



AGENDA

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY EDUCATION BUSINESS PANEL

Date: TUESDAY, 13 MARCH 2018 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 Rothern	Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Southwark Commission for Schools and Colleges
Vacancy	Secondary School Parent Governor Representative

This is an open meeting and all items on the open agenda may be recorded and/or filmed

Members are summoned to attend this meeting

Janet Senior
Acting Chief Executive
Lewisham Town Hall
Catford
London SE6 4RU
Date: Monday, 5 March 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: 13 March 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 13 February 2018 be confirmed and signed.

MINUTES OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY EDUCATION BUSINESS PANEL

Tuesday, 13 February 2018 at 7.06 pm

PRESENT: Councillors Alan Hall (Chair), Carl Handley, Jim Mallory, John Muldoon, Liz Johnston-Franklin, Pauline Morrison and Luke Sorba

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Gareth Siddorn, Councillor Liam Curran, Councillor Maja Hilton and Monsignor N Rothon

The meeting adjourned at 7:20pm and reconvened at 7:21pm.

7. Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the open meeting held on 23 January 2018 be confirmed as a correct record.

8. Declarations of Interests

None received.

9. Decision made by Mayor and Cabinet on 7 February 2018

The Head of Standards and Inclusion introduced the report.

The Chair said members were concerned as they recognised a lot of uncertainties around secondary school places. Panel members were told that school places were linked to various things including local planning, building regulations and activities of neighbouring boroughs.

Councillor Johnston-Franklin said she was concerned there were 450 vacant places in Lewisham secondary schools. The Head of Standards and Inclusion said that the situation had got worse, she added that as there was parental choice, parents were worried about the standard of Lewisham schools. She said officers would be working very hard to address the current perception, as perceptions were very difficult to change. The Head of Standards and Inclusion said that officers were also working with schools to manage sensible curriculum planning.

Councillor Mallory asked how schools plan to utilise the space created when addressing primary demands, and was told that officers were working with schools to see how best they could utilise these spaces effectively. Councillor Mallory asked whether officers felt there would be another decline in applications and was told it would be very difficult to predict this as we live in a changeable world.

Councillor Mallory asked if this was a pattern, and was told there were some schools that were popular and some that were struggling to attract pupils. Councillor Mallory said the answer was to raise achievements within Lewisham secondary schools.

The Head of Standards and Inclusion said an in-depth review was done 18 months ago on schools, focusing on demand and supply and it might not be wise to do

another so soon. She said officers were working with and influencing schools were they could. The Chair said the Executive Director for Children and Young People would need to change some of the arrangements following a review of needs. Councillor Sorba, Chair of the Children and Young People Select Committee said the Select Committee would look at their work programme and see what they could do.

The Chair thanked officers for the report.

RESOLVED that the decision of the Mayor be noted.

Meeting ended: 7.25pm

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: 13 March 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	Decision made by Mayor and Cabinet on 28 February 2018	
Key Decision		Item No. 3
Ward	All	
Contributors	Chief Executive/Head of Business and Committee	
Class	Part 1	Date: 13 March 2018

1. Recommendation

To consider key decisions made by the Mayor and Cabinet on 28 February 2018 which will come in to force on 14 March 2018.

2. Background

2.1 The Mayor and Cabinet considered the following key decision on 28 February 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 14 March 2018.

1. **Establishment of Lewisham Learning Partnership**
2. **Torridon Amalgamation**
3. **Sandhurst Amalgamation Decision**
4. **Watergate Expansion Decision**
5. **Greenvale Expansion Decision**
6. **New Woodlands Age Range**



NOTICE OF DECISIONS MADE AT THE MAYOR & CABINET

The Mayor and Cabinet made the following decisions on 28 February 2018. These Decisions will become effective on 14 March 2018 unless called in by the Overview & Scrutiny (Education) Business Panel on 13 March 2018.

1. School-led School Improvement – Establishment of Lewisham Learning Partnership

Having considered an officer report and a formal presentation by the Cabinet Member for Children & Young People, Councillor Paul Maslin, the Mayor agreed that:

(1) the Council formally join the Lewisham Learning Partnership, working alongside all the borough's schools to secure school improvement.

(2) the governance arrangements for the Partnership, including the representation from the council and the funding arrangements be noted.

2. Amalgamation of Torridon Infant and Nursery School and Torridon Junior School – Feedback from consultation and permission to move to next stage

Having considered an officer report and a formal presentation by the Cabinet Member for Children & Young People, Councillor Paul Maslin, the Mayor agreed that:

(1) the results of the consultation on the proposal to amalgamate Torridon Infant and Nursery School and Torridon Junior School with effect from 1 September 2018 be received;

(2) the tight timescale that officers and the Governing Bodies are working to, to enable a decision in April 2018 allowing Governing Bodies to conduct the necessary recruitment process for headship of the school(s) for the Autumn term;

(3) officers commence the formal statutory process to consult on the proposal to amalgamate Torricon Infant and Nursery School and Torricon Junior School, by way of conducting the following Publication and Representation phases in parallel;

- o Closure of Torricon Junior School
- o Change of age range of Torricon Infant and Nursery School

(4) officers report back to Mayor and Cabinet on 18 April 2018 with the results of both 'Representation' periods requesting Mayoral decisions as the statutory decision maker.

3. Sandhurst Amalgamation – Decision to Close Sandhurst Junior School and Change the Age Range of Sandhurst Infant School

Having considered an officer report and a formal presentation by the Cabinet Member for Children & Young People, Councillor Paul Maslin, the Mayor agreed that:

(1) the results of the period of representation on both the proposal to close Sandhurst Junior School and the proposal to change the age range of Sandhurst Infant School, with effect from 1 April 2018 be received;

(2) if decisions are taken to close Sandhurst Junior School and change the age range of Sandhurst Infant School, a new Instrument of Government of the remaining school be developed and brought back to the Mayor for approval;

(3) Sandhurst Junior School be closed as of 1 April 2018; and

(4) the age range of Sandhurst Infant School be changed to include Key Stage 2 as of 1 April 2018

4. Decision to expand Watergate School

Having considered an officer report and a formal presentation by the Cabinet Member for Children & Young People, Councillor Paul Maslin, the Mayor agreed that:

(1) the results of the period of representation on the proposal to expand Watergate School be received; and

(2) Watergate School be expanded by 59 places (from 108 to 167) with an implementation date of September 2019.

5. Decision to expand Greenvale School

Having considered an officer report and a formal presentation by the Cabinet Member for Children & Young People, Councillor Paul Maslin, the Mayor agreed that:

(1) the results of the period of representation on the proposal to expand Greenvale School be received; and

(2) Greenvale School be expanded by 93 places (from 117 to 210) through the provision of an annexe on Mayow Road, SE23 2XH, with an implementation date of September 2019.

6. Decision to change the age range of New Woodlands School

Having considered an officer report and a formal presentation by the Cabinet Member for Children & Young People, Councillor Paul Maslin, the Mayor agreed that:

(1) the results of the period of representation on the proposal to change the age range of New Woodlands School be received; and

(2) New Woodlands School change its age range to include Key Stage 4 with an implementation date of September 2018.

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1 March 2018**

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY (EDUCATION) BUSINESS PANEL		
Report Title	Exclusion of the Press and Public	
Key Decision		Item No. 4
Ward		
Contributors	Chief Executive	
Class	Part 1	Date: 13 March 2018

Recommendation

It is recommended 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:-

5. Pupil Places Programme – SEND School Expansions (Greenvale, Watergate and New Woodlands)

Agenda Item 5

By virtue of paragraph(s) 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A
of the Local Government Act 1972.

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