



CITY OF WESTMINSTER

# MINUTES

**CHILDREN, SPORTS AND LEISURE  
POLICY & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE  
9 MAY 2016  
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

Minutes of a meeting of the **Children, Sports and Leisure Policy & Scrutiny Committee** held on Monday 9 May 2016 at 7pm at Westminster City Hall, 64 Victoria Street, London SW1E 6QP.

**Members Present:** Councillors Andrew Smith (Chairman), Rita Begum, Iain Bott, Peter Cuthbertson, Nick Evans, Robert Rigby and Tim Roca.

**Co-opted Members:** Annie Ee, Brenda Morrison, Louise McCullough and Eugene Moriarty.

**Also present:** Councillor David Harvey (Cabinet Member for Sports and Leisure) and Councillor Paul Church (Cabinet Member for Children and Young People).

**Apologies for Absence:** Councillor Danny Chalkley, Councillor Adnan Mohammed, Aki Turan and Darren Guttridge.

## 1. MEMBERSHIP

- 1.1 It was noted that there were no changes to the membership.
- 1.2 The Chairman welcomed Councillor David Harvey (Cabinet Member for Sports and Leisure) to the meeting and Councillor Paul Church (Cabinet Member for Children and Young People).
- 1.3 The Chairman advised that Councillor Danny Chalkley (Cabinet Member for Children and Young People) would not be attending the meeting. Any questions that Members had regarding his portfolio would be placed on the Committee's Action Tracker.

## 2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

- 2.1 No further declarations of interests in respect of items to be discussed were made, other than those noted in the circulated schedule as set out below in paragraph 2.2.

2.2 Table of Member's interests tabled at the Committee Meeting was as follows:

<b>Councillor/Member of the Children, Sports and Leisure P&amp;S Committee</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Nature of Interest</b>
Iain Bott	Paddington Academy	Governor
	One Westminster	Non-Voting Member of the Board
Annie Ee	Hampden Gurney Primary School	Parent Governor
Louise McCullough,	St Vincent de Paul Primary School	Governor
	St Matthews CE Primary School	Governor
	Renaissance Foundation, E2	Trustee
	Renaissance Foundation, EC4	Mentor for Young People
Eugene Moriarty	St Augustine's Church of England School	Headteacher
Robert Rigby	Our Lady's Secondary School, Hackney	Governor
	Local Authority Governor Appointment Panel	Member
Tim Roca	King's College London	Employer

### 3. MINUTES

3.1 **RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 14 March 2016 be approved for signature by the Chairman as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

#### **4. ACTION AND RECOMMENDATION TRACKERS AND COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME**

##### **4.1 ACTION AND RECOMMENDATION TRACKERS**

###### **4.1.1 RESOLVED:**

1. That the actions regarding the future funding opportunities for Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) and the possibility of Members attending a future Corporate Parenting Board be reported back at the next Committee.
2. That the Action and Recommendation Trackers be noted.

##### **4.2 COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME**

###### **4.2.1 RESOLVED:**

1. That the Youth MP be invited to speak at a future Committee.
2. That the Committee agreed the Committee Work Programme for 2016/17.

#### **5. QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION: CABINET MEMBER FOR SPORTS AND LEISURE**

5.1 The Committee received an update from the Cabinet Member who responded to questions relating to:

- the procurement and re-let of the new sports and leisure facilities contract which included: the re-development of Seymour and Queen Mother Sports Centre, the support given to Champions of the Future, staff retention and the TUPE regulations which would automatically transfer staff to the new contractor in July.
- the importance of increasing the number of volunteers and the work of One Westminster in promoting volunteering and the Do-It Westminster website amongst the harder to reach groups.
- the success of the new 'Forest School' outreach programme.
- the public response to the new Open Forum website.
- the demographics, benchmarking, purpose and future function of libraries.
- the participation in and advertising of the Westminster Mile.

**6. QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION: CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE**

6.1 The Committee received a written update from the Cabinet Member which covered current and forthcoming issues in his Portfolio.

**7. PROMOTING AN ACTIVE WESTMINSTER: A REVIEW OF PE AND SCHOOL SPORT IN WESTMINSTER**

7.1 The Committee received a report reviewing the work coordinated by the Council's Sports Unit around PE and school sport (PESS) and detailed future plans to implement innovative programmes to further improve participation in sport and physical activities.

7.2 The Committee heard from Richard Barker, Director of Community Services and Andrew Durrant, Head of Sports and Wellbeing, how one of the key priorities within the Council's ActiveWestminster Sport and Physical Activity Strategy was to provide opportunities which led to increased participation in sport and physical activity by children and young people.

7.3 The Committee noted the wide range of services offered to schools by the Sports Unit through a 'buy-back' offer and the annual schools competition programme. The Committee then discussed how PE and school sport (PESS) fed into sports participation, fitted in with the health and anti-obesity agenda and how PESS added value in helping wider school performance in behaviour and concentration. The Committee further discussed the opportunities for children to take part in competitive sport in and outside of school.

