



## Children's Social Care O&S Committee: Work Programme 2018/19

**Chair:** Cllr Mohammed Aikhlaq

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**Committee Members:** Cllrs: Debbie Clancy, Shabrina Hussain, Morriam Jan, Kerry Jenkins, Kath Scott and Alex Yip

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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 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 in June as the possible priority issues for the committee's 2017/18 municipal year:
- Children's Trust – July 2018, December 2018, February 2019, March 2019, March 2019 committee meetings and a visit in September 2018.
  - Safeguarding - to include the Birmingham Safeguarding Children's Board Annual report in October 2018, Youth Justice Strategic Plan in January 2019 and contextual safeguarding in March 2019.
  - Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) - October 2018, December 2018 and an update in February 2019 at the Learning, Culture and Physical Activity O&S Committee.
  - Early Years, Health and Wellbeing contract – to be scheduled.
  - Update on the Children Missing from Home and Care Inquiry – 13 March 2019 (included in the contextual safeguarding item).
  - Corporate Parenting – the Corporate Parenting Board Annual report and an update on progress with the Corporate Parenting Inquiry recommendations will be discussed in April 2019. Also, the Cabinet Member for Children's Wellbeing is the Lead Member for Children's Services (LMCS) and the LMCS and the Director of Children's Services (DCS) have a shared responsibility with all officers and members of the local authority to act as effective and



caring corporate parents for Children in Care. The Cabinet Member attended the December 2018 committee meeting to provide an update on her portfolio.

### 3 Meeting Schedule

3.1 Below is the list of potential committee dates and Members may want to use some of these dates for other things other than committee meetings, such as visits, informal briefings etc.

All at 10 am	Session / Outcome	Officers / Attendees
20 June 2018 in committee room 6	Informal meeting to discuss the Work Programme and priorities.	Andy Couldrick, Chief Executive, Children's Trust; Seamus Gaynor, Head of Executive, Children's Trust; Sarah Sinclair, Interim AD, Commissioning; Natalie Loon, Corporate Parenting Coordinator.
25 July 2018 committee room 6  Report Deadline: 16 July 2018	Cllr Booth, Cabinet Member for Children's Wellbeing.	Suman McCarthy.
	Children's Trust briefing and discussion.	Andy Couldrick, Chief Executive; Seamus Gaynor, Head of Executive; Sarah Sinclair, Interim AD, Commissioning; Dawn Roberts, AD, Early Help; David Bishop, Head of Service.
19 September 2018	Visit to the Children's Advice and Support Service (CASS) to observe the work of the Children's Trust.	Seamus Gaynor, Head of Executive, Children's Trust; Rachel McCartan, Head of Service, CASS.
17 October 2018 committee rooms 3 & 4  Report Deadline: 8 October 2018	Birmingham Safeguarding Children's Board (BSCB) Annual Report.	Penny Thompson, Chair of BSCB; Simon Cross, Business Manager.
	Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND)  Cllrs Kath Scott and Martin Straker-Welds were in attendance from the Learning, Culture and Physical Activity O&S Committee.	Cllr Kate Booth, Cabinet Member for Children's Wellbeing; Anne Ainsworth, Acting Corporate Director for Children and Young People; Rachel O'Connor, Director of Planning & Performance, Birmingham and Solihull CCG.
14 November 2018 committee rooms 3 & 4  Report Deadline: 5 November 2018	Travel Assist  Cllr Kath Scott, Cllr Mary Locke and Rabia Shami were in attendance from the Learning, Culture and Physical Activity O&S Committee.	Cllr Kate Booth, Cabinet Member for Children's Wellbeing; Anne Ainsworth, Acting Corporate Director for Children and Young People; Sharon Scott, Acting AD for SEND; Jennifer Langan, Travel Assist Lead; Suman McCarthy, CSO.



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12 December 2018 committee rooms 3 & 4  Report Deadline: 3 December 2018	Children's Trust report (10am – 11am).  Cllr Kate Booth, Cabinet Member for Children's Wellbeing Update (11am – 12).  To provide an update on portfolio (including the budget proposals).	Andrew Christie, Chair; Andy Couldrick, CEX; Professor Jon Glasby, Non-Executive Director.  Anne Ainsworth, Acting Corporate Director for Children and Young People; Suman McCarthy, CSO.
17 December 2018 Ellen Pinsent committee room	Request for Call In: Written Statement of Action (WSOA) – Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND).  Cllr Kath Scott was in attendance from the Learning, Culture and Physical Activity O&S Committee.  Background documents including the action plan and risk assessment to be circulated to Members. The action plan was circulated on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2019 and the risk register was circulated on 26 <sup>th</sup> February 2019.	Cllr Kate Booth, Cabinet Member for Children's Wellbeing; Anne Ainsworth, Acting Corporate Director for Children and Young People.
8 January 2019 at 1pm committee rooms 3 & 4	Request for Call In: Travel Assist Service  The risk register was circulated to Members on the 24 <sup>th</sup> January 2019.	Cllr Kate Booth, Cabinet Member for Children's Wellbeing; Anne Ainsworth, Acting Corporate Director for Children and Young People.
16 January 2019 committee room 2  Report Deadline: 7 January 2019	Youth Justice Strategic Plan (annual)  Members from the Housing and Neighbourhoods O&S Committee were invited for this item as it is linked to the work of the Community Safety Partnership.  The plan then went to City Council.	Dawn Roberts, AD, Early Help and Trevor Brown, Head Of Youth Offending Service.
13 February 2019 committee room 2  Report Deadline: 4 February 2019	Ofsted Inspection of Children's Social Care Services  Update on the Child Poverty Action Forum	Andrew Christie, Chair, Andy Couldrick, CEX, Children's Trust and Cllr Kate Booth, Cabinet Member for Children's Wellbeing.  Councillor John Cotton, Cabinet Member for Social Inclusion, Community Safety & Equalities; Prof Simon Pemberton, Co-Chair and Suwinder Bains, Cohesion and Partnerships Manager; Marcia Wynter, Cabinet Support Officer



