

Education & Business (Roving) Scrutiny Commission Workplan

Timetable

Date	Item
Meeting 1, Tuesday 10 September	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. School exclusions 2. Procurement and SMEs 3. Initial discussion of work plan
Meeting 2, Monday 7 October	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. School exclusions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Advocacy Academy 2. School exclusions - Faith conference feedback on Exclusions and Serious Youth Violence 3. School Exclusions – officer update FSM and Managed Moves reporting requirements 4. School Exclusions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regional School Commissioner, Claire Burton 5. Agreeing scope of workplan and priority item for Meeting 4
Meeting 3, Monday 16 December	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Wandsworth Alternative Provision - Eileen Shannon, Head Teacher, Victoria Drive PRU; Carol Self, Nurture Provision lead, Wandsworth 2 Interview of Cabinet Member for Children, Schools and Adult Care (re Education) 3 Interview of Cabinet Member for Jobs, Business and Innovation 3. Schools Exclusions: Ark Academy report, and CoE Diocese report Catholic Diocese schools report (all to note) 5. Education Officer update (presentation) 7. Procurement update (presentation) 8. South Tyneside report on procurement approach and best practice (to note)
Meeting 4, 13 February 2020	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Exclusion Review: Regional Director London, Ofsted Mike Sheridan, Regional Director London, Ofsted, on the new inspection framework . 2. Exclusion Review: Evidence from schools <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ark Academy report , to note and discuss • Southwark Diocesan Board of Education report and presentation by Rachael Norman, Secondary Schools Adviser • Catholic Diocese presentation by Dr Simon Hughes 3. Exclusion Review: ‘Keeping Children in Education’ Conference Update on ‘Keeping Children in Education’ Conference, held 16 January, and work officers have do done to inform this including a short film : Excluded- voices of children and parents. Jenny Brennan, Assistant Director Family Early Help and Youth Justice, will present the film and provide an update on the conference.

	<p>4. Procurement review: Southwark Chamber of Commerce Shade Abdul will report on the work of the Southwark Chamber of Commerce on The Entrepreneurial Peckham event, 11 February (see enclosed information) and more broadly on the work of the Chamber to engage small businesses led by people from ethnic minority backgrounds.</p> <p>5. Procurement review: Southbank Business Improvement District and South London Procurement Network . With Nic Durston, BID, and Petrona Wickham, South London Procurement Network.</p> <p>6. Procurement review: Procure Report enclosed on 'CREATING A GOOD LOCAL ECONOMY THROUGH PROCUREMENT' prepared by Matthew Jackson (deputy CEO CLES), to note.</p> <p>7. Exclusion Review : Survey Update</p> <p>8. Exclusion Review: Timpson Review report Executive summary of TIMPSON REVIEW OF SCHOOL EXCLUSION, to note.</p> <p>9. Southwark PRU visit report</p> <p>10. Workplan Discussing recommendations for (i) exclusions and alternative provision and (ii) procurement reports. Scopes are enclosed.</p>
Meeting 5, Tuesday 24 March	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Additional priority topic from longlist/main OSC 2. Southwark PRU visit report – longer discussion 3. Matt Jones , Globe ARK academy 4. Social Value pilot update report 5. Sign off school exclusions and alternative provision report 6. Sign off procurement report
Meeting 6, Additional date TBC	TBC – Community event (Exclusions)

School exclusions and alternative provision

The Commission will build on work of the Southwark Youth Violence Panel and seek to understand

- the extent of permanent exclusions and quasi exclusions (e.g. forced home schooling and off-rolling) across the borough, total levels, where it is concentrated and what are the key trends
- alternative provision across the borough, its quality, its role in managing permanent exclusions and the quality of service it is providing our young people

We will explore exclusions by:

- Speaking to local school representatives, young people who have been excluded and/or their parents,
- Reviewing the prior investigations by the Council of exclusions and the extent
- Looking at best practice from beyond the borough both in terms of managing exclusions and delivering alternative provision

- Speaking to officers and the lead Cabinet member regarding what they see to be the main issues regarding current rates of exclusion in the borough and how they can move towards zero

Procurement: SMEs, social value and diversity

On SME procurement, I'd like to clarify current stats around sme procurement by protected characteristic, known issues, plans to address and additional ideas from external actors on how can further improve. Officers and relevant stakeholders - let's discuss who that is.

Southwark Council is a major procurer of services and has recently introduced a new Fairer Future Procurement Framework. We will be exploring the Council's procurement strategy with a particular focus on how accessible the Council's procurement processes are for SMEs, how well the Council's procurement approach is incorporating social value legislation and the opportunities it brings, and how well the council is at being accessible to and encouraging diversity through its procurement.

We will explore procurement by:

- Exploring current data regarding procurement performance from an SME, diversity and social value perspective
- Investigating the Council's preferred approach for incorporating social value
- Looking at examples of good practice from elsewhere in encouraging procurement from elsewhere
- Speaking to historic bidders who have experienced Southwark's procurement processes
- Reviewing the new procurement process to understand potential unintended side effects to some of the policy improvements that have recently been incorporated

Other Topics of interest to the Commission

As this is a roving Commission, the Commission will maintain bandwidth to either pick up additional topics of interest from the shortlist below, or to pick up urgent matters arising from main OSC.

- *Youth provision in Southwark*: Looking at the Council's plans to refresh youth provision across the borough
- *Race disparity in Southwark*: Conducting a race disparity audit for discrete parts of the Council as a precursor to a more in-depth exercise
- *Care leavers provision and support*: Looking at the Council's work to support care leavers via a dedicated trust and other pre-existing channels
- *Rogue landlords*: Council's use of new powers to discourage bad landlord practices
- *High streets*: Looking at the Council's work to strengthen high streets across the borough

