

Appendix A

Task and Finish Group Updates

1. Elective Home Education (EHE) Task and Finish Group

Membership: Cllr Wakeley (Chair) , Cllr Hutton, Cllr J. Conway, Cllr Radford, Nigel Wildish co-opted member, Raisel Freedman, co-opted member

This Task and Finish Group is drawing to a close and has met with the following witnesses:

- A meeting was held with Barnet Parent Carers Forum who spoke on behalf Parents whose children have Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) to outline their experiences with Elective Home Education.
- A meeting with Professor Daniel Monk from Birkbeck University, who is a lecturer and trainer on elective home education matters. Professor Monk outlined the legislative framework and provided examples of good practice amongst local authorities.
- A meeting was held with the SEND team who talked about their work in this area including partnerships with schools and the elective home education team.
- A meeting was held with the Chair of Association of Elective Home Education Professionals who gave an overview of the challenges local authorities are facing and outlined good practice from around the country.
- The T&F Group with support from the EHE Team has also developed a questionnaire to be sent to EHE families asking them about their experiences. This will run for four weeks from the beginning of January.

This Task and Finish Group has completed the majority of its work and is collating its findings and recommendations. A full report will be presented to the Children and Education Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee on the 7th March.

Youth Homelessness

The Task and Finish Group is due to commence in January. Officers have held an initial meeting to gather the relevant data and refine the scope of the review. This

topic may be suitable for a mini review which could be conducted within a day or over two meetings. The task and finish group members will be asked to agree the approach at their first meeting.