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BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

SCHOOLS, CHILDREN AND FAMILIES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, 18 OCTOBER 2017 AT 13:30 HOURS
IN COMMITTEE ROOMS 3 & 4, COUNCIL HOUSE, VICTORIA
SQUARE, BIRMINGHAM, B1 1BB

A G E N D A

1 NOTICE OF RECORDING/WEBCAST

The Chairman to advise/meeting to note that this meeting will be webcast for live or subsequent broadcast via the Council's Internet site (www.birminghamnewsroom.com) and that members of the press/public may record and take photographs except where there are confidential or exempt items.

2 APOLOGIES

To receive any apologies.

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3 ACTION NOTES

To confirm the action notes of the meeting held on the 13 September 2017.

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4 TRACKING CHILDREN MISSING FROM HOME AND CARE AND
UPDATE ON CSE

Superintendent Paul Drover, West Midlands Police; Alastair Gibbons, Executive Director for Children Services; Debbie Currie, AD Child Protection, Performance & Partnership; Margaret Gough, CSE Co-ordinator; Jon Needham, School Advisor - Safeguarding and David Bishop, Head of Service Children Out Of School in attendance.

Members are asked to note the update and assess progress on the Children Missing from Home and Care Inquiry recommendation 2 - 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.

5 **TRACKING: CORPORATE PARENTING**

Andy Pepper, AD, Children in Care Provider Services and Natalie Loon, Corporate Parenting Support Officer in attendance.

Members are asked to note the update and provide an assessment on the recommendations.

6 **WORK PROGRAMME**

For discussion.

7 **DATE OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

To note the dates of future meetings on the following Wednesdays at 1330 hours in the Council House as follows:-

13 December, 2017 (Committee Room 2)

17 January, 2018

14 February, 2018

21 March, 2018

25 April, 2018

8 **REQUEST(S) FOR CALL IN/COUNCILLOR CALL FOR ACTION/PETITIONS RECEIVED (IF ANY)**

To consider any request for call in/councillor call for action/petitions (if received).

9 **OTHER URGENT BUSINESS**

To consider any items of business by reason of special circumstances (to be specified) that in the opinion of the Chairman are matters of urgency.

10 **AUTHORITY TO CHAIRMAN AND OFFICERS**

Chairman to move:-

'In an urgent situation between meetings, the Chair jointly with the relevant Chief Officer has authority to act on behalf of the Committee'.

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

SCHOOLS, CHILDREN AND FAMILIES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY (O&S) COMMITTEE – PUBLIC MEETING

13:30 hours on Wednesday 13 September 2017, Committee Rooms 3 & 4 – Actions

Present:

Councillor Barry Bowles (Acting Chair)

Councillors: Sue Anderson, Matt Bennett, Kate Booth, Debbie Clancy, Shabrana Hussain and Mike Sharpe.

Other Voting Representatives: Evette Clarke, Parent Governor Representative and Sarah Smith, Church of England Diocese Representative

Also Present:

Andy Couldrick, Chief Executive, Birmingham Children's Trust

Seamus Gaynor, Head of Strategic Management

Rose Kiely, Group Manager, Scrutiny Office

Alan Michell, Interim Operational Manager, Schools Admissions

Gail Sadler, Research & Policy Officer, Scrutiny Office

Sarah Sinclair, Interim AD (Commissioning) Children's Services

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2. APPOINTMENT OF NEW REPRESENTATIVES

Cllr Barry Bowles (Acting Chair) noted the appointment of the new representatives, Councillor Mike Sharpe and Adam Hardy, Roman Catholic Diocese Representative made by the City Council for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of the City Council in 2018.

3. APOLOGIES

Apologies were submitted on behalf of:

Councillors: Susan Barnett (Chair), Julie Johnson, Chauhdry Rashid, Martin Straker Welds and Alex Yip.

Adam Hardy, Roman Catholic Diocese Representative.

4. ACTION NOTES

Action notes of the meeting held on 12th July 2017 were confirmed.

5. CHILDREN'S TRUST

Andy Couldrick, Chief Executive, Children's Trust and Sarah Sinclair, Interim AD (Commissioning) Children's Services presented the item.

Members raised a number of issues including:

- Agency staff – currently 19% of the children's social care workforce are agency staff which is high compared to the national figure of 17%. The agency staff contracts will transfer from the City Council to the Children's Trust. The intention is to become a centre for excellence and retain and recruit permanent staff as quickly as possible.

Cllr Debbie Clancy asked that the committee be kept informed of the situation regarding staff recruitment and retention.

- VAT – reference was made to an extract from Cabinet papers that stated "Pending further progress on that the Secretary of State has agreed to meet any additional costs arising from the VAT treatment of the Birmingham Children's Trust." Reassurances were sought that the guarantee would not be for just 12 months but long term. Members were informed that there is a meeting at the end of September where a number of existing Trusts and the Department for Education would discuss various issues and that question would be high on the agenda.

The Members requested to be kept updated on the VAT position.

- Trust premises – in response to a question enquiring if there were plans to relocate from the current headquarters in Lancaster Circus in order to create its own identity, Members were advised there were no current plans, but this will be kept under review by the Trust Board.

RESOLVED:

That further reports will be presented to Committee as set out in the reporting / accountability Service Delivery Contract.

6. FAIR ACCESS PROTOCOL CONSULTATION

Alan Michell, Interim School Admissions Operational Manager presented the item.

Members' comments included:

- Disappointment about the number of responses received to the consultation online (Beheard). Details to be circulated to Members on how and when they consulted with School Governors.
- What are the differences between the 2014 protocol and the new one and how can you measure success? How will they demonstrate that they are making a difference? What is the current position? These issues should be addressed in the next report to be submitted to Committee.
- How was it that the Fair Access Protocol produced in 2015 did not reflect the requirements in the 2014 DfE School Admission Code in that it did not include all the groups of children that should have been included and it did not include grammar schools or 14-19 university technical colleges or the studio school? Cllr Matt Bennett suggested that the Committee write to the Cabinet Member to find out how that came to be.
- Cllr Barry Bowles raised a query about the legalities of children excluded from school and the six day challenge and implications for the City Council of failing to meet that requirement. Alan Michell agreed to refer the query to another department for a response.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

A further report to be submitted to Committee which addresses any outstanding issues raised and a clear performance framework to include headline data on the numbers of children that have been identified through the Fair Access Protocol and the timeframes by which they were put back into a suitable school.

