

Item No: 5	Classification OPEN	Date: 12 March 2013	Meeting Name: Education, Children's Services & Leisure Scrutiny Sub-Committee
Report Title:		Preparing for the scrutiny interview	
Ward(s) or Group affected:		All	
From:		Scrutiny project manager	

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

1. Councillor Dora Dixon-Fyle, Cabinet member for Cabinet Member for Children's Services , annual interview with the Education, Children's Services & Leisure Scrutiny Sub-Committee scrutiny sub committee is scheduled for 12 March 2013.
2. This will be on all aspects of the cabinet lead's portfolio.
3. Members of the committee have chosen seven themes to structure the interview around:
 - a. What progress has been made in reducing childhood obesity in the Borough? Has the introduction of universal free school meals had any measurable effect?
 - b. Is the Cabinet member satisfied with the way in which the council responded to the horse meat scandal?
 - c. How realistic are the Council's plans to cope with increasing primary school pupil numbers?
 - d. What is the Cabinet member's view of the ideal size of primary schools?
 - e. Would the Cabinet member agree that it is likely that there will be a need for another secondary school in the south of the Borough in the fairly near future?
 - f. Young People - provision of facilities and activities and Youth Employment.
 - g. What effect has the government's Troubled Families initiative had in Southwark?