

CHILDREN, SCHOOLS AND FAMILIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, 11 JULY 2023 AT 6.30 PM
COMMITTEE ROOM 2, TOWN HALL, JUDD STREET, LONDON WC1H 9JE

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Sylvia McNamara (L), Shah Miah (L), Tom Simon (LD), Shiva Tiwari (L)

Co-opted Members Aya Egool, Margaret Harvey, Sarah Jafri, Reverend
Guy Pope, Samir Qurashi and Dr Rachel Wrangham

SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

Councillors Chung (LD), Samata Khatoon (L), Izzy Lenga (L),
Jenny Mulholland (L), Nazma Rahman (L), James Slater (L) and
Nanouche Umeadi (L)

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THERE ARE NO PRIVATE REPORTS

AGENDA

Wards

- 1. APOLOGIES**

- 2. DECLARATIONS BY MEMBERS OF STATUTORY DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS, COMPULSORY REGISTERABLE NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND VOLUNTARY REGISTERABLE NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS IN MATTERS ON THIS AGENDA**

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- 4. DEPUTATIONS (IF ANY)**

Requests to speak at the Committee on a matter within its terms of reference must be made in writing to the clerk named on the front of this agenda by 5pm two working days before the meeting.

- 5. MINUTES**

To approve and sign the minutes of the meetings held on 20 February 2023.

(Pages
9 - 20)

6. NOTIFICATION OF ANY ITEMS OF BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR DECIDES TO TAKE AS URGENT

7. TERMS OF REFERENCE

To note the Children, Schools and Families Scrutiny Committee Terms of Reference.

Terms of reference

To scrutinise the Council's policies relating to children and the provision, planning, financing, management and performance of children's services, provided by the Supporting People Directorate and other service providers.

8. UPDATE OF THE CABINET MEMBER FOR BEST START FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Update of the Cabinet Member for Best Start for Children and Families.

(Pages
21 - 26)

This report provides the Committee with an update relating to the portfolio of the Cabinet Member for Best Start for Children and Families.

9. UPDATE OF THE CABINET MEMBER FOR YOUNG PEOPLE & CULTURE

Update of the Cabinet Member for Cabinet Member for Young People and Culture.

(Pages
27 - 34)

This report provides the Committee with an update relating to the portfolio of the Cabinet Member for Young People and Culture.

10. SCHOOLS, HIGH NEEDS AND EARLY YEARS OUTTURN AND FUNDING UPDATE

Report of the Head of Education Commissioning and School Organisation.

(Pages
35 - 66)

This report provides the financial outturn position for 2022/23 and has been received by Camden Schools Forum as part of its duty to monitor spending on schools and the financial health of the education sector across the Borough. The report explains the closing position at which there was an overall £6.05m balance across the DSG blocks, with individual schools balances marginally increasing by £0.03m.

The report also updates the latest funding situation for the current financial year, 2023/24, and outlines the range of current pressures resulting from the current economic climate, conflicts, emergencies and ongoing “real terms” funding constraint including the most recent update on the National Funding formula (NFF).

The report outlines current funding arrangements for the next few years from the current planned transition to a “hard” national funding formula (NFF) which has currently been delayed to April 2024 at the earliest. It also outlines the measures that the authority, in conjunction with schools, headteachers and Camden Learning have taken to support schools through this transition and to help schools to continue to prepare for reductions in real terms funding.

11. CORPORATE PERFORMANCE REPORT QUARTER 4/END OF YEAR 2022-23

Report of the Executive Directors of Supporting People, Supporting Communities and Corporate Services

(Pages
67 - 134)

This report focusses on Quarter 4 (Q4) 2022/23 and an overview of performance of the whole financial year, using a broad range of measures from each directorate and divisions across the organisation. Individual services have provided a narrative covering key performance challenges and areas of positive improvement in their service areas.

Within the report in Supporting People sections 2.1 – 2.4.2, progress is set out against targets for those performance indicators that fall within the Children, Schools and Families outcome area and within the remit of the Children, Schools and Families Scrutiny Committee.

12. AWARD OF THE CAMDEN LEARNING COMMISSION (SP/2023/12)

Report of the Leader of the Council.

(Pages
135 - 154)

This report considers the proposal to recommission Camden Learning to provide school improvement and wider education services on behalf of the Council to its schools.

The report sets out how and why Camden Learning was established. It indicates the requirement for the Camden to act as the supervisory authority and further outlines the changes to the proposed contract specification and any requirements to amend contract schedules.

The report is coming to the Cabinet because it is necessary to agree the award of a contract for school improvement services, training and

school support to Camden Learning for the period between 1st September 2023 and 31st August 2026 with a further option to extend for 2 additional years.

13. CHILDREN, SCHOOLS AND FAMILIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE'S WORK PROGRAMME AND ACTION TRACKER 2023/24

Report of the Interim Director of Children's Services.

(Pages
155 - 160)

This report sets out the work programme for the municipal year 2023/24 for the Committee's consideration. The Committee will continue to be provided with an updated report on their future work programme at each meeting, for their consideration.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND FUTURE MEETING DATES

The Children, Schools and Families Scrutiny Committee is asked to note the future meeting dates for the remainder of the 2023-24 municipal year:

- 7 September 2023
- 9 November 2023
- 19 December 2023
- 18 January 2024
- 26 February 2024
- 13 March 2024 (additional meeting)

15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIR DECIDES TO CONSIDER AS URGENT

AGENDA ENDS

The date of the next meeting will be Thursday, 7 September 2023 at 6.30 pm in Committee Room 2, Town Hall, Judd Street, London WC1H 9JE.