
OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY (EDUCATION) BUSINESS PANEL

Date: **MONDAY, 12 JULY 2004 at 7 p.m.**

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MEMBERS

Councillor Smith	(L)	Chair & Chair of Overview & Scrutiny Committee
Councillor Anderson	(C)	Vice Chair & Vice-Chair of Overview & Scrutiny Committee and Minority Group Representative
Councillor Adefiranye	(L)	Chair of Children & Young People Select Committee
Councillor Dawson	(L)	Chair of Quality Public Services Select Committee
Councillor Fitzsimmons	(L)	Chair of Adult Care & Health Select Committee
Councillor J Hastie	(L)	Majority Party Representative
Councillor Maslin	(L)	Chair of Public Accounts Select Committee
Councillor Morris	(LD)	Minority Group Representative
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	Vacant
Special	Vacant
Primary	Vacant

Members are summoned to attend this meeting

Barry Quirk
Chief Executive
Lewisham Town Hall
Cafford
London SE6 4RU
Date: 1 July 2004



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Report Title	MINUTES	
Key Decision		Item No. 1
Ward		
Contributors	CHIEF EXECUTIVE	
Class	Part 1	Date: 12 JULY 2004

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Minutes of the meeting of the Panel held on 21 June 2004, be confirmed and signed (copy attached).

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY (EDUCATION) BUSINESS PANEL		
Report Title	DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS	
Key Decision		Item No. 2
Ward		
Contributors	CHIEF EXECUTIVE	
Class	Part 1	Date: 12 JULY 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 at LEWISHAM TOWN HALL, CATFORD, SE6 4RU on MONDAY, 21 JUNE 2004 at 7 p.m.

Present

Councillor Smith (Chair); Councillor Anderson (Vice-Chair); Councillors Dawson, Fitzsimmons and Muldoon.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Adefiranye.

Non-elected Voting member: Monsignor Rother.

Under Standing Orders: Councillor Nisbet.

Minute No	Action
1	MINUTES (page RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Panel held on 1 June 2004 be confirmed and signed.
2	DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS (page None was declared.
3	DECISION MADE BY THE MAYOR AND CABINET ON 9 JUNE 2004 (page 1. OFSTED Action Plan RESOLVED that the decision of the Mayor and Cabinet be noted.

Chair

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY (EDUCATION) BUSINESS PANEL		
Report Title	DECISIONS MADE BY THE MAYOR AND CABINET ON 30 JUNE 2004	
Key Decision		Item No. 3
Ward		
Contributors	CHIEF EXECUTIVE/HEAD OF COMMITTEE BUSINESS	
Class	Part 1	Date: 12 JULY 2004

Recommendation

To consider the decisions made by the Mayor and Cabinet on 30 June 2004 which will come in to force on 13 July 2004 unless the Panel objects and calls in any of them.

The Mayor and Cabinet on 30 June 2004 made the following decisions:-

1. Expansion of new Woodlands Special School

1.1 Summary

1.1.1 This report proposed the expansion of New Woodlands Special School, Downham from September 2005.

1.1.2 It proposed that the designation of the school be changed so that it can provide an additional 46 places for secondary age children.

1.1.3 The report also recommended that consultation be carried out on the proposal, prior to the issuing of any necessary public notice.

1.2 The Mayor and Cabinet agreed the following:

1.2.1 that consultation (in accordance with the requirements of the Schools Standards and Framework Act 1998) be carried out on the proposal that the New Woodlands Special School be extended from a key stage 1 and 2 provision to key stage 1 to 3 and that this change be made from the beginning of Autumn term 2005; and

- 1.2.2 that a further report be made to the Mayor and Cabinet following the consultation with recommendations for any further action, including the issuing of a public notice.

2. New Secondary School Proposal - Position Report

2.1 Summary

2.1.1 Improving the educational achievement of young people is one of the Council's priorities. The current School Organisation Plan predicts that demand for secondary school places in Lewisham will increase by 10% from now until 2008/09. As part of its overall strategy to provide a local high quality secondary school place for every Lewisham child that wants one the Council is committed to building a new secondary school north of the South Circular Road where demand for places is greatest.

