

Minutes

CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND LEARNING POLICY OVERVIEW COMMITTEE

19 March 2018



Meeting held at Committee Room 6 - Civic Centre,
High Street, Uxbridge

	<p>Committee Members Present: Councillors Jane Palmer (Chairman), Nick Denys (Vice-Chairman), Judith Cooper, Becky Haggar, Brian Stead (in place of Allan Kauffman), Jan Sweeting, Tony Eginton and Peter Money (in place of John Oswell and Kanwal Dheer) and Tony Little.</p> <p>LBH Officers Present: Dan Kennedy (Deputy Director, Housing, Environment, Education, Health and Wellbeing) and Anisha Teji (Democratic Services Officer)</p>
73.	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (<i>Agenda Item 1</i>)</p> <p>Apologies received from Cllr Dominic Gilham and Cllr Allan Kauffman with Cllr Brian Stead substituting.</p> <p>Apologies received from Cllr John Oswell and Cllr Kanwal Dheer, with Cllr Peter Money and Cllr Tony Eginton substituting.</p>
74.	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN MATTERS COMING BEFORE THE MEETING (<i>Agenda Item 2</i>)</p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>
75.	<p>MATTERS NOTIFIED IN ADVANCE OR URGENT (<i>Agenda Item 3</i>)</p> <p>None.</p>
76.	<p>TO CONFIRM THAT ITEMS OF BUSINESS MARKED PART 1 WILL BE CONSIDERED IN PUBLIC AND THAT THE ITEMS MARKED PART 2 WILL BE CONSIDERED IN PRIVATE (<i>Agenda Item 4</i>)</p> <p>It was confirmed that all items were in Part I and would be heard in public.</p>
77.	<p>TO AGREE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 8 FEBRUARY 2018 (<i>Agenda Item 5</i>)</p> <p>Members requested further information on bulge classes. It was confirmed that this information would be provided to the Committee at the next meeting.</p> <p>RESOLVED - That the minutes from the 8 February 2018 be approved as an accurate record.</p>

78. **CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION - UPDATE REPORT - TO FOLLOW** (*Agenda Item 6*)

Prior to the meeting, the Chairman agreed to defer this item to allow a full and proper report to be prepared.

79. **SCHOOL PLANNING UPDATE** (*Agenda Item 7*)

Officers introduced the report and updated the Committee on the demand for school places in the Borough. In summary, the following key points were noted:

- School places was monitored throughout the year. A number of factors including birth rates, residential developments and families moving into the Borough affected demand for school places.
- Overall, there was an appropriate level of capacity in the system to manage demand for September 2018.
- There were variations in capacity between place planning areas and that capacity was not evenly spread. In part this reflected the relative popularity of individual schools.
- The demand for secondary school places was rising in line with forecasts.
- Fair Access mechanisms were effective in ensuring that pupils were offered school places for in year admissions.
- The School Placement and Admissions Team worked collaboratively with schools, especially where pupil numbers were lower than anticipated, taking into account the needs of the child and those of the school.
- Work on the expansions of Vyners and Ruislip High School was proceeding. However, delivery dates for new free school provisions were still subject to confirmation - sites had not yet been confirmed by the Education and Skills Funding Agency.

During Member discussions, it was reported that spare capacity is required in the system to allow for the provision of school places for late applications and in year admissions. Also, it was explained that when considering secondary school admissions, some parents held on to state funded places awaiting confirmation from independent schools.

It was noted that school capacity was affected by decisions made by schools. Four schools (Bishop Winnington Ingram, Pinkwell Primary, Uxbridge High and Haydon) had now determined reduced admission numbers for September 2019. Officers confirmed that this was currently being evaluated and the impact being determined. The local authority would be seeking further advice regarding these changes.

Members noted that the matter of 'churn' (pupils starting / leaving in a school year) was a significant issue. Other matters such as families moving in and out of the Borough and temporary accommodation measures were reasons for pupil changes.

Members requested further information on the exact pressure on primary school places, information on special schools and bulge classes.

RESOLVED –

1. **That officers be thanked for their attendance;**
2. **that the report be noted; and**
3. **that the further information be presented to Committee.**

80.	<p>CABINET FORWARD PLAN - REVIEW FORTHCOMING DECISIONS (<i>Agenda Item 8</i>)</p> <p>RESOLVED – That the Cabinet Forward Plan be noted.</p>
81.	<p>WORK PROGRAMME - REVIEW THE WORK PROGRAMME FOR THE COMING YEAR (<i>Agenda Item 9</i>)</p> <p>RESOLVED – That the work programme be noted.</p>
	<p>The meeting, which commenced at 7.00 pm, closed at 7.31 pm.</p>

These are the minutes of the above meeting. For more information on any of the resolutions please contact Anisha Teji on 01895 277655. Circulation of these minutes is to Councillors, Officers, the Press and Members of the Public.