

Children and Education Policy and Accountability Committee

Agenda

Tuesday 10 February 2015

7.00 pm

Small Hall - Hammersmith Town Hall

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To approve as an accurate record, and the Chair to sign, the minutes of the meeting of the Children and Education Policy and Accountability Committee held on 19 January 2015.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

If a Councillor has a disclosable pecuniary interest in a particular item, whether or not it is entered in the Authority's register of interests, or any other significant interest which they consider should be declared in the public interest, they should declare the existence and, unless it is a sensitive interest as defined in the Member Code of Conduct, the nature of the interest at the commencement of the consideration of that item or as soon as it becomes apparent.

At meetings where members of the public are allowed to be in attendance and speak, any Councillor with a disclosable pecuniary interest or other significant interest may also make representations, give evidence or answer questions about the matter. The Councillor must then withdraw immediately from the meeting before the matter is discussed and any vote taken.

Where Members of the public are not allowed to be in attendance and speak, then the Councillor with a disclosable pecuniary interest should withdraw from the meeting whilst the matter is under consideration. Councillors who have declared other significant interests should also withdraw from the meeting if they consider their continued participation in the matter would not be reasonable in the circumstances and may give rise to a perception of a conflict of interest.

Councillors are not obliged to withdraw from the meeting where a dispensation to that effect has been obtained from the Audit, Pensions and Standards Committee.

4. SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS (SEN) ARRANGEMENTS

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The requirements of the Children and Families Act, which came into effect from 1 September 2014, represent some of the most significant changes to the way that services are delivered for young people with special educational needs (SEN) in the past 30 years. The changes aim to improve cooperation between all the services that support children and their families. 'Statements' of SEN have been replaced with a new jointly assessed 'Education, Health and Care plan', which is available for an extended age range (from birth to 25). Local authorities are required to publish a 'Local Offer' outlining the provision that is available for young people with SEN and disabilities, and are required to offer families the option of a 'personal budget' with which to purchase services.

These changes have come into effect at a time when significant service changes are being made within the Special Educational Needs Service. These changes are to address the requirements of the Act and also to establish a shared service across Hammersmith and Fulham, Kensington and Chelsea and Westminster.

This report outlines the key developments since the last update was provided to the Committee.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

To invite questions from members of the public present.

Members of the public with more complex issues are invited to submit their questions in advance in order to allow a more substantive answer to be given. Questions can be sent to the contact officer shown on the front page of the agenda.

6. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

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To note the Executive Director's update report.

7. CABINET MEMBERS UPDATE

8. SCHOOL ORGANISATION AND INVESTMENT STRATEGY

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Attached is the draft School Organisation and Investment Strategy 2015 for the Committee's consideration.

9. UPDATE ON THE TWO YEAR OLD PROGRAMME - FEBRUARY 2015

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This report updates the Committee on the Two Year Old Programme as requested at a previous meeting.

10. CHILDCARE TASK GROUP - UPDATE

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This report provides a summary of activities that have been undertaken to date by the Childcare Task Group.

11. WORK PROGRAMME

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The Committee is asked to give consideration to its work programme for the current municipal year. Attached is the latest list of key decisions for information.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Committee is asked to note the date of the next meeting, which is to be held on 20 April 2015.