

# Overview & Scrutiny

## Children & Young People Scrutiny Commission London Borough of Hackney

All Members of the Children & Young People Scrutiny Commission are requested to attend the meeting of the Commission to be held as follows.

**Tuesday 12th January 2021 at 7.00pm**

**This meeting is being held virtually. To view the meeting live (or replay) please use the following link:**

<https://youtu.be/0mRfaZ4NHJY>

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**Members:**

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| <b>Cllr Sophie Conway</b><br>(Chair) | <b>Cllr Margaret Gordon</b><br>(Vice Chair) |                             |
| <b>Cllr Ajay Chauhan</b>             | <b>Cllr Sade Etti</b>                       | <b>Cllr Humaira Garasia</b> |
| <b>Cllr Katie Hanson</b>             | <b>Cllr Clare Joseph</b>                    | <b>Cllr Sharon Patrick</b>  |
| <b>Cllr James Peters</b>             | <b>Cllr Clare Potter</b>                    |                             |

**Coopted Members:** Justine McDonald, Shabnum Hassan, Jo Macleod, Ernell Watson, Shuja Shaikh, Michael Lobenstein

### Agenda

**ALL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

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| <b>1.</b> | <b>Apologies for Absence</b>  |
| <b>2.</b> | <b>Urgent Items / Order of Business</b>   |
| <b>3.</b> | <b>Declarations of Interest</b>   |
| <b>4.</b> | <b>Children &amp; Families Service - Budget Monitoring (19.05)</b><br>Budget monitoring is a key function of the scrutiny process and the Commission monitors in-year spending on services for children and young people in respective Directorates. The Children and Families Service in-year budget to November 2020 is presented for review. |

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|    | <p>Anne Canning, Group Director Children Services<br/>Annie Coyle, Director of Children &amp; Families Services<br/>Naeem Ahmed, Director of Finance, Children, Education, Adults &amp; Community Health</p> <p>Report - Children &amp; Families Service Budget 2020/21</p>   |
| 5. | <p><b>City &amp; Hackney Safeguarding Children Partnership (19.30)</b><br/>Each year the annual report of the City &amp; Hackney Safeguarding Children Partnership is presented to the Commission for review.</p> <p>Jim Gamble, Independent Chair<br/>Rory McAllum, Senior Professional Adviser</p> <p>Report - CHSCP Annual Report 2019/20</p>  |
| 6. | <p><b>Unregistered Educational Settings - Update (20.15)</b><br/>The Commission undertook a review of unregistered education settings in 2017/18 and continues to receive regular updates on the recommendations.</p> <p>Annie Gammon, Director of Education<br/>Chris Roberts, Head of Wellbeing &amp; Education Safeguarding</p> <p>Report - Update on Unregistered Settings Review</p>   |
| 7. | <p><b>Q &amp; A - Cabinet Member for Children, Education and Children's Social Care (20.35)</b><br/>The Cabinet member for Children, Education and Children's Social Care will attend to respond to questions within this portfolio. As per protocol, the Commission may focus questioning on up to three pre-agreed policy areas. These are listed below:</p> <p>1. The impact of Covid-19 has seen an increase in the number of children and young people being electively home educated. Can you provide further details on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- The numbers of young people moving into EHE since March of this year?</li><li>- The total number of young people in EHE?</li><li>- The nature and level of support provided to ensure those in EHE receive an appropriate education'?</li><li>- Oversight measures in place to ensure effective safeguarding of children in EHE, particularly those with vulnerabilities?</li></ul> |

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|     | <p>2. Covid-19 has seen a significant decline in the number of young people referred to Children's Social Care. With reduced oversight of children in school, childcare and Health Visiting - how is the Children and Families Service working proactively with partners and the local Safeguarding Partnership to identify and support local children at risk?</p> <p>3. Extracurricular activities for children help to enrich and broaden the accessibility of school curricula. How has Covid-19 impacted on the provision of extracurricular activities (e.g. school sports, music and after schools clubs and vocational pursuits)? What role can the council play to develop and improve young people's access to local sporting, cultural and other community resources as the pandemic eases?</p> <p>Cllr Anntionette Bramble, Cabinet Member for Children, Education and Children's Social Care</p> |
| 8.  | <p><b>Child Friendly Borough - Cabinet Response (21.20)</b><br/>The Commission reviewed proposals for the Child Friendly SPD and made a number of recommendations. The Cabinet response to these recommendations is attached.</p>   |
| 9.  | <p><b>Work Programme (21.20)</b><br/>To note and agree to the work programme for the remainder of 2020/21.</p>  |
| 10. | <p><b>Minutes (21.25)</b><br/>To note any actions and agree to the minutes of the meeting held on 7th December 2020.</p>  |
| 11. | <p><b>Any other business (21.30)</b><br/>The date of the next meeting is Monday 8th February 2021.</p>  |

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<http://www.hackney.gov.uk/individual-scrutiny-commissions-health-in-hackney.htm>



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