



CHILDREN'S SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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SECOND DESPATCH

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3 programmes sit within the Groundwork London Youth Team:

- Pre-NEET
- Targeted NEET (Routes to Success)
- Aspire Higher

PRE-NEET

- SFA funded
- 1,340 young people in Greater London to do better in school.
- Eligibility lies with 15 to 18 years olds.
- Coaches assess learner's needs in schools and agree on a SMART plan.
- Weekly coaching sessions delivered in schools for 17 to 20 weeks.
- Referrals based on Risk of NEET indicators, e.g. low attainment, not reaching full academic profile, English as a second language, low confidence/self esteem.

Targeted NEET

- SFA and YEF funded
- Delivered by Achievement coaches who help NEET young people – 16 to 18 across 10 central and south borough's
- To support 200 young people to progress onto vocational pathways including, further education, traineeships, apprenticeships, industry related courses and paid employment.

Primary support:

- One to one sessions in community settings
- Structured IAG, Employability support and Job brokerage

TARGETED NEET

- The service partners with local authorities, youth programmes, YOT's, colleges, RSL's and various community organisations. Corporate sponsorship from supporters such as the Burberry Foundation. Young London Working provide ring-fenced job opportunities.
- Employers include major retailers, construction contractors, small independents and start-ups.

ASPIRE HIGHER

- Designed by the GLA and MPS in conjunction with PRU's and AEP's in London.
- 18 months of support to 240 young people who are vulnerable to becoming involved in gangs and serious youth violence
- Expectation that at least 140 of them will move back into mainstream education, further training, apprenticeships and employment
- Personal 1-2-1 coaching sessions focused on setting goals, creating outcomes and managing personal change

ASPIRE HIGHER

Groups work on subjects including:

- Healthy Relationships: promote negotiation skills, assertiveness, impulse control, emotional development, and self-confidence. Concentrate on changing attitudes and behaviours.
- These activities would also support the young person in exploring legal entrepreneurship.
- Activities outside of London and outside of the young person's borough
- It would also serve as an incentive to promote engagement and improvements in behaviour.

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Item B5 – Executive Member Questions

Report from the Executive Member, Cllr Joe Caluori

- I have contacted my opposite numbers in all 32 London Boroughs asking them to co-sign a letter to the Home Secretary demanding a meeting about the lack of a coordinated response to County Lines Drug Dealing. This is the model of drug dealing in which the older members of organised criminal gangs groom vulnerable young people into travelling to remote locations to deal drugs and transport money and sometimes weapons. At the time of writing 16 Boroughs had signed up. It's been a year and a half since the NCA first published their first intelligence assessment and the lack of progress since then at national level is shocking, and as a result vulnerable children are at risk. We are demanding a national strategy and action plan from the Home Office.
- The Meller Educational Trust have lodged an application with the DfE to open a new 11-18 Free School on the Ladbroke House site in Highbury. This site was formerly purchased by the DfE for £33.5M. This proposal would be hugely disruptive to the two local secondary schools and to the wider community, bringing over 1,000 extra pupils to the area from outside the Borough at the start and the end of the school day, in what is already a highly congested area. I'm pleased to say that the recent Ladbroke House community consultation meeting which I organised with a group of parents and the NUT at Highbury Fields School was a huge success. 115 people from the local community came along and voted unanimously against the proposals to open a new free school and in favour of key worker housing for teachers. The petition now has over 1000 signatories and is still growing. We will continue lobbying the DfE whilst working with parents, Governors and the NUT to keep the pressure up through a public campaign.
- The proposed changes to the Early Years National Funding Formula could signal another hidden cut to local government, especially those such as Islington who invest in early years. We are lobbying the DfE directly but will also meet with other inner London Boroughs and National Childcare charities to co-ordinate action. I will provide a further update to the Committee when we know more about the full implications for the Borough.

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