

Children and Young People Board

Agenda

Thursday, 14 June 2018
11.00 am

Smith Square 1&2, Ground Floor, 18 Smith Square, London, SW1P 3HZ

To: Members of the Children and Young People Board
cc: Named officers for briefing purposes

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Cllr Natasha Airey	Windsor & Maidenhead Royal Borough
Cllr Ryan Brent	Portsmouth City Council
Cllr Susie Charles	Lancashire County Council
Cllr Matthew Golby	Northamptonshire County Council
Cllr Dick Madden	Essex County Council
Cllr Laura Mayes	Wiltshire Council
Cllr Roger Gough	Kent County Council
Substitutes	
Cllr John Riley	Hillingdon London Borough Council
Cllr Janet Walton	Borough of Poole
Labour (7)	
Cllr Richard Watts (Chair)	Islington Council
Cllr Megan Swift	Calderdale Metropolitan Borough Council
Cllr John Kent	Thurrock Council
Cllr Bob Cook	Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council
Cllr Andy Moorhead	Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council
Cllr Anntoinette Bramble	Hackney London Borough Council
Cllr David Mellen	Nottingham City Council
Substitutes	
Cllr Imran Khan	Bradford Metropolitan District Council
Cllr Brigid Jones	Birmingham City Council
Liberal Democrat (2)	
Cllr Lucy Nethsingha (Deputy Chair)	Cambridgeshire County Council
Cllr Carl Cashman	Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council
Substitutes	
Cllr Christopher Coleman	Cheltenham Borough Council
Independent (1)	
Cllr Gillian Ford (Deputy Chair)	Havering London Borough Council
Substitutes	
Cllr Julie Fallon	Conwy County Borough Council
Cllr Ruth O'Keeffe	East Sussex County Council

LGA Children and Young People Board Attendance 2017-2018

Councillors	12/9/17	12/10/17	10/1/18	13/3/18
Conservative Group				
Roy Perry	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Natasha Airey	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Ryan Brent	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Susie Charles	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Matthew Golby	No	No	Yes	Yes
Dick Madden	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Laura Mayes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Roger Gough	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Labour Group				
Richard Watts	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Megan Swift	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
John Kent	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Bob Cook	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Andy Moorhead	No	No	Yes	Yes
Anntoinette Bramble	No	No	Yes	Yes
David Mellen	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Lib Dem Group				
Lucy Nethsingha	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Carl Cashman	Yes	No	No	Yes
Independent				
Gillian Ford	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Substitutes/Observer				
A Roberts		Yes		
E Weston		Yes		
Donna Martin		Yes		
Lynne Doherty		Yes		
Teresa Heritag		Yes		
Brigit Jones		Yes		
Jon Hubbard		Yes		

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Sir David Carter, National Schools Commissioner, and John Edwards, Regional Schools Commissioner for East Midlands and Humber, will be presenting at the Children and Young People's Board meeting to discuss the future priorities for the National Schools Commissioner and working with the Regional School Commissioners.	
3. Early Intervention Foundation	
Donna Molloy and Ben Lewing are attending the Children and Young People's Board from the Early Intervention Foundation to give a presentation on their work around social and emotional skills, links to child mental health and tackling parental conflict.	
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Following their detailed presentation to CYP Board in January 2018 and the discussion at the CYP Board in March 2018, Newton Europe will deliver a confidential briefing on the final report from their research into variations in children's services spending.	
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Date of Next Meeting: Monday, 10 September 2018, 11.00 am, Smith Square 1&2, Ground Floor, 18 Smith Square, London, SW1P 3HZ

Biography – Sir David Carter, National Schools Commissioner



I was the product of a comprehensive school in South Wales, and was the first member of my family to go to university. Making a difference to the lives of children similar to me has motivated me throughout my career.

I became the National Schools Commissioner (NSC) in February 2016 having had the majority of my previous leadership experience in the school system. As NSC, I lead a team that oversees the 6500 academies in England and intervenes with them when performance standards fall. Our focus is on building capacity so that the trusts that run them can sustain improvement over time.

Before I joined the Civil Service I was a CEO in a multi academy trust in Bristol. The scale of this challenge where I was responsible for 12 schools, 5000 children and 1200 staff was excellent preparation for my current role where my leadership span of control extends across eight regional offices. The majority of the schools that we sponsored had failed for years and my experience of leading rapid improvement in disadvantaged communities informs my thinking in my current role.

