

Children and Education Policy and Accountability Committee

Agenda

Monday 19 January 2015

7.00 pm

COMMITTEE ROOM 1 - HAMMERSMITH TOWN HALL

MEMBERSHIP

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1. MINUTES		1 - 13
	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 18 November 2014.	
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. LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN AND CARE LEAVERS ANNUAL REPORT		14 - 22
	This report highlights the significant responsibilities the local authority has in relation to Looked after Children, and how it discharges these.	

- 5. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S UPDATE** 23 - 30
- To note the Executive Director's update.
- 6. CABINET MEMBERS UPDATE**
- 7. 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.
- 8. 2015 MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY** 31 - 54
- The Council is obliged to set a balanced budget and council tax charge in accordance with the Local Government Finance Act 1992. Cabinet will present their revenue budget and council tax proposals to Budget Council on 25 February 2015.
- This report sets out the budget proposals for the services covered by this Policy and Accountability Committee (PAC). An update is also provided on any changes in fees and charges.
- 9. SCHOOL PERFORMANCE REPORT 2014** 55 - 64
- This is the annual school performance report to inform the Committee about the outcomes of this year's assessments and examinations in Hammersmith and Fulham primary and secondary schools, and the current position with regard to Ofsted school inspections. The report also provides an overview of the outcomes and how they compare with the national picture and is based on the published data for 2014.
- 10. WORK PROGRAMME** 65 - 78
- 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.
- 11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**
- The Committee is asked to note the date of the next meeting, which is to be held on 10 February 2015.