



Education and Children's Social Care O&S Committee: Work Programme 2019/20

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1 Terms of Reference

- 1.1 To fulfil the functions of an Overview and Scrutiny Committee as they relate to any policies, services and activities concerning schools and education, the Children's Trust, vulnerable children, corporate parenting and other child social care and safeguarding functions of the council.

2 Priority Issues and Items to be Scheduled

- 2.1 The following were highlighted as the priority issues:

- Adoption and Fostering.
- Business Improvement - including complaints, quality assurance, key productivity improvement (12 February 2020).
- Children Missing Education / Exclusions (9 October 2019).
- Children's Trust (October 2019) and a visit on the 25 September 2019).
- Child Poverty (April 2020).
- Corporate Parenting (July 2019). The refreshed Corporate Parenting Strategy to be added to the work programme at a suitable time to be advised.
- Mental Health – update from Forward Thinking Birmingham (April 2020).
- Relationships Education, Relationships and Sex Education (RSE).
- School Attainment and School Improvement.
- Safeguarding (includes: Children's Trust and Birmingham Safeguarding Children Partnership September 2019).



- School Finance (March 2020).
- Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). To include
 - Home to School Transport (January 2020).
 - School Place Planning and Admissions.

3 Meeting Schedule

All at 10am in Committee Room 6	Items	Officers / Attendees
12 June 2019	Informal meeting to discuss the Work Programme and priorities.	
10 July 2019 Report Deadline: 1 July 2019	Cllr Kate Booth, Cabinet Member for Children's Wellbeing: (Remit and priorities for the year ahead 2019/20)	Suman McCartney, CSO
	Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) To include the response to the DfE call for evidence)	Paul Senior, Education and Skills Directorate Consultant and Nichola Jones, AD, Inclusion and SEND
	Corporate Parenting Board Update	Andy Couldrick, Chief Executive and David Stringfellow, Director for Commissioning and Corporate Parenting, Children's Trust
11 September 2019 Report Deadline: 2 September 2019	Birmingham Safeguarding Children's Board Annual Report 2018/19 and launch of Birmingham Safeguarding Children's Partnership	Penny Thompson, Independent Chair of BSCP and Simon Cross, Business Manager
	Birmingham Against Female Genital Mutilation (BAFGM) Annual Report 2018/19	Detective Inspector Wendy Bird, Chair of BAFGM



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	<p>SEND</p> <p>To include update on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WSoA. • SEND reforms and quarterly monitoring with the DfE. • Progress on the development of a local area SEND Sufficiency Plan for Education, Health and Care services. • Progress with proposed milestones, timeline and accountability framework to underpin plans to move to a locality model. • Update on the Innovate to Save Programme. • Accountability Framework on funding to support the high needs block. 	Rachel O'Connor, Assistant Chief Executive, Birmingham and Solihull CCG and Nichola Jones, AD for Inclusion and SEND
	<p>Cllr Jayne Francis, Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and Culture</p> <p>To include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remit and priorities for the year ahead 2019/20. • Strategy regarding academisation. • School deficit. 	Dr Tim O'Neill, Director for Education and Skills; Anne Ainsworth, AD for Employability and Skills and Alan Michell, School Admissions Operations Manager (Ceri Saunders, CSO)
25 September 2019 Visit	Assessment and Short-Term Intervention (ASTI) Team, Newtown	Christine Wellington, Head of Service ASTI-North West Central
9 October 2019 Report Deadline: 30 September 2019	Children's Trust Annual Review	Andrew Christie, Chair and Andy Couldrick, Chief Executive, Children's Trust
	<p>Safeguarding the Education of Vulnerable Children</p> <p>To include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further information about the graduated approach to avoiding exclusions and how this will be monitored. 	Steve Howell, Head Teacher, City of Birmingham Schools (COBs), Nichola Jones, AD for Inclusion and SEND, Lisa Fraser, AD, Education and Early Years and David Bishop, Head of Service, Alternative Provision, Attendance and Independent Schools
	School Attainment	Dr Tim O'Neill, Director for Education and Skills and Lisa Fraser, AD, Education and Early Years
22 January 2020 Committee Rooms 3 & 4 Report Deadline: 13 January 2020	Evidence Gathering for Home to School Transport Inquiry	See Session Plan



