

Decision Maker: Education Policy Development and Scrutiny Committee

Date: 18th March 2014

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

Title: EDUCATION PDS PROGRAMME 2013 - 14

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Ward: Borough-wide

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. It also provides the PDS Committee with an updated programme of visits undertaken in the Spring Term.
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2. **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

- 1) **Members of the Education PDS Committee are invited to comment on the draft 2014/15 Education Programme at Appendix 1.**
- 2) **The Education Portfolio Holder is invited to comment on the Draft 2014/15 Education PDS Programme at Appendix 1 and note its content.**
- 3) **Members are asked to note the Attendance Schedule for the Spring Term 2014 Programme of Council Member Visits at Appendix 2.**

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: Not 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.

Council Member Visits

- 3.4 The Visit Schedule for Spring Term 2014 is attached as Appendix 2 for information. All Elected Council Members and Co-opted Members are invited to attend Council Member Visits.
- 3.5 During this term 5 schools/colleges were visited by 14 members of the PDS committee and 7 other elected members. One school visit is yet to be undertaken.
- 3.6 Due to the Local Elections there will be no visits organised for the Summer Term additional visits will be included in the Autumn Term schedule. Committee Members will have the opportunity to sign up for visits from July 2014.

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| 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). |