

## **BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL**

### **EDUCATION AND CHILDREN'S SOCIAL CARE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**WEDNESDAY, 19 OCTOBER 2022 AT 10:00 HOURS**  
**IN COMMITTEE ROOMS 3 & 4, COUNCIL HOUSE, VICTORIA**  
**SQUARE, BIRMINGHAM, B1 1BB**

## **A G E N D A**

### **1 NOTICE OF RECORDING/WEBCAST**

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### **2 APOLOGIES**

To receive any apologies.

### **3 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

Members are reminded that they must declare all relevant pecuniary and non pecuniary interests arising from any business to be discussed at this meeting. If a disclosable pecuniary interest is declared a Member must not speak or take part in that agenda item. Any declarations will be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

### **4 ACTION NOTES AND ACTION TRACKER**

To agree the action notes of the formal meeting held on the 7 September 2022 and note the action tracker.

### **5 SEND COMMISSIONER**

John Coughlan CBE, DfE Commissioner for SEND Services in attendance.

The Commissioner's report to the Secretary of State for Education is

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6 **HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT / CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE TRAVEL SERVICE**

Sue Harrison, Director, Children and Families, and John Elsegood, Interim Lead Children and Young People Travel Service in attendance.

Sabiha Aziz, Chair, Parent Carer Forum also in attendance.

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7 **WORK PROGRAMME**

That the Committee considers its work programme, attached at Appendix 1, and agrees any amendments required, taking into account paragraphs 2.2 and 2.3.

Notes the membership for the two Inquiries the Committee is involved with.

8 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

To note the date of the next meeting is 30 November 2022 at 1000 hours in Committee Rooms 3 and 4.

9 **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).

10 **OTHER URGENT BUSINESS**

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

11 **AUTHORITY TO CHAIR AND OFFICERS**

Chair 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**

**EDUCATION AND CHILDREN'S SOCIAL CARE O&S**

**COMMITTEE – PUBLIC MEETING**

**1000 hours on Wednesday, 7 September 2022, Committee Rooms 3 & 4,  
Council House, Victoria Square, B1 1BB**

**Action Notes**

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**Present:**

Councillor Kerry Jenkins (Chair)

Councillors: Shabina Bano, Debbie Clancy, Des Hughes, Morriam Jan, and Simon Morrall

Other Voting Representatives: Osamugi Ogbe, Parent Governor, Rabia Shami, Parent Governor, and Sarah Smith, Church of England Diocese

**Also Present:**

Cllr Karen McCarthy, Cabinet Member, Children, Young People and Families

Fiona Bottrill, Senior Overview and Scrutiny Manager

Johanna Condon, Interim Head of SENAR Operations (on-line)

Bob Harrison, Project Manager, Children and Families

Sue Harrison, Director, Children and Families

Amanda Simcox, Scrutiny Officer

**1. NOTICE OF RECORDING/WEBCAST**

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**2. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for non-attendance were received on behalf of Cllr Jilly Bermingham, and Justine Lomas, Roman Catholic Diocese.

### **3. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

Councillor Des Hughes declared that he had been employed by Special Educational Needs and Disability Information, Advice and Support Service (SENDIASS) until April 2022.

Sarah Smith declared that she is the Chair of All Saints Multi Academy Trust (MAT), and BTMAT, and is a member of Fioretti Trust, which all have Birmingham schools.

### **4. ACTION NOTES**

(See document No. 1)

#### **RESOLVED:**

The action notes of the formal meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> July 2022 were agreed.

### **5. SEND**

(See document No. 2)

Sue Harrison, Director, Children and Families, Bob Harrison, Project Manager, and Johanna Condon, Interim Head of SENAR Operations (online) were in attendance. Apologies for non-attendance were received on behalf of Sabiha Aziz, Chair, Parent Carer Forum.

Sue Harrison highlighted that SEND is a partnership priority, the conversations they are having around the national agenda, and the discussions with school leaders to agree what good inclusion looks like.

Bob Harrison commented on the evolution of local strategies and improving capacity of places and spaces, capacity of settings able to support effectively, and the capacity of professionals, with a joined up approach to supporting children and families.

A point of accuracy is that the national average of children and young people with an EHCP plan educated in mainstream is approximately 40% and not 50% as previously stated (page 5).

Details of what they learned from the co-production workshops for SEND and Inclusion strategies, the key data, and the national trend is seeing an increase in EHCPs.

