



Overview and Scrutiny Committee

THURSDAY, 3RD DECEMBER, 2009 at 19:00 HRS - CIVIC CENTRE, HIGH ROAD, WOOD GREEN, N22 8LE.

MEMBERS: Councillors Bull (Chair), Adamou (Vice-Chair), Adje, Aitken, Mallett, Newton and Winskill

Co-Optees: Ms Y. Denny (church representative) plus 1 Vacancy, Ms M Jemide (Parent Governor), Mr J Ejiofor (Parent Governor), Ms S Marsh (Parent Governor), Ms H Kania (LINK Representative)

AGENDA

1. WEBCASTING

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2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

3. URGENT BUSINESS

The Chair will consider the admission of any late items of urgent business. (Late items will be considered under the agenda item where they appear. New items will be dealt with at item 10 below)

(Please note that under the Council's Constitution – Part 4 Section B paragraph 17 – it being a special meeting no other business shall be considered).

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

A member with a personal interest in a matter who attends a meeting of the authority at which the matter is considered must disclose to that meeting the existence and nature of that interest at the commencement of that consideration, or when the interest becomes apparent.

A member with a personal interest in a matter also has a prejudicial interest in that matter if the interest is one which a member of the public with knowledge of the relevant facts would reasonably regard as so significant that it is likely to prejudice the member's judgment of the public interest **and** if this interest affects their financial position or the financial position of a person or body as described in paragraph 8 of the Code of Conduct **and/or** if it relates to the determining of any approval, consent, licence, permission or registration in relation to them or any person or body described in paragraph 8 of the Code of Conduct.

5. DEPUTATIONS/PETITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/QUESTIONS

To consider any requests received in accordance with Part 4, Section B, paragraph 29 of the Council's constitution.

6. MINUTES (PAGES 1 - 4)

To confirm the minutes of the Child Protection Overview & Scrutiny Committee held on 17th September 2009.

7. JOINT AREA REVIEW ACTION PLAN - UPDATE ON PROGRESS (PAGES 5 - 36)

To receive the report of the Director of Children's Services providing an overview of progress in refreshing the Joint Area Review (JAR) Action Plan.

8. CHILDREN'S SAFEGUARDING POLICY AND PRACTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE - UPDATE ON THE WORK OF THE PANEL (PAGES 37 - 42)

To receive and consider the report detailing the recommendations of the Safeguarding Policy and Practice Advisory Committee. The Panel was formed as a consequence of the Joint Area Review report November 2008 and represents the process by which back bench members can have greater involvement in the Council's work in safeguarding children.

9. CHILD PROTECTION PERFORMANCE AND KEY ISSUES REPORT (PAGES 43 - 52)

To receive the report of the Director of Children & Young People's Service updating on the Safeguarding Plan (formerly the JAR Action Plan), following publication of the Ofsted inspection report in July 2009.

10. NEW ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS

Under the Council's Constitution – Part 4 Section B paragraph 17 – no other business shall be considered.

11. FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting to consider Child Protection matters will be on Monday 8th March 2010.

Ken Pryor
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