

Birmingham City Council

Education, Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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Subject: Education, Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee's Terms of Reference

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1 Purpose

- 1.1 To consider the Education, Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee's Terms of Reference.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 To note the Terms of Reference for the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee as set out in 3.2 below.

3 The Education, Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee's Terms of Reference

- 3.1 The Terms of Reference below were approved at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Council on 23rd May 2023. This sets out the remit of the work for this committee.
- 3.2 To fulfil the functions of an Overview and Scrutiny Committee as they relate to any policies, services and activities concerning:
- Education and children's social care.
 - The safety and wellbeing of children, including safeguarding with statutory partners.
 - The needs of all children and young people, families and carers (children's services).
 - Oversight of the Children's Trust.
 - Early years health and wellbeing.
 - Looked after children, corporate parenting.

- Special Education Needs and Disability.
- School improvement, school places and travel to and from school.
- Youth engagement and youth services.
- Development of 14-19 career pathways, enterprise and entrepreneurship in Birmingham schools.

3.3 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee dealing with education matters shall include in its membership the following voting representatives:

- a) Church of England diocese representative (one);
- b) Roman Catholic diocese representative (one); and
- c) Parent Governor representatives (two).

4 Any Finance Implications

4.1 No direct financial implications resulting from this report.

5 Any Legal Implications

5.1 No direct legal implications resulting from this report.

6 Any Equalities Implications

6.1 The Council has a Public Sector Equality Duty under the Equality Act (2010) to have due regard to the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under the Act;
- Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it;
- Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

6.2 The Committee should ensure that it addresses these duties by considering them during work programme development, the scoping of work, evidence gathering and making recommendations. This should include considering: how policy issues impact on different groups within the community, particularly those that share a relevant protected characteristic; whether the impact on particular groups is fair and proportionate; whether there is equality of access to services and fair representation of all groups within Birmingham; whether any positive opportunities to advance equality of opportunity and/or good relations between people are being realised.

7 Appendices

7.1 None.