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# COUNCIL

## 23 September 2021

### ADDITIONAL DESPATCH

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### PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO MOTIONS

#### **Motion 2: Motion to support the Transport for All Equal Pavements Pledge**

Amendment moved by: Cllr Rowena Champion

This Council notes:

- the campaign of Transport for All calling on councils and transport authorities to sign an Equal Pavements Pledge (appended below)
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- [That people-friendly pavements is a key element of the people-friendly streets programme and will help the Council make Islington a better place for all](#)
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This Council notes that the Transport for All Equal Pavements Pledge outlines a need to:

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- Reduce the impact of waste removal
- Audit pavements and install dropped kerbs where they are missing
- Protect blue badge parking, with relocation kept to a minimum
- Work with disabled experts, committing to co-production of schemes

This Council resolves to:

- support the Transport for All Equal Pavements Pledge
- engage directly with organisations representing people with specific accessibility requirements
- call upon the Mayor of London through Transport for London (TfL) to respond to the Equal Pavements pledge with a comprehensive programme of support to boroughs to be delivered in this current term
- [Call on Central Government to fully fund the Council's attempts to make Islington's pavements more people-friendly.](#)

**The amended motion would read as follows:**

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### **Motion 6: Equalities in Educational Outcomes**

Amendment moved by: Cllr Michelline Safi Ngongo

This Council notes:

- Islington 'Equalities in Educational Outcomes: Final Report of the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee' published 14 recommendations in June 2020.
- The report stated that, both nationally and locally, Black Caribbean and White British pupils eligible for pupil premium funding lag amongst their peers in educational outcomes at every Key Stage, from Early Years to GCSE and beyond to participation in Higher Education
- [The gap in educational outcomes for young people eligible for pupil premium is a nationwide issue and one which the current Conservative Government has done little to close since 2010](#)
- [The change in formula by the Tory Government for calculating young people eligible for pupil premium that has meant that schools in England will miss out on around £90 million in funding this year](#)
- [That the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee's report recommended the Council "should support schools in developing clear strategies for raising the achievements of any underachieving group within their school"](#)
- [That in Islington, the average attainment 8 score at GCSE for disadvantaged pupils in 2018/19 was 41.8 compared to 52.8 for all other pupils. Across England, disadvantaged pupils scored on average 36.8 compared to 50.5, meaning that disadvantaged pupils achieve better results in Islington than their peers across the country](#)
- [The Children's Services Scrutiny Committee Equalities in Educational Outcomes – 12 Month Update on 23 June 2021, which included that Islington Governor Services provided a "Governors Equalities" course in October 2020 focusing on the attainment gap between Black Caribbean and White Free School Meals children and all other children, and the work of The Schools Improvement Service which launched the Richard Reeves Catch Up programme for disadvantaged Year 6 pupils](#)

- ~~None of these 14 recommendations addresses the acute need for tangible education reform in Islington, to support the local Black, Caribbean and White British pupils to improve their educational attainments.~~
- ~~Black, Caribbean and White British pupils are constantly failing behind their peers under Islington Labour administration. This is concerning for the future generations, of Black, Caribbean and White British pupils in Islington~~
- ~~Furthermore, the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee report on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2017, titled 'Educational Attainment of BME And White British Pupils' also stated a decline. As well as, The Black Caribbean review, Insight Report from the Workshops and Survey express that they feel they are ignored, not listened to and nothing ever changes in their community" and the Final report Recommendation 6<sup>th</sup> July 2021, which none of these reports have addressed the need to improve more targeted education for Black, Caribbean and White British pupils.~~
- The Children's Services Scrutiny Committee report on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2017, titled 'Educational Attainment of BME And White British Pupils' that highlights work by the Council to address this achievement gap, including the "funding stream from Schools' Forum is being used to support and facilitate a range of school-based projects that target the needs of particular disadvantaged groups of pupils, including those of Black Caribbean heritage and White British FSM pupils"
- The work of Islington Council to support young people throughout the pandemic, including distributing more than 6,000 laptops and access to broadband, to support with remote learning for disadvantaged children, providing free school meals to all primary school children and continuing to provide free school meals to eligible secondary school pupils when the Tory Government failed to do so
- The continued funding of Islington's Educational Maintenance Allowance replacement scheme which offers grants to disadvantaged young people in our borough following the Tory Government's scrapping of Educational Maintenance Allowance in 2011
- ~~It has been five years since first finding.~~

This Council further notes:

- Islington supported ~~ed/s 40 plus~~ supplementary education to boost children's educational attainments ~~since 2001~~ in Maths, English, Science, as well as mother tongue supplementary sessions. This has improved the education outcome in Islington aiding them in their success going on to higher education.
- ~~On 10<sup>th</sup> March 2008 the Guardian newspaper published an article by Joe Clancy, after Islington Council invested in Kokayi Supplementary school for Black & Afro Caribbean children and the raised in education achievement figures in the article speaks volumes.~~
- That the 'Koyaki School' Council motion on 30 November 2004 resolving to "offer Kokayi Supplementary School the support it needs to continue its supplementary education of Afro-Caribbean children in Islington" was a motion proposed by a Labour councillor
- The Ethnic Minority Achievement Grant was introduced by the previous Labour Government to improve educational outcomes for Black and ethnic minority young people
- In 2011, the Conservative-led Coalition Government decided to cut the funding for this grant and end its ring-fencing, leading to the Council trying to find the funding from the overall schools budget for many years

- That, in 2020, when the Schools Forum suffered from pressures on its funding and decided to withdraw funding for mother tongue supplementary school provision, Islington's Labour-run Council stepped in and continued the funding with £110,000 per year from the Council core grant
- That this funding was granted despite the Council being forced to make savings of 70% since 2010 due to Tory Government cuts
- ~~Unfortunately this Labour administration withdrew all support after 2010.~~
- ~~This has extinguished all hopes and aspirations for the Caribbean community, and resulting in Black, Caribbean and White British children losing out. As Labour continues to lead this council, these communities incessantly lose their voice which has led to a decline in educational attainments for the past 5 years plus.~~
- ~~I therefore cannot speak for the national trend, this is an Islington issue. However, Islington residents have benefitted from Islington Education Dept, Ethnic Minority Achievement Services (EMAS) which supported Koyayia Supplementary school, since the education attainments and aspirations improved. Regardless of the data presented, Labour abolished EMAS having a direct impact on the young Black, Caribbean and white children.~~
- ~~We simply cannot wait another five years of other failures such as school exclusions, Pupil Refer Unit, over-represented in mental health services and prisons.~~
- The motion passed last year which committed the Council to reducing school exclusions and only using them as a last resort
- In a few days it will be a Black History Month coming in October, and celebrates the work of the Council in celebrating this and seeking to make Islington a more equal place for all we need to encourage hope, aspirations, and ambition in their young lives and put to bed this horrific failure, for Black, Caribbean and White British pupils.

This Council resolves:

- To continue ~~agree~~ to fund and commission supplementary education for pupils underachieving in mainstream schools;
- To ~~give a bold ambition that is embedded in the future prosperity and education outcomes for Black, Caribbean and White British pupils;~~ continue to seek to improve the educational outcomes of the most disadvantaged;
- To provide supplementary community based education to Black, Caribbean and White British pupils as an essential aspect in improving their future and ours ~~too;~~
- To run an impressive series of events throughout October, celebrating Black History Month, Black culture and the contribution of Islington's Black communities to our borough.

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