

CHILDREN, SCHOOLS AND FAMILIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, 13 MARCH 2024 AT 6.30 PM
COMMITTEE ROOM 2, CAMDEN TOWN HALL, JUDD STREET, LONDON, WC1H 9JE

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Councillors Lotis Bautista (L), Matt Cooper (L), Julian Fulbrook (L), 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 Khatoon (L), Izzy Lenga (L), Jenny Mulholland (L), Nazma Rahman (L) and James Slater (L)

L = Labour, LD = Liberal Democrat

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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**

- 3. ANNOUNCEMENTS (IF ANY)**

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Any Other Announcements

- 4. DEPUTATIONS (IF ANY)**

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

6. CABINET ADVISER REPORT ON OPENING UP ACCESS TO SPORT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE **All Wards**

Report of the Cabinet Adviser on Opening Up Access to Sport for Young People.

(Pages 9 - 40)

This report contains the findings and recommendations of Councillor Camron Aref-Adib in his role as Cabinet Adviser on Youth Mission.

7. CABINET MEMBER FOR BEST START FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES' RESPONSE ON THE INVESTIGATION INTO THE IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON THE LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT OF EARLY YEARS AND KEY STAGE 1 CHILDREN IN CAMDEN **All Wards**

(Pages 41 - 50)

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

In February 2023, a scrutiny panel [report](#) which investigated the impact of Covid-19 on the language development of Early Years and Key Stage 1 children in Camden was presented to the CSF Scrutiny Committee. The scrutiny panel was made up of elected members and co-opted members from the CSF Scrutiny Committee. The report requested that the Cabinet Member for Best Start for Children and Families prepare a response to the recommendations from the investigation and to report back to the committee.

The findings of this enquiry revealed that the Covid-19 pandemic had led to a language delay in Early Years in Camden, which could have ramifications for later academic attainment and is likely to disproportionately impact disadvantaged children. This report contains the Cabinet Member for Best Start for Children and Families' response to these recommendations.

The Scrutiny Panel's inquiry and praise for the service was gratefully received. Most recommendations are agreed upon. Several recommendations advocate for key members to communicate to national government about identified areas for improvement and/or additional funding. In light of this, Cllr Boyland, Cabinet Member for Best Start for Children and Families, is actively engaging in ongoing discussions with Cllr Georgia Gould, Leader of the Council, on how best to take these recommendations forward.

8. CABINET ADVISER REPORT ON CHILD HUNGER AND EXPANDING FREE SCHOOL MEALS **All Wards**

Report of the Cabinet Adviser for Child Hunger and Expanding Free School Meals.

(Pages 51 - 68)

The Cabinet Adviser on Child Hunger and Expanding Free School Meals here provides the Committee with their report, including recommendations, for discussion.

9. SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITIES (SEND) PROVISION PANEL UPDATE **All Wards**

(Pages 69 - 74)

Report of the Chair of the SEND Provision Panel.

The purpose of the report is to update members of the Children, Schools and Families (CSF) Scrutiny committee regarding the progress so far of the SEND Provision Scrutiny Panel. It summarises the key findings from interviews up to December and outlines the next steps being followed up through interviews, workshop, and meetings this spring up to April.

10. CHILDREN, SCHOOLS AND FAMILIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE'S WORK PROGRAMME AND ACTION TRACKER 2023/24 AND PROVISIONAL WORK PROGRAMME 2024/25 **All Wards**

(Pages 75 - 84)

Report of the Executive Director Children and Learning.

This report provides an outline of the 2023/24 work programme (Appendix 1) and provides an update on actions requested at previous meetings (Appendix 2). This report also provides an outline of the 2024/25 provisional work programme (Appendix 3).

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND FUTURE MEETING DATES

The Children, Schools and Families Scrutiny Committee is asked to note the provisional future meeting dates for the 2024-25 municipal year:

- 6.30pm, Tuesday 16 July 2024
- 6.30pm, Tuesday 8 October 2024
- 6.30pm, Monday 11 November 2024
- 6.30pm, Tuesday 10 December 2024
- 6.30pm, Tuesday 14 January 2025
- 6.30pm, Monday 24 February 2025

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

AGENDA ENDS

The date of the next meeting will be Tuesday, 16 July 2024 at 6.30 pm in Committee Room 2, Town Hall, Judd Street, London WC1H 9JE.