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13 March 2019 committee room 2  Report Deadline: 4 March 2019	Contextual Safeguarding (to include coverage of missing children, CSE and FGM and the front door arrangements)  Cabinet Member for Children's Wellbeing sends her apologies.	Dr Tim O'Neill, Director for Education and Skills (has the statutory role of being the Director of Children's Services) and Senior Trust Managers (Dawn Roberts, AD Early Help, Rachel McCartan, Head of Service, CASS and Karen N Brookes, Exploitations & Missing Team Manager) will be in attendance.  Marshelene Williams, AD Children's Services North West Central has sent her apologies and Irfan Alam, AD may be attending.  Superintendents Paul Drover & Matt Shaer, West Midlands Police may be in attendance.
	Birmingham Children's Trust Development Plan 2019/20 incorporating actions following the Ofsted Inspection of Birmingham Children's Social Care Services December 2018  Cabinet Member for Children's Wellbeing sends her apologies.	Andy Couldrick, Chief Executive, Children's Trust and Dr Tim O'Neill, Director for Education and Skills in attendance.
17 April 2019 committee room 6  Report Deadline: 8 April 2019	Corporate Parenting Board report (annual) and a progress update on the Corporate Parenting Inquiry recommendations (R02, R03 & R04)	Andy Pepper, AD, Children in Care Provider Services and Natalie Loon, Corporate Parenting Manager

## 4 Other Meetings

### Call in Meetings

17 December 2018 – Written Statement of Action (WSOA)  
8 January 2019 - Travel Assist Service

### Petitions

None scheduled

### Councillor Call for Action requests

None scheduled

It is suggested that the Committee approves Wednesday at 10.00am as a suitable day and time each week for any additional meetings required to consider 'requests for call in' which may be lodged in respect of Executive decisions.



## 5 Report to City Council / Pieces of Work

5.1 Update on Children's Trust - Members to discuss the timings for City Council.

## 6 Outstanding Tracking

Inquiry	Outstanding Recommendations	Date of Tracking
Children Missing from Home and Care  12 January 2016 report to City Council	R2 – Develop an overarching strategy for missing children so responsibilities are clear and understood, <b>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.</b>	Update received: 12 October 2016, 26 April 2017 and 18 October 2017
Corporate Parenting  4 April 2017 report to City Council	R1 – R7 Update on recommendations due on 13 March 2019	Update rec'd 18 Oct 17 & Annual Report 14 Feb 18
<p>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 (Achieved – late).</p> <p>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 (this was in progress at the last update).</p> <p>R03 - Training is offered to Councillors in the first couple of weeks of becoming a Councillor. Responsibility: Deputy Leader by May 2018 (in progress at the last update).</p> <p>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 (Not Achieved - Progress Made at the last update).</p> <p>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 (Achieved).</p> <p>R06 - The AD, Children in Care Provider Services presents an annual Corporate Parenting Board report to the Schools, Children and Families O&amp;S Committee. Responsibility: Cabinet Member for Children, Families &amp; Schools by Feb 2018 (Annual report received 14 February 2018).</p>		



## 7 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
BSCB = Birmingham Safeguarding Children Board	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 Disability
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	

## 8 Forward Plan for Cabinet Decisions

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

ID Number	Title	Cabinet Member	Proposed Date	Date of Decision
005164/2018	T023 – Provision of Transport Services (Contract Extension)	Children's Wellbeing	26 Jun 18	26 Jun 18
005447/2018	Council Run Day Nurseries – Public Report	Children's Wellbeing	11 Dec 18	11 Dec 18
005639/2018	Options for Next Stage of Early Years Health & Wellbeing Contract	Children's Wellbeing	14 May 19	
005729/2018	Youth Justice Strategic Plan 2018-19	Children's Wellbeing	11 Dec 18	11 Dec 18
005449/2018	Travel Assist Service	Education, Skills & Culture	11 Dec 18	11 Dec 18
006186/2019	Ofsted Inspection of Birmingham Children's Social Care Services December 2018	Children's Wellbeing	-	12 Feb 19
006102/2019	Travel Assist Service	Children's Wellbeing	16 Apr 19	
006187/2019	Action Plan in Response to Ofsted Inspection of Birmingham Children's Social Care Services December 2018	Children's Wellbeing	16 Apr 19	

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

Ref No	Title	Cabinet Member & Lead Officer	Date of Decision
005968/2018	Written Statement of Action (WSOA) - Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) - Public Report	Cllr Kate Booth, Cabinet Member for Children's Wellbeing Jointly with Sharon Scott, Interim Assistant Director - SEND	7 Dec 2018
005969/2018	Private Report		