

Children and Education Scrutiny Sub-Committee

Agenda

**Thursday, 7 December 2023 at 6.30 p.m.
Council Chamber - Town Hall, Whitechapel**

Members:

Chair: Councillor Bodrul Choudhury

Vice Chair:

Councillor Shafi Ahmed, Councillor Ahmodul Kabir, Councillor Bellal Uddin, Councillor Leelu Ahmed, Councillor Sabina Akhtar and Councillor Shahaveer Shubo Hussain

Co-opted Members:

Shiblu Miah ((Muslim community representative)), Dr Phillip Rice (Church of England Representative), Joanna Hannan (Representative of Diocese of Westminster), Abena Adeji (Parent Governor), Ashraf Zaman (Parent Governor) and Nafisa Ahmed (Parent Governor)

Substitutes:

[The quorum for the Sub-Committee is 3 voting Members]

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A Guide to Children and Education Scrutiny Sub-Committee

The Children and Education Scrutiny Sub-Committee has been established to scrutinise the provision, planning and management of children and young people's services – including children's social care; safeguarding children; children in care; SEN and education inclusion, troubled families and the Youth Offending Service (YOS) education, learning and schools; youth services; early years; education capital estate and youth & play services.

The Children and Education Scrutiny Sub-Committee will discharge the Council's statutory functions to undertake overview and scrutiny, insofar as these pertain to Children's and Education matters. This will include:

- a) Reviewing and/or scrutinising decisions made or actions taken in connection with the discharge of the Council's children social care and education functions;
- b) Advising the Mayor or Cabinet of key issues/questions arising in relation to children and education reports due to be considered by the Mayor or Cabinet;
- c) Making reports and/or recommendations to the Council and/or Mayor or Cabinet in connection with the discharge of children and education functions;
- d) Delivering (c) by organising an annual work programme, drawing on the knowledge and priorities of the Council, registered providers and other stakeholders, that will identify relevant topics or issues that can be properly scrutinised;
- e) Holding service providers to account, where recent performance fails to meet the recognised standard, by looking at relevant evidence and make recommendations for service improvements;
- f) Considering children and education matters affecting the area or its inhabitants, including where these matters have been brought to the attention of the sub-committee by tenant and resident associations, or members of the general public; and
- g) The sub-committee will report annually to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on its work.

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London Borough of Tower Hamlets

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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive any apologies for absence.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS (PAGES 7 - 8)

Members are reminded to consider the categories of interest, identified in the Code of Conduct for Members to determine: whether they have an interest in any agenda item and any action they should take. For further details, see the attached note from the Monitoring Officer.

Members are also reminded to declare the nature of the interest at the earliest opportunity and the agenda item it relates to. Please note that ultimately it is the Members' responsibility to identify any interests and also update their register of interest form as required by the Code.

If in doubt as to the nature of an interest, you are advised to seek advice prior the meeting by contacting the Monitoring Officer or Democratic Services.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (PAGES 9 - 16)

To confirm as a correct record of the proceedings the unrestricted minutes of the meeting of the held on 12 October 2023.

4. REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION

4.1 Free School Meals for all Children

TO FOLLOW

4.2 Sixth Form Performance

TO FOLLOW

4.3 SEND and Education and Healthcare Plans

TO FOLLOW



5. **ANY OTHER UNRESTRICTED BUSINESS CONSIDERED TO BE URGENT**

Next Meeting of the Children and Education Scrutiny Sub-Committee

Thursday, 8 February 2024 at 6.30 p.m. to be held in Council Chamber - Town Hall, Whitechapel



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