I have learned that the best strategies need teams to be well supported and intelligently held to account. As NSC I expect high performance from my RSC team, and I have built our strategy around two priorities. Firstly, growing the capacity of the school system to support weaker schools, and secondly, improving the system so that weaker schools get stronger and stronger schools become world class.

Biography – John Edwards, Regional Schools Commissioner for East Midlands and Humber



John Edwards started in his role on 8 May 2017, following Jenny Bexon-Smith's retirement. Before his appointment, John was Director of Education and Skills at Manchester City Council. Earlier in his career he also worked as:

- a mathematics teacher and senior leader in secondary schools in Yorkshire
- a Principal Examiner for Mathematics
- Service Director for Schools and Lifelong Learning at Wakefield Council
- Assistant Director for Learning at Kirklees Council

Children and Young People's Health - Update on activity

Purpose of report

For information.

Summary

Children's health is a joint priority between the CYP and the CWB Board. This paper is designed to update the Children and Young People Board as to the current activities in relation to the LGA's work related to children's health issues.

Recommendation

That the Children and Young People Board note the update in the report.

Action

Officers to incorporate feedback from the Children and Young People Board into future work.

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Children and Young People's Health - Update on activity

Background

1. The LGA launched its campaign "Brighter Futures: Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services in February 2018. It highlights our calls on the Government to prioritise early intervention and preventative services, to provide funding to councils to allow them work with schools to commission independent school based counselling in every secondary school. To improve standards, release the full £1.7 billion funding promised and to ensure there is sustainable and adequate funding. These calls feature heavily in our response to the Government Green Paper on children's mental health.
2. As part of the [Bright Futures campaign](#), the LGA successfully hosted an exhibition in Parliament from Monday 21 to Friday 25 May 2018. The exhibition showcased some of the incredible early intervention and prevention work which councils across the country are doing to support our children and young people, including work to help those struggling with mental health issues.
3. As part of our support offer to councils, we have been running the Children and Young People (CYP) Mental Health Peer Learning Programme. The programme is supporting eight councils and their partners to overcome a tricky issue which is prohibiting them from moving forward in transforming their CYP mental health services. The programme matches participants with peers from other councils or voluntary organisations who are delivering a similar service and helps to support participants on their learning journey. The programme will come to an end in June and will be followed by a report that shares learning with the wider sector.
4. The LGA undertook a survey of Local Authorities around complex needs children and the interface between youth justice, social care and NHS. The survey findings are being shared and a short report will be published. The findings and related calls will be featured in an upcoming APPG report on A Fit and Healthy Childhood.
5. A joint seminar with the CYP Mental Health coalition was held on 8 June 2018. It brought together key stakeholders from the CYP mental health children's charities to take stock of the reforms, build stronger alliances and support for our campaign policy calls.
6. We have held meetings with the Department for Health and Social Care, NHS to reflect our calls and members concerns on the slow pace of reform, the unequal distribution of the Future in Mind money (to the NHS only) and the lack of acknowledgement of the role of Local Authorities in children's mental health and well-being in any of the reform proposals.
7. Going forward we want to do some short focussed projects on transitions (children's to adults) and on strengthening the Health and Wellbeing Board governance/role in children's mental health.

Update on children's end of life care

8. Following recent reports highlighting the national variation, and in some cases, unacceptably poor quality of end of life care services there has been increasing attention from the Government and from wider stakeholders about the quality and funding of end of life care.
9. Officers consulted office holders of the Children and Young People Board and Community Wellbeing Board in April 2018 for their steer on the LGA's work on end of life care for children, young people and adults.
10. Office holders agreed that we should;
 - 10.1. seek clarity from the government on roles and responsibilities of local bodies and write to the Minister about our concerns;
 - 10.2. develop support materials for local authorities on end of life care for children and young people and a separate resource for adults and to join up with work with Health and Wellbeing Boards; and
 - 10.3. respond to the upcoming green paper on care and support for older people and highlight our concerns about children and young people and working adults who are not addressed in the green paper.

