



AGENDA

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY EDUCATION BUSINESS PANEL

Date: TUESDAY, 23 JANUARY 2018 at 7.00 pm

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Councillor Alan Hall	Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee	L
Councillor Gareth Siddorn	Vice Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee	L
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 Rothern	Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Southwark Commission for Schools and Colleges
Vacancy	Secondary School Parent Governor Representative

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Members are summoned to attend this meeting

Janet Senior
Acting Chief Executive
Lewisham Town Hall
Catford
London SE6 4RU
Date: Thursday 11 January 2018



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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: 23 January 2018

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 19 December 2017 be confirmed and signed.

MINUTES OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY EDUCATION BUSINESS PANEL

Tuesday, 19 December 2017 at 7.00 pm

PRESENT: Councillors Alan Hall (Chair), Jim Mallory, John Muldoon, Monsignor N Rothern, Maja Hilton, Liz Johnston-Franklin and Luke Sorba

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Gareth Siddorn, Councillor Liam Curran and Councillor Pauline Morrison

1. Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the open meeting held on 28 March 2017 be confirmed as a correct record.

2. Declarations of Interests

The Chair declared a personal non pecuniary interest in item 3 as a Member of the Brent Knoll and Watergate School Co-operative Trust.

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

3. Decisions made by Mayor and Cabinet on 6 December 2017

Delivering Additional School Places for Children and Young People with SEN

The Executive Director for Children and Young People introduced the report.

The Chair commented that when Watergate School in Bellingham was being rebuilt there was a request for it to be made bigger for future needs but Members were told the additional space would not be needed. The Chair said he hoped the same mistake would not be made now, and projections had been made to ensure future needs would be met. The Executive Director for Children and Young People said the spaces provided would meet current needs and the schools would be utilised to their maximum capacity, and this would be kept under review.

The Chair noted there had not been universal support to the proposal, he asked if there had been sufficient engagement with local residents who would be affected. The Executive Director for Children and Young People said officers constantly work with schools to engage local residents as much as possible.

The Service Manager, School Place Planning said officers were also aware of, and follow the statutory consultation process, and best practice.

He said for New Woodlands there had been proper engagement with residents and parents, and only a small number of people were not happy. He said there had been 4 weeks of representation addressing issues, and then the planning process would start, this would also highlight any remaining issues. The Chair said Members needed assurances.

Councillor Mallory raised a query about a proposal to have a Pupil Referral Unit for primary education located at New Woodlands Key Stage 4 provision, he asked about the timescale, and was told that September 2018 was the current timescale. The Chair said he was aware of the difficulties involved. He asked if it would be a new building, and was told the old Brent Knoll site would be used and it would be a combination of new and old building.

Councillor Johnston-Franklin asked how many pupils were involved and was told the information would be sent to her and the Chair as soon as possible.

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The Executive Director, Children and Young People said she would like to meet Ward Members to discuss further before the proposal was finalised. The Chair welcomed this.

RESOLVED that the decision of the Mayor be noted.

Meeting ended 7.30pm

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: 23 January 2018

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 no 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)

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY (EDUCATION) BUSINESS PANEL		
Report Title	Decisions made by Mayor and Cabinet on 10 January 2018	
Key Decision		Item No. 3
Ward	All	
Contributors	Chief Executive/Head of Business and Committee	
Class	Part 1	Date: 23 January 2018

1. Recommendation

To consider key decisions made by the Mayor and Cabinet on 10 January 2018 which will come in to force on 24 January 2018.

2. Background

2.1 The Mayor and Cabinet considered the following key decision on 10 January 2018.-

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 24 January 2018.

- i. Revocation of Decision to expand Addey and Stanhope School –
Permission to consult (publication and representation)



NOTICE OF DECISIONS MADE AT THE MAYOR & CABINET

The Mayor and Cabinet made the following decisions on 10 January 2018. These Decisions will become effective on 24 January 2018 unless called in by the Overview & Scrutiny (Education) Business Panel on 23 January 2018.

1. Revocation of Decision to expand Addey and Stanhope School – Permission to Consult (Publication and Representation)

Having considered an officer report the Mayor agreed that:

- (1) the reasons for the request for revocation be noted;
- (2) officers be instructed to conduct the necessary Publication and Representation stages required regarding the proposal to revoke the decision to expand Addey and Stanhope School from 4 to 6 forms of entry.
- (3) officers be instructed to report back to Mayor and Cabinet before the end of spring 2018 regarding the representations made to enable the Mayor (as the statutory decision maker on behalf of the Local Authority regarding school organisational changes) to make a decision.
- (4) officers be instructed to further develop the Educational Asset Strategy to ensure that Lewisham's educational assets are best utilised to meet the forecasted need, and help deliver against the Council's Place Planning Strategy 2017-2022.

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