Sue Harrison highlighted that the data does not capture the school support provided for those that do not have an EHCP and they are exploring ways to capture this. Updates for objectives 1, 2, 3 and 4, and the golden threads within objectives to deliver the greatest impact, with the LGA having offered peer to peer support, and SENDIASS review and actions, were also provided.

During the discussion and in response to queries raised by Members, the main points included:

- Feedback from schools is more positive as officers are in post offering advice to schools.
- There is a lot of work around children who are awaiting a special school placement and the role of the Home Bridging Team, and the dedicated team for children awaiting a special school placement was given.
- Accountability for those children in the wrong settings awaiting a special school placement: the final drafts will go to the SEND Improvement Board in November 2022 for sign off in December 2022, and then they will go to Cabinet. It is anticipated it will be operational from March/April 2023.
- Staffing pressures and capacity: the permanent structure is being modelled.
- Support for young people at risk of exploitation: this is part of the breaking down barriers work they are undertaking and the Children's Trust and EmpowerU, Home Bridging Team, the Council's Pupil Referral Unit (PRU) – City of Birmingham School, Lindsworth School etc., support this.
- Officers are working with school leaders on restorative practice with primary schools regarding children who have been excluded. The Council have the power to direct schools to take on pupils and the restorative practice work will assist with this.
- The Inclusion Strategy and reassurances regarding white working class boys and African Caribbean children under achieving: Officers are developing local provision and they will be focusing on these particular groups. They are looking at learning lessons, and the Child Criminal Exploitation Inquiry, and the Employment and Skills Inquiry, can explore this in more detail.
- The Head of Service for SENDIASS has accepted the recommendations and the DfE Commissioner for SEND will be attending the committee meeting in October. Progress will be reported on and members were assured that parents and carers will have access to an independent service.
- The Chair shared the concerns that the Committee has not been party to the review and the detail on which the recommendations were made. Inviting the Head of Service for SENDIASS to the October meeting was discussed, and it was agreed that a meeting should be set-up with the DfE Commissioner for SEND, Director and Chair to discuss officer attendance at the October meeting and what information can be shared with the Committee.
- They are working on a SEND Strategy, SEND Sufficiency Strategy, and an Inclusion Strategy and timescales for when the Committee can expect them was requested.
- The Cabinet Member suggested that when meeting the DfE SEND Commissioner it may be worth looking at future reporting arrangements and timings of the SEND Improvement Board and this committee.
- They have put in a bid for three new special schools.

- Schools can come back with reasons why they think they cannot support the child in their school, which the Council responds to by providing information on how support can be provided to meet the needs of the child.
- Officers do monitor children that are on part-time timetables, although this is reliant on the schools providing the information.
- Information on how many children are affected by part-time timetables, and figures on children who haven't got a suitable school place, and support that is being provided, was requested.

**RESOLVED:**

- The update was noted.
- A meeting with the DfE Commissioner for SEND, Director and Chair to be set up.
- Timescales for when the Committee can expect the SEND Strategy, SEND Sufficiency Strategy, and an Inclusion Strategy was requested.
- Information on how many children are affected by part-time timetables, and figures on children who haven't got a suitable school place, and support that is being provided, was requested.
- Reports on the SEND Strategy, SEND Sufficiency Strategy and Inclusion Strategy to be brought to the Committee following approval by Cabinet.

## **6. CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES**

(See documents No. 3 and 4)

Cllr Karen McCarthy, Cabinet Member, Children, Young People and Families gave the presentation and provided a summary of her portfolio, strategic priorities, progress, corporate parenting, the national lack of secure placements, and commissioning. The Cabinet Member highlighted that the cost of living crisis and the impact on children with additional needs is concerning.

During the discussion and in response to queries raised by Members, the main points included:

- The Directorate's response to how we can help families on the cost of living crisis: Cllr John Cotton, Cabinet Member, Social Justice, Community Safety and Equalities will lead on this work across the city. Cllr Karen McCarthy is having a discussion as to whether to establish a separate group for children, and the Council needs to have a plan in place. All Councillors and stakeholders will need to be kept informed on this.
- Item 9. Commissioning in the report (page 45) refers to BEP and the length of the contract and what BEP are doing about exclusion rates was queried. The BEP contract is coming up for review, and it is vital that exclusions should be

about finding the best place for the child, and BEP will be vital in providing reassurance and offering support to schools. The Director will get back with details regarding when the contract was renewed and the duration of the contract.

