
OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY (EDUCATION) BUSINESS PANEL

Date: MONDAY, 8 MARCH 2004 at 6.30 p.m.

Committee Room 2
Civic Suite
Lewisham Town Hall
London SE6 4RU

****Please note time of meeting****

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MEMBERS

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| Councillor Long | (L) | Chair & Chair of Overview & Scrutiny Committee |
| Councillor Anderson | (C) | Vice Chair & Vice-Chair of Overview & Scrutiny Committee and Minority Group Representative |
| Councillor Fitzsimmons | (L) | Chair of Social Care & Health Select Committee |
| Councillor C Hastie | (L) | Chair of Lifelong Learning Select Committee |
| Councillor J Hastie | (L) | Majority Party Representative |
| Councillor Huntbach | (LD) | Minority Group Representative |
| Councillor Ingleby | (L) | Chair of Creative Lewisham Select Committee |
| Councillor Klier | (L) | Chair of Public Accounts Select Committee |
| Councillor Maslin | (L) | Chair of Governance Select Committee |
| Councillor Morrison | (L) | Chair of Social Inclusion Select Committee |
| Councillor Muldoon | (L) | Chair of Environment Select Committee |

Non-elected Voting Members

Monsignor Rothon

Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Southwark Commission for Schools
and Colleges

Vacancy

Church of England Southwark Diocesan Board of Education

Parent Governors Reps.

Secondary
Special
Primary

Vacant
Mr G Kwasniewski
Sara Sanbrook-Davies

Members are summoned to attend this meeting

Barry Quirk
Chief Executive
Lewisham Town Hall
Catford
London SE6 4RU
Date: 26 February 2004



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| Report Title | MINUTES | |
| Key Decision | | Item No. 1 |
| Ward | | |
| Contributors | CHIEF EXECUTIVE | |
| Class | Part 1 | Date: 8 MARCH 2004 |

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Minutes of the meeting of the Panel which was open to the press and public held on 26 January, be confirmed and signed (copy attached).

| OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY (EDUCATION) BUSINESS PANEL | | |
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| Report Title | DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS | |
| Key Decision | | Item No. 2 |
| Ward | | |
| Contributors | CHIEF EXECUTIVE | |
| Class | Part 1 | Date: 8 MARCH 2004 |

Members are asked to make any declarations of pecuniary interests or other interests they may have in relation to items on this agenda (if any). Members are reminded to make any declaration at any stage throughout the meeting if it then becomes apparent that this may be required when a particular item or issue is considered.

LONDON BOROUGH OF LEWISHAM

MINUTES of the meeting of the OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY (EDUCATION) BUSINESS PANEL, which was open to the press and public, held on MONDAY, 26 JANUARY 2004 at LEWISHAM TOWN HALL, CATFORD, SE6 4RU at 6.30 p.m.

Present

Councillor Long (Chair); Councillor Anderson (Vice-Chair); Councillors Fitzsimmons, C Hastie, J Hastie, Huntbach, Ingleby and Muldoon.

Non-elected Voting Members: Monsignor Rotheron

Under Standing Orders: Councillor Dawson

Apologies for absence were received from Mr G Kwasniewski.

| Minute No. | Action |
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| 1 | MINUTES (page RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Panel held on 15 December 2003 be confirmed and signed. |
| 2 | DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS (page None was declared. |
| 3 | DECISIONS MADE BY THE MAYOR AND CABINET ON 14 JANUARY 2004 (page 1. School Organisation Plan - Draft Fifth Edition - Submission to School Organisation Committee Councillor C Hastie suggested that the Lifelong Learning Select Committee include the School Organisation Plan within its work programme. RESOLVED that the decision of the Mayor and Cabinet be noted. 2. Local Management of Schools - Scheme |

Minute No.

Action

Amendments 2004/05

RESOLVED that the decision of the Mayor and Cabinet be noted.

The meeting ended at 6.35 p.m.

Chair

| OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY (EDUCATION) BUSINESS PANEL | | |
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| Report Title | DECISIONS MADE BY THE MAYOR AND CABINET ON 25 FEBRUARY 2004 | |
| Key Decision | | Item No. 4 |
| Ward | | |
| Contributors | CHIEF EXECUTIVE/HEAD OF COMMITTEE BUSINESS | |
| Class | Part 1 | Date: 8 MARCH 2004 |

Recommendation

To consider the decision made by the Mayor and Cabinet on 25 February 2004 which will come in to force on 9 March 2004 unless the Panel objects and calls in any of them.

The Mayor and Cabinet on 25 February made the following decision:-

1. A Compact between the Council and the Department for Education and Skills

1.1 Summary

1.1.1 By 31 March 2004, each authority has been encouraged to agree with the Government's DfES the overarching priorities for the subsequent year. The current exercise is the first in what will become an annual cycle. This paper outlined the rationale for such a Compact and provides a draft for approval.

1.1.2 Whilst not statutory, guidance makes clear that it is the Secretary of State's expectation that each and every authority will undertake a review of its developmental priorities between September 2003 and now and discuss the outcome with one of his key officers, notably the Schools Directorate Adviser (SDA) at a formative stage. Guidance further indicates that schools and the broader educational community should be consulted. It is acknowledged that, particularly in the first instance, there will be a close similarity between those priorities established as part of the Education Development Plan (EDP) and those in its Compact; hence, there is some discretion left to authorities as to how they manage the consultation exercise. Lewisham has elected to involve all schools in the formulation of its first Compact and this paper presented a draft of that document for approval. It is worth noting that further changes are the subject of current proposals, to replace the current planning regime with a Single Education Plan (SEP) for April 2005. However, even after implementation of SEPs, Compacts will continue.

1.2 The Executive Director for Education and Culture amended the recommendation set out in the report to read as follows:-

The Mayor is recommended to approve the draft Compact and agree that the finalising of the Compact be delegated to the Executive Director for Education and Culture before submission to the Secretary of State for signature .

1.3 The Mayor and Cabinet approved the draft compact and agreed that the finalising of the compact be delegated to the Executive Director for Education and Culture, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, before submission to the Secretary of State for signature.