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4 February 2020 11am	Informal meeting to discuss Home to School Transport Inquiry	
12 February 2020 Report Deadline: 3 Feb	Business Improvement Journey To include complaints, quality assurance and key productivity improvement	Cllr Kate Booth, Cabinet Member for Children's Wellbeing; Dr Tim O'Neill, Director for Education and Skills; Wendy Griffiths, AD, Customer Services and Business Support and Viki Sullivan, Head of Business Improvement and Support
11 March 2020 Report Deadline: 2 March 2020	Cllr Kate Booth, Cabinet Member for Children's Wellbeing (invited to all Committee meetings)	Suman McCartney, CSO
	Local Authority School Deficits Reduction To include reducing the deficit and preventative work.	Dr Tim O'Neill, Director, Education and Skills; Lisa Fraser, AD Education & Early Years and Debbie James, Chair of Birmingham Schools Forum
	SEND To include an update on the WSoA.	Rachel O'Connor, Assistant Chief Executive, Birmingham and Solihull CCG and Nichola Jones, AD for Inclusion and SEND
8 April 2020 Report Deadline: 30 March 2020	Cllr Kate Booth, Cabinet Member for Children's Wellbeing (invited to all Committee meetings)	Suman McCartney, CSO
	Cabinet Member Update on Child Poverty	Councillor John Cotton, Cabinet Member for Social Inclusion, Community Safety & Equalities and Marcia Wynter, Cabinet Support Officer
	Young People and Mental Health (an update from Forward Thinking Birmingham, Birmingham Women's and Children's NHS Foundation Trust)	Elaine Kirwan, Associate Director of Nursing MHS/FTB, Birmingham Women's and Children's NHSFT and Erin Docherty Senior Nurse Lead
30 April 2020 Report Deadline: 21 April 2020	Cllr Jayne Francis, Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and Culture Update	Rose Horsfall, CSO
	Cllr Kate Booth, Cabinet Member for Children's Wellbeing Update	Suman McCartney, CSO
	SEND – Home to School Transport	Nichola Jones, AD for Inclusion and SEND

4 Other Meetings



Call in Meetings

None Scheduled

Petitions

None scheduled

Councillor Call for Action requests

None scheduled

5 Report to City Council / Pieces of Work

5.1 The Learning, Culture and Physical Activity O&S Committee undertook evidence gathering for the Young People and Mental Health Inquiry. Members have requested an update from Forward Thinking Birmingham on this and the update is programmed for the April 2020 committee meeting.

5.2 Members agreed that they would undertake the Home to School Transport / Travel Assist Inquiry:

Timescales:

Sep 2019	A call for evidence with Terms of Reference was circulated.
Jan 2020	Evidence gathering session.
7 April 2020	A view to taking a report to City Council setting out the findings.

6 Useful Acronyms

ASTI = Assessment and Short Term Intervention	EHE = Elective Home Education	SEN = Special Educational Needs
BEP = Birmingham Education Partnership	FGM = Female Genital Mutilation	SENAR = SEN Assessment and Review
BSCP = Birmingham Safeguarding Children Partnership	Key Stage 1 (Ages 5-7) Years 1 and 2	SENDIASS = SEND Information, Advice and Support Service
CAFCASS = Child & Family Court Advisory Support Service	Key Stage 2 (Ages 7-11) Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	SENCO = Special Educational Needs Coordinator
CAMHS = Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services	Key Stage 3 (Ages 11-14) Years 7, 8 & 9	SEND = Special Educational Needs and Disabilities
CASS = Children's Advice and Support Service	Key Stage 4 (Ages 14-16) Years 10 & 11	SGOs = Special Guardianship Orders
CICC = Children in Care Council	Key Stage 5 (ages 16 – 18)	UASC = Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children
COBS = City of Birmingham School	MASH = Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub	YOT = Youth Offending Team
CSE = Child Sexual Exploitation	NEET = Not in Education, Employment or Training	
	NRPF = No Recourse to Public Funds	
	Ofsted = Office for Standards in Education	

7 Forward Plan for Cabinet Decisions

7.1 The following decisions, extracted from the Cabinet Office Forward Plan of Decisions, are likely to be relevant to the Education and Children's Social Care O&S Committee's remit.

Deputy Leader			
ID Number	Title	Proposed Date	Date of Decision
006580/2019	Performance Monitoring End of Year Report April 2018 to March 2019	25 Jun 19	25 Jun 19



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ID Number	Title	Proposed Date	Date of Decision
006771/2019	Performance Monitoring, April to May 2019	30 Jul 19	See below
006852/2019	Performance Monitoring April to May 2019		30 Jul 19
006895/2019	Performance Monitoring Report - April to August 2019	29 Oct 19	30 Oct 19
006897/2020	Performance Monitoring Report - April to November 2019	11 Feb 20	11 Feb 20
006898/2020	Performance Monitoring Report - April 2019 to March 2020	23 Jun 20	