- Helping hard to reach children: objective 4 is looking at pathways and what the right type of provision at the right time is for the child.
- The five commissioned partners are accountable to the Council. The Lead Commissioners can report to O&S and a representative from the organisation can be invited on a voluntary basis to attend. It was agreed that Tim Boyes, Chief Executive, BEP would be invited to a future meeting.
- A Member felt that more mental health provision was needed, and the Cabinet Member is interested in exploring this with partners. The Committee's Joint Task & Finish Mental Health Inquiry will also be looking at this.
- A Member expressed concern that the Holiday and Food Programme (HAF) eligibility criteria was only for children entitled to free school meals. Moving forward Councillor Karen McCarthy and Cllr John Cotton are mindful of the greater need.
- The structure chart for the Children and Families Directorate was requested.
- Baselineing of services within the Directorate had been completed and a request was made for this to be shared with the Committee.
- The deadline for the funding bids for three free schools is October 2022 and details, including other timescales was requested.
- Information on how many excluded primary school children have unmet SEND needs / EHCPs was requested.
- The Children's Trust is an item on the November 2022 committee meeting and the following will be discussed:
  - Resources projected, but unfunded, growth in numbers of children in care, and a significant rise in the complexity of need of those in our care, for whom the market fails to provide placements and who require, as a result, bespoke high-cost care packages was raised.
  - Information on Appendix 2: Birmingham Children's Trust summary of performance 2021/22 (page 52) PI 13 % of agency social workers (including team managers) not met the targets.
- There are schools that do not take pupils with SEND which then puts pressure on other schools.
- Information was requested on the number of places that Special Schools accept above their Planned Admission Number. Do the plans for future Special

School places take into account these numbers in addition to places required to meet the needs of children who are currently not in a Special School?

- The Cabinet Member was asked if she can attend the 5<sup>th</sup> April 2023 committee meeting which is when the Children's Trust will be attending to provide an update on their priorities and performance. The Cabinet Member stated that if she cannot attend in person then she will attend on-line.

**RESOLVED:**

- The update was noted.
- The Director to provide the details of when the BEP contract was renewed and the duration of the contract.
- Tim Boyes, Chief Executive, BEP to be invited to a future meeting.
- The structure chart for the Children and Families Directorate to be provided.
- Details of baselining of services within the Directorate to be shared with the Committee.
- Details for the funding bids for three free schools including timescales to be provided.
- Information on how many excluded primary school children have unmet SEND needs / EHCPS was requested.
- The issues raised regarding the Children's Trust to be highlighted to them before the meeting in November 2022 so these can be covered.
- Information on the number of places that Special Schools accept above their Planned Admission Number. Do the plans for future Special School places take into account these numbers in addition to places required to meet the needs of children who are currently not in a Special School?

## **7. WORK PROGRAMME**

(See document No. 4)

It was agreed that Tim Boyes, Chief Executive, BEP will be invited to a future committee meeting.

Cllr Simon Morrall would still like the Head of Service for SENDIASS to attend the next committee meeting, and the Chair, as previously mentioned in the meeting, will meet with the DfE Commissioner for SEND and the Director, Children and Families to discuss this.

Task & Finish Inquiries:

- Children and Young People's Mental Health: The first meeting of the Inquiry Task and Finish Group is due to take place week commencing 12<sup>th</sup> September 2022.



- Child Criminal Exploitation: Cllr Des Hughes will be agreeing the date of the first meeting with Members after the committee meeting.

**RESOLVED:**

- Tim Boyes, Chief Executive, BEP to be invited to a future committee meeting.
- The Chair to meet with the DfE Commissioner and Director to discuss the SENDIASS review.

**8. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

**RESOLVED:**

Noted the next meeting is scheduled for 19th October 2022 at 10am.

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

None.

**10. OTHER URGENT BUSINESS**

None.

**11. AUTHORITY TO CHAIR AND OFFICERS**

**RESOLVED:**

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

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The meeting ended at 11.58 hours.



