

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY (EDUCATION) BUSINESS PANEL

Date: MONDAY, 24 JANUARY 2005 at 7 p.m.

Committee Room 3 *PLEA

PLEASE NOTE TIME OF MEETING

Civic Suite

Lewisham Town Hall London SE6 4RU

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MEMBERS

Councillor Smith Councillor Anderson	(L)	Chair & Chair of Overview & Scrutiny Committee Vice Chair & Vice-Chair of Overview & Scrutiny Committee and Minority Group Representative
Councillor Adefiranye Councillor Dawson Councillor Fitzsimmons Councillor Maslin Councillor Morris Councillor Morrison Councillor Muldoon Councillor T Scott	(L) (L) (L) (LD) (L) (L)	Chair of Children & Young People Select Committee Chair of Quality Public Services Select Committee Chair of Adult Care & Health Select Committee Chair of Public Accounts Select Committee Minority Group Representative Chair of Social Inclusion Select Committee Chair of Environment Select Committee Majority Party Representative

Non-elected Voting Members

Monsignor Rothon Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Southwark Commission for Schools

and Colleges

Rev'd Gatliffe Church of England Southwark Diocesan Board of Education

Parent Governors Reps.

Secondary Ms P Howell
Special Vacant
Primary Vacant

Members are summoned to attend this meeting

Barry Quirk
Chief Executive
Lewisham Town Hall
Catford

London SE6 4RU

Date: 13 January 2004



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OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY (EDUCATION) BUSINESS PANEL				
Report Title	MINUTES			
Key Decision				Item No. 1
Ward				
Contributors	CHIEF EXECUTIVE			
Class	Part 1		Date: 24 JAN	NUARY 2005

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Minutes of the meeting of the Panel held on 20 December 2004, be confirmed and signed (copy attached).

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY (EDUCATION) BUSINESS PANEL					
Report Title	DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS				
Key Decision				Item No. 2	
Ward				1	
Contributors	CHIEF EXECUTIVE				
Class	Part 1		Date: 24 JA	Date: 24 JANUARY 2005	

Members are asked to make any declarations of personal 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, 20 DECEMBER 2004at LEWISHAM TOWN HALL, CATFORD, SE6 4RU at 7 p.m.

Present

Councillor Smith (Chair); Councillor Anderson (Vice-Chair); Councillors Adefirance, Dawson, Fitzsimmons, Morris, Morrison, Muldoon and T Scott.

Monsignor Rothon.

Minute No. Action

1 MINUTES (page

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Panel

held on 13 December 2004 be confirmed

and signed.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS (page

Councillor Dawson declared that he is currently receiving a fee from the International Organisation of Teachers Trades Unions.

3 DECISIONS MADE BY THE MAYOR AND CABINET ON 15 DECEMBER 2004 (page

1. Local Education Authority - Making of

Instruments by Order

RESOLVED that the decisions of the Mayor and

Cabinet be noted.

2. Expansion of New Woodlands Special

School

RESOLVED that the decisions of the Mayor and

Cabinet be noted.

Minute No. Action

> Adult and Community Learning Best Value 3. Review

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

Chair

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY (EDUCATION) BUSINESS PANEL				
Report Title	DECISIONS MADE BY THE MAYOR AND CABINET ON 15 DECEMBER 2004			
Key Decision	YES		Item No. 3	
Ward		<u> </u>		
Contributors	CHIEF EXECUTIVE/HEAD OF COMMITTEE BUSINESS			
Class	Part 1		Date: 20 DECEMBER 2004	

$\underline{Recommendatio} n$

To consider the decisions made by the Mayor and Cabinet on 15 December 2004 which will come in to force on 21 December 2004 unless the Panel objects and calls in any of them.

The Mayor and Cabinet on 15 December 2004 made the following decisions:-

1. <u>Local Education Authority - Making of Instruments by Order</u>

1.1 <u>Summary</u>

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

- 1.2 The Mayor and Cabinet agreed that:
- 1.2.1 the instruments of government for the schools listed below be made by the Council by order:

•	Greenvale	- 21 February 2005
•	Meadowgate	- 1 January 2005

1.2.2 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.

2. Expansion of New Woodlands Special School

2.1 Summary

On 30 June 2004, the Mayor agreed that consultation should proceed on the expansion of New Woodlands Special School. The LEA and the Governors of New Woodlands are proposing that the school be increased by an additional 46 places for secondary age children.

2.2 The Mayor and Cabinet agreed to issue the Public Notice which proposes to expand the school by 46 places for secondary age pupils.

3. Adult and Community Learning Best Value Review

3.1 <u>Summary</u>

This report set out the key recommendations of the Adult & Community Best Value Review 2003/04 to be implemented for the academic year 2005/06. It also incorporated the strengths and weakness identified in the Community Education Lewisham Adult Learning Inspection (January 2003) together with those of the Special Investigations Report in 2002. Some of the operational recommendations made in the course of the review were implemented with immediate effect from July 2003 and the report identified the key areas of progress to date. The report also identified progress on the review of the Opening Doors Service to date.

- 3.2 The Mayor and Cabinet:
- 3.2.1 noted progress on the operational recommendations which were implemented with immediate effect from July 2003;

3.2.2 agreed the key recommendations identified in the review for implementation from 2005/06:

- (i) To establish, in partnership with Lewisham College and other key Adult and Community Learning partners, a post 19 Adult and Community Learning Federation.
- (ii) To shift, in CEL's Learning and Skills Council funded programme, the current balance of 50:50 accredited/non accredited CEL course offer to at least a 60:40 split over a three year period from 2005/06. This reflects the need for increased essential skills accredited provision together with progression into further training and employment routes.
- (iii) To develop a longer term accommodation strategy for the service based on developing major multi use, fit for purpose centres in the North, Centre and South of the borough, supported by appropriate satellite sites.

- (iv) To establish an independent resource to co-ordinate and improve advice and guidance for students in adult education.
- (v) To develop distance learning and tutored programmes in the libraries (recommended for Libraries BVR 2004).
- 3.2.3 noted progress on re-modelling the Opening Doors Service.