

Children and Young People Scrutiny Commission 14th January 2019 Item 5 – Annual Question Time with the Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Education, Children & Young People and Children’s Social Care.	Item No 5
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Outline

The Cabinet Member for Education, Children & Young People and Children’s Social Care is required to attend the Children and Young Peoples Scrutiny Commission each year to respond to questions on services within this portfolio. Three topics agreed have been agreed advance with associated lines of questioning:

1. Hackney Schools Group

- Could an overview be provided of the aims and objectives of the project and anticipated benefits?
- What are the legal and financial barriers to the establishment of Hackney Schools Group?
- What engagement has been undertaken to date with local schools and what is the expected buy-in from them? Are all sectors (primary and secondary) and types of school (community/ Academy) equally interested in this collaboration?
- What are the views of other key stakeholders e.g. Westminster and London Diocesan Boards?
- How will the Hackney Schools Group be able to promote inclusion within local schools?
- Can an outline be provided of any future key decisions and the associated time-frame for the establishment of the Hackney Schools Group?

2. Young Futures Commission

- Could an overview be provided of the aims of this initiative and to update the Commission on progress to date?
- What are the governance arrangements for the Young Futures Commission? How will the two Chairs and Members be appointed?
- What will be the status of any conclusions or recommendations reached by Young Futures Commission? How will they be considered corporately?
- How will the work of the Young Futures Commission compliment the work of the CYP Scrutiny Commission and Hackney Youth Parliament?

- Can an outline be provided of any future key decisions and the associated time-frame for the establishment of the Young Futures Commission?

3. School Funding

- Can the Commission be updated on the current funding situation for schools including the roll out of the National Funding Formula (NFF)?
- Has there been any additional funding to smooth the introduction of the NFF and if so, when will this continue until?
- What impact has current funding allocation had upon schools this year - are there any patterns emerging as to how local schools are coping?
- What additional support can be provided by Hackney Learning Trust to help local schools?
- From your role as CYP lead at the LGA (i) what can we learn about how other authorities are supporting schools in the current environment (ii) what areas of focus are LGA lobbying the Department for Education for improved school funding?

Action

The Commission is asked to note responses to the above questioning and follow-up with any additional lines of enquiry.