

# CHILDREN, SCHOOLS AND FAMILIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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THURSDAY, 18 JANUARY 2024 AT 6.30 PM  
COMMITTEE ROOM 2, TOWN HALL, JUDD STREET, LONDON WC1H 9JE

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Sylvia McNamara (L), Tom Simon (LD), Shiva Tiwari (L),  
Nanouche Umeadi (L)

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

## SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

Councillors Chung (LD), Tommy Gale (L), Samata Khatoun (L),  
Izzy Lenga (L), Jenny Mulholland (L), Nazma Rahman (L) and  
James Slater (L)

L = Labour, LD = Liberal Democrat

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## 18 JANUARY 2024

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**
  
3. **ANNOUNCEMENTS (IF ANY)**

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#### **Any Other Announcements**

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 meeting held on 19 December 2023.

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

**7. YOUNG INSPECTORS REPORT 2023: MY MEETINGS - CHILDREN AND FAMILIES EXPERIENCE OF SOCIAL CARE MEETINGS**

**All Wards**

(Pages 21 - 30)

Report of the Director of Children's Prevention, Family Help and Safeguarding.

This report sets out the findings, key messages, and recommendations of the Young Inspectors inspection of children and families experience of social care meetings.

The main focus of the young inspection was:

- To find out about experiences of children, young people and parents/ carers in their participation in children looked after review meetings, child protection conference and child in need review meetings.
- To identify main themes based on the feedback from focus group discussions and responses to questionnaires from children, young people, parents/carers and social workers.
- To develop parents and young people's meetings standards/ wishes to help ensure that they are more actively involved, have more ownership of the meetings and are supported in shared decision making.
- To develop recommendations for the service based on the responses from families and professionals.

The conclusions that emerged from the Young Inspectors gave rise to eight key recommendations for Camden's social care service.

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

(Pages 31 - 32)

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

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 AND CULTURE**

**All Wards**

(Pages 33 - 36)

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

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

- 10. CORPORATE PARENTING ANNUAL REPORT: APRIL 2022- NOV 2023** **All Wards**  
(Pages 37 - 64)
- Report of the Executive Director Children and Learning.
- This report sets out the annual report on corporate parenting and provides an overview of the achievement, progress and challenges in meeting the needs of Camden's children in care and care experienced young who are placed both in borough and outside the borough. The report also sets out the priorities for 2023/24. This report covers the period from April 2022 to November 2023.
- 11. AN UPDATE ON CAMDEN'S IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW EARLY EDUCATION ENTITLEMENTS AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF FAMILY HUBS** **All Wards**  
(Pages 65 - 74)
- Report of the Executive Director Children and Learning.
- This report provides an update on the development of Family Hubs in Camden and the preparedness of Camden early education and childcare providers to deliver the new early education entitlements announced by the government in its budget in March 2024.
- 12. CHILDREN, SCHOOLS AND FAMILIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE'S WORK PROGRAMME AND ACTION TRACKER 2023/24** **(Pages 75 - 82)**
- Report of the Executive Director Children and Learning.
- 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.
- 13. 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:
- Monday 26 February 2024
  - Wednesday 13 March 2024

**14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIR DECIDES TO CONSIDER AS URGENT**

**AGENDA ENDS**

The date of the next meeting will be Monday, 26 February 2024 at 6.30 pm in Committee Room 2, Town Hall, Judd Street, London WC1H 9JE.