



AGENDA

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY EDUCATION BUSINESS PANEL

Date: TUESDAY, 17 MARCH 2020 at 7.25 pm

**Committee Room 2
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Councillor Bill Brown	Chair of Overview & Scrutiny Committee	L
Councillor Sakina Sheikh	Vice Chair of Overview & Scrutiny Committee	Labour Co-op
Councillor Peter Bernards	Chair of Housing Select Committee	L
Councillor Juliet Campbell	Chair of Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee	L
Councillor Patrick Codd	Labour Group Representative	L
Councillor Liam Curran	Chair of Sustainable Development Select Committee	Labour Co-op
Councillor Jim Mallory	Chair of Public Accounts Select Committee	L
Councillor Joan Millbank	Labour Group Representative	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

Members are summoned to attend this meeting

**Kim Wright
Chief Executive
Lewisham Town Hall
Catford
London SE6 4RU
Date: Monday, 9 March 2020**



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Non-elected Voting Members

Lilian Brooks	Primary School Parent Governor Representative
Monsignor N Rothon	Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Southwark Commission for Schools and Colleges
Kate Ward	Secondary School Parent Governor Representative



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Overview and Scrutiny (Education) Business Panel

Minutes

Date: 17 March 2020

Key decision: No

Class: Part 1

Ward(s) affected: All

Contributors: Chief Executive / Head of Business and Committee

Outline and recommendations

Members are asked to consider minutes of that part of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny (Education) Business Panel of 2 October 2018

1. Recommendation

It is recommended that the minutes of that part of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny (Education) Business Panel which were open to the press and public held on 2 October 2018 be confirmed and signed.

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9 March 2020

MINUTES OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY EDUCATION BUSINESS PANEL

Tuesday, 2 October 2018 at 7.00 pm

PRESENT: Councillors Bill Brown, Juliet Campbell, Alex Feis-Bryce, Jim Mallory, John Muldoon and Luke Sorba

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Silvana Kelleher

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Liam Curran, Councillor Joan Millbank, Councillor Pauline Morrison, Councillor Susan Wise and Monsignor N Rotheron

5. Minutes

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

6. Declarations of Interests

None was declared.

7. Decisions made by Mayor and Cabinet on 20 September 2018

Local Government Social Care Ombudsman report

The Service Manager, Children in Need introduced the report. The Chair of Children and Young People (CYP) Select Committee, Councillor Sorba expressed his surprise that this problem had occurred. He said the CYP Select Committee had scrutinised this issue several times. He asked why it had occurred and what steps had been taken to prevent it happening in future, and what were the consequences faced by the Council because of the findings.

Officers told Panel Members that the Council has a robust transport policy that had been scrutinised at various meetings. It was noted that in assessing individuals officers look at people's capability to promote their independence, taking into account any risk involved.

Officers said the problem arose as a result of Section 508F of the Education Act which contradicts this policy. The Act states that any transport support required to access Education should be made available. Officers said a post assessment had been done, but the parent said the need to drop and pick up her son for his activities prevented her from addressing her own needs.

Officers said they now have to think about balancing the needs of the children and that of their carers to ensure compliance. Councillor Sorba commented that he recognised the challenges faced by officers, as the move to independence for the child could affect that of the carers. He asked whether this would lead to

reassessment of cases, and was told that cases had been looked at and none required transport to be paid for.

The Chair asked for and was assured no other resident was in a similar situation. He said he hoped lessons have been learnt from the findings, and future policy and practices would be drawn to reflect this.

Councillor Mallory asked if the findings would impact on the transport budget which he said everyone was aware is largely overspent. Officers said they would need to give consideration to Section 508F, and Education for post 19. They said they were aware of the overspend and would ensure this was properly managed going forward, with regular reviews and the development of cost saving schemes. Councillor Mallory said he would look at the general rise in transport costs in another forum.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

Meeting ended 7:20pm

Chair

Agenda Item 3



Overview and Scrutiny Business Panel

Decision made by Mayor and Cabinet on 11 March 2020

Date: 17 March 2020

Key decision: No

Class: Part 1

Ward(s) affected: All

Contributors: Chief Executive / Head of Business and Committee

Outline and recommendations

Members are asked to consider a key decision taken by the Mayor and Cabinet on 11 March 2020

1. Recommendation

- 1.1 To consider key decision taken by the Mayor and Cabinet on 11 March 2020, which will come in to force on 18 March 2020.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Mayor and Cabinet considered the follow key decision item on 11 March 2020:
 - i. Making of Instrument - The Federation of Holy Cross and St Augustine's Catholic Primary Schools (Aspire London)
- 2.2 The notice of the key decision taken is outlined below
- 2.3 Under the provisions of Standing Orders Part IV E 14, Members may call-in an executive decision within 7 days. If the report to the decision is not called-in, the decision will come into force on 18 March 2020.



NOTICE OF DECISIONS MADE BY THE MAYOR & CABINET

The Mayor and Cabinet made the following decision on March 11 2020. The recommendations shown was agreed by a 10-0 vote of voting members in attendance.

The decision will become effective on March 18 2020 unless called in by the Overview & Scrutiny Education Business Panel on March 17 2020.

1. Making of Instrument - The Federation of Holy Cross and St Augustine's Catholic Primary Schools (Aspire London)

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for School Performance and Children's Services, Councillor Chris Barnham, the Mayor and Cabinet agreed that the Instrument of Government for the federation of Holy Cross and St Augustine's Catholic Primary Schools (Aspire London) be made by Local Authority order dated 1 April 2020 as set out in Appendix 1.

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