

AGENDA

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY EDUCATION BUSINESS PANEL

Date: **TUESDAY, 19 DECEMBER 2017 at 7.00 pm**

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Councillor Liam Curran	Chair of Sustainable Development Select Committee	L
Councillor Carl Handley	Chair of Housing Select Committee	L
Councillor Jim Mallory	Labour Group Representative	L
Councillor John Muldoon	Chair of Healthier Communities Select Committee	L
Councillor Maja Hilton	Chair of Public Accounts Select Committee	L
Councillor Liz Johnston-Franklin	Labour Group Representative	L
Councillor Pauline Morrison	Chair of Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee	L
Councillor Luke Sorba	Chair of Children and Young People Select Committee	L

Non-elected Voting Members

Lilian Brooks	Primary School Parent Governor Representative
Kevin Mantle	Parent Governor Representative for Special Schools
Monsignor N	Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Southwark Commission for Schools and Colleges
Rothon	
Mark Saunders	Secondary School Parent Governor Representative

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Members are summoned to attend this meeting

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Date: Monday, 11 December 2017



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Agenda Item 1

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY (EDUCATION) BUSINESS PANEL		
Report Title	Minutes	
Key Decision		Item 1
Ward		
Contributors	Chief Executive	
Class	Part 1	Date: 19 December 2017

It is recommended that the minutes of that part of the meetings of the Overview and Scrutiny (Education) Business Panel which were open to the press and public, held on 28 March 2017 be confirmed and signed.

MINUTES OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY EDUCATION BUSINESS PANEL

Tuesday, 28 March 2017 at 7.00 pm

PRESENT: Councillors Alan Hall (Chair), Gareth Siddorn (Vice-Chair), Liam Curran, Carl Handley, Jim Mallory, John Muldoon, Maja Hilton, Liz Johnston-Franklin, Luke Sorba and Pauline Morrison, and Monsignor N Rothon,

13. Minutes

The Chair welcomed new and returning Business Panel Members to the meeting; Councillors Hilton, Johnston-Franklin, Morrison and Sorba. The Chair also thanked outgoing members of the Panel; Councillors Dacres, Michael, Milne and Moore for all their hard work during their term of office.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the open meeting held on 31 January 2017 be confirmed as a correct record.

14. Declarations of Interests

Councillor Mallory declared a personal non pecuniary interest in item 3 as a Governor of Abbey Manor College.

Councillor Handley declared a personal non pecuniary interest in item 3 as a Board Member of Brent Knoll and Watergate Schools co-op Trust.

15. Decisions Made by Mayor and Cabinet on 22 March 2017

Lewisham Schools Place Planning Strategy

The Executive Director for Children and Young People introduced the report. The Chair stated that local authorities have a duty to provide school places for children in the borough. He asked what the future plans were for a new secondary school in Lewisham. The Executive Director for Children and Young People said there were still places available in some of the Lewisham secondary schools. She added that this was mainly due to the high volume of export of secondary school children to neighbouring boroughs. She said the population bulge in primary schools had not yet worked through to secondary schools. Panel Members were told that the start of the serious deficit of secondary school places would be in 2019/20 hence the justification of 1 form entry for Bonus Pastor and a planned extension of Addey & Stanhope.

The Executive Director for Children and Young People told Panel Members that they should be aware that if there was to be a new secondary school it could only be through the Free School route. This would mean the site could be a Council site or a site on the private market acquired by EFA. She said finding a site in London was difficult in all boroughs, and officers were focusing on filling up existing schools, and exploring opportunities for a new school as they arose.

The Chair asked how long it would take to build a new school and was told that a large secondary school could take 2-3 years, longer if there were planning difficulties. The Chair

said this was worrying, as talk of building a new school had been going on before the current administration and to date no progress had been made.

The Executive Director for Children and Young People informed the Panel that the Council should not open a new secondary school when there were vacant places in existing secondary schools, and stated that it was rational that the Council had seen the urgency in providing places for primary school children and this would continue till 2018/19.

Councillor Mallory said he was aware of the difficulty in securing a site to build a new school, and wanted to find out if there was any scope to expand existing schools, especially as most of them were built under the BSF programme. The Executive Director for Children and Young People said most of them have not got the space to expand, but this may need to be considered.

Councillor Mallory asked if other sites have been investigated, and was told that officers had not done a recent site trawl for secondary schools as the priority had been for primary school places but EFA had failed to secure a site for the Citizen School.

Following a detailed discussion, and in response to a question about the Council's strategic plan to address the issue of secondary school places and securing additional funding for this, the Executive Director for Children and Young People said that the strategy addressed the need for places in secondary and SEND as well as primary. She added that specific proposals in relation to SEND would be brought to members in the next few months.

