



Children, Education and Safeguarding Committee

6 June 2018

Title	Members' Items in the names of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Councillor Nagus Narenthira – Self-harm and suicide amongst children and young people and - Councillor Pauline Coakley Webb – Tackling loneliness amongst young people.
Report of	Head of Governance
Wards	All
Status	Public
Enclosures	None
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Summary

The report informs the Committee of two Member's Items and requests instructions from the Committee.

Recommendations

1. That the Committee's instructions in relation to the Member's items are requested.

1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

- 1.1 Two Members of the Committee have requested that the items tabled below are submitted to the Children, Education and Safeguarding Committee for consideration and determination. The Committee are requested to provide instructions to Officers of the Council as recommended.

Councillor	Member's Item
Nagus Narenthira	I request that a report is brought to the next Children, Education and Safeguarding Committee with details of trends over the last five years for self-harming and suicide amongst children and young people in Barnet, including what work is being done to prevent this and support young people with mental health difficulties.
Pauline Coakley Webb	<p>Research by ACEVO (Association of Chief Executives of Voluntary Organisations) shows that nearly half of young people in the UK often feel lonely, compared to only a quarter of over 65s; and that young Londoners are twice as likely to feel lonely as their peers in other parts of the UK.</p> <p>Youth communications charity, Exposure, have worked with students from Barnet & Southgate College, The Compton School and Woodhouse College to produce a video - 'Message to Sweet Pea' - highlighting loneliness faced by young people in London.</p> <p>I ask for a report to come to the next meeting of the Children, Education & Safeguarding Committee on what LB Barnet is doing to tackle loneliness amongst young people.</p> <p>I also ask the Committee to invite Exposure and their young volunteers to come to the next meeting and give a presentation on the issue.</p> <p>[Link to film by Exposure and Barnet young people: http://exposure.org.uk/2018/05/new-film-addressing-youth-loneliness-released/]</p>

2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 No recommendations have been made. The Committee are therefore requested to give consideration and provide instruction.

3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

3.1 Not applicable.

4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

4.1 Post decision implementation will depend on the decision taken by the Committee.

5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

5.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance

5.1.1 As and when issues raised through a Member's Item are progressed, they will need to be evaluated against the Corporate Plan and other relevant policies.

5.2 Resources (Finance & Value for Money, Procurement, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)

5.2.1 None in the context of this report.

5.3 Legal and Constitutional References

5.3.1 The Council's Constitution (Members of the Council, Article 2) states that a Member, including appointed substitute Members of a Committee or Sub-Committee may have one item only on an agenda that he/she serves. Members' items must be within the term of reference of the decision making body which will consider the item.

5.4 Risk Management

5.4.1 None in the context of this report.

5.5 Equalities and Diversity

5.5.1 Members' Items allow Members of a Committee to bring a wide range of issues to the attention of a Committee in accordance with the Council's Constitution. All of these issues must be considered for their equalities and diversity implications.

5.6 Consultation and Engagement

5.6.1 None in the context of this report.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

6.1 None.