New Government plans to support children of alcohol dependent parents

11. New plans announced by health and social care secretary Jeremy Hunt will help identify at-risk children more quickly, and provide them with rapid access to support and advice. The package of measures is backed by £6 million in joint funding from the Department of Health and Social Care and the Department for Work and Pensions. It is designed to help an estimated 200,000 children in England living with alcohol-dependent parents.
12. Public Health England (PHE) will finance up to eight local authorities to implement innovative, evidence informed interventions to improve outcomes for children whose parents are dependent on alcohol. Areas will be selected by the autumn.
 - 12.1. PHE estimate 200,000 children living in households with an alcohol dependent adult. An estimated three in four adults with alcohol dependency who were living with children, did not have their treatment needs met last year. Parental alcohol dependency is associated with child maltreatment and poor outcomes. Between 2011 and 2014 parental alcohol misuse was recorded as a factor in 37 per cent of cases where a child was seriously hurt or killed, often alongside mental ill-health and domestic violence. 85,000 referrals to social services involved parental alcohol misuse in 16-17.

- 12.2. It is envisaged that the eight local authorities selected will develop;
- 12.2.1. Access to earlier help and targeted interventions should help to reduce longer term harms to children of dependent drinkers.
 - 12.2.2. Intensive case management for parents. Including outreach, care coordination, facilitated access to treatment services including transportation and/or onsite services, and the provision of child care.
 - 12.2.3. Parental support programmes including mentors working alongside social workers, schools and other professionals can improve outcomes both in relation to parental alcohol use and children not going into care.
 - 12.2.4. Support to improve the quality of the parental relationship, alongside traditional treatment services - evidence indicates that outcomes for parents and children can be significantly improved compared to treatment offered on its own.

Implications for Wales

13. There are no distinct implications for Wales.

Financial Implications

14. There are no financial implications arising from this report.

Next steps

15. The Children and Young People Board are asked to note the update in the report.
16. Officers to incorporate feedback from the Children and Young People Board into future work.

Children and Young People Board – End of Year Board Report

Purpose

For information and discussion.

Summary

This report provides an overview of the issues and work the Board has overseen during last year.

Recommendation

Members are invited to note the achievements for 2017/18.

Action

Officers to action as appropriate.

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Children and Young People Board - End of Year Report

Background

1. The Children and Young People Board provides strategic oversight of the LGA's policy, regulatory and improvement activity in relation to education and schools, children's social care, children's health and early years in line with the LGA priorities as they relate to this activity.

Achievements

Education and schools

2. The LGA commissioned the Isos Partnership to undertake research looking at the evolving role of councils in school improvement. The findings, which were published in January, looked at how councils, in their efforts to drive up school standards, have taken a variety of different approaches to developing effective school improvement systems, responding differently to the challenges facing the education system.
3. To promote and share the findings of the report, we ran five, well attended regional workshops, enabling councils to explore and discuss issues in the report relevant to their circumstances directly with the research team. The workshops also created opportunities for councils to share their issues and learning with other colleagues, and enable a peer dialogue about their local school improvement systems; and also enable councils to work through some of their challenges, engage in problem-solving, and consider their plans to develop their local strategic partnerships further.

National Children and Adults Services conference

4. The LGA, in partnership with ADCS and ADASS, delivered a successful National Children's and Adult Services conference which took place in Bournemouth in October. The programme included a wide variety of sessions including effective delivery of SEND support, modern slavery, publication of the *Bright Futures* report and children's mental health, as well as an opportunity to hear from the Children's Minister. Planning for the 2018 conference, taking place in Manchester, is already well underway.

Children's Improvement

5. In March the Department for Education (DfE) awarded the LGA, working with ADCS and Solace, £2 million over two years to help improve both corporate and children's services leadership. This funding will help to deliver an enhanced programme of sector-led support to councils, offering an enhanced programme of children's peer reviews and training for lead members and senior officers. DfE funding of this programme demonstrates the success of council-led improvement and shows what councils can achieve by working together and supporting one another.

SEND

6. In May the Department announced that £50 million had been allocated to expand special schools and improve existing facilities for children with SEN. This follows on from the DfE allocating an extra £215 million to support children with SEN in 2017. While this funding is welcome, we have continued to lobby for councils to have sufficient funding to meet the needs of all children with SEN in their areas and for reform of high needs funding arrangements.

Early Years

7. The LGA has been awarded funding by the Department for Education to develop, pilot and deliver an Early Years Social Mobility Peer Review programme, which will sit at the heart of an £8.5 million programme to share best practice on improving language outcomes. This is part of the Government's plans to improve social mobility through education, and will see councils working together to improve outcomes for disadvantaged children.
8. As part of the LGA's commitment to sharing best practice and supporting councils to develop services, we published a collection of case studies this year looking at different models of delivering children's centre services.

