

Education and Local Economy Scrutiny Commission Work Programme – 2023/24

Meeting	Agenda items	Comment
19 July 2023	<p>Community Wealth Building (CWB) in Southwark</p> <p>To evaluate Southwark's strength and weaknesses regarding Community Wealth Building - according to the five pillars:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plural ownership of the economy • Making financial power work for local places • Fair employment and just labour markets • Progressive procurement of goods and services • Socially productive use of land and property 	<p>Commission received a report from Southwark's Local Economy team on council's role in Community Wealth Building (CWB). Officers- Nick Wolff, Principal Strategy Officer, Chief Executive's and Danny Edwards, Head of Economy.</p>
	<p>School Amalgamations and Closures in Southwark</p>	<p>Commission received feedback/report from Freddy Vanson, District & Branch Joint Secretary, National Education Union (NEU) Southwark Branch, on School Amalgamations and Closures in Southwark especially with regards to redundancies with a focus on disproportionate redundancies and disciplinary amongst Black Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) school staff.</p>

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19 October 2023	St Mary Magdalene C of E Primary School (SMMS) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demographics of the school • Avoiding closure and amalgamation • Council's role and communication • Suggestions to improve council strategy on falling rolls 	To hear from Anna Harding, Head teacher and Sonia Phippard, Chair of Governors on the plans for closure/amalgamation of the St Mary Magdalene C of E Primary School.
	The Restructure of Kintore Way Nursery School and Children's Centre. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial Challenges • Mitigation Strategies • Potential impact on the school's educational programs and services • Plans to collaborate or integrate with other educational institutions • Prioritising the interests of students and the community throughout this process 	To receive a report from Matthew Waterfall and Sasha Das Gupta from the National Association of Headteachers (NAHT) on the restructure of Kintore Way Nursey School.
	Employment for young people in Southwark.	To receive a report from Patrick Doherty, Principal Strategy Officer and Danny Edwards, Head of Economy on youth employment.

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5 December 2023	Education, Health Care Plan (EHCP) process, demand and timeliness.	To receive a report from Alasdair Smith, Director, Children & Families, Children's and Adults' Services, Anna Chiva, Assistant Director for SEND, Children and Adult Services and Michael Crowe, Service Development Manager, Children's and Adults' Services on EHCP demand, process, timeliness and programme improvements.
	An update on St Mary Magdalene C of E Primary School and Kintore Way Nursery School and Children's Centre.	To receive a verbal/written update from Councillor Jasmine Ali, Cabinet Member for Children, Education & Refugees and Alasdair Smith, Director, Children & Families, Children's and Adults' Services on St Mary Magdalene C of E Primary School and Kintore Way Nursery School.
	Youth Employment- St Giles Trust	To hear from Carleigh Grogan from St Giles Trust on Youth Employment programs and the council's role in these programs.

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30 January 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed Amalgamation of St. Jude's and Charlotte Sharman Primary Schools 	Proposed Amalgamation of St. Jude's and Charlotte Sharman Primary Schools
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impact of school closures and amalgamations on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Black and Asian Minority Ethnic (BAME) school staff and pupils ➤ Male and Female members of school staff (data breakup) ➤ LGBTQ staff ➤ Disabled members of school staff ➤ Senior Leadership Team in schools ➤ School Support Staff (low-paid) ➤ Governors ➤ Schools exclusions data. ▪ BAME school staff disciplinary data ▪ Flexible working requests in schools (job-shares, part-time) 	To receive a report from Alasdair Smith, Director of Children & Families, Children's and Adults' Services and Shereen Moussa, Head of Schools Human Resources, Children's and Adults' Services and the impact of school closures and amalgamations
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • East Street Market renovation project 	To receive an update from R. Lindon and Shade Abdul on the East Street Market renovation project.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cabinet Member Interview- Jobs Skills and Business (Local Economy) 	To interview Councillor Martin Seaton the Cabinet Member for Jobs, Skills and Business covering a holistic overview of key strategies and projects under the portfolio, supported by Danny Edwards, Head of Economy.

Upcoming Meetings	Agenda items	Comment
22 February 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interview with Cabinet Member Children, Education & Refugees. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Keep Education Strong strategy with regards to the extent it goes to avoid closures. ➤ Local Authority Nursery Provision 	All agenda items to be confirmed.
14 March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Falling school rolls and its experience from interviewing parents, teachers and head teachers • Live relocation strategy for businesses • Council Process for scrutinising S-106 agreements and business community engagement. • Reviewing Council’s approach to inclusion including children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). • Southwark Stands Together (SST) role and successes, focusing on benefits to BAME school staff. 	All agenda items to be confirmed.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Update on Children’s Safeguarding Partnership in Southwark since its evolution and restructuring in 2022-2023.• Community Wealth Building (CWB) focusing on procurement, social value and employment for young people• Policies for Southwark small and medium enterprises (SME) to help boost the local economy sector in Southwark especially planning and regeneration projects.	
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