7. WORK PROGRAMME

RESOLVED:

The work programme was noted.

8. DATE OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Noted.

9. REQUEST(S) FOR CALL IN/COUNCILLOR CALL FOR ACTION/PETITIONS

None.

10. OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

Cllr Debbie Clancy, on behalf of the Committee, wanted to send best wishes to all the students of Birmingham on their GSE results and wished them well for the future.

11. AUTHORITY TO CHAIRMAN AND OFFICERS

RESOLVED:

That in an urgent situation between meetings the Chair, jointly with the relevant Chief Officer, has authority to act on behalf of the Committee.

The meeting ended at 1450 hours.

SCF O&S Committee Meeting October 18th 2017

Update on Children Missing from Home & Care and update on CSE

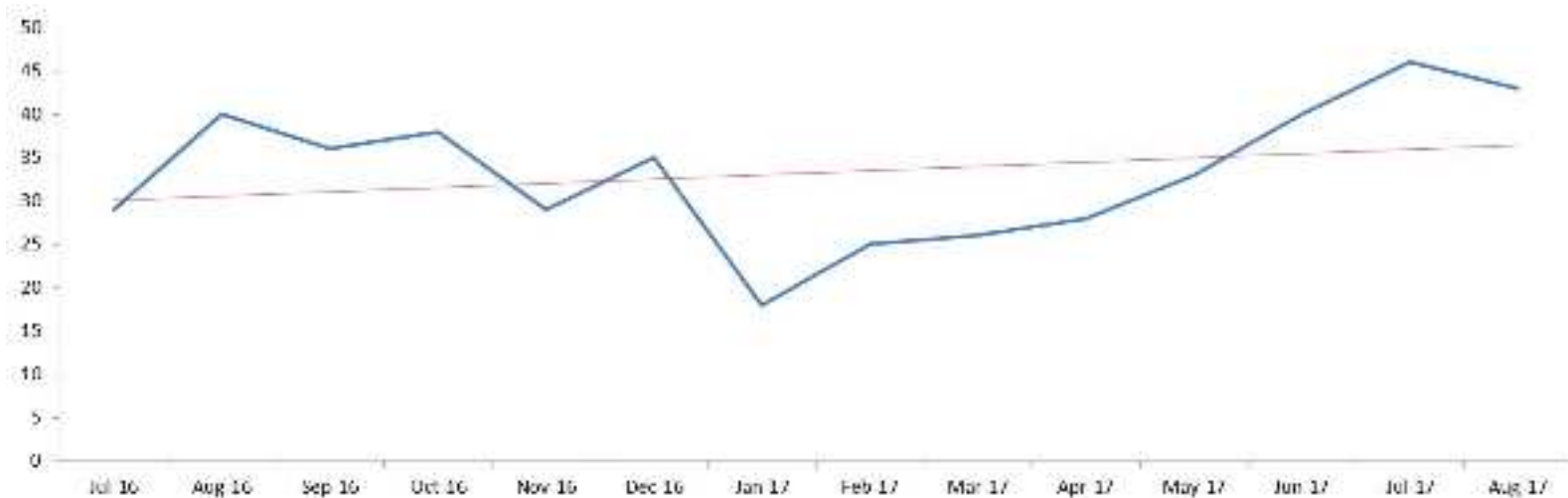
Ofsted May 17

- CSE Co-located Team now established and with increasing area focus
- Missing incorporated into wider function of CSE Team
- Multi agency daily triage discussion seen as positive

Oversight

- CSE and Missing Practice Evaluations- July 17
- Essex Visit- Improvement Partners CSE and Missing- September 17
- Missing Audit – September 17
- Missing Dip Sampling- Bi monthly schedule
- Scheduled CSE Peer Review- November 17

Missing

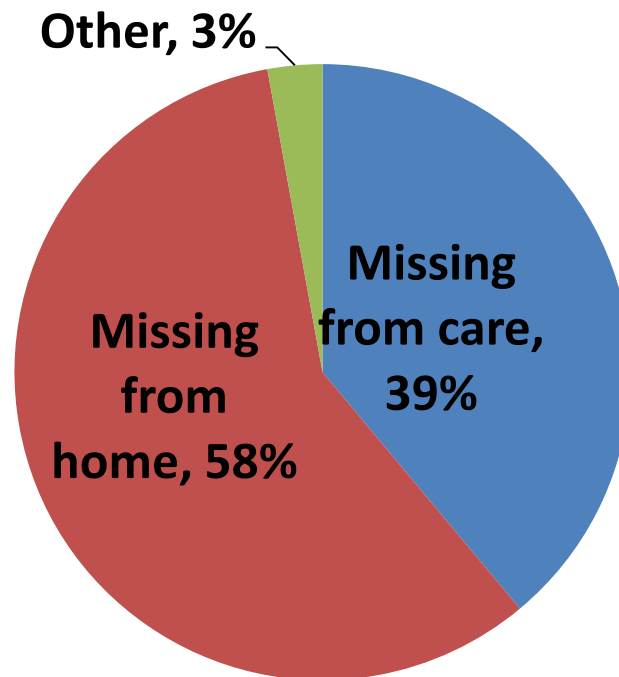


Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17	Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17	Jul-17	Aug-17
29	40	36	38	29	35	18	25	26	28	33	40	46	43

