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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.

Monday 8th February 2021 at 7.00pm

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	Cllr Katie Hanson	Cllr Clare Joseph	Cllr Sharon Patrick
	Cllr James Peters	Cllr Clare Potter	

Co-opted Members: Richard Brown, Justine McDonald, Shabnum Hassan, Jo Macleod, Ernell Watson, Shuja Shaikh, Michael Lobenstein

Agenda

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1.	Apologies for Absence (19.00)
2.	Urgent Items / Order of Business (19.00)
3.	Declarations of Interest (19.00)
4.	The Education Attainment Gap (19.05) The Commission maintains oversight of the academic attainment of children across Hackney and receives updates on pupil achievement each year. Given ongoing disparities in educational achievement among different cohorts of young people, the Commission agreed to dedicate a

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future meeting to further scrutinise the local attainment gap (in particular as this affects Black Caribbean and other black or minority ethnic communities).

This session will provide an opportunity to review local approaches to closing the education attainment gap, and identify those policies or practices which may further inform efforts to address local inequalities in education outcomes.

Session Outline

7.05 National overview / evidence

Mary Reader, Senior Researcher, Education Policy Institute (10m)

Prof Feyisa Demie, School of Education, Durham University (10m)

7.25 Local Policy

Annie Gammon, Director of Education, LB Hackney (10m)

Stephen Hall, Assistant Director of Learning, Achievement, LB Hackney

7.35.Comparative analysis and assessment

James Page, Chief Executive of Haringey Education Partnership (5min)

Other LA - to be confirmed (5min)

7.45 Local Practice

Anna Feltham, Headteacher Clapton Girls Academy (5min)

Nicole Reid, Executive Headteacher at the New Wave Federation (5min)

Lisa Clarke, Headteacher Comet Children's Centre & Nursery (5min)

8.00-8.50 Question & Answer Discussion

The presentations will be followed by a Q and A session led by the Chair.

A range of possible lines of enquiry are provided below to inform discussions (if not covered within the presentations).

1. What happens to the attainment gap for Black Caribbean and other minority ethnic children as they move from early years to primary and on to secondary educational settings?
2. What does the evidence tell us about the attainment gap for Black Caribbean children in relation to other minority ethnic groups?
3. To what extent is poverty and broader social disadvantage a denominator of the attainment gap as experienced for Black Caribbean and other minority ethnic groups?

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4. What are the barriers or challenges to overcoming the attainment gap among Black Caribbean and other minority ethnic groups?
5. Is the attainment gap an issue for all schools, including those that are good and outstanding?
6. What evidence is there of successful strategies to close the attainment gap for children of Black Caribbean and other minority ethnic groups? Do effective strategies need to be culturally specific?
7. What does the evidence tell us about the settings for the most successful strategies? Is it best to focus on particular settings (e.g. early years) or at particular junctures in a child's education (e.g. transition)?
8. What role can the local authority play in supporting local educational settings to address the education attainment gap?
9. Are all effective strategies to close the attainment gap school based? Are there other ways in which school based interventions can be supported by the local authority or other agencies?
10. What priorities should inform the local authority approach to addressing the education attainment gap?

20.50 Summary

To summarise key evidence and priorities for action or follow up from the session.

Background

In addition to reports provided by contributors ([here](#)) additional background reports are provided below.

[Education in England Annual Report 2020](#) Education Policy Institute

[The Attainment Gap](#) Education Endowment Foundation 2018

[Building a better future: tackling the attainment gap in GCSE Maths & EnglishE](#) Teach First 2020

[Child Poverty & Education Outcomes by Ethnicity](#) ONS 2020

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5.	Work Programme (21.00) To note and agree to the work programme for the remainder of 2020/21.
6.	Minutes (21.10) To note any actions and agree to the minutes of the meeting held on 12th January 2021.
7.	Any other business (21.20) The date of the next meeting is Tuesday May 11th 2021.

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