**EDUCATION AND CHILDREN'S SOCIAL CARE O&S COMMITTEE**  
**ACTION TRACKER 2022-23**

Date	Agenda Item	Action	Update
20 Jul 2022	SEND	The update was noted, and the SEND update at the 7 September 2022 committee meeting will include the contributions and points raised today.	Item discussed at the 7 September 2022 committee meeting.
		The SEND Sufficiency Report to be presented to the Committee when completed.	
		The methodology and full data on EHCP Annual Reviews to be forwarded to the Committee.	
20 Jul 2022	Home to School Transport	Members agreed that a further update on the service will be provided at the 19 October 2022 committee meeting. The update will include the review of the policy, points made around communication, and the reality of how the service performed in September 2022.	Item included on the agenda for the 19 October 2022 committee meeting.
		Sue Harrison will provide Members with the timescale for the review of the policy by e-mail.	
20 Jul 2022	Youth Justice Plan	Further information on education and improving employment opportunities will be forwarded.	
		Officers to send useful information to the Committee during the course of what they are doing.	
20 Jul 2022	Work Programme	Cllr Simon Morrall to forward the e-mail he referred to regarding SENDIASS and the Chair will have discussions with officers outside the committee meeting.	
7 Sep 2022	SEND	A meeting with the DfE Commissioner for SEND, Director and Chair to be set up.	Meeting with the DfE Commissioner to take place on 12 October 2022.
		Timescales for when the Committee can expect the SEND Strategy, SEND Sufficiency Strategy, and an Inclusion Strategy was requested.	

**EDUCATION AND CHILDREN'S SOCIAL CARE O&S COMMITTEE**  
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Date	Agenda Item	Action	Update
		Information on how many children are affected by part-time timetables, and figures on children who haven't got a suitable school place, and support that is being provided was requested.	
		Reports on the SEND Strategy, SEND Sufficiency Strategy and Inclusion Strategy to be brought to the Committee following approval by Cabinet.	
7 Sep 2022	Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families	The Director to provide the details of when the BEP contract was renewed and the duration of the contract.	
		Tim Boyes, Chief Executive, BEP to be invited to a future meeting.	Tim Boyes has been invited to attend the 22 February 2022 committee meeting for the attainment summary. Other issues regarding BEP can be raised at this meeting.
		The structure chart for the Children and Families Directorate to be provided.	Emailed on 10 October 2022 the leadership structure for the Children and Families Directorate. What sits under which new AD portfolio is still being finalised and permanent recruitment for the posts will be taking place shortly.
		Details of baselining of services within the Directorate to be shared with the Committee.	
		Details for the funding bids for three free schools including timescales to be provided.	E-mailed Members the information on the 29 October 2022
		Information on how many excluded primary school children have unmet SEND needs / EHCPS was requested.	
		The issues raised regarding the Children's Trust to be highlighted to them before the meeting in November 2022 so these can be covered.	

**EDUCATION AND CHILDREN'S SOCIAL CARE O&S COMMITTEE**  
**ACTION TRACKER 2022-23**

Date	Agenda Item	Action	Update
		Information on the number of places that Special Schools accept above their Planned Admission Number. Do the plans for future Special School places take into account these numbers in addition to places required to meet the needs of children who are currently not in a Special School?	
7 Sep 2022	Work Programme	Tim Boyes, Chief Executive, BEP to be invited to a future committee meeting (also agreed at the above item).	Tim Boyes has been invited to attend the 22 February 2022 committee meeting for the attainment summary. Other issues regarding BEP can be raised at this meeting.
		The Chair to meet with the DfE Commissioner and Director to discuss the SENDIASS review.	Meeting with the DfE Commissioner to take place on 12 October 2022.



# Education and Children's Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee

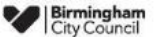
## Home to School - Children, Young People and Families

Update and discussion



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# Children's travel – start of term headlines

- Significant progress has been made to mitigate the issues that affected the start of the academic years in 2020 and 2021.
- Comprehensive preparations took place over the summer, and an operations centre was based at Woodcock Street for the first week of term.
- 99.5% of routes ran successfully on the first full day. 99.7% on 08/09 and 99.9% afterwards.



# Children's travel – start of term headlines (cont)

- Encouraging feedback was received from stakeholders including the PCF and special school headteachers.
- It has been recognised that communication with families, schools, and providers has significantly improved.
- The press and social media activity were notably down on previous years, and the team received far fewer family inquiries and complaints.