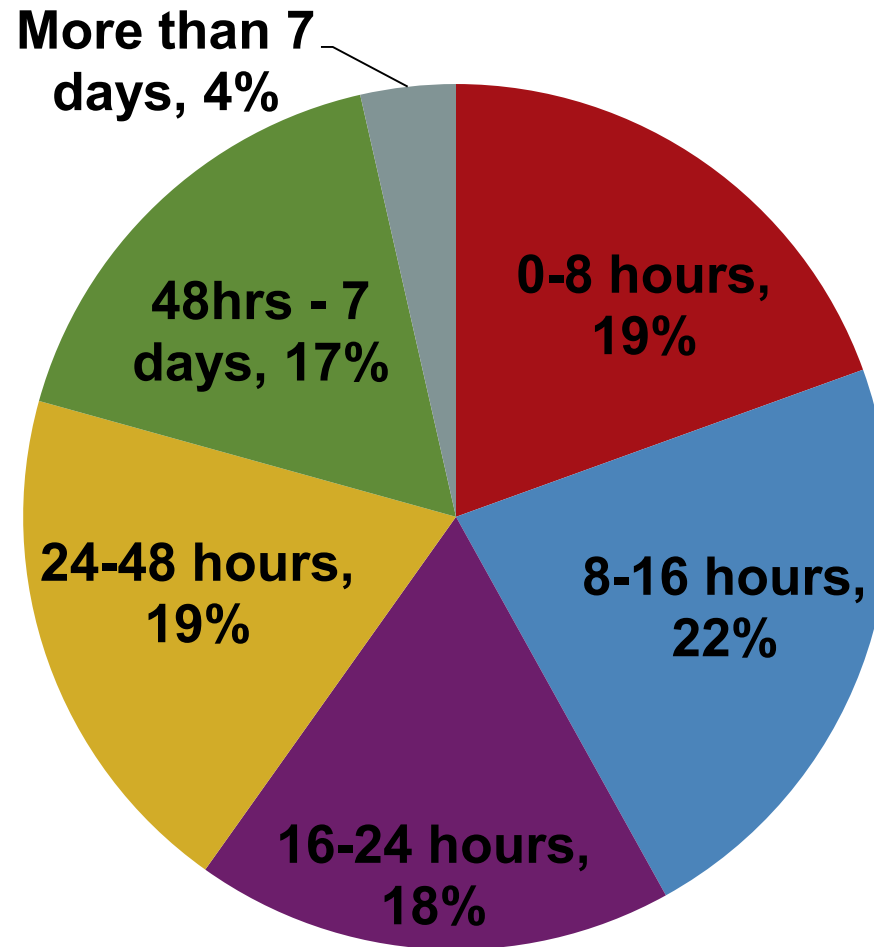
- Trend data from Missing Scorecard 1st September 2017. Overall a slight increase. This may be a seasonal variation combined with improved recording. Data will need to be monitored for a further 12 months to establish a final trend.
- An additional 331 notifications were received by The Children’s Society for missing episodes for children placed in Birmingham by other authorities.

Missing

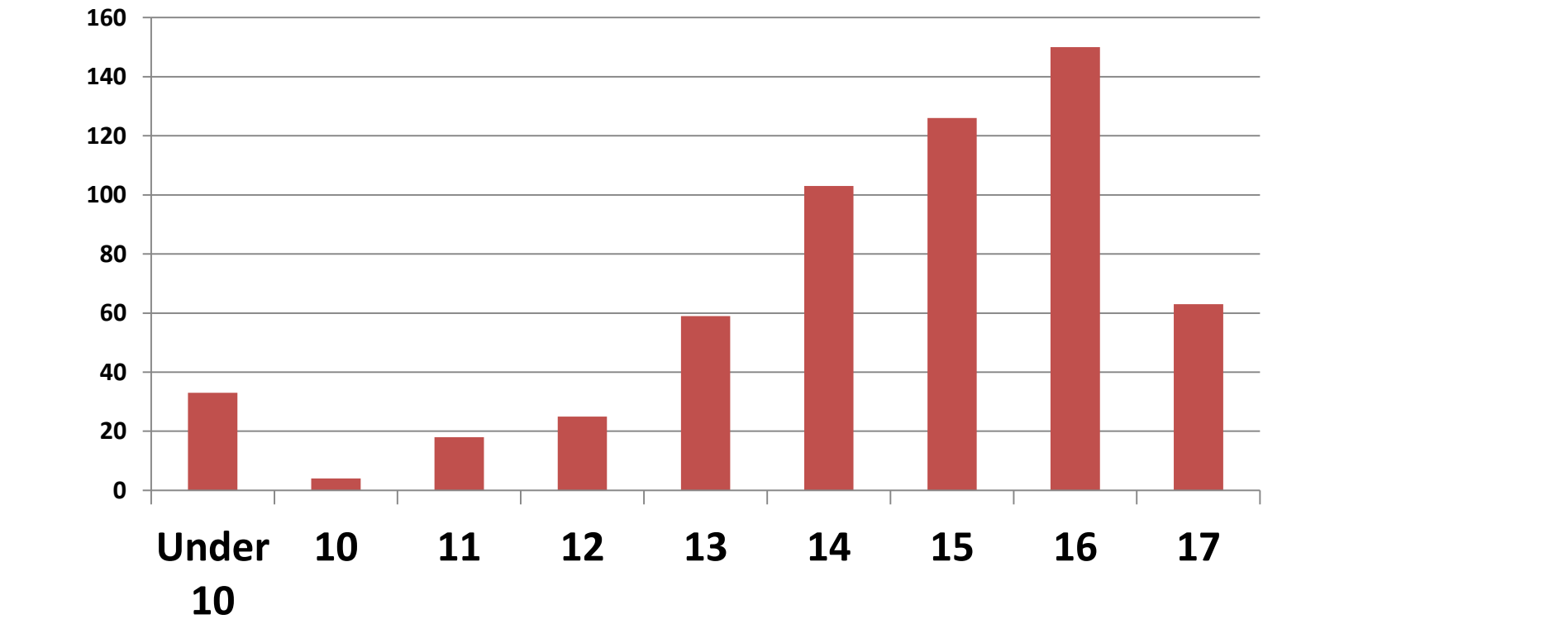
- Missing from home or from care



Immediate responses to missing



Missing



Missing

- 100% of young people are offered return home interview by The Children's Society
 - 27% successfully engaged in interview
 - 28% declined an interview
 - 48% did not engage with the interview process