Young People

9. Following consultation with local authorities, partners and practitioners, the LGA launched its Vision for Youth Services at a conference in partnership with the National Youth Agency. This aims to provide a starting point in taking a fresh look at youth provision, encouraging true collaboration between all providers, to give every young person the bright future they deserve. The vision outlines a range of support for local authorities to help them to work towards delivering improved outcomes for young people, and will be used to help make the case for additional government funding for youth services that genuinely meet the needs of young people.

Children's Social Care

10. We have published three new resource packs for councils, covering corporate parenting, support for care leavers and youth justice. These packs provide a detailed overview of each topic, alongside case studies from councils around the country and key lines of enquiry for councillors to pursue when assessing the effectiveness of local services. Following positive feedback from members and other key stakeholders, further packs will be prepared and published over the coming year.
11. As a result of lobbying from the LGA and our sector partners, councils will receive £7.6 million per year to extend virtual school head support to previously looked after children, including adopted children, in line with new duties introduced through the 2017 Children and Social Work Act. Government had previously argued that councils should cover

these costs from existing budgets.. We were also successful in arguing for an uplift to new burdens funding for the extension of personal adviser support to looked after children aged 21-25. While the initial new burdens assessment estimated a cost of £7.8 million per annum, local authorities will now receive £12.12 million per annum on full implementation. However, we still consider this to be an underestimate of the true cost to local authorities and will continue to lobby for a review of this funding and further uplifts as necessary.

12. We commissioned new research into the causes of variation in council spend on children's services, in response to criticism that some councils appear to spend considerably more than others to achieve broadly similar outcomes. We held a well attended event in March 2018 to share early findings with councils from across the country, and have also arranged a number of bespoke briefings for the Children and Young People Board, Directors of Children's Services, Chief Executives, MHCLG and DfE. The final report is scheduled for launch in June 2018, and a workshop session will be held at LGA Conference in July.
13. The LGA and Barnardo's received an additional £1.7 million from the Children's Social Care Innovation Programme to continue the work of the National FGM Centre through to at least 2020. This funding will allow the Centre to expand its work into new local authorities, including high prevalence areas alongside its existing work in areas of relatively low prevalence, and broaden its support offer to cover breast ironing/flattening, child abuse linked to faith or belief and other harmful traditional practices
14. We have engaged closely with the Youth Justice Board over the past year, and lobbied strongly on the importance of maintaining funding for youth offending services after significant cuts to the government's YOT grant in recent years. We were pleased that, following pressure from the LGA, the grant was not cut for 2018/19 and plans to impose a central top slice have been shelved.

Bright Futures

15. The CYP Board's children's social care task group launched their report *Bright Futures* at the National Children and Adults Services (NCAS) conference in October, setting out a seven point plan for the future of children's social care alongside a number of asks of government and offers from the LGA to the sector. This report has now been downloaded more than 1600 times. While continuing to take forward specific actions and recommendations from the report, we have used many of the headlines as the basis for our wider *Bright Futures* funding campaign, which highlights the urgent need for a sustainable funding settlement for children's services and emphasises the importance of renewed investment in early intervention services. We have also delivered a separate strand of the campaign with a specific focus on children and adolescent mental health services.
16. We hosted a parliamentary exhibition on our Bright Futures campaign between 21 - 25 May 2018, promoting councils' outstanding work in children's services to MPs, Peers and external stakeholders. Our Chairman, Lord Porter, spoke at the launch alongside

Children and Families Minister Nadhim Zahawi, Liberal Democrat Local Government Spokesperson and sponsor of the exhibition Wera Hobhouse MP, and mental health campaigner Hope Virgo. The Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, James Brokenshire MP, visited the exhibition later in the week as did a number of Shadow Ministers and members of key committees. Councils from Bedford, Ealing, Haringey, Hertfordshire, Portsmouth, Staffordshire, Sefton, Sutton and Lincolnshire provided case studies showcasing their work as part of the exhibition programme.