# Children's travel transformation.

- An Improvement Programme was launched in March 2021. A Programme board meets on a monthly basis to drive change.
- The programme's workstreams are matched to six themes. These incorporate areas of additional focus on contracts and commercial management, financial efficiencies and policy and compliance.
- A change to the structure of the service has strengthened the management team. Additional work is being undertaken to ensure the service has the right permanent organisational design and culture.
- We are building better ways to communicate. Creating focus groups and feedback loops to co-create with children, parents, carers, and suppliers, ensuring the right mechanisms are in place to communicate more effectively with children, parents, carers, schools, and staff.

# Children's travel (cont)

- An Assistant Director has been recruited on a 2-year fixed term contract. Bringing more permanency to the role.
- New processes to strengthen DBS assurance have been agreed. This involves the DBS checking process being undertaken by BCC.
- Complaints are being dealt with efficiently or effectively, are within the timelines of complaints handling data. This function has also recently been moved to the Customer, Communications and Engagement team to ensure alignment with our child centric approach.

# Children's travel (cont)

- A new procurement model will look to provide greater consistency in the marketplace and enable new contracts to be reviewed and issued with terms that are suited to market conditions.
- Contracts will offer suppliers stability and consistency whilst also being heavily weighted towards performance.
- A robust mobilisation plan has been delivered successfully, building the foundations for the future transformation activity that will take place with the service.
- We are developing an enhanced, child centric service in a manner that is efficient and economically viable.

# Feedback from the start of term

*"I just wanted to applaud you all for the hard work that you have put in over the summer to finalise our routes. Today was by far the best September return we have had to date."*

**Birmingham Special School**

*"I want to thank you for your support with this. It has been a welcomed change."*

**Parent (following a complaint)**

*"I want to pass on my thanks to travel assist and all their colleagues for all the hard work behind the scenes as we have had a good first week from a transport perspective."*

**Birmingham Special School**

*"I just wanted to say a big thank you for putting my guide back on my route it's all running smoothly again now. Appreciate it so much"*

**Parent (following a complaint)**

*"You are a star. Seriously, I feel you have always been on the ball with your service!!!! Spot On!"*

**Transport Provider**





## Education and Children's Social Care O&S Committee: Work Programme 2022/23

<b>Chair:</b>	Cllr Kerry Jenkins
<b>Deputy Chair:</b>	Cllr Des Hughes
<b>Committee Members:</b>	Cllrs: Shabina Bano, Jilly Bermingham, Debbie Clancy, Morriam Jan, Shehla Moledina, and Simon Morrall  Education Representatives: Justine Lomas, Roman Catholic Diocese, Osamugi Ogbe, Parent Governor, Rabia Shami, Parent Governor, and Sarah Smith, Church of England Diocese
<b>Officer Support:</b>	Senior Overview and Scrutiny Manager: Fiona Bottrill (303 1731) Scrutiny Officer: Amanda Simcox: (675 8444) Committee Manager: Sofia Mirza (675 0216)

## 1 Introduction

- 1.1 The remit of the Education and Children's Social Care O&S Committee is '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, children and young people's health and wellbeing and other child social care and safeguarding functions of the council'.
- 1.2 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, who are on the Committee until 30<sup>th</sup> April 2026).
- 1.3 This report provides details of the scrutiny work programme for 2022/23.

## 2 Recommendation

- 2.1 That the Committee considers its work programme, attached at Appendix 1, and agrees any amendments required, taking into account paragraphs 2.2 and 2.3.
- 2.2 Agree whether the issue regarding student attendance at school during their period is included in the work programme. If agreed by the Committee for inclusion in the work programme, the focus of the report would be on the learning / good practice that has been identified and how this being shared with schools across the city, and members of the Health and Social Care O&SC would be invited to attend for this item (please refer to paragraphs 4.3 and 4.4 for further information).



2.3 Agree whether the Young People's Substance Use Service is added to the work programme (please refer to paragraph 4.5 for further information).

2.4 Notes the membership for the two Inquiries the Committee is involved with:

Inquiry	Committees Involved	Members
Children & Young People's Mental Health	Members from: Health & Social Care O&S Committee* and Education & Children's Social Care O&S Committee	Cllrs: Mick Brown (Chair), Kath Hartley, Gareth Moore, Julian Pritchard, and Paul Tilsley (Deputy Chair). Cllrs: Jilly Bermingham, and Simon Morrall.
Child Criminal Exploitation	Members from: Education & Children's Social Care O&S Committee	Cllrs: Des Hughes (Chair), Shabina Bano, Morriam Jan, Shehla Moledina, and Simon Morrall.

