

## **4. Childrens services**

### **Functions delegated to the strategic director of children's services**

1. To act as the council's statutory director of children's services
2. To carry out all functions set out in s18(2) of the children act 2004, including:
  - 2.1 Making arrangements to promote co-operation between the authority and partners to improve the well being of children.
  - 2.2 Making arrangements for ensuring that functions are discharged having regard to the need to safeguard and promote the welfare of children.
  - 2.3 The establishment of a Local Safeguarding Children Board.
  - 2.4 To make arrangements to promote cooperation between the council and relevant partners with a view to reducing, and mitigating the effects of, child poverty in the area including arrangements for a child poverty needs assessment and joint child poverty strategy.
  - 2.5 Any functions exercisable by the authority under s75 the national health service act 2006 on behalf of an NHS body and any functions exercised pursuant to an arrangement made under S10 of the children act 2004 to include making arrangements for the management of services provided.
3. To provide strategic management and direction for the children's division.
4. To secure that sufficient suitable primary and secondary education is available to meet the needs of the population of LB Ealing.
5. To respond to representations made by parents as to the availability of education.
6. To suspend the right to a delegated budget where a school is eligible for intervention.
7. To appoint an interim executive board to a school which is eligible for intervention subject to the agreement of the secretary of state.
8. To take over the conduct of a foundation or voluntary school following service by the governing body of notice of discontinuance and consenting to the withdrawal of such a notice.
9. To comply with any direction of the secretary of state where he is satisfied that LA is unlikely to be effective in eliminating deficiencies in schools in special measures or with serious weaknesses or has a disproportionate number of such schools to obtain by contract or other arrangement specified advisory services.
10. To make decisions as to whether
  - a. a child should be placed for adoption

- b. a prospective adopter is suitable to adopt a child and continues to be suitable to adopt children
- c. a child should be placed with a particular adopter or
- d. protected information should be disclosed about adults when determining an application
- e. to make decisions as to the suitability of adopters to adopt by the adopt London west and provide the ultimate ratification of their suitability to adopt

In the absence or in the event of the unavailability of the assistant director of children's social care, safeguarding and support