

Appendix One

THE MEMBERS OF THE TFG

Current members of the TFG

Jerry Fitzpatrick is Chair of the TFG. He was born and brought up in Croydon. He qualified as a teacher in 1976 and spent 17 years teaching in London comprehensive schools, leading English and Drama departments in his last two, and then 3 years in part-time educational consultancy. From 1996-2016 he was a barrister with a specialism in family law. First elected in 1986, he has served five terms on Croydon Council, during which period he spent 7 years as opposition spokesperson on Education, and two years as the Council's Deputy Leader. He has served on governing bodies of four Croydon schools, including 16 years as Chair of the former Oval Primary School.

Elaine Jones has served on the Scrutiny and Overview Children and Young People Sub Committee for around 9 years. She is the representative for the Archdiocese of Southwark, having lived in Croydon all her life as well as being a governor at two Croydon schools for more than 15 years up to 2015. She was also asked by Croydon to sit on an Interim Executive Board of a Croydon School and currently works in governance at two schools in Croydon. During her time on the Sub Committee she has also taken part in one other TFG related to academy conversions.

Leo Morrell represents the Southwark Diocesan Board of Education on the Scrutiny and Overview Children and Young People Sub Committee

Ian Parker is a Coulsdon Town councillor and has lived and worked in the Coulsdon/Purley area for over 30 years. He is married with two children both educated at local state schools. He was Chair of Governors at Woodcote High School and was previously a Coulsdon West councillor (2010-2014) and Deputy Cabinet Member for Economic Development and Regeneration. As a parent and a governor he has experience of education in the state comprehensive, state selective and independent sectors. Having himself attended a comprehensive school in Bradford, he is particularly proud of what his children have achieved with his daughter qualifying as an ACA at the age of 23 and his son achieving a First at Cambridge.

Former members

Maggie Mansell

Maggie Mansell served on the TFG for a brief period from its inception until her death on 5 January 2019. She served on Croydon Council from 1986-1990 and 1994-2019, and held senior political posts in the areas of Health and Adult Social Services. She had a strong interest in mental health, and was particularly concerned about the increasing evidence of poor mental and emotional health experienced by children.

Callton Young

Councillor Callton Young O.B.E. replaced Cllr Mansell on the TFG in March 2019. A retired civil servant, he is councillor for Thornton Heath and Chair of the Croydon African Caribbean Family Organisation. Councillor Young played a full role in the work of the TFG until September 2021, when he was appointed to Croydon Cabinet, and became ineligible to serve on a scrutiny committee.