- 48% of successful interviews are completed within 72 hours

Missing

- Intervention with 1st time missing
 - 341 episodes
 - 34% successfully engaged in interview
 - 84% have not gone missing again

- Issues experienced by young people who have gone missing
 - 25% mental and emotional health
 - 18% substance misuse
 - 12% Child Sexual Exploitation
 - 6.5% Offending and familial offending behaviour

Missing

- Young people said:-
 - 80% didn't think they were in any danger when they went missing
 - 64% will try and let someone know where they are in the future
 - 71% learnt some tips for keeping themselves safe from RHI
 - 62% learnt there are other ways of solving problems rather than going missing
 - 56% would not go missing again

Missing – The Challenges

- Delays in information sharing
- Young people going missing again before RHI can be conducted
- Difficulty in arranging RHI's in schools
- Lack of awareness of parents, foster carers and residential homes of importance of interviews
- High numbers of young people placed in Birmingham by other authorities
- Disparity between arrangements with other local authorities where Birmingham children are placed

CSE – What is good support?

Young people talked about:

- the importance of building relationships, being able to get on with professionals and being able to trust them.
- feeling that they were being listened to and that they were in control of the situation
- professionals waiting until the young person is ready and then being there for them
- not judging and being honest
- more support needed in schools, colleges and communities

“Every young person should have choices - different people, different things”

CSE – What is good support?

Parents said:

- *We had to explain our situation to three different workers. Then when the third worker was beginning to build a relationship, she was changed and we were given another worker. And I said “No, I’m not going through it all again. I am not willing to because I can’t keep coming in this room every few weeks, breaking down and telling these people my life story. It’s not right.”*
- *“All these years I’ve been waiting for it to come out. Ten years for me to get anybody to take some notice and say, she needs some help. And it took her to want to kill herself for somebody to say, Right, OK she can have counselling and support.”*
- *“Social services told me that we did everything right, they can’t do nothing for me. They sent her on a two week holiday, to give me some respite. That was it. It was a bit like, “Well, I don’t mean to be funny but my child’s just been abused and you took her away on holiday for a week”. Really, “right now she should be here with me and we should be working as a family unit to make sure she’s OK but you sent her horse riding, and I don’t get that logic”.*

CSE episodes opened: July 16 to September 17



CSE trend data from CSE score card—1st September 2017. The risk data is from a report on CSE Episodes, high and medium risk, opened and closed during the same period. The reason closed episodes were analysed was to establish the average number of days open and also whether the risk had been reduced. Low risk cases are not recorded as an episode, the 22 indicated above are part of legacy data.

Training

- Officers from Licensing have delivered training to MASE Chairs and officers from West Midlands Police to raise awareness of the Licensing process and how to raise concerns. The training has been well received and has led to improved information sharing.
- It is recognised that there can be misunderstanding or lack of awareness concerning what information can be acted upon, or what interventions are available.
- More training is planned for West Midlands Police, but can also be provided to other service areas where required.

Provider Support

- Provider Forum took place in September. Issues discussed were CSE, Missing and wider exploitation.
- Organised by Commissioning. All providers offering accommodation in Birmingham were invited.
- Supported by Partnership and LOCATE Police. Childrens Society, CSE Health and CSE Childrens Services and Area Co-ordinators (Don't know Norah's role- capacity she was speaking in on the day.

Believe in children Barnardo's



Birmingham Space

Rob Cotterill
Children's Services Manager



Birmingham Space

- Therapeutic Basis
- Hub and Spoke Model
- Historical Context
- Evolution of Partnership
- National Strategy

Some Statistics from Birmingham Space...

Referrals into Birmingham Space for direct work between April and June 2017.

- 40 new referrals
- 91 open cases carried forward; engaged in service and receiving support

Demographic Information

- 85.5% female, 14.5% male
- 58% White British, 42% - BAME

Barnardo's 4A's Approach

Access

- ✓ Friendly, welcoming and safe service
- ✓ Easy referral process
- ✓ Practical support facilities in some locations
- ✓ 'One stop' multi-disciplinary team in some areas
- ✓ Open and honest intervention – 'no secrets' policy
- ✓ Respectful of child's choices and rights
- ✓ Support on child's terms, at their pace
- ✓ Non-time limited intervention where possible
- ✓ Group work where possible

Attention

- ✓ Consistent and persistent attention from a trusted adult
- ✓ Safe and secure relationship formed with their key worker but also a team response when in crisis
- ✓ Therapeutic response that demonstrates genuine care and concern and begins to counteract the attention from abusers
- ✓ Strengths based model of working, not deficit model
- ✓ Recognition of positive change through rewards
- ✓ Holistic attention about the child's life

Assertive Outreach

- ✓ Core belief that no child is 'un-engagable'
- ✓ Establishing and maintaining contact – not giving up
- ✓ Flexible, responsive approach
- ✓ Tracking children down
- ✓ Making engagement easier for child
- ✓ Meeting Child on their Terms and their Turf

Advocacy

- ✓ Mediation work
- ✓ Educating and influencing external professionals
- ✓ Conveying the child's voice and wishes
- ✓ Ensuring their needs are not overlooked
- ✓ Advocacy for effective care and safety plans



“PROMISCUOUS”

CHALLENGING
ISOLATED

CHALLENGING
DIFFICULT TO
ENGAGE

CREATIVE

BRUMMIE

ADOPTED

GANGSTA GIRL

DAUGHTER

UNDERACHIEVER

“PUTS HERSELF AT RISK

“WASTING TIME”

VICTIM

LOVES KITTENS

SEXUAL ABUSE

CARES ABOUT HER APPEARANCE

Amy – aged 15

Reason for Referral

- Referral from a mental health agency following completion of their work.

