

CHILDREN, SCHOOLS AND FAMILIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, 14 JANUARY 2025 AT 6.30 PM
COMMITTEE ROOM 2, TOWN HALL, JUDD STREET, LONDON WC1H 9JE

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Councillor Lotis Bautista (Chair) (L)
Councillors Matt Cooper (L), Julian Fulbrook (L), Jenny Headlam-Wells (L), Patricia Leman (L), Sylvia McNamara (L), Tom Simon (LD) and Nanouche Umeadi (L)
Co-opted Members Camden Youth Council representative, Margaret Harvey, Sarah Jafri and Dr Rachel Wrangham

SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

Councillors Linda Chung (LD), Tommy Gale (L), Samata Khatoon (L), Izzy Lenga (L), Jenny Mulholland (L), Nazma Rahman (L) and James Slater (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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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. MINUTES

To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 10 December 2024. (Pages 7 - 20)

7. YOUNG INSPECTORS REPORT 2024 AND PROGRESS UPDATE ON RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE YOUNG INSPECTORS REPORT 2023

All Wards
(Pages 21 - 38)

Report of the Director of Education Commissioning and Inclusion and the Director of Relational Practice.

This report sets out the findings, key messages, and recommendations of the Young Inspectors inspection of the Virtual School for children looked after and previously looked after.

The main focus of the young inspection was:

- To find out about the experience of children and young people of the support they receive from the Virtual School.
- To identify main themes based on the feedback from focus group discussions with young people and members of the Virtual School staff.
- To develop recommendations for the Virtual School based on the feedback from these focus group discussions.

The conclusions that emerged from the Young Inspectors gave rise to six key recommendations for the Virtual School for children looked after and previously looked after.

The report also includes a summary of action taken to implement the Young Inspectors Report 2023 recommendations.

8. CORPORATE PARENTING SERVICE ANNUAL REPORT 2023-24

All Wards

Report of the Executive Director of Children and Learning. (Pages 39 - 60)

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 2025 and covers the period from December 2023 to November 2024.

- 9. FAMILY HUBS, FAMILY HELP AND START WELL REPORT** **All Wards**
- Report of the Director of Children's Prevention, Family Help and Safeguarding and Director of Health and Wellbeing. (Pages 61 - 80)
- The report provides updates to the Children, Schools and Families Committee on four interconnected programmes of work under the aegis of the recently-formed Children and Learning Directorate: Family Hubs, Family Help, Start Well, and the cross-cutting Child Health Equity programme. Each section provides background/ context to the work including information on our population's needs and governance arrangements; key updates from the last 12 months; challenges; and next steps for the coming year.
- 10. CHILDREN, SCHOOLS AND FAMILIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE'S WORK PROGRAMME AND ACTION TRACKER** (Pages 81 - 90)
- Report of the Executive Director Children and Learning.
- This report provides an outline of the 2024-25 work programme (Appendix 1), the 2025-26 provisional work programme (Appendix 2), and an update on actions requested at previous meetings (Appendix 3).
- 11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND FUTURE MEETING DATES**
- The Children, Schools and Families Scrutiny Committee is asked to note the final meeting date of the 2024/25 municipal year: Monday, 24 February 2025.
- The provisional meeting dates for the 2025/26 municipal year will be publicly available in due course.
- 12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIR DECIDES TO CONSIDER AS URGENT**

AGENDA ENDS

The date of the next meeting will be Monday, 24 February 2025 at 6.30 pm in Committee Room 2, Town Hall, Judd Street, London WC1H 9JE.