

Education, Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2023/24

Month	Item/Topic	Aims and Objectives	Scrutiny Method	Cabinet Member/ Lead Officer	Other Witnesses	Additional Information and Outcome*
July	Children and Young People's Travel Service Corporate Priorities: 8	Assurance to the Committee and public that everything is on track for September. Overview of KPIs, performance and finance. Policy development including travel services for under statutory school age and over 16 year olds, including how decisions are made and what criteria is used. Independent travel training, including the views of young people, and how this has been informed and received by the children, parents and carers. Concerns that have been identified and how these will be addressed. The Committee to agree any comments / recommendations.	Committee Meeting single item: 19 July 2023 at 10am Venue: Committee Rooms 3 and 4, Council House Paper/Presentation Deadline: 10 July 2023	Adrian Weissenbruch, AD, Children and Young People's Travel Service	Stephen Hughes, Interim Deputy Operations Manager Marie Nicely, Travel Assist Supervisor Abdulhadi Mehraj, PMO Manager John Wood, Change Manager Linda Sutton-Howard, IT Project Manager	Outcome Update / Assurance: The Committee were updated on the preparation for the Children and Young People's Travel Service for start of the 2023/24 academic year and independent travel training. It was agreed that a workshop will be held for members.
July	SEND Tribunals Corporate Priorities: 8	To update members to on the process for SEND tribunals including data.	Committee meeting single item: 19 July 2023 at 10am	Helen Ellis, Director, SEND and Inclusion	Kate Harvey, Head of SEND Resolution, SENAR	Agreed at Committee meeting October 2022 (CMIS Link).

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July	Performance Update Corporate Priorities: 8	Report on Children's Services Improvement Plan and data. The Committee to agree any comments / recommendations.	Committee meeting standing item: 19 July 2023 at 10am. Venue: Committee Rooms 3 and 4, Council House. Paper/Presentation Deadline: 10 July 2023	Sue Harrison, Strategic Director, Children and Families	Fayth Skeete, Head of Strategic Governance & Planning	
September	Performance Update (10.05 – 10.35) Corporate Priorities: 8	The report will include statutory and non-statutory services, and how performance contributes to efficiencies, such as interims and permanent appointments. The Committee to agree any comments / recommendations.	Committee meeting – standing item: 6 Sep 2023 at 10am Venue: Committee Rooms 3 and 4, Council House	Sue Harrison, Strategic Director, Children and Families	David Fallows, Head of Performance, Business and Commissioning Intelligence	

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			Paper/Presentation Deadline: 25 Aug 2023			
September	Financial Challenges - Scrutiny Contribution to the Budget Savings and Recovery Plan (10.35 – 11.50) Corporate Priorities: 8	To consider the implications of Equal Pay and the Medium Term Financial Plan for the Committee's work programme including agreed savings for 2023/24.	Committee meeting – standing item: 6 Sep 2023 at 10am Venue: Committee Rooms 3 and 4, Council House Paper/Presentation Deadline: 25 Aug 2023			
October	Hidden Children Corporate Priorities: 8	To update the Committee on hidden children including exclusions, suspensions, part time timetables, elective home education, findings of the Inquiry on period poverty regarding attendance during their periods, and information on children that have and have not returned following the pandemic. To consider information and data on the equalities implications of hidden children.	Committee meeting standing item: 18 October 2023 Presentation/Paper Deadline: 9 Oct 2023 Venue: Council House, Committee Rooms 3 and 4 at 10am	Sue Harrison, Strategic Director, Children and Families	Razia Butt, Director, Children and Families Steve Howell, Head Teacher, City of Birmingham School Birmingham Education Partnership (BEP) – in person or written information.	Duty on local authorities to progress recommendations linked to improving school attendance in Government White Paper by Sept 23 Working together to improve school attendance (publishing.service.gov.uk)

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November	Update on the review of short breaks when it has been completed (TBC) Corporate Priorities: 8	To provide an update on the review of short breaks The Committee to agree any comments / recommendations	Committee meeting single item: 29 Nov 2023 Presentation/Paper Deadline: 20 Nov 2023 Venue: Council House, Committee Rooms 3 and 4 at 10am	Andy Couldrick, Chief Executive, Children's Trust	David Stringfellow, Director, Children's Trust	
November	Performance Update Corporate Priorities: 8	Report on Children's Services Improvement Plan and data. The Committee to agree any comments / recommendations.	Committee meeting standing item: 29 Nov 2023 Presentation/Paper Deadline: 20 Nov 2023 Venue: Council House, Committee Rooms 3 and 4 at 10am			
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January 2024	Birmingham Safeguarding Children's Partnership (BSCP) Annual Report Corporate Priorities: 8, 10	To update the Committee on the children's safeguarding arrangements in the city.	Committee meeting single item: 17 January 2024 Presentation/Paper Deadline: 8 Jan 24 Venue: Council House, Committee Rooms 3 and 4 at 10am	Penny Thompson, Independent Chair, BSCP	Simon Cross, Business Manager, BSCP	

*Outcome: This will be populated once the item/topic has been completed. It will identify the added value and impact.

Menu of Issues for Consideration

The following items had been identified as potential topics for future consideration. This approach enables the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to remain flexible and respond in a timely manner to emerging issues.

This is a live work programme. New items may be added, or items removed during the course of the year. Proposed aims and objectives as well as scrutiny methodology may also be subject to change.

Item/Topic	Proposed Aims and Objectives	Proposed Scrutiny Method	Additional Information
Early Years			Project to increase uptake of early years and profile of families and data on variation of uptake: BCC Early Years - NESTA project Birmingham City Council

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Child Poverty			
Regular update on SEND			
TBC: Visit for Committee to a school to inform future work.			
UNICEF Child Friendly City			
Post 16		This could be a joint piece of work with the Economy & Skills OSC	
School Attainment (may be February or March)			
SEND Commissioner	To provide an update on the work of the SEND Improvement Board and identify key areas across SEND services where further work is needed.		
SENDIASS	To provide an update on the Improvement plan to meet statutory compliance.		
Draft SEND Sufficiency Strategy			
Children's Travel Service Workshop		A workshop to be held in the Council House. This could include stalls and meeting the team, and a roundtable discussion.	
A Data Workshop		A workshop to be arranged for later in the year.	

Scrutiny Method Options:

Committee meeting - single item, Committee meeting - single theme, Committee meeting – standing item, Task and Finish Group (outline number of meetings), On location, Other - (describe).

Corporate Priorities, Performance and Outcomes

Corporate Priorities 2022 – 26:

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| 1 Support inclusive economic growth | 11 Increase affordable, safe, green housing |
| 2 Tackle unemployment | 12 Tackle homelessness |
| 3 Attract inward investment and infrastructure | 13 Tackle health inequalities |
| 4 Maximise the benefits of the Commonwealth Games | 14 Encourage and enable physical activity and healthy living |
| 5 Tackle poverty and inequalities | 15 Champion mental health |
| 6 Empower citizens and enable citizen voice | 16 Improve outcomes for adults with disabilities and older people |
| 7 Promote and champion diversity, civic pride and culture | 17 Improve street cleanliness |
| 8 Support and enable all children and young people to thrive | 18 Improve air quality |
| 9 Make the city safer | 19 Continue on the Route to Zero |
| 10 Protect and safeguard vulnerable citizens | 20 Be a City of Nature |
| | 21 Delivering a Bold Best in Class Council |

Information on the Corporate Priorities, Performance and City Outcomes was reported to the Education and Children's Social Care OSC in June 23:
[Document.ashx \(cmis.uk.com\)](https://cmis.uk.com/Document.ashx)