Identified issues:

- Victim of multiple rapes
- Alcohol and drug use
- Attachment disorder traits

Presenting Issues

- Low self-esteem
- Mental health issues on-going
- Lack of trust in criminal justice process shaped by previous experiences of police and social care
- Not accessing education

Interventions

Access

- ✓ Invest and build a trusting relationship
- ✓ Child-centred needs assessment
- ✓ Working at her pace
- ✓ Flexibility
- ✓ Creative session locations

Attention

- ✓ Evidence informed model of work, with this young person utilised attachment and resilience theories
- ✓ Trauma-informed approach
- ✓ Respecting the child's confidentiality whilst building their support network via communication with family members and wider partners

Assertive Outreach

- ✓ Core belief that no child is 'un-engagable'
- ✓ Establishing and maintaining contact – not giving up
- ✓ Meeting Child on their Terms and their Turf
- ✓ Send a text each week even if they've told you they don't want to engage
- ✓ Be persistent and consistent

Advocacy

- ✓ Attendance at Child Protection meetings
- ✓ Sharing their views
- ✓ Having 'difficult conversations' with partners
- ✓ Challenging unhelpful language used by family and professional team
- ✓ Keeping the child at the centre.
- ✓ Enabling and facilitating appointments

Impact

Outcomes framework
tracks progress from
initial to final
assessment

Enhanced parent/carer/adult - child relationships

Ability to express feelings

Knowledge of sexual health strategies

Reduced/safer consumption of controlled substances

Able to identify abusive/exploitative behaviour

Recovery from sexual abuse/exploitation

Able to describe safety strategies

Reduced association with risky peers/adults

Remains in regular contact with the service

Satisfactory school/college attendance

Working together



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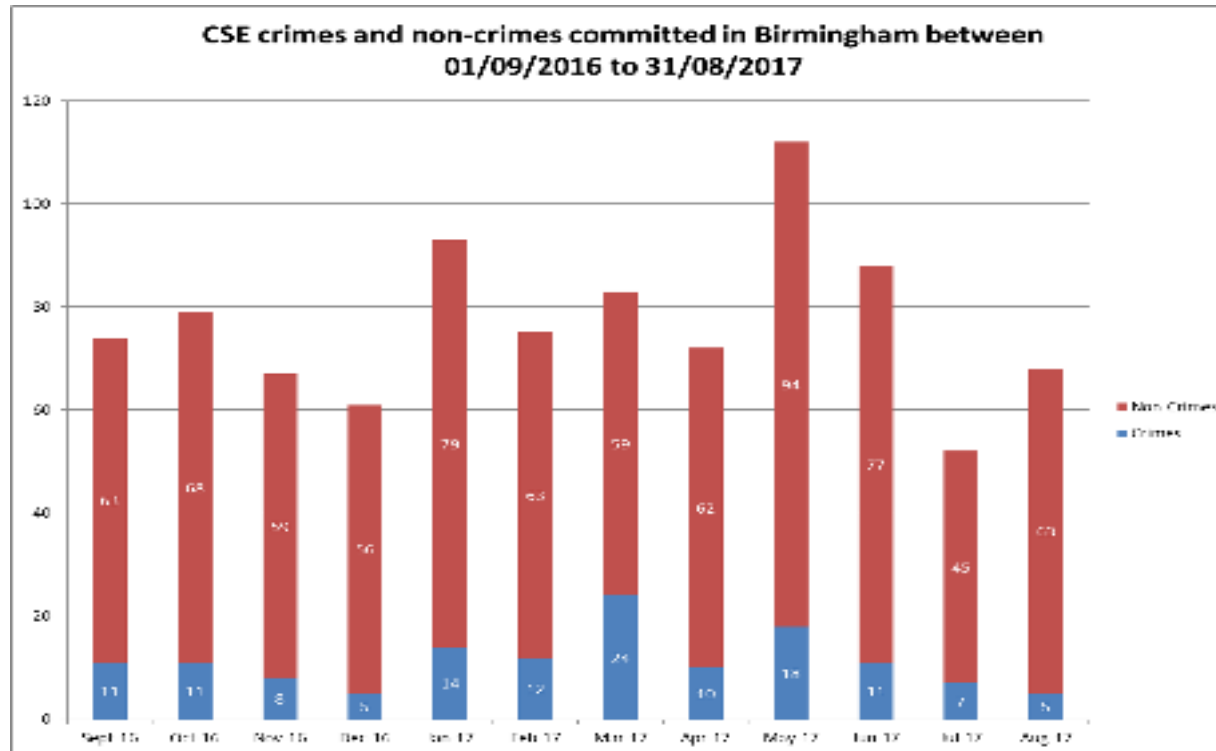


CSE Crimes and Non-crimes in Birmingham

The following document will provide details relating to all Crimes and non-crimes in Birmingham allocated a CSE Special Interest Marker that were **committed** during the 12 month period 01/09/2016 to 31/08/2017.

- There were **924** committed incidents allocated a CSE Special Interest Marker during the period 01/09/2016 to 31/08/2017 (**136 crimes**, and **788 non-crimes**).

