

Appendix 3: Young People, Learning and Employment P&S Committee Tracker

This tracker enables the Committee to monitor progress against the recommendations it has made, requests for information and actions to be completed.

Meeting Date	Item	Recommendation / Information Request/ Action	Detail	Policial Lead and Officer Lead	Status
5 December 2023	Item 5: Early Help Strategy 2022-2025	Recommendation	That the Council extends its outreach work for 0-5 years across Westminster Council to assist in reducing the number of children that may be directed to Children's Services under a statutory obligation in the future.	Cabinet Member for Children and Public Protection <i>Bi-borough Executive Director of Children's Services</i>	Completed Received 16 February 2024 Response on pages 2, 3 & 4 of Appendix 3 in the agenda for 5 March 2024
		Recommendation	That the Council continues to promote a trauma informed way of working with young people across all Primary and Secondary Schools and the system and promotes the training with all partners.	Cabinet Member for Children and Public Protection <i>Bi-borough Executive Director of Children's Services</i>	Completed Received 16 February 2024 Response on pages of 5 & 6 Appendix 3 in the agenda for 5 March 2024
		Recommendation	That the Council continues to work on a universal assessment tool that goes across all Early Help Services and develops further data sharing protocols to speed up the delivery of support for families.	Cabinet Member for Children and Public Protection <i>Bi-borough Executive Director of Children's Services</i>	Completed Received 16 February 2024 Response on page 6 of Appendix 3 in the agenda for 5 March 2024
		Recommendation	That the Council continues to work on ways in which to effectively reach out and communicate with families about the support services that are available in Westminster, with a particular focus on the 0–5-year age group.	Cabinet Member for Children and Public Protection <i>Bi-borough Executive Director of Children's Services</i>	Completed Received 16 February 2024 Response on page 7 of Appendix 3 in the agenda for 5 March 2024
5 March 2024	Item 5: The Local Safeguarding Children's Partnership (LSCP) Annual Report	Recommendation	To take forward to partners that safeguarding issues around social media and its impact on children and relevant data should be included in future LSCP reports.	Cabinet Member for Children and Public Protection <i>Bi-borough Executive Director of Children's Services</i>	Completed Received 6 June 2024 and sent to the committee. Response on page 5 of Appendix 3 in the agenda for 30 July 2024

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		Recommendation	That the newly created role 'school navigator' is implemented within all schools and the possibility of social workers being placed in schools continues to be explored.	Cabinet Member for Children and Public Protection <i>Bi-borough Executive Director of Children's Services</i>	Completed Received 6 June 2024 and sent to the committee. Response on page 5 of Appendix 3 in the agenda for 30 July 2024
		Recommendation	To take forward to the police that the Safer Programme be moved into primary schools and that more regular contact between schools and police be encouraged as part of the Children's Strategy.	Cabinet Member for Children and Public Protection <i>Bi-borough Executive Director of Children's Services</i>	Completed Received 6 June 2024 and sent to the committee. Update provided 8 July and sent to committee. Response on page 5 of Appendix 3 in the agenda for 30 July 2024
		Recommendation	To continue to consider school attendance and the reasons for repeated absence as part of safeguarding priorities with children.	Cabinet Member for Children and Public Protection <i>Bi-borough Executive Director of Children's Services</i>	Completed Received 6 June 2024 and sent to the committee. Response on page 5 of Appendix 3 in the agenda for 30 July 2024
		Recommendation	To continue to monitor the effects of misogyny driven by social media and directed at teachers and pupils in schools, and to ensure that interventions are in place to highlight and address these issues and take the appropriate actions.	Cabinet Member for Children and Public Protection <i>Bi-borough Executive Director of Children's Services</i>	Completed Received 6 June 2024 and sent to the committee. Response on page 5 of Appendix 3 in the agenda for 30 July 2024
		Request Further Information	To provide the Committee with the Westminster Children's Services quarterly social care performance data.	Cabinet Member for Children and Public Protection <i>Bi-borough Executive Director of Children's Services</i>	Completed Received 6 June 2024 and sent to the committee
		Request for Further Information	To provide the Committee with information data from the NRM pilot, whether it includes familial exploitation, and the types of exploitation that are being found by the pilot.	Cabinet Member for Children and Public Protection <i>Bi-borough Executive Director of Children's Services</i>	Completed Received 6 June 2024 and sent to the committee
		Request for Further Information	To provide information to the Committee about why the percentage of children living in poverty is lower than the percentage of children in receipt of Free School Meals in Westminster, and an explanation of the eligibility criteria for Free School Meals.	Cabinet Member for Children and Public Protection <i>Bi-borough Executive Director of Children's Services</i>	Completed Received 6 June 2024 and sent to the committee.

