



Children, Education and Safeguarding Committee

30 November 2020

Title	Member's Items in the names of Councillor Pauline Coakley Webb, Councillor Nagus Narenthira, Councillor Anne Hutton and Councillor Anne Clarke
Report of	Head of Governance
Wards	All
Urgent	No
Key	No
Status	Public
Enclosures	Appendix 1 - BEYA presentation Appendix 2 - BEYA financial summary Appendix 3 - BEYA Testimonials Appendix 4 - Letter to Chancellor
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Summary

The report informs the Committee of 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 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.

<p>Councillor Pauline Coakley Webb</p>	<p><u>Funding of nursery settings</u></p> <p>I request that the Committee receives an update on the funding and budget position of Barnet's nursery settings, and Barnet Council's actions to secure sufficient funding from the Government for each of them.</p> <p>I also request that the Committee considers the funding and budget position of Barnet's Maintained Nursery Schools, including BEYA which is facing a budget deficit of £80,000 by April 2021, and an annual funding shortfall of £300,000 going forward.</p> <p>I attach information received from BEYA setting out their position, as well as the cross-party All Party Parliamentary Group letter to the Chancellor of the Exchequer which mentions Barnet specifically.</p> <p>I ask that, following discussion, the Committee agrees to write to the Chancellor supporting BEYAs funding request, and if a positive response is not received by the end of the year, that the Committee agrees to meet the funding shortfall for BEYA in April 2021.</p>
<p>Councillor Nagus Narenthira</p>	<p>Child poverty in Barnet</p> <p>The latest child poverty figures show that there were 26,606 children living in poverty in Barnet in 2018/19 - 1,859 more than the previous year, and nearly a third of all children (31.08%).</p> <p>I request that the Committee considers the data for Barnet and agrees that a report should be brought back setting out what the Council is doing to reduce child poverty and what more could be done.</p> <p>http://www.endchildpoverty.org.uk/child-poverty-in-your-area-201415-201819/</p>
<p>Councillor Anne Hutton</p>	<p>Diversity on school governing bodies</p> <p>To request that governing bodies in schools and educational institutions in Barnet specifically consider potential governors from the BAME community, in order to ensure the diversity on our governing bodies reflects that of the local community. This could be achieved by putting a message in school newsletters or perhaps on occasions electing more than one where appropriate, approaching local businesses etc.</p>

<p>Councillor Anne Clarke</p>	<p>Impact of food poverty on children</p> <p>I welcome the work and growing partnership between the Council, Barnet Together, the wider Voluntary, Community & Faith Sector and other stakeholders to ensure that children and families in need have access to food during the ongoing pandemic.</p> <p>I understand that the Council is now funding a foodbank coordinator to help with this work, and this is also to be welcomed.</p> <p>I request that the Committee receives a verbal update, and, if necessary, a report on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - how many children currently receive free school meals in Barnet and how many are entitled to receive free school meals but are not (by ward)? - how much of LBBs £50,000 holiday hunger fund was spent and where it went? - is food allocated to foodbanks for holiday hunger according to the numbers of FSM children in that ward? - details of Barnet's allocation of the recently announced Government funding for holiday hunger, and how it will be distributed - for those children in need during term time who are not receiving FSM are they expected to collect food parcels from a local food bank, and what happens if they are going to school on the other side of the borough? - details of what funding, and by who, is in place to tackle food poverty in general in Barnet - details of what this funding covers - we are aware that some food banks do not have enough to feed the families that regularly attend. How is the Council ensuring food banks have the supplies they need? - how the Council is measuring and monitoring food poverty in the Borough - what assessment has been done of the likely need following Tier 2 restrictions and the current 2nd lock-down given household incomes are falling - how many children are being reached via food banks in general, and what assessment has been done about individuals and groups that are not being reached? - what communications and systems are in place to reach families who need help - given the digital divide that emerged during the first lockdown what has been put in place to address this in this second lock-down - how families are being connected to groups and support

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - how social prescribing and health champions are being used to help on this issue - could the Council look at opening a hub on the west of the Borough or help with transport costs from the East Barnet hub, and are foodbanks able to deliver food to people - do we have all the necessary PPE for those working and volunteering on food supply - the Community Response Fund has had a vital role during the pandemic but is nearly out of funds, will LBB continue to fund it as the pandemic continues?
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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, Barnet 2024 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 will be permitted to have one matter 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 Social Value

5.4.1 Not applicable.

5.5 Risk Management

5.5.1 None in the context of this report.

5.6 Equalities and Diversity

5.6.1 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.

5.7 Corporate Parenting

5.7.1 None identified in the context of this report – any substantive report will consider the implications in detail.

5.8 Insight

5.8.1 None.

5.9 Consultation and Engagement

5.9.1 None in the context of this report.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

6.1 None.