The chart below shows a monthly breakdown of the volume of crimes and non-crimes



- Fifty two (**38.24%**) of the 136 crimes are currently ongoing investigations without outcome codes.
- Outcomes are known for 703 (**76%**) of the 924 incidents. The table overleaf displays the outcomes of the 703 incidents:

Home Office Outcome Code	Description	Crime	Non Crime	Grand Total
NC1	Downgraded to non-crime	1	462	463
OC20	Action undertaken by another body/agency	7	145	152
OC18	Investigation complete no suspect identified	29	7	36
OC16	Evidential difficulties (victim does not support action)	20	5	25
OC1A	Charged/Summoned	10		10
OC15	Evidential difficulties (suspect identified; victim supports action)	8		8
OC1B	Charged/Summoned - Postal Charge	3		3
OC21	Further investigation to support formal action not in the public interest	2		2
OC14	Evidential difficulties (victim does not support action)	2		2
OC1D	Charged/Summoned - Charged with alternate offence	2		2

- Of the 136 crimes committed during the 12 month period, 84 (62%) have been finalised. Of those that have been finalised, 20 (24%) had a positive outcome (Outcome 1-10,21 or NC1)
- The 924 incidents relate to 506 different victims. There were 180 people who were victims of more than one incident. This equates to a repeat rate of 35.57%.
- Offender details were known and recorded in 108 (79.4%) of the 136 crimes. There were 93 different offenders with 11 people being offenders in more than one offence. This equates to a repeat rate of 11.83%.
- When looking at all incidents, offender details were recorded in 196 incidents. There were 162 different offenders.
- All findings are accurate as of 06/10/2017.



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Report of:	Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Schools
To:	Schools, Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Date:	18 October 2017

Progress Report on Implementation: Corporate Parenting Inquiry

Review Information

Date approved at City Council:	4 April 2017
Member who led the original review:	Cllr Susan Barnett
Lead Officer for the review:	Benita Wishart
Date progress last tracked:	This is the First Tracking Report

1. In approving this Inquiry the City Council asked me, as the appropriate Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Schools, to report on progress towards these recommendations to this Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
2. Details of progress with the remaining recommendations are shown in Appendix 2.
3. Members are therefore asked to consider progress against the recommendations and give their view as to how progress is categorized for each.

Appendices

1	Scrutiny Office guidance on the tracking process
2	Recommendations you are tracking today

For more information about this report, please contact

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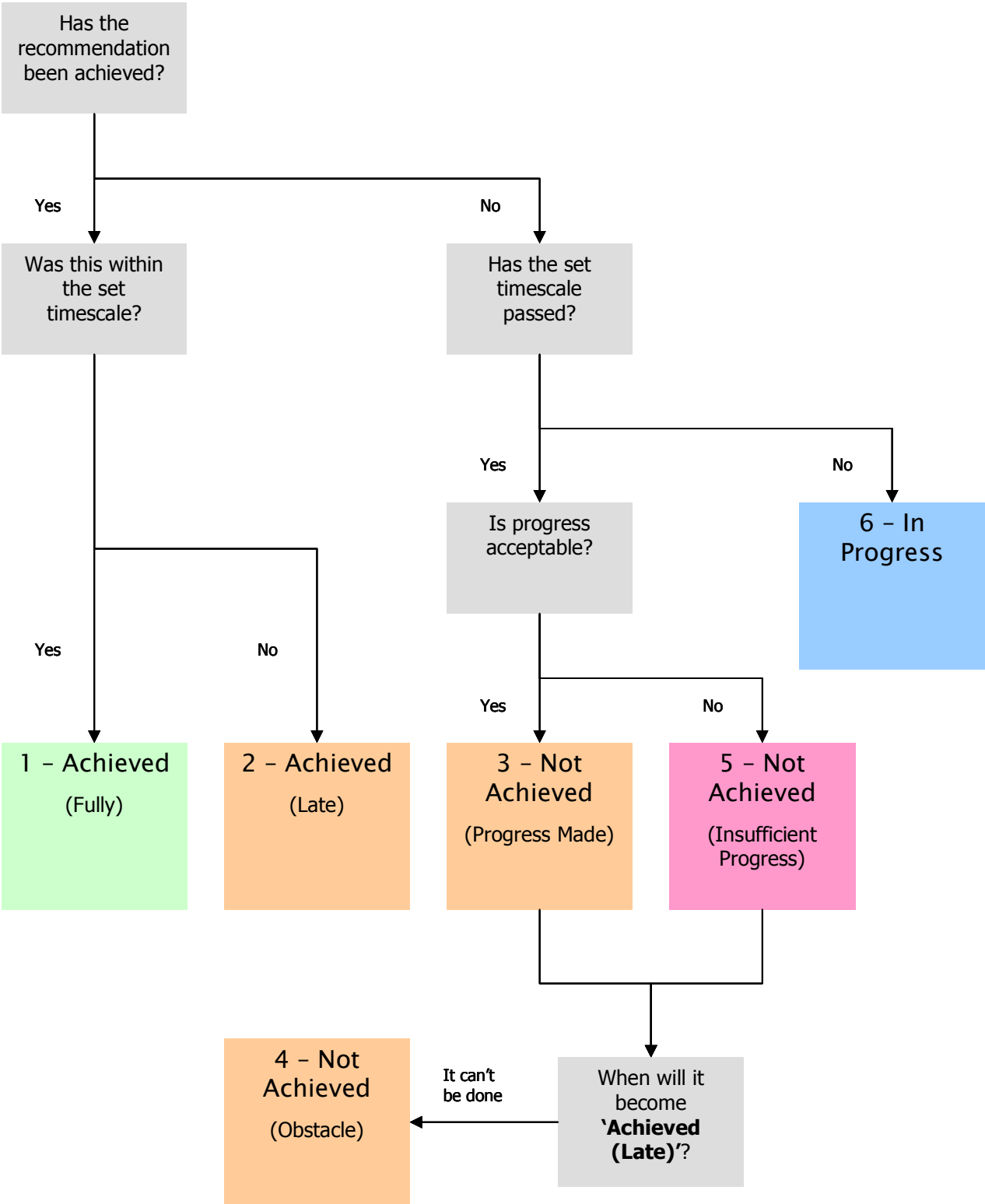
Appendix 1: The Tracking Process

In making its assessment, the Committee may wish to consider:

- What progress/ key actions have been made against each recommendation?
- Are these actions pertinent to the measures required in the recommendation?
- Have the actions been undertaken within the time scale allocated?
- Are there any matters in the recommendation where progress is outstanding?
- Is the Committee satisfied that sufficient progress has been made and that the recommendation has been achieved?