7.4 A short film was played to the Committee entitled 'Vitality Westminster Mile' <https://youtu.be/w47jX75N5fY> which showed how Hallfield primary school was incorporating physical activity and the 'daily mile' into their school day as well as promoting the Westminster Mile event.

7.5 The Committee heard from Eugene Moriarty, Headteacher at St Augustine's CE High School, who advised that the Sports Unit was well managed and had provided his school with many sporting opportunities including links to professional sporting clubs, high quality coaches and work experience placements. He further advised of the need for good facilities and safe opportunities for young people to take part in sport in and outside of school and the need for them to be made aware of such opportunities. Eugene also echoed the need for a balanced curriculum and emphasised that physical activity was important for a young person's well-being and improved behaviour and concentration in the classroom.

7.6 Some of the key issues that emerged from the Committee's discussion were:

- the importance of rolling out the 'daily mile' to all Westminster schools.
- the link between increased physical activity and improved behaviour and concentration in children and young people at school.
- the possibility of linking in with the 'Active School Travel Plan' Programme.
- the importance of consuming a healthy diet and cutting out sugary foods.
- the importance of encouraging children and young people to take part in physical activity for at least 60 minutes a day (as recommended by the Chief Medical office) to reduce the risk of many chronic medical conditions.
- the accessibility of sports and the impact of inactivity on the health and wellbeing of children and young people living in areas of deprivation.

7.7 The Chairman thanked everyone who had given up their time to attend the meeting and contribute to the discussion.

7.8 **RESOLVED:** The Committee made the following comments which would be forwarded to the Cabinet Member for Sports and Leisure for consideration:

1. The Committee welcomed the overall approach and work coordinated by the Council's Sports Unit and the high quality of sports and physical activities provided by them to Westminster schools.
2. The Committee emphasised the need for the Council to continue working with a range of stakeholders, including Public Health, to tackle children and young people's physical inactivity and child obesity.
3. The Committee highlighted the importance for all schools to provide a balanced curriculum and the positive link between increased physical activity and improved behaviour and concentration in children and young people in school.
4. The Committee supported the Council working in partnership with the Daily Mile Team to roll out the 'Daily Mile' to all Westminster schools to increase the physical activity of children and young people throughout the school day.

## 8. **INSPECTION PERFORMANCE REPORT: OFSTED INSPECTION OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES AND PROBATION INSPECTORATE INSPECTION OF YOUTH OFFENDING**

8.1 The Committee received a report informing them that Westminster had achieved a highly effective rating for its youth offending work and 'Outstanding' for its 'Children's Services, making Westminster (alongside Kensington and Chelsea) the first Council to achieve this rating under the single inspection framework.

- 8.2 The Committee congratulated Andrew Christie, Tri-Borough Executive Director of Children Services and Melissa Caslake, Director of Family Services for all the hard work that they and their Leadership Team had put into the two Inspections.
- 8.3 The Committee also thanked Andrew Christie for his dedicated 40 year service in local government and for his significant contribution to the establishment of a very successful Tri-Borough Children's Service. The Committee wished him a very happy retirement.
- 8.4 The Committee heard that to ensure the continuation of the two high performance services work had already started on the few areas identified as needing improvement through Action Plans, Working Groups or reviewing practices. The Committee further heard that the training and retention of good staff as well as continuing to undertake rigorous self-assessment leading to continuous improvement without complacency was vital to maintaining high performance services. The Committee noted that officers considered that being part of Tri-Borough had contributed significantly to the positive outcome of the two inspections.
- 8.5 The Committee then discussed the possible reducing in the Early Help Service, the Working Group set up to review and enhance the work with Children in Need and care leavers in custody, the concern over the lack of partnership attendance at the Local Safeguarding Children's Board and the possible partnership working between the Voluntary Sector and Youth Offending Service.
- 8.6 The Chairman thanked everyone who had given up their time to attend the meeting and contribute to the discussion and congratulated and thanked all the officers again for their hard work.
- 8.7 **RESOLVED:** The Committee made the following comments which would be forwarded to the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People for consideration:
1. The Committee endorsed the work of the Youth Offending Service and Children's Services through the very positive outcome of the inspections.
  2. The Committee highlighted the need to ensure the continuation of the high performance services and that they continue to be open to challenge and to undertake rigorous self-assessment to maintain their commitment to excellence.
  3. The Committee highlighted the need for the services to focus on future challenges which would impact on the protection of young people in Westminster.

4. The Council endorsed future partnership working between the Voluntary Sector and Youth Offending Service in order to improve outcomes for young people and reduce re-offending.

**9. UPDATE ON SAFEGUARDING ISSUES** (verbal update – see agenda item 10)

- 9.1 **RESOLVED:** The Committee noted that there were currently no serious case reviews taking place in Westminster.

**10. TERMINATION OF MEETING**

- 12 .1 The meeting ended at 8.48pm.

CHAIRMAN \_\_\_\_\_

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