The Chair said he was happy that the Children and Young People Select Committee were constantly reviewing school roll projections on a yearly basis. The Chair requested the following briefings for Education Business Panel Members:

- i. the proposed C of E Free School.
- ii. proposal for in borough SEND places.
- iii. plans for increasing secondary school places in the borough.

The Chair said these were very important issues and needed to be addressed. The Executive Director for Children and Young People said this information would be provided once Wave 12 of the Free School Programme had been announced.

Action >>>> EC CYP

RESOLVED that the decision of the Mayor be noted.

Our Lady St Philip Neri – Land Transfer

The Capital Programme Delivery Services Manager introduced the report.

Business Panel Members asked if the Council would get any financial benefit from this transaction, and was told the Council would not. It was noted that the current value of the land was £30k and the Mayor had pledged £6.1m towards expansion works as it would be of significant benefit to Lewisham if the school was expanded. The Chair asked that officers ensure access to Home Park is part of the discussion, and was told by the Capital Programme Delivery Services Manager that this would be included in the contract.

Action >>>> ED Resources & Regeneration

RESOLVED that the decision of the Mayor be noted

16. 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 the 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 considered in the closed part of the meeting:

17. Decision Made by Mayor and Cabinet (Contracts) on 22 March 2017

Ashmead and Addey & Stanhope School Expansions

The Chair said Business Panel Members received and noted the Head of Law's letter.

RESOLVED that the decision of the Mayor be noted.

18. Decision Made by an Executive Director Under Delegated Authority - Award of Stage 1 Design and Build Contract Addey & Stanhope and Ashmead Schools

This item was not required for further discussion.

Meeting ended: 7:55pm

Chair

Agenda Item 2

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY (EDUCATION) BUSINESS PANEL		
Report Title	Declarations of Interests	
Key Decision		Item No. 2
Ward		
Contributors	Chief Executive	
Class	Part 1	Date: 19 December 2017

Members are asked to declare any personal interest they have in any item on the agenda.

1 Personal interests

There are three types of personal interest referred to in the Council's Member Code of Conduct :-

- (1) Disclosable pecuniary interests
- (2) Other registerable interests
- (3) Non-registerable interests

2 Disclosable pecuniary interests

are defined by regulation as:-

- (a) Employment, trade, profession or vocation of a relevant person* for profit or gain
- (b) Sponsorship –payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than by the Council) within the 12 months prior to giving notice for inclusion in the register in respect of expenses incurred by you in carrying out duties as a member or towards your election expenses (including payment or financial benefit from a Trade Union).
- (c) Undischarged contracts between a relevant person* (or a firm in which they are a partner or a body corporate in which they are a director, or in the securities of which they have a beneficial interest) and the Council for goods, services or works.
- (d) Beneficial interests in land in the borough.
- (e) Licence to occupy land in the borough for one month or more.
- (f) Corporate tenancies – any tenancy, where to the member's knowledge, the Council is landlord and the tenant is a firm in which the relevant person* is a partner, a body corporate in which they are a director, or in the securities of which they have a beneficial interest.
- (g) Beneficial interest in securities of a body where:-

- (a) that body to the member's knowledge has a place of business or land in the borough; and
- (b) either
 - (i) the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or 1/100 of the total issued share capital of that body; or
 - (ii) if the share capital of that body is of more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which the relevant person* has a beneficial interest exceeds 1/100 of the total issued share capital of that class.

*A relevant person is the member, their spouse or civil partner, or a person with whom they live as spouse or civil partner.

(3) Other registerable interests

The Lewisham Member Code of Conduct requires members also to register the following interests:-

- (a) Membership or position of control or management in a body to which you were appointed or nominated by the Council
- (b) Any body exercising functions of a public nature or directed to charitable purposes , or whose principal purposes include the influence of public opinion or policy, including any political party
- (c) Any person from whom you have received a gift or hospitality with an estimated value of at least £25

(4) Non registerable interests

Occasions may arise when a matter under consideration would or would be likely to affect the wellbeing of a member, their family, friend or close associate more than it would affect the wellbeing of those in the local area generally, but which is not required to be registered in the Register of Members' Interests (for example a matter concerning the closure of a school at which a Member's child attends).