Category	Criteria
1: Achieved (Fully)	The evidence provided shows that the recommendation has been fully implemented within the timescale specified.
2: Achieved (Late)	The evidence provided shows that the recommendation has been fully implemented but not within the timescale specified.
3: Not Achieved (Progress Made)	The evidence provided shows that the recommendation has not been fully achieved, but there has been significant progress made towards full achievement. An anticipated date by which the recommendation is expected to become achieved must be advised.
4: Not Achieved (Obstacle)	The evidence provided shows that the recommendation has not been fully achieved, but all possible action has been taken. Outstanding actions are prevented by obstacles beyond the control of the Council (such as passage of enabling legislation).
5: Not Achieved (Insufficient Progress)	The evidence provided shows that the recommendation has not been fully achieved and there has been insufficient progress made towards full achievement. An anticipated date by which the recommendation is expected to become achieved must be advised.
6: In Progress	It is not appropriate to monitor achievement of the recommendation at this time because the timescale specified has not yet expired.

The Tracking Process



Appendix 2: Progress with Recommendations

No.	Recommendation	Responsibility	Original Date For Completion	Cabinet Member's Assessment
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.	All Councillors	April 2017	3 – Not achieved (progress made)

Evidence of Progress (and Anticipated Completion Date if 'Not Achieved')

105 (87%) Councillors completed the menu of involvement and this was published on the City Council's website in June 2017. The delay was mainly due to the timing of the general election in May.

The Scrutiny Office will send out the survey requesting an update from the Councillors in January 2018.

No.	Recommendation	Responsibility	Original Date For Completion	Cabinet Member's Assessment
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.	Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Schools	May 2018	6 – In progress

Evidence of Progress (and Anticipated Completion Date if 'Not Achieved')

Work is about to commence on this recommendation. A handbook will be created along with an interactive film. This will be completed within timescale.

No.	Recommendation	Responsibility	Original Date For Completion	Cabinet Member's Assessment
R03	Training is offered to Councillors in the first couple of weeks of becoming a Councillor.	Deputy Leader	May 2018	6 – In progress

Evidence of Progress (and Anticipated Completion Date if 'Not Achieved')

Training was completed for new Councillors and will continue. We need to develop a new champion structure due to the changes in district structures.

No.	Recommendation	Responsibility	Original Date For Completion	Cabinet Member's Assessment
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.	District Corporate Parent Champions	July 2017	3 – Not Achieved (Progress Made)

Evidence of Progress (and Anticipated Completion Date if 'Not Achieved')

There are 56 children's homes in Birmingham. 20 homes have not yet been visited by elected members. 12 children's homes with Birmingham children in them have not had a visit.

Of these 20, 8 do not have any BCC children, so whilst we might encourage an elected member to make contact with the home and introduce themselves and they may like to visit the home to gain an understanding of the service in their ward, there is no direct Corporate Parenting role for Birmingham children.

No.	Recommendation	Responsibility	Original Date For Completion	Cabinet Member's Assessment
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.	Cabinet Member for Transparency, Openness and Equality	October 2017	1 – Fully Achieved

Evidence of Progress (and Anticipated Completion Date if 'Not Achieved')

The constitution was revised by Council at its meeting on 11th July 2017 and the following inserted in section 12 (Executive reports process) as part of the revised report template for all executive reports. This can be found at page 119, paragraph 5 :

Members are reminded of their Corporate Parenting responsibility when considering Cabinet reports. You should always consider what impact a particular decision may have on children in care, whether this is direct or indirect. If there are likely impacts, the Cabinet report should include this in the body of the report. At all times you should be thinking "What does this mean for children in care?" when carrying out council business.

No.	Recommendation	Responsibility	Original Date For Completion	Cabinet Member's Assessment
R06	The AD, Children in Care Provider Services presents an annual Corporate Parenting Board report to the Schools, Children and Families O&S Committee.	Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Schools	February 2018	6 – In progress

Evidence of Progress (and Anticipated Completion Date if 'Not Achieved')

The annual Corporate Parenting Board report will be presented to the Schools, Children and Families O&S Committee on the 14th February 2018.

No.	Recommendation	Responsibility	Original Date For Completion	Cabinet Member's Assessment
R07	Progress towards achievement of these recommendations should be reported to the Schools, Children and Families O&S Committee no later than October 2017. Subsequent progress reports will be scheduled by the Committee thereafter, until all recommendations are implemented.	Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Schools	October 2017	1 – Achieved Fully

Evidence of Progress (and Anticipated Completion Date if 'Not Achieved')

An update is being provided at today's meeting and a further update will be provided.



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

Chair: Cllr Susan Barnett

Committee Members: Cllrs: Sue Anderson; Matt Bennett; Kate Booth; Barry Bowles; Debbie Clancy; Shabrana Hussain; Julie Johnson; Chauhdry Rashid; Mike Sharpe, Martin Straker-Welds and Alex Yip

Representatives: Samera Ali, Parent Governor; Evette Clarke, Parent Governor, Adam Hardy, Roman Catholic Diocese; and Sarah Smith, Church of England Diocese

Officer Support: Link Officer: Seamus Gaynor

Scrutiny Team: Emma Williamson (464 6870) Amanda Simcox (675 8444)

Committee Manager: Louisa Nisbett (303 9844)