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	Request for Further Information	To provide to the Committee the report from the Department for Education to the Council that shows how school attendance is monitored in relation to concerns around safeguarding.	Cabinet Member for Children and Public Protection <i>Bi-borough Executive Director of Children's Services</i>	Completed Received 10 April 2024 and sent to committee
Item 6: Provisions for Migrant Families in Westminster	Recommendation	That the Council continue to make robust representations to the Home Office regarding the poor conditions and practices within the contingency hotels, quality and quantity of food, and overall safety and follow through.	Cabinet Member for Children and Public Protection <i>Bi-borough Executive Director of Children's Services</i>	Completed Received and sent to committee 3 July 2024 Response on page 6 of Appendix 3 in the agenda for 30 July 2024
	Recommendation	That the Council continue to make representations to the Home Office to pursue alternative providers that can provide a higher standard of accommodation for asylum seekers.	Cabinet Member for Children and Public Protection <i>Bi-borough Executive Director of Children's Services</i>	Completed Received and sent to committee 3 July 2024 Response on page 6 of Appendix 3 in the agenda for 30 July 2024
	Recommendation	That the Council continues to actively encourage ESOL learning for all ages of asylum seekers, particularly with older and support the facilitation and quality of these classes.	Cabinet Member for Children and Public Protection <i>Bi-borough Executive Director of Children's Services</i>	Completed Received and sent to committee 3 July 2024 Response on page 6 of Appendix 3 in the agenda for 30 July 2024
	Recommendation	That the Council investigate a specific provision for asylum seeking men in contingency hotels that provides meaningful activities, engagement, and a supportive space in an environment where they can meet with others.	Cabinet Member for Children and Public Protection <i>Bi-borough Executive Director of Children's Services</i>	Completed Received and sent to committee 3 July 2024 Response on page 7 of Appendix 3 in the agenda for 30 July 2024
	Recommendation	That the Council explore opportunities for asylum seekers to volunteer such as within parks, outdoor spaces, and recreational activity with charities such as Unfold as part of the wellbeing and mental health offer.	Cabinet Member for Children and Public Protection <i>Bi-borough Executive Director of Children's Services</i>	Completed Received and sent to committee 3 July 2024 Response on page 7 of Appendix 3 in the agenda for 5 March 2024
	Recommendation	That the Council endorse the recommendations made in the Hounslow report 'On Hold', to improve conditions for asylum seekers and that the Council continue to contribute to progress this agenda.	Cabinet Member for Children and Public Protection <i>Bi-borough Executive Director of Children's Services</i>	Completed Received and sent to committee 3 July 2024 Response on page 7 of Appendix 3 in the agenda for 30 July 2024

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	Recommendation	That the Council continue to work hard to accommodate children locally in schools when they are decamped from contingency hotels with their families and ensure they have as little disruption to their lives as possible.	Cabinet Member for Children and Public Protection <i>Bi-borough Executive Director of Children's Services</i>	Completed Received and sent to committee 3 July 2024 Response on page 8 of Appendix 3 in the agenda for 30 July 2024
	Request for Further Information	That the Committee receive information about the length of stay that migrant families spend in contingency hotels, including, those that are moved from a hotel before they receive a positive application.	Cabinet Member Children and Public Protection <i>Bi-borough Executive Director of Children's Services</i>	Completed Received 11 April 2024 and sent to committee 12 April 2024

The Local Safeguarding Children's Partnership (LSCP) Annual Report

Recommendation	To take forward to partners that safeguarding issues around social media and its impact on children and relevant data should be included in future LSCP reports.	Cabinet Member for Children and Public Protection <i>Bi-borough Executive Director of Children's Services</i>
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RESPONSE:

COMPLETED. Safeguarding online will be reflected in future LSCP annual reports.

Recommendation	That the newly created role 'school navigator' is implemented within all schools and the possibility of social workers being placed in schools continues to be explored.	Cabinet Member for Children and Public Protection <i>Bi-borough Executive Director of Children's Services</i>
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RESPONSE:

COMPLETED. There is an Early Help/Navigator offer to all schools in the Borough on a school cluster footprint.

