

Education & Children's Services Scrutiny Sub-Committee

MINUTES of the OPEN section of the Education & Children's Services Scrutiny Sub-Committee held on Tuesday 6 February 2018 at 7.00 pm at Ground Floor Meeting Room G01A - 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH

PRESENT: Councillor Jasmine Ali (Chair)
Councillor Rosie Shimell
Councillor Samantha Jury-Dada
Martin Brecknell

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillor Victoria Mills

OFFICER SUPPORT: David Quirke -Thornton, Strategic Director of Children's and Adults' Services
Alasdair Smith, Director, Children's , Families and Adults' Services
Nina Dohel, Director of Education
Andrew Fowler, Head of Service, Children's and Adults' Services

1. APOLOGIES

1.1 There were apologies for absence from Councillors Eastham and Rose.

2. NOTIFICATION OF ANY ITEMS OF BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR DEEMS URGENT

2.1 There were no urgent items of business.

3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

3.1 Cllr Ali disclosed she worked for TACT in a policy role advocating for fosters carers and Looked After children and young people.

4. MINUTES

Minutes for the 27 November 2017 will be taken at the following meeting.

VIDEO - OPENING THE MEETING

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bZB6uP-ZNYY&list=PL_maFEOk7e9hOujaLtoqNRoLJhT_nGuCw&index=1

5. INTERVIEW WITH THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN AND SCHOOLS

The committee interviewed the lead cabinet member for Children and Schools, Councillor Victoria Mills, on her role.

The cabinet member recommended the committee ask Southwark Lewisham College to attend in May.

She also suggested that Southwark Change makers attend the planned scrutiny knife crime event to get a diversity of young people's voices.

The discussion identified that scrutiny of a planned refresh of the Domestic Abuse strategy may be a good use of committee time next year.

RESOLVED

There have been a number of constituent enquires regarding Dog Kennel Hill, some under FOI. Officers will get back to the chair on timelines and an update.

A follow up paper will be provided on Apprenticeships, addressing:

- How is the apprenticeship levy effecting SMEs
- Numbers of Care Leavers in apprenticeship – with data reasons for difficulties in providing this information

Next meeting will address the Fostering Stocktake report with a focus on commissioning.

VIDEO - CABINET MEMBER INTERVIEW

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UESa0yBocXs&list=PL_maFEOk7e9hOujaLtoqNRoLJhT_nGuCw&index=2

6. CATCH 22

Alasdair Smith, Director, Children & Families, and Andrew Fowler, Head of Service gave a short presentation that will be circulated following the meeting.

Members asked what the governance looks like. Officers said that so far this is simple project management. There is also a shadow board of young people. They are now looking at how longer term how these will link up with Corporate Parenting and other governance structures. The council will only create a separate vehicle if needed and justified.

Officers were asked about the impact of the Children and Social Work Act, which extended the rights of Care Leavers to support up until 25. Members asked if the council have told people of the extra support due. Officers said they have always helped people coming back. They are thinking about communication with young people up to 25 and a pilot. They anticipate that people with more complex needs will come back first. The additional duties start April 1 and officers are yet to hear about funding. The council are particularly looking are developing networks that last a lifetime.

VIDEO - CATCH 22

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mnBL4yRxmTM&list=PL_maFEOk7e9hOujaLtoqNRoLJhT_nGuCw&index=3

7. EHCP MINI REVIEW

A visit to BOSCO took place in December.

8. WORKPLAN

The knife crime event will be moved to Wednesday 21 March, and an additional meeting on the 22 February added to particularly accommodate a visit by the Regional Schools Commissioner.

VIDEO - WORKPLAN

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rQS7D8sbeRI&list=PL_maFEOk7e9hOujaLtoqNRoLJhT_nGuCw&index=4