



AGENDA

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY EDUCATION BUSINESS PANEL

Date: TUESDAY, 24 JULY 2018 at 7.00 pm
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Councillor Liam Curran	Chair of Sustainable Development Select Committee	Labour Co-op
Councillor Alex Feis-Bryce	Labour Group Representative	L
Councillor Jim Mallory	Chair of Public Accounts Select Committee	L
Councillor Joan Millbank	Labour Group Representative	L
Councillor Pauline Morrison	Chair of Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee	L
Councillor John Muldoon	Chair of Healthier Communities Select Committee	Labour Co-op
Councillor Luke Sorba	Chair of Children and Young People Select Committee	L
Councillor Susan Wise	Chair of Housing Select Committee	Labour Co-op

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Non-elected Voting Members

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

Members are summoned to attend this meeting

Ian Thomas
Chief Executive
Lewisham Town Hall
Catford
London SE6 4RU
Date: Monday, 16 July 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: 24 July 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 March 2018 be confirmed and signed.

MINUTES OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY EDUCATION BUSINESS PANEL

Tuesday, 13 March 2018 at 7.00 pm

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

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Gareth Siddorn, Councillor Carl Handley and Councillor Pauline Morrison

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10pm and reconvened at 7:50pm.

10. Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the open meeting held on 13 February 2018 be confirmed as an accurate record.

11. Declarations of Interests

The Chair declared a personal non pecuniary interest in item 3 as a Board Member of Brentwood and Watergate Joint Committee Trust.

12. Decisions made by Mayor and Cabinet on 28 February 2018

Establishment of Lewisham Learning Partnership

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

Councillor Sorba, Chair of Children and Young People Select Committee stated that the Select Committee had discussed the proposed Partnership, and he had some reservations about the proposal. Councillor Sorba said he was concerned that the long-term plan was for the Partnership to become a separate Legal Entity. He said given the challenges faced by Lewisham schools the Partnership should concentrate on addressing those challenges, instead of offering its services externally.

Business Panel commented that funding was from public money and the School Improvement budget, and there was no advantage to the Council if the Partnership became a separate Legal Entity. The Executive Director for Children and Young People notified Panel Members that there was no discussion on separate Legal Entity status currently within the Partnership, as this was not a priority. She said ultimately it would be for the Partnership to decide how they operate, but for now it has to determine its structure.

Panel Members asked about the equalities implications following the secondment of a Headteacher to the role of Interim Director to the Partnership. The Executive Director for Children and Young People said an agreed process for the appointment was followed, and the interim position would run until the end of the financial year. This would be followed by an open permanent recruitment process, which would be widely advertised.

Panel Members raised concerns about accountability and funding , especially if the separate Legal Entity status was pursued. Panel Members were concerned that accountability and proper monitoring would not be done, as it would not be within the Council’s power to ensure things were done properly.

Panel Members asked who would be setting the targets and objectives of the Partnership and were told the schools would set their own targets with the overarching targets being set by the Partnership.

Monsignor Rotherham said there was a great deal of enthusiasm associated with this Partnership, but he would urge that some key indicators and objectives be put in place, plus regular reports to the Education Business Panel to prevent the Partnership becoming another consultative body. It was commented that education was a main driver in improving prosperity, and as a Council Lewisham should be focussing on improvement.

RESOLVED that:

- i. the decision of the Mayor be noted.
- ii. It be noted that funding was from public money.
- iii. concerns were raised about a future change in the Partnership’s status.
- iv. an explicit Mayoral decision be made if there is a change of structure or status of the Partnership.
- v. the Mayor be requested to instruct officers to do an open recruitment process for the next Leadership appointment at the end of the 1 year secondment.
- vi. the Mayor be requested to instruct officers to provide a Framework of work for the Children and Young People Select Committee for consideration.
- vii. the Mayor be requested to ask the responsible Cabinet Member to review the work of the Partnership on a regular basis.

Watergate Expansion Decision

The Chair said the demand for places was constantly increasing. He highlighted the importance of involving local Members and the community in these projects and said officers should ensure this would be done during the building stage.

Action >>>>> ED CYP

RESOLVED that the decision of the Mayor be noted.

Greenvale Expansion Decision

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RESOLVED that the decision of the Mayor be noted.

13. Exclusion of the Press and Public

Noted.

The following is a summary of the discussion at the closed meeting:

14. Decision made by Mayor and Cabinet on 28 February 2018

SEND School Expansion Approval

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

Following a request from the Chair, the Executive Director for Children and Young People explained the next stage of the project. The Chair requested Local Members involvement in the planning stage as concerns had been raised about the space available at Watergate. Business Panel Members urged that officers ensure that the facilities were utilised sensitively.

Action >>>>> ED CYP

RESOLVED that the decision of the Mayor be noted.

Meeting ended 7.50pm

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: 24 July 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)

Agenda Item 3

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Report Title	Exclusion of the Press and Public	
Key Decision		Item No. 3
Ward		
Contributors	Chief Executive	
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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:-

3. Decision made by Mayor and Cabinet on 11 July 2018

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

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