

Minutes

CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND LEARNING POLICY OVERVIEW COMMITTEE

12 June 2017



Meeting held at Committee Room 4 -
Civic Centre, High Street, Uxbridge UB8 1UW

	<p>Committee Members Present: Councillors Jane Palmer (Chairman), Nick Denys (Vice-Chairman), Dominic Gilham, Becky Haggar, John Oswell, Kanwal Dheer and Jan Sweeting</p> <p>LBH Officers Present: Dan Kennedy (Head of Business Performance, Policy & Standards), Tom Murphy (Assistant Director of Early Intervention Prevention & SEND), Laura Palmer (School Placement and Admissions Team Manager) and Anisha Teji (Democratic Services Officer)</p>
4.	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (<i>Agenda Item 1</i>)</p> <p>Apologies were received from Cllr Kauffman and Cllr Cooper.</p> <p>Apologies were also received from Antony Little.</p>
5.	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN MATTERS COMING BEFORE THE MEETING (<i>Agenda Item 2</i>)</p> <p>None.</p>
6.	<p>MATTERS NOTIFIED IN ADVANCE OR URGENT (<i>Agenda Item 3</i>)</p> <p>None.</p>
7.	<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 1 and would be heard in public.</p>
8.	<p>TO AGREE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12 APRIL 2017 (<i>Agenda Item 5</i>)</p> <p>The minutes were confirmed as an accurate record of the meeting.</p>
9.	<p>SCHOOL ADMISSIONS UPDATE (<i>Agenda Item 6</i>)</p> <p>The Committee considered the update report on school admissions. Laura Palmer, School Placement and Admissions Team Manager, presented the report.</p> <p>The following points were made in discussion:</p>

Secondary schools places update

- The Council experienced a 3 percent increase in applications, as did surrounding boroughs.
- On National Offer Day, the Council offered a school place to all applicants and there was generally a good outcome. 94.9 percent of Hillingdon pupils received one of their preferred places.
- There was an increase in the number of children with education, health and care plans applying to mainstream schools.
- Generally the numbers are growing for secondary schools, but there are still some places. In cases, where there is only one school selection provided, parents are contacted by the School Placement and Admission team to provide other options.
- The Council is taking into account the Southall gas work and is liaising closely with Ealing Council regarding the potential impact this development will have on school placements, particularly in the South of the Borough.

Primary schools places update

- The Council experienced a 4 percent decrease in applications across the Borough. 88% of pupils were offered first choice schools and 98.5 percent of Hillingdon pupils received one of their preferred choices of primary schools.
- The key difference between primary and secondary schools school placements was the lateness of applications. Since offer day an additional 150 school places have been offered.
- The Borough supported residents who were impacted by the closure of Pinnerwood Schools due to health and safety concerns. Parents who were affected were given duplicate offers for school places.
- There are currently 470 places available for primary schools.
- Birth-rates are set to plateau and this will affect the number of primary schools places. Other factors such as the new residential developments will impact the number of schools places.

RESOLVED -

- (1) The Committee commended officers for their hard work, particularly in supporting residents in Pinner Wood.**
- (2) The Committee thanked officers for the report and noted the positive work being undertaken.**

10. **MAJOR REVIEW TOPIC** (*Agenda Item 7*)

The Committee finalised a topic for the major review.

The Committee noted that due to the short municipal year for Policy Overview Communities, only one major review was advised to ensure that a thorough and proper investigation could be undertaken.

The Committee decided, following the Chairman's discussions with the Cabinet Member for Education and Children's Services, to conduct a review on children with SEND in the early years provisions. The working title for the major review is "How nurseries are geared up to support children in the early provision with SEND"

The Committee also explored other potential topics for the review such as looking at

youth provisions offered by the Council, asylum and a review of the current home to school transport service provided by the Council. The Committee was anxious to remain engaged with any discussions on youth services and home to school transport services.

RESOLVED -

(1) That a scoping report be produced on "How nurseries are geared up to support children in the early provision with SEND" for the meeting on 31 July 2017.

11. **CABINET FORWARD PLAN - REVIEW FORTHCOMING DECISIONS** (*Agenda Item 8*)

RESOLVED -

(1) The Cabinet Forward Plan was noted.

12. **WORK PROGRAMME** (*Agenda Item 9*)

RESOLVED -

(1) That the work programme be noted.

The meeting, which commenced at 7pm, closed at 7.42 pm.

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