CONSIDERED and not progressing. Placing social workers in school's has been considered however there are no plans to progress this at this time as we can't afford to implement this and are already overspent on staffing.

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Recommendation	To take forward to the police that the Safer Programme be moved into primary schools and that more regular contact between schools and police be encouraged as part of the Children’s Strategy.	Cabinet Member for Children and Public Protection <i>Bi-borough Executive Director of Children’s Services</i>
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RESPONSE:

COMPLETED. Request to consider extending the Safer Schools Programme into primaries has been forwarded to the BCU.

UPDATE. Superintendent Beth Pirie confirmed that the Safer Schools Programme cannot be moved into primary schools; they do not have the capacity MPS wide to do this. If there is any need to link into a primary school to address a specific problem, then the local DWO (District Ward Officer) would address this.

Recommendation	To continue to consider school attendance and the reasons for repeated absence as part of safeguarding priorities with children.	Cabinet Member for Children and Public Protection <i>Bi-borough Executive Director of Children’s Services</i>
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RESPONSE:

COMPLETED. Already in place and this is part of ongoing BAU processes.

Recommendation	To continue to monitor the effects of misogyny driven by social media and directed at teachers and pupils in schools, and to ensure that interventions are in place to highlight and address these issues and take the appropriate actions.	Cabinet Member for Children and Public Protection <i>Bi-borough Executive Director of Children’s Services</i>
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RESPONSE:

COMPLETED. This is included in the ongoing Healthy Schools programme, commissioned through Public Health and our safeguarding offer to schools.

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Provisions for Migrant Families in Westminster

Recommendation	That the Council continue to make robust representations to the Home Office regarding the poor conditions and practices within the contingency hotels, quality and quantity of food, and overall safety and follow through.	Cabinet Member for Children and Public Protection <i>Bi-borough Executive Director of Children's Services</i>
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RESPONSE:

The Council continues to robustly challenge and escalate issues on a regular basis with the Home Office. Monthly meetings are held where issues are raised and challenged, and any urgent issues are addressed on an emergency basis as outside these meetings as needed. The Council is a leading authority in a London-wide safeguarding forum with the Home Office where issues are raised as well.

Recommendation	That the Council continue to make representations to the Home Office to pursue alternative providers that can provide a higher standard of accommodation for asylum seekers.	Cabinet Member for Children and Public Protection <i>Bi-borough Executive Director of Children's Services</i>
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RESPONSE:

As the above recommendation.

In addition, the Council challenges any issues of concern directly with the current provider, Clear Springs Ready Homes, and continues to escalates concerns to the Home Office.

Recommendation	That the Council continues to actively encourage ESOL learning for all ages of asylum seekers, particularly with older and support the facilitation and quality of these classes.	Cabinet Member for Children and Public Protection <i>Bi-borough Executive Director of Children's Services</i>
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RESPONSE:

Officers continue to support asylum seekers to access ESOL learning and in providing advice and guidance around this.

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RESPONSE:

Adult Social Care are progressing with arrangements to deliver support to adult asylum seekers with local VCS organisations experienced in this area of work.

Recommendation	That the Council explore opportunities for asylum seekers to volunteer such as within parks, outdoor spaces, and recreational activity with charities such as Unfold as part of the wellbeing and mental health offer.	Cabinet Member for Children and Public Protection <i>Bi-borough Executive Director of Children's Services</i>
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RESPONSE:

Work is underway to further support asylum seekers in accessing volunteering and training opportunities. This includes an upcoming Volunteering and Employment Support Fair which will link asylum seekers up with volunteering opportunities and provide support with digital and employment skills.

Recommendation	That the Council endorse the recommendations made in the Hounslow report 'On Hold', to improve conditions for asylum seekers and that the Council continue to contribute to progress this agenda.	Cabinet Member for Children and Public Protection <i>Bi-borough Executive Director of Children's Services</i>
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RESPONSE:

The Council endorses the recommendations made in the Hounslow report 'On Hold' and continues to address and escalate concerns with the Home Office and Clear Springs Ready Homes.

Recommendation	That the Council continue to work hard to accommodate children locally in schools when they are decamped from contingency hotels	Cabinet Member for Children and Public Protection <i>Bi-borough Executive Director of Children's Services</i>
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	with their families and ensure they have as little disruption to their lives as possible.	
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RESPONSE:

The vast majority of children continue to attend schools within Westminster and remain settled at the same school when hotels have been temporarily decanted. This has ensured continuity for children.