

MINUTES OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY EDUCATION BUSINESS PANEL

Tuesday, 16 December 2014 at 7.00 pm

PRESENT: Councillors Alan Hall (Chair), Liam Curran, Brenda Dacres, Carl Handley, Jim Mallory, Jamie Milne (Chair), John Muldoon and John Paschoud

ALSO PRESENT:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Gareth Siddorn, Councillor Pauline Morrison, Lisa Palin, Monsignor N Rothern and Mark Saunders

11. Minutes

The Chair stated that he had received a response from the Executive Director for Children and Young People following Panel members request on some of Lewisham School's Governing bodies. The Chair added that the query was specific to Prendergast and Leathersellers and the information received was incomplete.

The Chair explained that the LEA has a leadership role and should ensure its partners were aware of the importance of diversity within the representatives on its schools. The Chair requested that an audit of governors in Lewisham schools, including Leathersellers and Haberdashers and any other independent bodies be done for the Children and Young People Select Committee, looking at race, gender and ethnicity. This to be reported to the Business Panel.

Action >>>> ED Children and Young People

RESOLVED that:

- i. the minutes of that part of the meeting which was open to the press and public held on 14 October 2014 be confirmed and signed.
- ii. that information on diversity within the governing bodies at Lewisham schools be sent to members of the Children and Young People Select Committee, and reported to the Business Panel.

12. Declarations of Interests

Councillor John Paschoud declared a personal non pecuniary interest in item 3 as an LEA appointed school Governor.

13. Decisions Made By Mayor and Cabinet on 3 December 2014

Measures to increase the supply of permanent primary school places: St George's CE Primary School

The Head of Standards and Achievement introduced the report.

Councillor Paschoud said he was in agreement with the proposal but was concerned that in the long term some schools might be faced with overcapacity which would result in financial difficulties. He asked how the Council intend to support these schools when this happen. The Head of Standards and Achievement said he did not anticipate overcapacity, but this would be considered.

RESOLVED that the decision of the Mayor be noted.

14. Exclusion of the Press and Public

RESOLVED that under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 of Part 1 of Schedule 12(A) of the Act, as amended by the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to information) (Amendments) (England) Regulations 2006 and the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information:

The following is a summary of the items that were discussed at the closed part of the meeting:

15. Decisions Made By Mayor and Cabinet (Contracts) on 3 December 2014

Prendergast Primary School Contract Award

RESOLVED that

- i. the decision of the Mayor be noted.
- ii. a briefing on delegated powers specific to school improvement be provided for Business Panel members.

Action >>>> Head of Law

Meeting ended at 7.25pm

16. Project Management Support for the School Places Programme 2015/16