



Schools, Children and Families O&S Committee: Work Programme 2017/18

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1 Priority Issues

1.1 The following were highlighted in June as the possible priority issues for the committee's 2017/18 municipal year:

- Children's Trust (13 Sep 2017)
- Fair Access protocol with all Schools (13 Sep 2017)
- Children missing school and missing from school e.g. permanent exclusions, home schooled and changing schools (briefing 24 Aug 2017)
- Early Years (consultation 19 June 2017 - 17 August 2017)
- School attainment/improvement (headline data would usually be discussed in November)
- Young people and housing (discussed at workshop - may be a joint piece of work with Housing and Homes O&S Committee)
- Parents Manifesto / Charter (discussed at workshop)
- Radicalisation (discussed at workshop)

1.2 Annual reports/updates on:

- School places sufficiency (would normally have been November)
- Birmingham Safeguarding Children Board (BSCB – 13 Dec 2017)
- Youth Justice Strategic Plan (13 Dec 2017)
- Progress reports on the Committee's Previous Inquiries: Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE), Children Missing from Home and Care and Corporate Parenting (18 Oct 2017)



2 Meeting Schedule

All at 1.30 pm in Committee Rooms 3 & 4	Session / Outcome	Officers / Attendees
14 June 2017	Informal meeting to discuss the Work Programme. Outcome: <i>This discussion has informed the work programme</i>	
12 July 2017 At 2pm Send out: 4 Jul 2017	The Education and Children's Social Care Improvement Journey Outcome: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Briefing note has been requested on children missing school e.g. home schooled and a briefing can be set up. An update on return home interviews to be provided. A briefing note on family support to be provided (awaiting details of what needs to be included from Members). 	Cllr Brigid Jones, Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Schools and Colin Diamond, Interim Corporate Director, Children and Young People
	Birmingham's new Strategy for SEND (Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities) and Inclusion Consultation Outcome: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The committee fed into the consultation. 	Jill Crosbie, AD, SEND; Marie Dobson, Project Manager, Education Services and Professor Geoff Lindsay, Chair, Inclusion Commission
13 September 2017 Send out: 5 Sep 17	Children's Trust (In addition there was a briefing session for all Councillors on 11 th July 2017 and the July's Cabinet report has been forwarded to the Committee).	Colin Diamond, Interim Corporate Director, Children and Young People
	Fair Access Protocol Consultation The purpose of the protocol is to ensure that outside the normal admissions round, children without school places, especially the most vulnerable, are admitted to a suitable school as quickly as possible. The protocol is also required to ensure that no school is asked to take a disproportionate number of children who have been excluded from other schools or who have challenging behaviour.	Alan Michell, Interim Operational Manager, Schools Admissions



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18 October 2017 Send out: 10 Oct 2017	1.30pm – 3.00pm Tracking: Children Missing from Home and Care and update on CSE Last discussed on 26 April 2017 and outstanding action was that key measures of success that will be used and the WMP to come back with Evaluation report regarding locating missing people to be included in update.	Superintendent Paul Drover and Chief Superintendent Claire Bell - West Midlands Police Alastair Gibbons, Executive Director for Children Services, Debbie Currie, AD Child Protection, Performance & Partnership, Nancy Meehan, Interim Head of Service Margaret Gough, CSE Co-ordinator Chris Neville, Head of Licensing (tbc)
	3.00pm – 4.30pm Tracking: Corporate Parenting To include Care Leavers 2017/18 Council Plan Target - A reduction in the number of Children in Care (CiC) - 1,680 end of year target (reporting monthly)	Andy Pepper, AD, Children in Care Provider Services
22 November 2017 Send out: 14 Nov 2017	Dave Hill, the new Children's Social Care Commissioner for Birmingham will be in Birmingham on this day.	Kalbir Sangha, Project Manager, Programme and Projects Team
	Children's Trust (to invite Andrew Christie, Chair and Andy Couldrick, Chief Executive)	Seamus Gaynor
	Citywide School Attainment Statistics – Headline data Could be November or December	Colin Diamond, Richard Browne, Intelligence Manager Tim Boyes, Chief Executive and Tracy Ruddle, Director of Continuous School Improvement, BEP
13 December 2017 Room 2	Birmingham Safeguarding Children Board (BSCB) Annual report.	Penny Thompson, Chair of BSCB and Simon Cross, Business Manager



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Send out: 5 Dec 2017	Citywide School Attainment Statistics – Headline data Could be November or December	Colin Diamond, Richard Browne, Intelligence Manager Tim Boyes, Chief Executive and Tracy Ruddle, Director of Continuous School Improvement, BEP
	Youth Justice Strategic Plan 2016 – 17. To include the number of re-offending rates over time. (This could be e-mailed as this meeting is too full).	Dawn Roberts, AD, Early Help and Trevor Brown, Head Of Youth Offending Services
17 January 2018 Send out: 9 Jan 2018	Six Monthly Update on Progress on the Child Poverty Commission's recommendations	Cabinet Member for Transparency, Openness and Equality (Marcia Wynter, Cabinet Support Officer) Cllr Roger Harmer and Cllr Robert Alden (lead Members on the Commission) Jacqui Kennedy, Strategic Director for Place Suwinder Bains, Partnership and Engagement Manager
	Cabinet Member for Children, Schools and Families Six Month Update.	Councillor Brigid Jones Colin Diamond (tbc) Alastair Gibbons (tbc)
	The AD, Children in Care Provider Services presents an annual Corporate Parenting Board report to the Schools, Children and Families O&S Committee.	Either January or February - TBC
14 February 2018 Send out: 6 Feb 2018	The AD, Children in Care Provider Services presents an annual Corporate Parenting Board report to the Schools, Children and Families O&S Committee.	Either January or February - TBC
21 March 2018 Send out: 13 Mar 2018	School Attainment Statistics for Secondary and Primary Schools	Colin Diamond, Interim Executive Director for Education and James Killan, Senior Information Officer Tim Boyes, Chief Executive and Tracy Ruddle, Director of Continuous School Improvement, BEP



