

Barnet Education and Skills service – summary of services and the Cambridge Education contract

In April 2016, Barnet entered into a strategic partnership with Cambridge Education to provide the council's education services for seven years. Staff in the council's Education and Skills service transferred to Cambridge Education under TUPE arrangements.

The partnership was established in consultation with Barnet schools following a detailed options appraisal and procurement process.

The aims of establishing the partnership were to:

- Maintain Barnet's excellent education offer
- Maintain an excellent relationship between the Council and schools
- Achieve the budget savings target for the service up to 2020.

The partnership is governed by a series of boards on which schools are represented that steer the strategic direction of the partnership in delivering school improvement, services for children with special educational needs and school place planning.

The contractual arrangements are overseen by a Contract Monitoring Board, chaired by the council's Commercial Director. The contract contains a schedule of key strategic and operational performance indicators.

The services include:

Access and Corporate Services

- School Admissions
- School place planning
- Education welfare service – school attendance, absences and court work
- Post 16 education and skills service – promoting participation in education, employment or training post-16
- Data Services
- Business support and communications

School Improvement and Traded Services

- The Learning Network Inspector team - monitoring, supporting and challenging schools
- Barnet Partnership for School Improvement (BPSI) – a traded school improvement service run in partnership with schools
- Newly Qualified Teachers support
- Governor Services
- Connect (formerly the North London Schools International Network)
- The Virtual School – responsible for helping to improve the educational achievement of the council's 'Looked After' children

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Services

- SEN statutory assessment and placements
- SEN Specialist Inclusion Services (Advisory Teams)
- Educational Psychology Service
- SEN Transport – assessment, commissioning and contract management

Catering Service

- School meals service
- Staff and civic catering

The catering service is provided by Cambridge Education's catering subcontractor, ISS.

Links to web-sites and key strategic documents

1. Education Strategy 2017-20: <https://www.barnet.gov.uk/citizen-home/schools-and-education/schools-and-colleges/Education-Strategy-for-Barnet.html>
 2. School Improvement Strategy 2017-20 (same link): <https://www.barnet.gov.uk/citizen-home/schools-and-education/schools-and-colleges/Education-Strategy-for-Barnet.html>
 3. Educational Standards in Barnet 2016-17: Item 8 from <http://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/ielistDocuments.aspx?CId=697&MIId=8696&Ver=4>
 4. SEN Local Offer and SEND Strategy 2017-20: <https://www.barnet.gov.uk/citizen-home/children-young-people-and-families/the-local-offer-and-special-educational-needs.html>
 5. Planning for new school places 2018/19 to 2022/23: Item 8 from <http://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/ielistDocuments.aspx?CId=697&MIId=8693&Ver=4>
 6. School Funding in Barnet: Item 10 from <http://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/ielistDocuments.aspx?CId=697&MIId=8695&Ver=4>
 7. CE Traded Services web-links:
 - New traded services web-site: <http://www.barnetwithcambridge.co.uk>
 - BPSI website: <http://www.bpsi.org.uk/>
 8. Education and Skills staffing structure (not for publication version): <https://employeeportal.lbbarnet.local/home/departments-and-services/external-service-delivery/education-skills/es-teams/structure-charts.html>
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Reading list

1. Summary of Services and the Cambridge Education contract
2. Education Strategy
3. School Improvement Strategy
4. Educational Standards in Barnet
5. SEND Strategy
6. Planning for new school places
7. School Funding in Barnet
8. Education and Skills staffing structure

FORMS FOR COMPLETION AND RETURN

PLEASE BRING COMPLETED FORMS TO INDUCTION DAY ON 8 MAY

Note: If you are unsure of what information to include in some of the forms, Governance Officers will be available to assist you at the Member Induction Event

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MEMBERS

UNDERTAKING BY MEMBER / CO-OPTED MEMBER OF THE LONDON BOROUGH OF BARNET

I,

having become a Member / Co-opted Member of the London Borough of Barnet declare that I have read the Members' Code of Conduct of the London Borough of Barnet and the Council's Constitution and agree to use my best endeavours to comply with the Code and the Constitution.

I understand that the Council is the Corporate Parent to children in care. I note that the Council has subscribed to the Corporate Parenting Pledge (as detailed below):
"As a Corporate Parent we will use our best endeavours to support you in order to achieve the best in your childhood, adolescence and adulthood. As with all parents we know we won't always get things right, but we pledge to do our best."

I undertake to use my best endeavours: to act in accordance with the Pledge in all matters that affect children in care; and to champion their needs and protect them from harm. I undertake to attend any mandatory training sessions relating to corporate parenting.

I understand that as elected Member I have a duty to support the Council to safeguard children in care and adults with care and support needs who have a right to live in safety, free from abuse and neglect. I undertake to act in accordance with this duty and attend mandatory training sessions relating to safeguarding.

Signed: Date:
