

**Decision Maker:** Education Policy Development and Scrutiny Committee

**Date:** 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2014

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

**Title:** EDUCATION PROGRAMME 2014/15

**Contact Officer:** Angela Buchanan, ECHS Planning & Development Manager  
Tel: 020 8313 4199 E-mail: angela.buchanan@bromley.gov.uk

**Chief Officer:** Terry Parkin, Executive Director, Education and Care Services

**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.
- 

2. **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

2.1 **Members of the Education PDS Committee are invited to comment on the Education Programme at Appendix 1; and,**

- a. **Consider the establishment and reconstitution of Education PDS Committee Working Groups for 2014/15;**
- b. **Agree that the Education Budget Sub Committee be reconvened for 2014/15 and that the revised Terms of Reference be approved;**
- c. **Note and comment on the proposed school visits for the Autumn Term 2014/15**

2.2 **The Education Portfolio Holder is invited to comment on the Education PDS 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.
- 

## 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
- 

## Staff

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

## Legal

1. Legal Requirement: No statutory requirement or Government guidance:
  2. Call-in: Not Applicable
- 

## 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.
- 

## 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 2014/15 and if so, agree the membership for this Sub-Committee and the revised terms of reference as considered at the meeting of Education Budget Sub-Committee on the 24<sup>th</sup> June 2014.
- 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 2013/14, the Education PDS Committee 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. Members are asked to consider whether this Working Group should be reconstituted for 2014/15 and, if so, agree the membership for this Working Group.
- 3.7 The Education PDS Committee is also asked to consider the setting up of a School Improvement Panel (Working Group) to be convened when schools identified as requiring improvement are failing to make satisfactory progress. If this new Working Party is agreed, the PDS Committee are asked to nominate members.
- 3.8 There are two standing **Executive Member Working Party's** focusing on Special Educational Needs and Child Safeguarding and Corporate Parenting Arrangements.

#### Council Member Visits

- 3.9 The Visit Schedule for 2014/15 is currently being programmed, as usual this year the plan is to have five schools (Academies) visited between September and December 2014.

#### Three Secondary Schools/Academies

- Coopers School (Academy)
- Bishop Justus CE School (Academy)
- Hayes School (Academy)

#### Two Primary Schools/Academies

- Hayes Primary School (Academy)
- Poverest Primary School (Community)

- 3.10 All Elected Council Members and Co-opted Members are invited to attend Council Member Visits and are asked to make known their interest by responding to the emails from [cheryl.adams@bromley.gov.uk](mailto:cheryl.adams@bromley.gov.uk)

<b>Non-Applicable Sections:</b>	Policy, Financial, Legal and Personnel Implications
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	