2.1.2 After extensive public consultation the Mayor and Cabinet chose a site in Ladywell Road, known as the Playtower Site, as the preferred location for the new school. The early availability of this site was a key consideration in that decision although that availability was dependent on the acquisition of a former Police Station on the site from the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS).

2.1.3 Delay in the marketing of the Police Station by the MPS and possible further delay in the confirmation of any sale has eroded the advantage of availability the Ladywell Playtower site had over other sites consulted upon – the Breakspear Campus of Lewisham College in Lewisham Way and the Ladywell Leisure Centre in Lewisham High Street.

2.1.4 The Ladywell Leisure Centre is now recommended as the preferred site for the new school. The Leisure Strategy assumes the development of a new leisure facility in the Town Centre and the closure of the Ladywell Leisure Centre. A new school could open on the Leisure Centre site as early as 2009. This compares against a predicted, but less certain, opening date of 2008 for the Playtower site. The Playtower site opening date is considered less certain because of possible further delay in the acquisition of the Police Station and because of the more complex planning issues associated with the development of the Playtower Site.

- 2.1.5 The current leisure strategy assumes the closure of the Leisure Centre in 2010 when the new wet leisure facility proposed as part of the redevelopment of the Sundermead estate opens. The early closure of the Centre to facilitate a 2009 school opening will mean that some residents may be inconvenienced by having to travel to facilities elsewhere within

the borough until the new facility is open. This needs to be balanced against the commitment to open a new secondary school as soon as possible in response to predicted future deficit in secondary school places north of the South Circular Road.

2.1.6 The Breakspeare Campus site has been ruled out because of uncertainty about the timing of its availability for redevelopment.

2.1.7 Because of the pressure on secondary places it is also proposed that the new school opens on the site of the former Ennersdale School in Leahurst Road from September 2006. It is further proposed that when the new school moves from this site to its permanent location the vacated site is used to accommodate the proposed expansion of Northbrook school.

2.2 The Mayor and Cabinet agreed:

2.2.1 the nomination of the Ladywell Leisure Centre as the new preferred site for the new secondary school for the reasons set out within Section 6 of the report;

2.2.2 the development of a programme to open the new school on the Ladywell Leisure Centre Site for September 2009 (subject to a decision being made to proceed with the proposals following the consultation processes outlined in the report), noting the implications for leisure provision discussed within Section 7 of the report;

2.2.3 not to proceed with a bid for the former Lewisham Police Station. (The submission of a bid was previously recommended and agreed by Mayor and Cabinet on 17 March 2004);

2.2.4 to re-endorse the decision, made on 17 March 2004, that the Leahurst Road site be nominated as the preferred temporary location of the new school from September 2006;

2.2.5 to re-endorse the decision, made on 17 March 2004, that subject to the agreement of the Northbrook School's Governing Body, the Leahurst Road site be used to accommodate the expansion of Northbrook School when the new school relocates to its permanent location;

2.2.6 the consultation arrangements set out in section 9 of the report;

2.2.7 the funding arrangements as set out in Section 11 of the report by the Deputy Chief Executive.

3. Local Education Authority - Making of Instruments by Order - Voluntary Aided School

3.1 Summary

This report sought authority to make an instrument of government for the school by the LEA by Order

3.2 The Mayor and Cabinet agreed that:

3.2.1 the instruments of government for the school listed below be made by the LEA by order:

St Bartholomew's Church of England
Primary School

1 September 2004

3.2.2 a review of instrument(s) be undertaken any time after being made to ensure that the composition is appropriate to meet the needs of the school(s) from time to time.

4. Local Education Authority - Making of Instruments by Order

4.1 Summary

This report sought authority to make instruments of government for schools maintained by the LEA by Order.

4.2 The Mayor and Cabinet agreed that:

4.2.1 the instruments of government for the schools listed below be made by the LEA by order:

Coopers Lane	- 1 September 2004
Eliot Bank	- 1 September 2004
Grinling Gibbons	- 1 September 2004
Monson	- 1 September 2004

4.2.2 a review of instrument(s) be undertaken any time after being made to ensure that the composition is appropriate to meet the needs of the school(s) from time to time.