(5) Declaration and Impact of interest on member's participation

- (a) Where a member has any registerable interest in a matter and they are present at a meeting at which that matter is to be discussed, they must declare the nature of the interest at the earliest opportunity and in any event before the matter is considered. The declaration will be recorded in the minutes of the meeting. If the matter is a disclosable pecuniary interest the member must take not part in consideration of the matter and withdraw from the room before it is considered. They must not seek improperly to influence the decision in any way. **Failure to declare such an interest which has not already been entered in the Register of Members' Interests, or participation where such an interest exists, is liable to prosecution and on conviction carries a fine**

of up to £5000

- (b) Where a member has a registerable interest which falls short of a disclosable pecuniary interest they must still declare the nature of the interest to the meeting at the earliest opportunity and in any event before the matter is considered, but they may stay in the room, participate in consideration of the matter and vote on it unless paragraph (c) below applies.
- (c) Where a member has a registerable interest which falls short of a disclosable pecuniary interest, the member must consider whether a reasonable member of the public in possession of the facts would think that their interest is so significant that it would be likely to impair the member's judgement of the public interest. If so, the member must withdraw and take no part in consideration of the matter nor seek to influence the outcome improperly.
- (d) If a non-registerable interest arises which affects the wellbeing of a member, their, family, friend or close associate more than it would affect those in the local area generally, then the provisions relating to the declarations of interest and withdrawal apply as if it were a registerable interest.
- (e) Decisions relating to declarations of interests are for the member's personal judgement, though in cases of doubt they may wish to seek the advice of the Monitoring Officer.

(6) Sensitive information

There are special provisions relating to sensitive interests. These are interests the disclosure of which would be likely to expose the member to risk of violence or intimidation where the Monitoring Officer has agreed that such interest need not be registered. Members with such an interest are referred to the Code and advised to seek advice from the Monitoring Officer in advance.

(7) Exempt categories

There are exemptions to these provisions allowing members to participate in decisions notwithstanding interests that would otherwise prevent them doing so. These include:-

- (a) Housing – holding a tenancy or lease with the Council unless the matter relates to your particular tenancy or lease; (subject to arrears exception)
- (b) School meals, school transport and travelling expenses; if you are a parent or guardian of a child in full time education, or a school governor unless the matter relates particularly to the school your child attends or of which you are a governor;
- (c) Statutory sick pay; if you are in receipt
- (d) Allowances, payment or indemnity for members
- (e) Ceremonial honours for members
- (f) Setting Council Tax or precept (subject to arrears exception)

Agenda Item 3

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY (EDUCATION) BUSINESS PANEL		
Report Title	Decisions made by Mayor and Cabinet on 6 December 2017	
Key Decision		Item No. 3
Ward	All	
Contributors	Chief Executive/Head of Business and Committee	
Class	Part 1	Date: 19 December 2017

1. Recommendation

To consider key decisions made by the Mayor and Cabinet on 6 December 2017 which will come in to force on 20 December 2017.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Mayor and Cabinet considered the following key decisions on 6 December 2017.-
- 2.2 The notice of decisions made in respect of these reports is attached as an Appendix. Under the provisions of Standing Orders Part IV E 14, members may call in an executive decision within 7 days. If the reports are not called in they will come into force on 20 December 2017.
 - i. Delivering additional school places for Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs
 - ii. Amalgamation of Sandhurst Infant School and Sandhurst Junior School
 - iii. Amalgamation of Torridon Infant School and Torridon Junior School



NOTICE OF DECISIONS MADE AT THE MAYOR & CABINET

The Mayor and Cabinet made the following decisions on 6 December 2017. These Decisions will become effective on 20 December 2017 unless called in by the Overview & Scrutiny (Education) Business Panel on 19 December 2017.

1. Delivering additional school places for Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs

Having considered an officer report, the Mayor agreed that:

- (1) the results of the three initial informal consultations be noted;
- (2) officers proceed with the statutory consultation process, specifically the Publication of the following proposals to;

- expand Greenvale School from 117 places to 210 places
- expand Watergate School from 108 places to 167 places
- extend the age range of New Woodlands School to accommodate KS4 pupils

- (3) officers report back to Mayor and Cabinet by the end of March 2018 so that the Mayor as statutory decision maker can make a decision on the proposals.

2. Amalgamation of Sandhurst Infant and Sandhurst Junior Schools

Having considered an officer report, the Mayor agreed that:

- (1) The results of the consultation on the proposal to amalgamate Sandhurst Infant School and Sandhurst Junior School with effect from 1 April 2018 be noted;
- (2) officers commence the formal statutory process to consult on the proposal to amalgamate Sandhurst Infant School and Sandhurst Junior

School, by way of conducting the following Publication and Representation phases in parallel;

- o Closure of Sandhurst Junior School
- o Change of age range of Sandhurst Infant School

(3) officers report back to Mayor and Cabinet by the end of spring 2018 with the results of both 'Representation' periods requesting Mayoral decisions as the statutory decision maker'

3. Amalgamation of Torridon Infant School and Torridon Junior School

Having considered an officer report, the Mayor agreed that there should be an initial informal consultation on the proposal to amalgamate Torridon Infant & Nursery School and Torridon Junior School with effect from September 2018, and that officers should report back to Mayor and Cabinet by the end of March 2018 with the results and next steps

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