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 plus workshop in November 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 in December 2017)
- 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	<p>Informal meeting to discuss the Work Programme.</p> <p>Outcome: <i>This discussion has informed the work programme</i></p>	
<p>12 July 2017 At 2pm</p> <p>Send out: 4 Jul 2017</p>	<p>The Education and Children's Social Care Improvement Journey</p> <p>Outcome:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Briefing note has been requested on children missing school e.g. home schooled and a briefing can be set up.</i> <i>An update on return home interviews to be provided.</i> <i>A briefing note on family support to be provided (awaiting details of what needs to be included from Members).</i> 	<p>Cllr Brigid Jones, Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Schools and Colin Diamond, Interim Corporate Director, Children and Young People</p>
	<p>Birmingham's new Strategy for SEND (Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities) and Inclusion Consultation</p> <p>Outcome:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>The committee fed into the consultation.</i> 	<p>Jill Crosbie, AD, SEND; Marie Dobson, Project Manager, Education Services and Professor Geoff Lindsay, Chair, Inclusion Commission</p>
<p>13 September 2017</p> <p>Send out: 5 Sep 17</p>	<p>Children's Trust</p> <p>(In addition there was a briefing session for all Councillors on 11th July 2017 and the July's Cabinet report has been forwarded to the Committee).</p> <p>Outcome:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>That further reports will be presented to Committee as set out in the reporting / accountability Service Delivery Contract.</i> 	<p>Andy Couldrick, Chief Executive, Birmingham Children's Trust and Sarah Sinclair, Interim AD (Commissioning) Children's Services</p>
	<p>Fair Access Protocol Consultation</p> <p>Outcome:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>A further report to be submitted to Committee which addresses any outstanding issues raised and a clear performance framework to include headline data on the numbers of children that have been identified through the Fair Access Protocol and the timeframes by which they were put back into a suitable school.</i> 	<p>Alan Michell, Interim Operational Manager, Schools Admissions</p>



All at 1.30 pm in Committee Rooms 3 & 4	Session / Outcome	Officers / Attendees
18 October 2017 Send out: 10 Oct 2017	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 WMP to come back with Evaluation report regarding locating missing people to be included in update.	Superintendent Paul Drover, West Midlands Police Alastair Gibbons, Executive Director for Children Services Debbie Currie, AD Child Protection, Performance & Partnership and Margaret Gough, CSE Co-ordinator Jon Needham, School Advisor - Safeguarding and David Bishop, Head of Service Children Out Of School
	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 and Natalie Loon, Corporate Parenting Support Officer
22 November 2017 Workshop	Children's Trust Workshop Dave Hill, the new Children's Social Care Commissioner, Andy Couldrick, Chief Executive, Children's Trust and Sarah Sinclair, Interim AD (Commissioning) Children's Services	Kalbir Sangha, Project Manager, Programme and Projects Team and Seamus Gaynor, Children's Trust
13 December 2017 Room 2 Send out: 5 Dec 2017	Birmingham Safeguarding Children Board (BSCB) Annual report.	Penny Thompson, Chair of BSCB and Simon Cross, Business Manager
	Citywide School Attainment Statistics – Headline data	Colin Diamond 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.	Dawn Roberts, AD, Early Help and Trevor Brown, Head Of Youth Offending Services



All at 1.30 pm in Committee Rooms 3 & 4	Session / Outcome	Officers / Attendees
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)
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.	Andy Pepper, AD, Children in Care Provider Services and Natalie Loon, Corporate Parenting Support Officer
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
25 April 2018 Send out: 17 Apr 2018	TBC	
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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

<p>ASTI = Assessment and Short Term Intervention</p> <p>BEP = Birmingham Education Partnership</p> <p>BSCB = Birmingham Safeguarding Children Board</p> <p>CAF = Common Assessment Framework</p> <p>CAFCASS = Child & Family Court Advisory Support Service</p> <p>CAMHS = Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services</p> <p>CASS = Children's Advice and Support Service</p> <p>CIC = Children in Care</p> <p>CICC = Children in Care Council</p> <p>COBS = City of Birmingham School</p> <p>CPR = Child Protection Register</p> <p>CRB = Criminal Records Bureau</p> <p>CSE = Child Sexual Exploitation</p> <p>DfE = Department for Education</p> <p>DV = Domestic Violence</p>	<p>EDT = Emergency Duty Team</p> <p>EFA = Education Funding Agency</p> <p>EHE = Elective Home Education</p> <p>EYFS = Early Years Foundation stage</p> <p>FCAF = Family Common Assessment Framework</p> <p>FGM = Female Genital Mutilation</p> <p>FSM = Free School Meals</p> <p>IRO = Independent Reviewing Officer</p> <p>Key Stage 1 (Ages 5-7) Years 1 and 2</p> <p>Key Stage 2 (Ages 7-11) Years 3, 4, 5 and 6</p> <p>Key Stage 3 (Ages 11-14) Years 7, 8 and 9</p> <p>Key Stage 4 (Ages 14-16) Years 10 & 11</p> <p>Key Stage 5 (ages 16 – 18)</p> <p>LSCB = Local Safeguarding Children Board</p> <p>MASH = Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub</p> <p>NEET = Not in Education, Employment or Training</p> <p>NRPF = No Recourse to Public Funds</p> <p>Ofsted = Office for Standards in Education</p>	<p>PCT = Primary Care Trust</p> <p>PEP = Pupil Education Plan</p> <p>PEX = Permanent Exclusions</p> <p>PIE = Pride in Education</p> <p>RAG = Red, Amber, Green</p> <p>SCR = Serious Case Review</p> <p>SEN = Special Educational Needs</p> <p>SENAR = SEN Assessment and Review</p> <p>SENDIASS = SEND Information, Advice and Support Service</p> <p>SENCO = Special Educational Needs Coordinator</p> <p>SEND = Special Educational Needs and Disability</p> <p>SEDP = Special Education Development Plan</p> <p>SGOs = Special Guardianship Orders</p> <p>TA=Teaching Assistant</p> <p>UASC = Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children</p> <p>YDC = Young Disabled Champions</p> <p>YOT = Youth Offending Team</p>
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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 Annexe) to meet Immediate Need and Demographic Growth for September 2016 Onwards – FBC	15 Aug 17
002307/2016	Council run Day Care Services – Review of delivery and future options for sustainability.	24 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	14 Nov 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	24 Oct 17
003961/2017	Early Years Health & Wellbeing Consultation Feedback and Service Model	24 Oct 17
004200/2017	Youth Justice Strategic Plan	24 Oct 17