

TRAINING LINK GOVERNORS' MEETING - TUESDAY 07 MAY 2013

Sarah Beaumont, Governor Services Manager, welcomed everyone to the meeting. She explained that a Training Link Governor was the link between the Local Authority and the Governing Body, overseeing the training and development of their governors.

Review of the training programme

Sarah Beaumont gave an overview of the provision of Governor Support and Development in Barnet over the past decade, and listed some of the educational themes that had influenced course content as follows:

- *remodelling the workforce*
- *changes to OfSTED Framework self evaluation and the SEF*
- *The Children Act 2005: Every Child Matters*
- *safeguarding*
- *equalities and ethnic minority achievement*
- *Children's Centres 2007*
- *Early Years Foundation Stage (2008)*
- *sustainable schools (2008)*
- *community cohesion (2008)*
- *interactive whiteboards (2008)*
- *ICT (Frontier and MLE) (2008)*
- *NCSL safer recruitment (2009)*
- *curriculum change (2009)*
- *extended schools (2010)*
- *e-safety*
- *changes in school funding*
- *succession planning*
- *finance: FMSIS and SFVS*
- *academies*
- *twenty questions (2012)*

Sarah then gave Training Link Governors opportunity to list issues with which they were currently engaged. These included the following themes:

- OfSTED – including preparing for inspection and maintaining high standards afterwards
- managing a new build
- safeguarding
- performance management of the Headteacher
- performance related pay
- engaging views of parents, pupils and staff
- appointing a new Headteacher
- managing school expansion
- pupil premium
- SEN new legislation and use of TAs

An extract of OfSTED's subsidiary guidance (April 2013) was circulated, outlining OfSTED's expectations of Governors under Leadership and Management.

Training Link Governors undertook an exercise to map expectations with support that would help equip them to meet those expectations. The outcome of this exercise is attached.

The outcome of the exercise will feed into future programme planning to ensure that Governors continue to be supported in and equipped to fulfil their role.

Many thanks to all those who attended!