

Decision Maker: Education Policy Development and Scrutiny Committee

Date: 02 July 2013

Decision Type: Non-Urgent Non-Executive Non-Key

Title: EDUCATION PROGRAMME 2013 - 14

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Ward: Boroughwide

1. Reason for report

- 1.1 The report provides a programme of scheduled reports for the year ahead, based on items scheduled for decision by the Education Portfolio Holder and items for consideration by the Education Policy Development and Scrutiny Committee.
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2. **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

- 2.1 **Members of the Education PDS Committee are invited to comment on the Education Programme at Appendix 1.**
- a. **Members are asked to note the Attendance Schedule for the Spring 2013 Programme of Council Member Visits at Appendix 2.**
 - b. **Consider the establishment and reconstitution of Education PDS Committee Working Groups for 2013/14.**
 - c. **Agree that the Education Budget Sub Committee be reconvened for 2013/14.**
- 2.2 **The Education Portfolio Holder is invited to comment on the Education Programme at Appendix 1 and note its content.**

Corporate Policy

1. Policy Status: Existing Policy: As part of the Excellent Council stream within Building a Better Bromley, PDS Committees should plan and prioritise their workload to achieve the most effective outcomes.
 2. BBB Priority: Children and Young People: To secure the best possible future for all children and young people in the Borough, including a clear focus on supporting the most vulnerable children and young people in our community.
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Financial

1. Cost of proposal: No Cost
 2. Ongoing costs: Not Applicable
 3. Budget head/performance centre: No specific budget head
 4. Total current budget for this head: £N/A
 5. Source of funding: Council's Base Budget
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Staff

1. Number of staff (current and additional): N/A
 2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours: N/A
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Legal

1. Legal Requirement: No statutory requirement or Government guidance:
 2. Call-in: Applicable
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Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users/beneficiaries (current and projected): This report is intended primarily for members of this Committee to use in controlling and reviewing their ongoing work.
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Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? No
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments: Not Applicable

3. COMMENTARY

Work Programme

- 3.1 The Programme at **Appendix 1** provides information on items scheduled for decision by the Education Portfolio Holder, items for consideration by the Education Policy Development and Scrutiny Committee and proposed information briefings for Members on which no decision is required.
- 3.2 The Programme provides a reference on future work and enables it to be amended in the light of future developments and circumstances. The programme also lists the meetings of the Executive and PDS Working Groups with dates (where already scheduled).
- 3.3 The focus of Education PDS Committee work should be on (i) holding the Education Portfolio Holder to account, (ii) pre-decision scrutiny and (iii) policy development.
- 3.4 In 2012/13 the Education Budget **Sub-Committee** was established to consider budgetary matters relating to the Education Portfolio. Members are asked to consider whether the Education Budget Sub-Committee should be reconvened for 2013/14 and if so, agree the membership for this Sub-Committee.
- 3.5 The Education PDS Committee is empowered to establish **Working Groups** for examining priority issues in depth with a detailed report provided to the Education PDS Committee for its consideration on completion of the review.
- 3.6 In 2012/13, the Education PDS Committee established the Bromley Behaviour Services Working Group and the School Governance Working Group, and reconstituted the Primary School Development Plan Working Group that worked to develop recommendations for further temporary and permanent expansions of primary schools across the Borough.
- 3.7 Members are asked to consider whether these Working Groups should be reconstituted for 2013/14 and, if so, agree the membership for these Working Groups.
- 3.8 There is one standing **Executive Member Working Party** focusing on Special Educational Needs.
- 3.9 The Attendance Schedule for the Summer Term 2013 **Council Member Visits** is attached as Appendix 2 to this report for information. All Elected Council Members and Co-opted Members are invited to attend Council Member Visits the compilation of the Autumn Visits will commence during the next period.

Non-Applicable Sections:	Policy, Financial, Legal and Personnel Implications
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review of the Operation of Policy Development and Scrutiny Arrangements in Bromley – April 2005• Scrutiny Toolkit – April 2006• Report ‘PDS Working Practices’ – 17/5/07 Executive and Resources PDS Committee• Minute 5 – Executive and Resources PDS Committee, 17/05/07• Minute 58 - CYP PDS 8/10/08• Minute – 16/3/09 Full Council (decision regarding changes to Executive Decision Making arrangements, as a result of which there are no longer scheduled Portfolio Holder meetings).