



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, Chauhdry Rashid, Suzanne Webb and Alex Yip Education Representatives: Omar Hanif, Parent Governor; Adam Hardy, Roman Catholic Diocese; Rabia Shami, Parent Governor and Sarah Smith, Church of England Diocese
Officer Support:	Rose Kiely, Group Overview & Scrutiny Manager (303 1730) Amanda Simcox, Scrutiny Officer (675 8444)

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 December 2019.
 - Children Missing Education / Exclusions.
 - Children's Trust (October 2019) and a visit(s) to be arranged (a visit has been arranged for the 25th September 2019).
 - Child Poverty (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 (includes: Birmingham Safeguarding Children Partnership September 2019).
 - School Finance.
 - Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). To include



- Home to School Transport.
- 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, Education and Skills Directorate Consultant and Nichola Jones, AD, Inclusion and SEND
	Corporate Parenting Board Update	Andy Couldrick, Chief Executive and David Stringfellow, Director for Commissioning and Corporate Parenting, Children's Trust
11 September 2019 Report Deadline: 2 September 2019	Birmingham Safeguarding Children's Board Annual Report 2018/19 and launch of Birmingham Safeguarding Children's Partnership	Penny Thompson, Independent Chair of BSCP and Simon Cross, Business Manager
	Birmingham Against Female Genital Mutilation (BAFGM) Annual Report 2018/19	Detective Inspector Wendy Bird, Chair of BAFGM
	SEND To include update on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WSoA. • SEND reforms and quarterly monitoring with the DfE. • Progress on the development of a local area SEND Sufficiency Plan for Education, Health and Care services. • Progress with proposed milestones, timeline and accountability framework to underpin plans to move to a locality model. • Update on the Innovate to Save Programme. • Accountability Framework on funding to support the high needs block. 	Rachel O'Connor, Assistant Chief Executive, Birmingham and Solihull CCG and Nichola Jones, AD for Inclusion and SEND



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	<p>Cllr Jayne Francis, Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and Culture</p> <p>To include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remit and priorities for the year ahead 2019/20. • Strategy regarding academisation. • School deficit. 	Dr Tim O'Neill, Director for Education and Skills; Anne Ainsworth, AD for Employability and Skills and Alan Michell, School Admissions Operations Manager (Ceri Saunders, CSO)
25 September 2019 Visit	Assessment and Short-Term Intervention (ASTI) Team, Newtown	Christine Wellington, Head of Service ASTI-North West Central
9 October 2019 Report Deadline: 30 September 2019	Children's Trust Annual Review	Andrew Christie, Chair and Andy Couldrick, Chief Executive, Children's Trust
	<p>Safeguarding the Education of Vulnerable Children</p> <p>To include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further information about the graduated approach to avoiding exclusions and how this will be monitored. 	Steve Howell, Head Teacher, City of Birmingham Schools (COBs), Nichola Jones, AD for Inclusion and SEND, Lisa Fraser, AD, Education and Early Years and David Bishop, Head of Service, Alternative Provision, Attendance and Independent Schools
	School Attainment	Dr Tim O'Neill, Director for Education and Skills and Lisa Fraser, AD, Education and Early Years
29 October 2019	Visit to Lancaster Circus (Councillors: Kath Scott, Mohammed Aikhlaq and Barbara Dring)	David Bishop, Head of Service, Alternative Provision, Attendance and Independent Schools
13 November 2019 Committee Rooms 3 & 4 Report Deadline: 4 November 2019	Cllr Kate Booth, Cabinet Member for Children's Wellbeing	Suman McCartney, CSO
	Travel Assist Inquiry: Evidence Gathering and session being planned.	Nichola Jones, AD for Inclusion and SEND
11 December 2019 Report Deadline: 2 December 2019	Cllr Kate Booth, Cabinet Member for Children's Wellbeing	Suman McCartney, CSO
	SEND	Nichola Jones, AD for Inclusion and SEND
	Business Improvement (including complaints, quality assurance and key productivity improvement)	Dr Tim O'Neill, Director for Education and Viki Sullivan, Head of Business Improvement and Support



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22 January 2020 Report Deadline: 13 January 2020	Cllr Kate Booth, Cabinet Member for Children's Wellbeing	Suman McCartney, CSO
	Young People and Mental Health (an update from 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
	SEND	Nichola Jones, AD for Inclusion and SEND
12 February 2020 Report Deadline: 3 February 2020	Cllr Kate Booth, Cabinet Member for Children's Wellbeing	Suman McCartney, CSO
	Cabinet Member Update on Child Poverty	Councillor John Cotton, Cabinet Member for Social Inclusion, Community Safety & Equalities and Marcia Wynter, Cabinet Support Officer
	SEND	Nichola Jones, AD for Inclusion and SEND
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, Education and Skills; Lisa Fraser, AD Education and Early Years; Tim Boyes, CEX, BEP; Tracy Ruddle, Director of Continuous School Improvement, BEP and Shagufta Anwar, Senior Intelligence Officer
	Local Authority School Deficits (TBC)	Dr Tim O'Neill, Director, Education and Skills
	SEND	Nichola Jones, AD for Inclusion and SEND
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)	Ceri Saunders, CSO
	SEND	Nichola Jones, AD for Inclusion and SEND



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	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

5.1 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 and the update is programmed for the January 2020 committee meeting.

5.2 Members agreed that they would undertake the Home to School Transport / Travel Assist Inquiry:

Timescales:

Sep 2019	A call for evidence with Terms of Reference was circulated.
Nov 2019	Evidence gathering session.
4 Feb or 7 April 2020	A view to taking a report to City Council setting out the findings.



6 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	

7 Forward Plan for Cabinet Decisions

7.1 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.

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	See below
006852/2019	Performance Monitoring April to May 2019		30 Jul 19
006895/2019	Performance Monitoring Report - April to August 2019	29 Oct 19	
006897/2020	Performance Monitoring Report - April to November 2019	11 Feb 20	
006898/2020	Performance Monitoring Report - April 2019 to March 2020	23 Jun 20	

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	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
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



Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and Culture			
ID Number	Title	Proposed Date	Date of Decision
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	15 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	30 Jul 19
006889/2019	Small Heath Leadership Academy - Full Business Case	26 Nov 19	

7.2 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
006795/2019	Colmers Farm Primary School Capital Maintenance – Contract Award	Cabinet Members Education, Skills & Culture and Finance & Resources & Director for Education & Skills	4 Jul 2019
006798/2019	Proposal to alter the age range to establish Nursery Provision at Colebourne Primary School	Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and Culture & Director of Education & Skills	5 Jul 2019
006905/2019	Procurement Strategy for the Provision of Home to School Transport	Cabinet Members for Education, Skills and Culture; Children's Wellbeing; Health and Social Care and Finance and Resources jointly with the Director for Education and Skills	16 Aug 2019
007046/2019	Wyndcliffe Primary School – Full Business Case and Contract Award	Cabinet Members Education, Skills & Culture and Finance & Resources with the Director for Education & Skills	20 Sep 2019