



**DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S SERVICE MEETING WITH CHAIRS
AND VICE-CHAIRS OF GOVERNORS
NOTES OF THE MEETING ON WEDNESDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 2015
AT BEST HUB, COLINDALE**

In attendance

Kim Archer	St Andrews CE, and Wren Academy
Beverley Anderson	St Johns N11
Katy Attwood	Brookland Junior & Infant
Mark Chapman	Holy Trinity CE Primary
Ann Clarke	All Saints' CE Primary NW2
Claudia Clayman	Our Lady of Lourdes
Kate Daniels	Akiva
Pauline Dore Newton	Barnet Early Years Alliance
David Drimer	Broadfields Academy
Matt Dreisin	Northway
Ibrahim Dustagheer	Fairway Primary
Helen Graham	Parkfield
Rosemary Gwilliam	Monken Hadley
Andrew Harper	Claremont Primary
John Hickman	Bell Lane
Anne Hutton	Friern Barnet
Julia Hutton-Squire	Deansbrook Infant
Fiona Kerin	Our Lady of Lourdes
Helen Lederman	Oak Lodge
Mark Leibling	Brookland Junior and Infant
Lesley Ludlow	Moss Hall Infant
Helen Newman	St John's N11
Liz Pearson	Barnet Early Years Alliance / Holly Park
Kim Politzer	Moss Hall Junior
Neil Ruckman	Grasvenor Avenue Infant
Tracey Simmons	Sunnyfields
Jill Summers	Wessex Gardens
Nigel Taylor	Wessex Gardens
Bronwen Tumani	Foulds
Francoise Wagneur	Garden Suburb Junior and Infant
Nigel Wildish	St Mary's CE Primary N3
Philip Wright	Courtland

Sarah Beaumont (Governor Services Manager), Caroline Winston (Clerk), Kam Varma (Clerk), George Peradigou (Clerk), and Keith Golding (Clerk).

1. INTRODUCTION, WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Ian Harrison, Education and Skills Director, welcomed Chairs and Vice Chairs to the meeting.

Apologies for absence were recorded on behalf of: Kate Kennally, Director of People, Andrew Balham-Davies (Holly Park), Christine Chamberlain (Whitefield), Chris Chowdhry (Bell Lane), Jane Clayton (Foulds), Miranda Coates (The Totteridge Academy), Liz Court (Woodcroft), Clare Hegarty (Sacred Heart), Caroline Korniczky (Northway), Debra Quigley-Jones (St Michael's), Sejal Rabone (Church Hill), Joanne Scott (Cromer Road), Tony Scott (Cophall), Revd Tim Seago (St Andrew's), Ruth Taylor (Trent), Michael Veal (Bishop Douglass), Bill Webster (Cromer Road), Sheila Bennett (Clerk), Amira Nassr (Clerk), Janet Robinson (Clerk), Helen Morrison (Network Inspector), and Katie Dawbarn (Network Inspector).

2. LESSONS LEARNED FROM RECENT OFSTED INSPECTIONS

Neil Marlow, Head of School Improvement, gave an overview of attainment and achievement in Barnet (Powerpoint Presentation attached).

Neil Marlow gave an overview of the New OfSTED Framework (Powerpoint Presentation attached). Helen Morrison, Learning Network Inspector, gave insight into the new framework, from an OfSTED inspector's perspective.

Governors were invited to attend Governor training on the New OfSTED Framework, scheduled for Tuesday 13 October 2015 at 7 – 9pm at BEST Hub.

Matt Dreisin, Chair of Governors of Northway School, shared his experience of his school's recent OfSTED inspection (Powerpoint Presentation attached).

3. PROGRESS UPDATE ON THE FUTURE DELIVERY OF THE EDUCATION AND SKILLS SERVICE

Val White, Programme Director - Education and Learning, gave an update on the future delivery of the Education and Skills Service (Powerpoint Presentation attached).

Post-briefing note: Chairs and Vice-Chairs are invited to an opportunity to meet the bidder where Cambridge Education will present the key elements of their proposal, on Monday 19th October at Hendon Town Hall, commencing at 7.00pm, in Committee Room 3.

4. BPSI- NEW SERVICES AVAILABLE: GOVERNANCE REVIEWS AND A PUPIL PREMIUM REVIEW

Richard Griggs, BPSI Manager, gave an introduction to the new Barnet Partnership for School Improvement (BPSI) services available.

John Paxton, Narrowing the Gap Advisor/Lead NQT Adviser, gave a presentation

(attached) on the Pupil Premium Review, which is one of the services available from BPSI.

Governors were invited to attend Governor training on the Pupil Premium on Wednesday 4 November 2015 at 7 – 9pm at BEST Hub.

Bronwen Tumani, NLG, gave a presentation (attached) on three further BPSI services available: BPSI Governance Review, BPSI Governance Review Follow-up, and BPSI Governance Healthcheck.

5. PROVISION OF ADDITIONAL SCHOOL PLACES FOR SEPTEMBER 2015 – UPDATE

Alison Dawes, Head of Education Partnerships and Commercial Services, gave an update on School Place Planning (Powerpoint Presentation attached). Reference was made to the School Admission Arrangements 2017/18 letter that had been circulated to schools on 30 September 2015 (attached), and the Timetable for the consultation of School Admission Arrangements 2017/2018 (attached).

6. SCHOOL AUDITS

Caroline Glitre, Head of Internal Audit (Assurance Group) advised that The Council's Internal Audit service had undertaken a piece of work with the School Improvement Service to expand the areas of audit to further support schools, and that Internal Audit were undertaking a pilot of additional audit areas in the Autumn term to include:

- Pupil Premium
- An expansion of the current audit testing around Governance
- High level testing on pre-employment checks and Safeguarding policies / reporting
- Anti-fraud controls

To support the pilot a self-assessment checklist would be provided and Internal Audit would be requesting that this be completed by Headteachers with the support of the Chair of Governors and Schools Business Manager. Co-operation with the pilot of additional audit areas is much appreciated.

7. SCHOOL BUDGET ISSUES

The School Funding Formula and FSM eligibility checks

Ian Harrison, Education and Skills Director, referred to a letter circulated to schools approximately three weeks previously about the school funding formula and our new FSM eligibility service.

Governors were reminded that, if they had not yet responded to the consultation on the changes to the school funding formula, then please do so.

Furthermore, there were still some schools that had not yet signed up to the Free

School Meals Eligibility Service. Governors were urged to consider this as a matter of urgency. The process enabled the LA to identify pupils who were eligible for Pupil Premium funding, who were otherwise missed from the calculations, meaning access to thousands of pounds extra for some schools.

8. EFFECTIVE GOVERNANCE AUDIT

Neil Marlow, Head of School Improvement, gave a presentation (attached) about the Effective Governance Audit.

Governors would like all maintained schools to complete and return this Audit to **Sarah Beaumont at sarah.beaumont@barnet.gov.uk as soon as is convenient, and by Friday 23 October 2015 if at all possible.**

Responses from academies and free schools were welcomed. Governors were advised that every audit would be evaluated individually and that feedback, advice and training opportunities where appropriate would be offered. The Effective Governance Audit was planned to become an annual process with subsequent audits just asking for updates on previous information submitted.

Further support can be arranged by BPSI and Governor Services. BPSI hours can be used for some of this training.

Many thanks to all those who attended!