

## Education and Local Economy Scrutiny Commission Work Programme – 2024/25

Meeting	Agenda items	Comment
4 September 2024	Parent Carer Forum Representative (SEND)	To hear from a Parent Carer Forum representative on Special Education Needs and Disabilities (SEND).
	Early Intervention and SEND including EHCP's <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SEND IF Formula</li> <li>• EHCP backlog, timelines for processing</li> <li>• No. of Early interventions carried out</li> <li>• Improvements for EHCP Process in Southwark</li> </ul>	To receive a presentation and written/verbal responses on Early Intervention in Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND); and Education and Health Care Plan (EHCP) backlogs and processing timelines.
	Cabinet Member Interview- Children, Education & Refugees	To interview Councillor Jasmine Ali covering a holistic overview of key strategies and projects under the Cabinet member portfolio for Children, Education and Refugees with a focus on key aspects.

<b>26 September 2024</b>	Draft Town Centre Action Plan	To receive the Draft Town Centre Action Plan from Cabinet Member for Climate Emergency, Jobs & Business, Councillor John Batteson, Danny Edwards, Head of Economy and Libby Dunstan, Principal Strategy Officer.
	Cabinet Member Interview- Climate Emergency, Jobs & Business	To interview Cabinet Member for Climate Emergency, Jobs & Business, Councillor John Batteson covering a holistic overview of key strategies and projects under the cabinet member portfolio.
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<b>18 November 2024</b>	<p>Education and Health Care Plan (EHCP)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update on EHCP back logs (challenges faced in EHCP assessments)</li> <li>• Number of appeals cases in Southwark in EHCP compared to the number of appeal cases dropped (EHCP granted).</li> <li>• Southwark Council's Legal team's role in EHCP appeals cases.</li> <li>• Monies spent on SEND places for Southwark Children in schools outside of Southwark.</li> </ul>	To get an update from Anna Chiva, Assistant Director for SEND on EHCPs'.

## Appendix 1

	<p>Interviewing retired Headteacher (working with SEND) and SEND tribunal mediator.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Personal experience with Southwark</li> <li>• Challenges dealing with SEND in Southwark.</li> <li>• Improvements needed in Southwark SEND based on their experiences.</li> </ul>	<p>To hear from Retired Headteacher, Fran Goggins working with SEND and SEND Tribunal Mediator, Catriona Ogilvy on SEND.</p>
	<p>Inclusions in schools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Schools with high number of exclusions</li> <li>• Demographics of exclusions</li> <li>• Schools with no exclusions</li> <li>• Persistent absences (demographics of schools with absences)</li> </ul>	<p>To hear from the executive headteacher GEM Federation of Schools (primary school) on dealing with persistent absences successfully.</p> <p>To receive reports from Jenny Brennan, Assistant Director, Family Early Help and Youth Justice on persistent absences and permanent exclusions in schools.</p> <p>To receive a presentation from Cllr Jasmine Ali on Inclusion in Schools.</p> <p>To also hear from a secondary school teacher on issues around schools' exclusions.</p>
<b>Upcoming Meetings</b>	<b>Agenda item yet to be scheduled</b>	<b>Comment</b>
<p><b>4 February 2025</b> <b>8 April 2025</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interviewing representatives from charities on SEND <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Council for Disabled Children</li> <li>➤ Mencap</li> <li>➤ Scope</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>To be confirmed</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Southwark Safeguarding Children Partnership (SSCP)</li></ul>	
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