17. Further support from Parliamentarians has included Lord Watson speaking about the shortfall in funding for children's services in a debate on 'Children in Need' in the House of Lords, and Shadow Communities Secretary, Andrew Gwynne MP repeating our warning of a £2 billion gap in children's services funding by 2020 in a debate on education and local government. Our cross-party EDM on children's mental health and school counselling has so far been signed 36 times, while Lord Porter tabled written parliamentary questions on in-school counselling and the Government's assessment of *Bright Futures*. We have also sent summaries of the campaign to all MPs, provided briefings for key debates, and written to 150 parliamentarians to promote the key recommendations of the campaign.
18. The campaign webpages have been visited over 26,000 times in total and video content setting out our key asks, promoted on social media, has been viewed over **43,200** times. Since the 1 October 2017 to date we have published 188 tweets related to the campaign, reaching 608,483 people. Since the launch of the campaign, we have achieved significant positive media coverage including:
 - 18.1. 'Children's social care at 'breaking point' (9 and 11 August 2017) which achieved 12 episodes of national coverage, including BBC Breakfast, BBC News, Guardian and Cllr Watts on Channel 4 News.
 - 18.2. '90 children a day entering care - urgent cash injection needed for children's services' (12 October 2017), issued at the launch of the campaign, generating 10 episodes of national coverage including Cllr Watts on BBC Radio 5 Live, Good Morning Britain, BBC News, BBC Radio 5 Live news bulletins, BBC Online, ITV Online, Independent, I paper, Sun and Mirror.
 - 18.3. 'Child protection services launching more than 500 abuse investigations daily' (12 December 2017) which achieved 9 episodes of coverage, including the Sun, Mirror, Independent, Times, BBC Radio London, Talk Radio and LBC.
 - 18.4. 'A child is referred to children's services every 49 seconds, councils warn' (12 January 2018) which achieved 19 episodes of national coverage, including Councillor Watts on BBC Radio 5 Live, Councillor Simmonds on Good Morning Britain, coverage reported on Sky News, Channel 4 News and the Times.
 - 18.5. 'LGA calls for compulsory independent mental health counselling in secondary schools' (7 February 2018), covered by the BBC and i paper.

- 18.6. We also led on a joint letter to Government calling for action on the children's services funding gap, co-signed by Barnardo's, Action for Children, The Children's Society and the National Children's Bureau, which was featured in the Independent.

LGA Asylum, Refugee and Migration Task Group

19. The LGA Asylum, Refugee and Migration Task Group, chaired by Cllr David Simmonds, reports to both the Children and Young People Board and the Community Wellbeing Board. Cllr Gillian Ford from the Board is also one of the cross-party LGA lead members for asylum and attends the Task Group meetings. The Task Group met with the Immigration Ministers in October and May, and both meetings included a discussion on councils' support for unaccompanied asylum seeking children (UASC). The LGA contributed to the Home Office-led review of funding for UASC, and resources and information to support councils were provided on the LGA [website](#).

Financial Implications

20. All work programmes are met from existing budgets and resources.

Note of last Children & Young People Board meeting

Title: Children & Young People Board
Date: Tuesday 13 March 2018
Venue: Westminster Room, 8th Floor, 18 Smith Square, London, SW1P 3HZ

Attendance

An attendance list is attached as **Appendix A** to this note

Item Decisions and actions

1 Welcome and Declarations of Interest

The Board noted the apologies listed at **Appendix A**.

No declarations of interest were made.

2 Education Endowment Foundation

The Chair welcomed Sir Kevan Collins to the meeting of the Children and Young People Board. Sir Kevan Collins presented to the Board on the work of the Education Endowment Foundation (EEF.) In particular he highlighted the role of the EEF as an independent charity dedicated to raising the attainment of 3-18 year-olds. He also raised the importance of discussion with Members on the wide ranging pieces of work the EEF are undertaking with the Department of Education.

In the discussion with Members which followed, the following points were raised;

- Of particular relevance to their work, Sir Kevan brought the Boards attention to the evidence of the relationship between attainment and socio economic background.
- Sir Kevan also highlighted the variability in attainment between regions.
- Sir Kevan explained to the Board that the work of the EEF took an evidence based approach with a focus on narrowing the attainment gap.
- He also raised that the importance of building more capacity for better systems to be put in place.
- He expressed a view that the required solution to narrowing the attainment gap would not be a structural solution but would instead be a teaching and a learning solution.
- Sir Kevan raised that any evidence generated by local authorities in this field would be valuable for the EEF.
- The Boards attention was drawn to the Research Schools Network, a partnership between the EEF & the IEE, which now includes 23 Research Schools which provide school-led support for the use of evidence to improve teaching practice.
- He also advised that the EEF was keen to work with partners to better mobilise their evidence.
- Regarding pilot areas for EEF funded projects Sir Kevan advised that where a local project is brought to their attention and shown to be functioning they would

consider that area to pilot their work. He particularly emphasised that they would look into whether a project can scale.

