

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

7 June 2023

Title: Update: How are we incorporating Race & Social Justice work into our schools' education programmes?	
Report of the Commissioning Director Education	
Open Report	For Information
Wards Affected: All	Key Decision: No
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Summary In 2021/22, the Local Authority commissioned Barking & Dagenham School Improvement Partnership (BDSIP) to facilitate a Race and Social Justice project led by the Borough's schools. This aim was to take a joined up, longer-term look at these issues of significant importance to our young people, their families, our school staff and community. The project is now well into its second year. 'Inspiring Futures', the Borough's Cultural Education Partnership (CEP), was first established in 2012. It nurtures links between cultural organisations and the Borough's schools to develop and embed cultural leadership; support accreditation and celebration of cultural activities and achievements; and clarify, strengthen and provide experiences of pathways into the creative and cultural sector for children and young people. Together, both initiatives are making key contributions towards harnessing diversity and representation in the Borough, whilst strengthening anti-racism practice and recognising the important links to pupils' and staff wellbeing.	
Recommendation(s) The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is recommended to: (i) Note the positive progress of the RSJ and CEP initiatives' work with schools and partners; and (ii) Use their role to help celebrate and further promote awareness of these programmes across Barking and Dagenham and beyond.	

Reason(s)

These initiatives support the Council's aim of no one left behind. They support the corporate priorities of supporting residents to live healthier, happier, independent lives and to prosper from good education, skills development and secure employment.

1. Financial Implications

Implications completed by: Kofi Adu, Group Finance Manager

- 1.1 The Local Authority provided funding of circa £25,000 per annum to BDSIP to facilitate a Race and Social Justice project in LBBB schools. This funding will continue into year three of this project.

2. Legal Implications

Implications completed by: Nicola Monerville, Principal Solicitor, Safeguarding

- 2.1 This report asks that the Committee note the positive progress of the RSJ and CEP initiatives' work with schools and partners; and use their role to help celebrate and further promote awareness of these programmes across Barking and Dagenham and beyond. No decision is required.

Public Background Papers Used in the Preparation of the Report: None

List of appendices:

- Appendix 1: 'Update: How are we incorporating Race & Social Justice work into our schools' education programmes?' Presentation
- Appendix 2: Expansion of Acronyms in Presentations for 7 June 2023 Overview and Scrutiny Committee