\*Indicates the lead Committee where the task and finish group includes Members from more than one Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

### 3 Background

3.1 *"Scrutiny is based on the principle that someone who makes a decision...should not be the only one to review or challenge it. Overview is founded on the belief that an open, inclusive, member-led approach to policy review...results in better policies in the long run."* (Jessica Crowe, former Executive Director, Centre for Governance and Scrutiny).

3.2 Developing an effective work programme is the bedrock of an effective scrutiny function. Done well, it can help lay the foundations for targeted, inclusive and timely work on issues of local importance, where scrutiny can add value. Done poorly, scrutiny can end up wasting time and resources on issues where the impact of any scrutiny work done is likely to be minimal.

3.3 As a result, the careful selection and prioritisation of work is essential if the scrutiny function is to be successful, add value and retain credibility.

### 4 Work Programme

4.1 Appendix 1 sets out the future work programme for this Committee. This provides information on the aims and objectives, together with lead officers and witnesses, for each item. The attached work programme also includes items to be programmed where dates are still to be confirmed, and any outstanding items including the tracking of previous recommendations.

4.2 As the work programmes for the Committees have developed a number of cross cutting issues have been identified. To avoid duplication Members will be invited to attend different Overview and Scrutiny Committee meetings for relevant reports as set out below:





Lead Committee	Meeting and Agenda Item	Members to be invited and reason
Resources O&SC	17 November 2022: Monitoring recommendations from Council Asset Inquiry	Economy and Skills O&SC  The Economy and Skills O&SC undertook the inquiry; however, this work now falls within the remit of the Resources O&SC
Education and Children's Social Care O&SC	30 November 2022: Report from Birmingham Safeguarding Children's Partnership (BSCP) and report from Birmingham Children's Trust (BCT)	Members of the CYP Mental Health Inquiry from the Health and Adult Care O&SC  Information from the BSCP and BCT will inform the CYP mental health inquiry.
Health and Social Care O&SC	14 October 2022 Report from Forward Thinking Birmingham	Members of the Education and Children's Social Care O&SC  It was agreed at Co-ordinating O&SC on the 8 July 2022 that the Health and Social Care O&SC undertakes scrutiny of children's mental health (under the overview and scrutiny role set out in the National Health Service Act 2006 as amended by the Health and Social Care Act 2012) and Members of the Education and Children's Social Care O&SC will be invited to attend as mental health is included within the Committee's terms of reference.
Commonwealth Games, Culture and Physical Activity O&SC	Meeting: TBC Report on employment and skills Legacy of the Commonwealth Games	Members of the Economy and Skills O&SC  At the meeting on the 8 July Co-ordinating O&SC decided that this issue falls within the remit of the CWG, Culture and Physical Activity O&SC, and as it has been identified during the work planning for the Economy and Skills O&SC as an issue of interest. Members of this Committee would be invited to the relevant meeting.
Co-ordinating O&SC	14 October 2022 Report on Devolution Trailblazer Deal	Members of the Employment and Skills Inquiry Task and Finish Group  The Deputy Leader will report to Co-ordinating O&SC on the devolution deal and this discussion will inform the work of the Employment and Skills Inquiry.



- 4.3 The Health and Social Care O&SC on the 20 September 2022 received the update on the Period Poverty Inquiry. It was agreed that the recommendations had been implemented – however the update report identified an issue regarding student attendance at school during their period. Two schools had held workshops with students which found that 40% of young women who attended had at one point stayed of school because of their period and after the discussion 23% thought they still would not come to school if they were on their period. This was an issue that members wanted to consider further, and it was agreed that the Chairs of the relevant Committees would meet to consider how to take this forward.
- 4.4 The Chairs of the Health and Social Care and the Education and Children’s Social Care O&SC met, and it was agreed that this would be proposed as an item for the Education and Children’s Social Care O&SC to consider at a future meeting, and that the members of the Health and Social Care O&SC would be invited to attend for this item. If agreed by the Committee for inclusion in the work programme the focus of the report would be on the learning / good practice that has been identified and how this being shared with schools across the city.
- 4.5 The Young People’s Substance Use Service was an item on the 24 November in 2021 committee meeting. That was the first time it had been included in the Committee’s work programme, as it had previously been included as part of the Health and Social Care O&SC work programme. However, it was felt it needed to have its own dedicated slot as part of Education & Children’s Social Care O&SC because it is an under 18’s service so sits better within this programme as opposed to adults and because of the vulnerabilities of those accessing the service, potential safeguarding and links to other young people’s services.

