



Haverling

LONDON BOROUGH

CHILDREN & LEARNING OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE AGENDA

7.00 pm

Tuesday
4 March 2014

Town Hall

Members 14: Quorum 6

COUNCILLORS:

Sandra Binion (Chairman)
Gillian Ford (Vice-Chair)
Wendy Brice-Thompson

Nic Dodin
Robby Misir
Pat Murray

Frederick Thompson
Melvin Wallace
Keith Wells

CO-OPTED MEMBERS:

Statutory Members representing the Churches

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

Statutory Members representing parent governors

Julie Lamb, Special Schools
Anne Ling, Primary Schools,
Gary Dennis, Secondary
Schools

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

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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 - 6)

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 21 January 2014 and authorise the Chairman to sign them.

5 **JOINT OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MINUTES 23 JANUARY 2014** (Pages 7 - 12)

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 23 January 2014 and to authorise the Chairman to sign them.

6 **ANNUAL CABINET REPORT - REVIEW OF CHILDREN'S CENTRES FEBRUARY 2013** (Pages 13 - 28)

To note that the above Cabinet Report from the Council's Continuous Improvement Model is due for review subject to agreement by the Committee.

7 **CHILDREN & LEARNING OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE/CORPORATE PARENTING PANEL ANNUAL REPORT 2013-2014** (Pages 29 - 52)

To consider and approve the Annual Report for 2013/2014.

8 **EARLY HELP ASSISTANCE/TROUBLED FAMILIES - TO FOLLOW**

To receive a report from Sarah Thomas.

9 SELF EVALUATION OF THE EDUCATION QUALITY ASSURANCE FUNCTION & OFSTED INSPECTION (EDUCATION) LOCAL AUTHORITY DASHBOARD (Pages 53 - 70)

The Committee to note the finalised document.

Presented by Mary Pattinson.

10 OFSTED ACTION PLAN (Pages 71 - 82)

To note the alterations in the presentation of document as requested by the Committee.

11 SCHOOL TRANSPORT UPDATE

Verbal update from Mary Pattinson.

12 SCHOOL PERFORMANCE - EQUALITIES ANALYSIS (Pages 83 - 98)

Report and Presentation by Grahame Smith.

13 NEETS STRATEGY (Pages 99 - 132)

Report and presentation by Trevor Cook.

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 Manager