public are asked to remain seated throughout the meeting as standing up and walking around could distract from the business in hand.

## **What is Overview & Scrutiny?**

Each local authority is required by law to establish an overview and scrutiny function to support and scrutinise the Council's executive arrangements. Each overview and scrutiny committee has its own remit as set out in the terms of reference but they each meet to consider issues of local importance.

They have a number of key roles:

1. Providing a critical friend challenge to policy and decision makers.
2. Driving improvement in public services.
3. Holding key local partners to account.
4. Enabling the voice and concerns of the public.

The committees consider issues by receiving information from, and questioning, Cabinet Members, officers and external partners to develop an understanding of proposals, policy and practices. They can then develop recommendations that they believe will improve performance, or as a response to public consultations.

Committees will often establish Topic Groups to examine specific areas in much greater detail. These groups consist of a number of Members and the review period can last for

anything from a few weeks to a year or more to allow the Members to comprehensively examine an issue through interviewing expert witnesses, conducting research and site visits. Once the topic group has finished its work it will send a report to the Committee that created it and it will often suggest recommendations to the executive.

## **Terms of Reference**

The areas scrutinised by the Committee are:

- School Improvement (BSF)
- Pupil and Student Services (including the Youth Service)
- Children's Social Services
- Safeguarding
- Adult Education
- 14-19 Diploma
- Scrutiny of relevant aspects of the LAA
- Councillor Calls for Action
- Social Inclusion

## **AGENDA ITEMS**

### **1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS**

(if any) - receive.

### **2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Members are invited to declare any interests in any of the items on the agenda at this point of the meeting. Members may still declare an interest in an item at any time prior to the consideration of the matter.

### **3 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman will announce details of the arrangements in case of fire or other events that might require the meeting room or building's evacuation.

### **4 MINUTES (Pages 1 - 16)**

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meetings of the Committee held on 14 September 2014 and authorise the Chairman to sign them.

### **5 OFSTED OUTCOMES**

### **6 SEND TRAVEL (Pages 17 - 18)**

### **7 CHILDREN'S PUBLIC HEALTH**

Councillor Gillian Ford update to members

### **8 COMPLAINTS ANNUAL REPORT**

Report presented by Veronica Webb

### **9 SEF & ACTION PLAN**

### **10 IMPLICATIONS OF ROTHERHAM ENQUIRY**

Report presented by Carol Carruthers, and Lorna Jacques (The Children's Society)

### **11 OFSTED INSPECTION**

Information provided by Phillipa Brent-Isherwood & Craig Benning

### **12 TOPIC GROUP**

### **13 REPORTS PACK**

Summaries of work of:

- Corporate Parenting Panel
- Local Safeguarding Children Board
- MASH

Other reports to follow if available.

#### **14 FUTURE AGENDAS**

Committee Members are invited to indicate to the Chairman, items within this Committee's terms of reference they would like to see discussed at a future meeting. Note: it is not considered appropriate for issues relating to individuals to be discussed under this provision.

#### **15 URGENT BUSINESS**

To consider any other item in respect of which the Chairman is of the opinion, by reason of special circumstances which shall be specified in the minutes, that the item should be considered at the meeting as a matter of urgency.

**Andrew Beesley**  
**Committee Administration &**  
**Interim Member Support Manager**