## 5 Other Meetings

- 5.1 There are no other meetings scheduled at this time.

### **Call in Meetings:**

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*None scheduled*

### **Petitions**

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*None scheduled*

### **Councillor Call for Action requests**

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*None scheduled*

Committee approved Wednesday at 10.00am as a suitable day and time each week for any additional meetings required to consider 'requests for call in' which may be lodged in respect of Executive decisions.



## 6 Forward Plan for Cabinet Decisions

- 6.1 Since the implementation of the Local Government Act and the introduction of the Forward Plan, scrutiny members have found the Plan to be a useful tool in identifying potential agenda items.
- 6.2 The following decisions, extracted from the CMIS Forward Plan of Decisions, are likely to be relevant to the Education and Children's Social Care O&S Committee's remit. The Committee may wish to consider whether any of these issues require further investigation or monitoring via scrutiny. The Forward Plan can be viewed in full via Forward Plans ([cmis.uk.com](http://cmis.uk.com)).

ID Number	Title	Proposed Date of Decision
010410/2022	Birmingham Youth Justice Strategic Plan 2022/23	06 Sep 22

## 7 Legal Implications

- 7.1 There are no immediate legal implications arising from this report.

## 8 Financial Implications

- 8.1 There are no financial implications arising from the recommendations set out in this report.

## 9 Public Sector Equality Duty

- 9.1 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.
- 9.2 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.



- 9.3 The Committee should ensure that equalities comments, and any recommendations, are based on evidence. This should include demographic and service level data and evidence of residents/service-users views gathered through consultation.

## 10 Use of Appendices

- 10.1 Appendix 1 – Work Programme for 2022/2023

## APPENDIX 1 - 2022-23 WORK PROGRAMME

Date of Meeting: Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2022 at 10am in the BMI, Margaret Street

Item/ Topic	Type of Scrutiny	Aims and Objectives	Lead Officer	Witnesses	Visits	Additional Information (Including joint working / links with other O&S Committees)
SEND Improvement and the Accelerated Progress Plan	Update Report	Advise current position on SEND Improvement, and the Accelerated Progress Plan (APP).	Sue Harrison, Director, Children and Families	Sue Harrison, Director, Children and Families  Victor Roman, SEND Improvement Programme Manager	None Required	
Home to School Transport (HTST)	Update Report	Assurances on improvements to the HTST service including arrangements for Sep 2022.	Sue Harrison, Director, Children and Families	Mike Fagan, AD, Home to School Transport  John Elsegood, Head of Communications  Satinder Sahota, Interim City Solicitor & Monitoring Officer	None Required	
Youth Justice Plan	Consultation	To discuss the priorities prior to the plan going to Cabinet and City Council for adoption.	Seamus Gaynor, Head of Executive, Children's Trust	Dionne McAndrew, AD, Vulnerable Young People, Children's Trust  Janine Saleh, Head of Service, Youth Offending Service	None Required	
Work Programme Development	Decision	Approve work programme for 2022-23	Fiona Bottrill, Senior Overview and Scrutiny Manager	None	None Required	

Final Deadline: Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2022, and Publication: Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2022

**Date of Meeting: Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at 10am in Committee Rooms 3 & 4, Council House**

Item/ Topic	Type	Aims and Objectives	Lead Officer	Witnesses	Visits	Additional Information
SEND Improvement	Update Report	Improvement Journey	Sue Harrison, Director, Children and Families	Sue Harrison, Director, Children and Families	None Required	
Cabinet Member Portfolio Overview	Update Report	Report providing a summary of Cabinet Member priorities for 2022-23, and identify opportunities for O&S to add value	Suman McCarthy, Cabinet Support Officer	Cllr Karen McCarthy, Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families	None Required	Cabinet Member Portfolio Overview
Work Programme Development / Inquiry Proposal	Decision	Approve work programme for 2022-23	Fiona Bottrill, Senior Overview and Scrutiny Manager	None	None Required	