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25 April 2018 Send out: 17 Apr 2018	Tracking: Corporate Parenting	Andy Pepper, AD, Children in Care Provider Services
	Tracking: Children Missing from Home and Care and update on CSE	TBC

3 Outstanding Tracking

Inquiry	Outstanding Recommendations	Date of Tracking
Children Missing from Home and Care	R2 – Develop an overarching strategy for missing children so responsibilities are clear and understood, risk is managed well, especially for looked after children and persistent runaways, information is shared effectively and appropriate support is in place for children and families.	Update received: 12 October 2016 and 26 April 2017
Corporate Parenting	R1 – R7	Update to be received October 2017

R01 - Councillors to commit to at least one activity from the 'menu of involvement'. This will then be published on the Council's website. A follow-up survey will be undertaken by the Scrutiny Office in nine months requesting an update from Councillors on this. Responsibility - All Councillors, by April 2017.

R02 - The menu of involvement for Councillors is developed into a corporate parenting handbook for Councillors for May 2018. This will include providing Councillors with examples of how they can undertake each task. Responsibility: Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Schools by May 2018.

R03 - Training is offered to Councillors in the first couple of weeks of becoming a Councillor. Responsibility: Deputy Leader by May 2018.

R04 - Every children's home in Birmingham that has a Birmingham child in care is visited by the end of July 2017 and the District Corporate Parent Champions ensure this happens. Responsibility: District Corporate Parent Champions by July 2017.

R05 - Supporting documentation for completing cabinet reports includes a requirement that consideration is given as to any impact of the proposals on children in care. If there are likely impacts, the cabinet report should include this in the body of the report. Responsibility: Cabinet Member for Transparency, Openness and Equality by October 2017.

R06 - The AD, Children in Care Provider Services presents an annual Corporate Parenting Board report to the Schools, Children and Families O&S Committee. Responsibility: Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Schools by February 2018.

4 Visits

- 4.1 Previously Members visited the children in care social work teams to talk to front line staff: North West Central (21st February 2017), East (8th March 2017) and South (22nd July 2016 (included the



ASTI Team) and 9th March 2017). Members may wish to visit other social work teams etc.

5 Inquiry

5.1 The committee to agree the topic for their inquiry.

Inquiry (TBC)

Date	Item

6 Working Groups

6.1 Members may wish to set-up Member led working group(s).

7 Useful Acronyms

ASTI = Assessment and Short Term Intervention BEP = Birmingham Education Partnership BSCB = Birmingham Safeguarding Children Board CAF = Common Assessment Framework CAF/CASS = Child & Family Court Advisory Support Service CAMHS = Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services CASS = Children's Advice and Support Service CIC = Children in Care CICC = Children in Care Council COBS = City of Birmingham School CPR = Child Protection Register CRB = Criminal Records Bureau CSE = Child Sexual Exploitation DFE = Department for Education DV = Domestic Violence	EDT = Emergency Duty Team EFA = Education Funding Agency EHE = Elective Home Education EYFS = Early Years Foundation stage FCAF = Family Common Assessment Framework FGM = Female Genital Mutilation FSM = Free School Meals IRO = Independent Reviewing Officer Key Stage 1(Ages 5-7) Years 1 and 2 Key Stage 2 (Ages 7-11) Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 Key Stage 3 (Ages 11-14) Years 7, 8 and 9 Key Stage 4 (Ages 14-16) Years 10 & 11 Key Stage 5 (ages 16 – 18) LSCB = Local Safeguarding Children Board MASH = Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub NEET = Not in Education, Employment or Training NRPF = No Recourse to Public Funds Ofsted = Office for Standards in Education	PCT = Primary Care Trust PEP = Pupil Education Plan PEx = Permanent Exclusions PIE = Pride in Education RAG = Red, Amber, Green SCR = Serious Case Review SEN = Special Educational Needs SENAR = SEN Assessment and Review SENDIASS = SEND Information, Advice and Support Service SENCO = Special Educational Needs Coordinator SEND = Special Educational Needs and Disability SEDP = Special Education Development Plan SGOs = Special Guardianship Orders TA=Teaching Assistant UASC = Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children YDC = Young Disabled Champions YOT = Youth Offending Team
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8 Forward Plan for Cabinet Decisions

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

ID Number	Title	Proposed Date of Decision
000232/2015	School Organisation Issues which may include Closures, Amalgamations, Opening of a new school – Standing Item	30 Jun 17
000732/2015	Provision of Additional Places at Harborne Primary School (Lordswood Academy	15 Aug 17



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	Annexe) to meet Immediate Need and Demographic Growth for September 2016 Onwards – FBC	
002307/2016	Council run Day Care Services – Review of delivery and future options for sustainability.	30 Oct 17
002600/2016	Unattached School Playing Fields – Disposal for Development	18 Dec 17
003489/2017	Small Heath School conversion from Foundation School to Academy status	17 Oct 17
003671/2017	Provision of Refurbished Accommodation to meet Additional Primary Places and to consolidate City of Birmingham Schools (COBS) Locations from 2018 Onwards – Full Business Case.	6 Oct 17
003961/2017	Early Years Health & Wellbeing Consultation Feedback and Service Model	18 Sep 17