

Decision Maker: EXECUTIVE

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Decision Type: Non-Urgent Executive Non-Key

Title: SECOND REPORT OF THE EDUCATION SELECT COMMITTEE

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Chief Officer: Director of Corporate Services

Ward: (All Wards)

1. Reason for report

To report the recommendations made by the Education Select Committee at its second meeting held on 15 September 2016

2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Executive respond to the relevant recommendations in the Report

Impact on Vulnerable Adults and Children

1. Summary of Impact: Some of the recommendations in the Committee's second report may impact of vulnerable children accessing alternate provision in the Borough.
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Corporate Policy

1. Policy Status: Not Applicable:
 2. BBB Priority: Children and Young People:
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Financial

1. Cost of proposal: Not Applicable: The report sets out recommendations for consideration by the Executive.
 2. Ongoing costs: Not Applicable:
 3. Budget head/performance centre: 2016/17 Budget – Democratic Services
 4. Total current budget for this head: £335,590
 5. Source of funding:
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Personnel

1. Number of staff (current and additional): 8 posts (7.27fte)
 2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours:
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Legal

1. Legal Requirement: None:
 2. Call-in: Not Applicable:
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Procurement

1. Summary of Procurement Implications:
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Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users/beneficiaries (current and projected):
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Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? Not Applicable
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments:

3. COMMENTARY

- 3.1 The Education Select Committee held its second meeting on 15 September 2016 and considered “Alternative Provision”.
- 3.2 The purpose of the inquiry was to examine the efficiency and effectiveness of alternative education in Bromley.
- 3.3 The report is attached at **Appendix A**.
- 3.4 The Committee made the following recommendations for consideration by the Portfolio Holder for Education, the Director of Education, and the Executive.

Recommendation 1: The School Partnership Board consider how the progress of pupils who have attended the Bromley Academy Trust can be better monitored so prevent re-admittance and to enable evaluation of the outcomes of the Academy.

Recommendation 2: That the School Partnership Board examine how best practice can be disseminated with regard to the provision of work for pupils unable to attend school through ill health.

Recommendation 3: That the School Partnership Board consider how the work of the Core Panel can be made more widely known to schools and to consider whether standardised information questionnaires regarding pupils in need of support through alternative provision might be helpful.

Recommendation 4: That the School Partnership Board identify best practice for the reintegration of pupils into mainstream education and encourage all schools to adopt it.

Recommendation 5: That if required, further analysis of the reasons for the rise in the number of children with mental health problems be undertaken in the light of the findings of the review by CAMHS

Recommendation 6: That the Executive be requested to examine what resources from other sources including the CGC might be accessed to ensure a seamless service for children in education with serious medical needs.

Recommendation 7: That the Council directly and through the Members of Parliament for the Borough makes representations to the Government for the following changes in the law:

1. To introduce a registration system for all young people not educated in a formal school;
2. to enshrine in law the right of parents to home educate such a right is subsidiary to the right of every child to a proper education so as to be able to find employment and be a full member of the community;
3. to ensure that Local Authorities have the power investigate and ensure that children outside the formal education system are safe and well;
4. that the recommendations of the Badman Report and the Select Committee on Education Report be taken into account in drafting other legislative proposals.

4. IMPACT ON VULNERABLE ADULTS AND CHILDREN

If the recommendations are taken forward they could have an impact on vulnerable children and young people.

Non-Applicable Sections:	Policy Implications, Financial Implications, Personnel Implications, Legal Implications, Procurement Implications
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	Minutes from the Education Select Committee held on 15 September 2016