**Final Deadline: Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2022**

**Publication: Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2022**

**Date of Meeting: Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at 10am in Committee Rooms 3 & 4, Council House**

<b>Item/ Topic</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Aims and Objectives</b>	<b>Lead Officer</b>	<b>Witnesses</b>	<b>Visits</b>	<b>Additional Information</b>
SEND Commissioner	Update Report	To provide information on the work of the SEND Improvement Board and how O&S can add value to the SEND improvement journey.	Sue Harrison, Director, Children and Families	John Coughlan, DfE Commissioner	None Required	
HTST / Children and Young People Travel Service Update	Update Report	Update on the service delivered in Sep 2022.	Sue Harrison, Director, Children and Families	Sue Harrison, Director, Children and Families  John Elsegood, Interim Lead Birmingham Children's Travel Service	None Required	

**Final Deadline: Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

**Publication: Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

**Date of Meeting: Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at 10am in Committee Rooms 3 & 4, Council House**

Item/ Topic	Type	Aims and Objectives	Lead Officer	Witnesses	Visits	Additional Information
Birmingham Safeguarding Children's Partnership (BSCP)	Update Report	To receive the BSCP Two-Year Report and the Independent Chair's Accountability Report	Simon Cross Business Manager, BSCP	Penny Thompson, Independent Chair, BSCP  Simon Cross Business Manager, BSCP	None	BSCP last attended a formal committee meeting on 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2022  Members of the Children and Young People Mental Health Inquiry from the Health and Adult Social Care OSC to be invited.
Children's Trust	Update Report	To receive the Business Plan and Priorities (including an update on the paper that is going to Cabinet on the 8 Nov regarding the contract)	Seamus Gaynor, Head of Executive, Children's Trust	Andrew Christie, Chair  Andy Couldrick, Chief Executive, Children's Trust	None	Last attended a formal committee meeting on 1st September 2021  Members of the Children and Young People Mental Health Inquiry from the Health and Adult Social Care OSC to be invited.
Children and Young People Plan	Consultation	Part of the consultation	Sue Harrison, Director, Children and Families	Sue Harrison, Director, Children and Families  Kerry Madden, Programme Manager	None	TBC for either 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2022 or 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2023

**Final Deadline: Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2022**

**Publication: Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2022**

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**Date of Meeting: Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 10am in Committee Rooms 3 & 4, Council House**

<b>Item/ Topic</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Aims and Objectives</b>	<b>Lead Officer</b>	<b>Witnesses</b>	<b>Visits</b>	<b>Additional Information</b>
Children and Young People Plan  TBC for either 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2022 or 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2023	Consultation	Part of the consultation	Sue Harrison, Director, Children and Families	Sue Harrison, Director, Children and Families  Kerry Madden, Programme Manager		

**Final Deadline: Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2022**

**Publication: Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2022**

**Date of Meeting: Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2023 at 10am in Committee Rooms 3 & 4, Council House**

<b>Item/ Topic</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Aims and Objectives</b>	<b>Lead Officer</b>	<b>Witnesses</b>	<b>Visits</b>	<b>Additional Information</b>
School Attainment	Update Report		Lisa Fraser, AD, Education and Early Years	Lisa Fraser, AD, Education and Early Years  Tim Boyes, Chief Executive, BEP		

**Final Deadline: Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

**Publication: Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

**Date of Meeting: Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at 10am in Committee Rooms 3 & 4, Council House**

Item/ Topic	Type	Aims and Objectives	Lead Officer	Witnesses	Visits	Additional Information
Children's Trust	Update Report	To provide an update on Progress with the Priorities	Seamus Gaynor, Head of Executive, Children's Trust  Suman McCarthy, Cabinet Support Officer	Andrew Christie, Chair, Children's Trust  Andy Couldrick, Chief Executive, Children's Trust  Cllr Karen McCarthy, Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families (tbc)  Sue Harrison, Director, Children and Families (tbc)	To be discussed	

**Final Deadline: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

**Publication: Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

**Date of Meeting: Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 10am in Committee Rooms 3 & 4, Council House**

Item/ Topic	Type	Aims and Objectives	Lead Officer	Witnesses	Visits	Additional Information

**Final Deadline: Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

**Publication: Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

**TO BE SCHEDULED:**

1. Grand Challenges, City Observatory data indicators by committee remit
2. Scrutiny Inquiry: Child Criminal Exploitation
3. Joint Scrutiny Inquiry with Health and Social Care O&S Committee: Children and Young People's Mental Health
4. Visits
5. Members of the Education and CSC OSC have been invited to the Health and Adult Social Care meeting on 18 October 2022 for the report from FTB.