Cabinet Member for Children's Wellbeing			
ID Number	Title	Proposed Date	Date of Decision
005639/2018	Options for Next Stage of Early Years Health & Wellbeing Contract	17 Sep 19	17 Sep 19
006590/2019	Birmingham Children's Trust Independent Fostering Agency Development Plan 2019/20 Incorporating Actions Following the Ofsted Inspection of IFA	-	25 Jun 19
006601/2019	Decision Called In – Travel Assistance Policy for 0-25 Year Olds in Education	-	22 May 19
006605/2019	Youth Justice Strategic Plan 2019/22	25 Jun 19	25 Jun 19

Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and Culture			
ID Number	Title	Proposed Date	Date of Decision
005068/2019	Home To School Transport – Medium-Term Service Provision Arrangements	22 May 19	22 May 19
006447/2019	Al-Hijrah School Conversion from Voluntary Aided School to Academy Status	25 Jun 19	25 Jun 19
006450/2019	St. Benedict's Primary School FBC and Contract Award	25 Jun 19	25 Jun 19
006451/2019	Turves Green Girls School FBC and Contract Award	25 Jun 19	25 Jun 19
006537/2019	Surrender of lease 48-68 Stour Street, Ladywood	25 Jun 19	25 Jun 19
006641/2019	Contract Award: Home to School Transport	30 Jul 19	15 Jul 19
006742/2019	Update on John Willmott Academy Conversion from Community School to Academy Status	-	25 Jun 19
006756/2019	Kings Norton Boys' School Full Business Case and Contract Award	30 Jul 19	30 Jul 19
006889/2019	Small Heath Leadership Academy - Full Business Case	17 Mar 20	
007163/2019	Skilts School Full Business Case and Contract Award	17 Dec 19	17 Dec 19
007154/2020	Sale of Vauxhall Gardens Education centre	11 Feb 20	
007290/2020	Proposed Admission Arrangements and Published Admission Numbers for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools and the Local Authority Coordinated Scheme 2021/2022	11 Feb 20	11 Feb 20
007494/2020	Mayfield School Conversion from Community School to Academy Status	17 Mar 20	

Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources			
ID Number	Title	Proposed Date	Date of Decision
006758/2019	Financial Monitoring Report Quarter 2 2019/20	22 May 19	30 Oct 19
006871/2019	Budget 2020/21+ Consultation	12 Nov 19	12 Nov 19
006873/2020	Business Plan 2020-2024	11 Feb 20	-
007461/2020	Financial Plan 2020-2024	-	11 Feb 20



7.2 The following are relevant joint decisions made by the Cabinet Member and Chief Officers.

Ref No	Title	Cabinet Member & Lead Officer	Date of Decision
006666/2019	Revocation of Proposal to Establish a Sixth-Form at Turves Green Boys	Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and Culture & Director of Education & Skills	4 Jun 2019
006669/2019	Proposal to Increase the Number of Pupil Places at The Pines School	Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and Culture & Director of Education & Skills	4 Jun 2019
006730/2019	Proposal to Transfer Oscott Manor School to a new site	Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and Culture & Director for Education & Skills	14 Jun 2019
006732/2019	Proposal to Alter the Age Range to remove Nursery Provision at Gunter Primary School	Cabinet Member Education, Skills and Culture & Director for Education & Skills	14 Jun 2019
006795/2019	Colmers Farm Primary School Capital Maintenance – Contract Award	Cabinet Members Education, Skills & Culture and Finance & Resources & Director for Education & Skills	4 Jul 2019
006798/2019	Proposal to alter the age range to establish Nursery Provision at Colebourne Primary School	Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and Culture & Director of Education & Skills	5 Jul 2019
006905/2019	Procurement Strategy for the Provision of Home to School Transport	Cabinet Members for Education, Skills and Culture; Children's Wellbeing; Health and Social Care and Finance and Resources jointly with the Director for Education and Skills	16 Aug 2019
007046/2019	Wyndcliffe Primary School – Full Business Case and Contract Award	Cabinet Members Education, Skills & Culture and Finance & Resources with the Director for Education & Skills	20 Sep 2019
007231/2019	Proposal to Alter the Age Range to Remove Nursery Provision of Redhill Primary School	Cabinet Member for Education Skills and Culture and Director for Education and Skills	29 Nov 2019
007232/2019	Proposal to Alter the Age Range to Remove Nursery Provision of Newhall Primary School	Cabinet Member for Education Skills and Culture and Director for Education and Skills	29 Nov 2019
007236/2019	Proposal to Transfer Skilts Special School to a New Site and Increase Pupil Number	Cabinet Member for Education Skills and Culture and Director for Education and Skills	4 Dec 2019
007436/2020	Proposal to Remove Board Provision at Hunters Hill College	Cabinet Member for Education Skills and Culture and Director for Education and Skills	5 Feb 2020
007435/2020	Dedicated School Grant Formula 2020-2021	Cabinet Member for Education Skills and Culture and Director for Education and Skills	5 Feb 2020