- In response to a concern raised, Sir Kevan advised he didn't find there were occurrences of some schools being more receptive than others.
- Regarding a query into EEF engagement with local authorities Sir Kevan explained they were always happy to receive ideas from local authorities and found them great partners in enabling closer work with schools.

The Chair expressed his gratitude to Sir Kevan Collin for speaking to the Board. He emphasised the importance of engaging with the EEF as a valuable partner and resource with a critical role in the co-ordination and dissemination of projects to raise attainment of 3-18 year olds nationally.

3 Children and Young People's mental health services (CAMHS)

Nasima Patel, Adviser, introduced the report to the Children and Young People Board on the current activities in relation to children's mental health, updating members of work in this area to date.

The following points were raised by Members in response to the update:

- A concern was raised that the mental health issues prevalent in asylum seeking children, such as the impact of trauma and bereavement, need to be given further attention.
- A view was expressed that a statutory duty to schools as well as greater accountability as to how new funding towards children's mental health is used would be critical going forwards.
- A member raised the importance on local authorities working with child line and the NSPCC.
- Concerns were raised as to issues with the current workforce available to support children and young people's mental health services.

Decision

The Children and Young People Board noted the activities detailed in the report.

Action

Officers to take forward future work while incorporating the steer given by the Children and Young People Board.

4 Note of the Previous Meeting

The note of the previous meeting was agreed.

5 Children's Services Spending Research

The Chairman welcomed Luke Tregidgo from Newton Europe. Luke gave a confidential update from Newton Europe's research into the question of "what drives variation in spend on Children's Services between local authorities?".

Board members discussed the latest emerging findings and provided steer to the officers ahead of the final stage of the work.

Decision

Members discussed and noted the work undertaken by Newton Europe to date.

Action

Officers to incorporate the Boards steer into work going forwards.

6 The interagency fee for adoption placements

Ian Dean, Senior Adviser, introduce a confidential paper around the interagency fee levels for adoption placements for the 2018-19 financial year.

A confidential discussion with the Board followed.

Appendix A -Attendance

Position/Role	Councillor	Authority
Chairman	Cllr Richard Watts	Islington Council
Vice-Chairman	Cllr Roy Perry	Hampshire County Council
Deputy-chairman	Cllr Lucy Nethsingha	Cambridgeshire County Council
	Cllr Gillian Ford	Havering London Borough Council
Members	Cllr Natasha Airey	Windsor & Maidenhead Royal Borough
	Cllr Ryan Brent	Portsmouth City Council
	Cllr Susie Charles	Lancashire County Council
	Cllr Matthew Golby	Northamptonshire County Council
	Cllr Dick Madden	Essex County Council
	Cllr Laura Mayes	Wiltshire Council
	Cllr Roger Gough	Kent County Council
	Cllr Megan Swift	Calderdale Metropolitan Borough Council
	Cllr John Kent	Thurrock Council
	Cllr Bob Cook	Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council
	Cllr Andy Moorhead	Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council
	Cllr Anntoinette Bramble	Hackney London Borough Council
	Cllr David Mellen	Nottingham City Council
Cllr Carl Cashman	Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council	
In Attendance	Sir Kevan Collins	Education Endowment Foundation

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Public transport

18 Smith Square is well served by public transport. The nearest mainline stations are: Victoria and Waterloo: the local underground stations are **St James's Park** (Circle and District Lines), **Westminster** (Circle, District and Jubilee Lines), and **Pimlico** (Victoria Line) - all about 10 minutes walk away.

Buses 3 and 87 travel along Millbank, and the 507 between Victoria and Waterloo stops in Horseferry Road close to Dean Bradley Street.

Bus routes – Horseferry Road

- 507** Waterloo - Victoria
- C10** Canada Water - Pimlico - Victoria
- 88** Camden Town - Whitehall - Westminster - Pimlico - Clapham Common

Bus routes – Millbank

- 87** Wandsworth - Aldwych
- 3** Crystal Palace - Brixton - Oxford Circus

For further information, visit the Transport for London website at www.tfl.gov.uk

Cycling facilities

The nearest Barclays cycle hire racks are in Smith Square. Cycle racks are also available at 18 Smith Square. Please telephone the LGA on 020 7664 3131.

Central London Congestion Charging Zone

18 Smith Square is located within the congestion charging zone.

For further details, please call 0845 900 1234 or visit the website at www.cclondon.com

Car parks

Abingdon Street Car Park (off Great College Street)

Horseferry Road Car Park
 Horseferry Road/Arneway Street. Visit the website at www.westminster.gov.uk/parking

