

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY REPORT OF THE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMISSION Unregistered Educational Settings Review Children and Young People Scrutiny Commission – 15 th January 2018 Cabinet – 16 July 2018 Council – 18 July 2018	Classification Public	Enclosures Appendix 1 Unregistered Educational Scrutiny Review - Report Appendix 2 Executive Response
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Introduction

The Commission decided to carry out an investigation into unregistered educational settings in Hackney following concerns around safety, safeguarding and the quality of education provided in such settings that were raised in the media on a number of occasions during the spring of 2016.

The Commission wanted reassurance that all children in the borough are safeguarded and that their well-being needs are sufficiently met in regards to safety and quality of education. Further, the scrutiny commission also wanted to engage with all parties to enable an open and honest discussion in regards to the alleged concerns, to gain a better understanding of the current legislation, the different agencies' roles and responsibilities and to make recommendations to aid a way forward. The investigation also sought to understand how, despite the complexity of the issue, all responsible agencies are working to tackle the issues around safety, safeguarding and curriculum.

In addition, the purpose of the investigation would be to understand why these settings remain unregistered, to gain a better understanding of the numbers of children that are taken out of compulsory schooling early to be educated about religious studies.

All the recommendations aimed to ensure improved outcomes for children and young people by ensuring that all educational settings are registered and therefore children in them enjoy the same protections and access to high quality education as other children in Hackney.

RECOMMENDATION

Council is requested to note the Commission's report and the response to it from the Executive.

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