



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

Chair:	Cllr Kath Scott
Deputy Chair:	Cllr Safia Akhtar
Committee Members:	Cllrs: Mohammed Aikhlaq, Barbara Dring, Kerry Jenkins, Suzanne Webb and Alex Yip (plus a vacancy) Education Representatives: Omar Hanif, Parent Governor; Adam Hardy, Roman Catholic Diocese; Rabia Shami, Parent Governor and Sarah Smith, Church of England Diocese
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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) – pencilled in for November 2019.
 - Children Missing Education / Exclusions.
 - Children's Trust (October 2019) and a visit(s) to be arranged.
 - Child Poverty (pencilled in for February 2020).
 - Corporate Parenting (July 2019).
 - Mental Health – update from Forward Thinking Birmingham (January 2020).
 - School Attainment and School Improvement (October 2019 & pencilled in for March 2020).
 - Safeguarding (Birmingham Safeguarding Children Partnership September 2019).
 - School Finance.



- Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). To include
 - Home to School Transport (Travel Assist, 0-25 Policy, ATG).
 - School Place Planning and Admissions.

3 Meeting Schedule

3.1 Below is the proposed list of committee dates.

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, Acting AD, SEND
	Corporate Parenting Board Update	Andy Couldrick, Chief Executive, Children's Trust; David Stringfellow, Director for Commissioning and Corporate Parenting and Natalie Loon, Corporate Parenting Manager
11 September 2019 Report Deadline: 2 September 2019	Cllr Jayne Francis, Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and Culture To include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remit and priorities for the year ahead 2019/20. • Strategy regarding academisation / deficit transfers. 	Laura Hendry, CSO
	SEND (update on SEND to include the Sufficiency of Provision for Children with SEND and WSoA)	Rachel O'Connor, Lead Officer – SEND / Assistant Chief Executive for Birmingham and Solihull Sustainability & Transformation Partnership (STP) and Paul Senior, Acting AD, SEND
	Birmingham Safeguarding Children's Board Annual Report 2018/19 and launch of Birmingham Safeguarding Children's Partnership	Penny Thompson, Chair of BSCP and Simon Cross, Business Manager



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	Birmingham Against Female Genital Mutilation (BAFGM) Annual Report 2018/19 – to be presented when the BSCP's Annual Report is presented	Detective Inspector Wendy Bird, Chair of BAFGM
9 October 2019 Report Deadline: 30 September 2019	Cllr Kate Booth, Cabinet Member for Children's Wellbeing	Suman McCartney, CSO
	Children's Trust Annual Review	Andy Couldrick, CEX, Children's Trust
	SEND	Paul Senior, AD, SEND
	Exclusions	Lisa Fraser, AD, Education and Early Years
	School Attainment Backward view of performance for previous academic year. To include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How well are we doing? • How are we supporting schools? • Where do we need to focus our attention? 	Dr Tim O'Neill, Director for Education and Skills and Julie Young, AD, Education Safeguarding
13 November 2019	Cllr Kate Booth, Cabinet Member for Children's Wellbeing	Suman McCartney, CSO
Report Deadline: 4 November 2019	Business Improvement (including complaints, quality assurance, key productivity improvement) - TBC	Dr Tim O'Neill, Director for Education (TBC)
11 December 2019	Cllr Kate Booth, Cabinet Member for Children's Wellbeing	Suman McCartney, CSO
Report Deadline: 2 December 2019	TBC	TBC
22 January 2020	Cllr Kate Booth, Cabinet Member for Children's Wellbeing	Suman McCartney, CSO
Report Deadline: 13 January 2020	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
12 February 2020	Cllr Kate Booth, Cabinet Member for Children's Wellbeing	Suman McCartney, CSO



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Report Deadline: 3 February 2020	Update on the Child Poverty Action Forum (TBC)	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
11 March 2020 Report Deadline: 2 March 2020	Cllr Kate Booth, Cabinet Member for Children's Wellbeing	Suman McCartney, CSO
	School Attainment (detailed data) and School Improvement (TBC)	Dr Tim O'Neill, Director For Education and Skills; Julie Young, AD Education Safeguarding; Tim Boyes, CEX, BEP; Tracy Ruddle, Director of Continuous School Improvement, BEP and Shagufta Anwar, Senior Intelligence Officer
8 April 2020 Report Deadline: 30 March 2020	Cllr Kate Booth, Cabinet Member for Children's Wellbeing	Suman McCartney, CSO
	Cllr Jayne Francis, Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and Culture (TBC)	Laura Hendry, CSO
	Childcare Sufficiency Annual Report (TBC)	Sarah Sinclair, AD, Children and Young People Commissioning, Lindsey Trivett, Head of Early Years, Childcare and Children's Centres and Clare Nankivell, Data, Performance & Information Strategy Manager

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

- The Learning, Culture and Physical Activity undertook evidence gathering for the Young People and Mental Health Inquiry. Members have requested an update from Forward Thinking Birmingham on this.
- SEND and Exclusions.
- Fostering and Adoption.

6 Outstanding Tracking

Inquiry	Outstanding Recommendations	Date of Tracking
Corporate Parenting 4 April 2017 report to City Council	R1 – R7 Update on recommendations due on 17 April 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&S Committee. Responsibility: Cabinet Member for Children, Families & 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
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	

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 Education and Children's Social Care O&S Committee's remit.

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	
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
000232/2015	School Organisation Issues which may include Closures, Amalgamations, Opening of a new school – Standing Item	30 Jun 17	
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	
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	



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
006771/2019	Performance Monitoring, April to May 2019	30 Jul 19	

8.2 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