



Schools, Children and Families O&S Committee: Work Programme 2016/17

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1 Priority Issues

1.1 The following were highlighted in June as the priority issues for the committee's 2016/17 municipal year:

- Birmingham Education Partnership (BEP) / School improvement [Sept 2016 & Mar 2017]
- Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) and Children Missing from Home and Care [Oct 2016 & April 2017]
- Corporate Parenting & Children in Care [January 2017]
- School exclusions [not programmed]
- Social Care Improvement Journey [Dec 2016 with Cabinet Member]
- Special Educational Needs [Inclusion Commission Sep 2016 & March 2017]
- Special Guardianship Orders (SGOs) [Jan 2017]
- Voluntary Children's Trust [Sep 2016, Jan 2017 & additional session(s) to be confirmed]

1.2 Annual reports/updates on:

- School places sufficiency
- School attainment
- Birmingham Safeguarding Children Board (BSCB)
- Portfolio Budget
- Youth Justice Strategic Plan



2 Meeting Schedule

All at 2 pm in Committee Rooms 3 & 4	Session / Outcome	Officers / Attendees
15 June 2016 Committee Room 2	Informal Meeting to discuss the Work Programme	
20 July 2016 Send out: 12 Jul 2016	<p>The Education and Children's Social Care Improvement Journey.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andrew Christie, Children's Commissioner for Birmingham to provide a SWOT analysis (robustness & risks). Will be available from 3.30pm. • Cabinet Member for Children, Schools and Families (discussion to include: Children's Services Voluntary Trust & SEN Commission) • Peter Hay, SD for People • Alastair Gibbons, Executive Director for Children Services <p>Outcome: <i>These discussions have informed the work programme.</i></p>	
21 September 2016 Send out: 13 Sep 16	<p>Voluntary Children's Trust (2pm – 2.30pm)</p> <p>Outcome: <i>Sessions will be built for Overview and Scrutiny and the wider political consultations/discussions.</i></p>	Councillor Brigid Jones and Peter Hay, Strategic Director for People
	<p>Inclusion Commission (2.30pm - 3pm)</p> <p>Outcome:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Information on the six work streams provided.</i> • <i>The process for appointing the young person and other representatives on the Inclusion Commission provided.</i> • <i>An update on the Inclusion Commission to be made at either the December 2016 or January 2017 committee meeting.</i> 	Councillor Brigid Jones and Colin Diamond, Executive Director for Education



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	<p>Birmingham Education Partnership (BEP) to discuss school improvement. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary of the work BEP do for BEP Members and then the work they are contracted to do under the BCC contract to set the context. • First year contract review. • Whether BEP is making a difference? • Whether BEP/BCC undertakes a survey? • How BEP broker relationships. <p>Outcome: <i>School attainment to be discussed more fully at the 22nd March 2017 committee meeting and Tim Boyes, Chief Executive and Tracy Ruddle, Director of Continuous School Improvement, BEP to be invited.</i></p>	<p>Tim Boyes, Chief Executive and Tracy Ruddle, Director of Continuous School Improvement, BEP</p> <p>Colin Diamond as the Council's Commissioner</p>
<p>12 October 2016</p> <p>Send out: 4 Oct 2016</p>	<p>Tracking: Children Missing from Home and Care Inquiry (previous progress report received April 2016)</p> <p>Outcome: <i>Progress noted and there will be a report back on 26th April 2017. To include the key measures of success that will be used and the WMP to come back with case studies.</i></p>	<p>Claire Bell, West Midlands Police and Tony Stanley, Chief Social Worker</p>
	<p>Update on Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE). To include a tracking report on Rec 6: awareness raising and licencing</p> <p>Outcome: <i>Rec 6 was agreed as achieved – late. To report back on 26th April 2017. To include further analysis around trends.</i></p> <p><i>Licensing redrafted the letter to taxi drivers and Members were asked for comments.</i></p>	<p>Claire Bell, West Midlands Police, Alastair Gibbons, Executive Director for Children Services, Debbie Currie, AD Child Protection, Performance & Partnership, Cathryn Greenway, Senior Commissioning Officer and Emma Rohomon, Licensing Manager</p>
	<p>Missing from Education</p> <p>Outcome: <i>An updated Appendix 3 – weekly CNES report was forwarded.</i></p> <p><i>Cllr Valerie Seabright to set up a working group to look at wider issues, e.g. exclusions and transport.</i></p>	<p>David Bishop, Head Of Service - Alternative Provision & Independent Education and Julie Young, AD - Education & Skills</p>



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23 November 2016 Send out: 15 Nov 2016	Birmingham Safeguarding Children Board (BSCB) Annual report. Discussion to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on listening to children voices • Lessons learned from serious case reviews • Children trafficked into the UK • Issues arising from Section 11 and 175 audits (including how many schools haven't completed) • The strength of the partnership and capacity to prioritise safeguarding • Listening to Social Workers voices <p>Outcome: <i>Report noted and information on young people who self-harm to be provided.</i></p>	Penny Thompson, Chair of BSCB and Simon Cross, Business Manager
	Citywide School Attainment Statistics – Headline data <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whether the different styles of moderation in schools have impacted on results of key stage 2. • Is there information about trends in the schools 'requiring improvement' and in the 'outstanding' schools? <p>Outcome: <i>Members updated and trends with our statistical neighbours to be included in the detailed school attainment statistics to be presented on 22nd March 2017.</i></p>	Richard Browne, Intelligence Manager, Tim Boyes, Chief Executive and Tracy Ruddle, Director of Continuous School Improvement, BEP
	School Places Sufficiency Update <p>Outcome: <i>Members updated and Officers to investigate Member consultation for a school expansion in Weoley Ward.</i></p>	Emma Leaman, AD - Education & Infrastructure; Lucy Dumbleton and Julie Newbold
7 December 2016 Send out: 29 Nov 2016	Cabinet Member for Children, Schools and Families Six Month Update. To include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improvement and challenges following Ofsted's full inspection • Budget position • Inclusion Commission (either Dec or Jan) <p>Outcome: Members to be provided with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The current and proposed funding formula for early years to the three different sectors for each child per hour, including the percentage that is passed on.</i> • <i>The ongoing funding for school improvement when the figures have been released by Government and the future role of Birmingham Education Partnership.</i> 	Councillor Brigid Jones, Alastair Gibbons and Colin Diamond



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	<p>Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) / Children's Advice and Support Service (CASS). To include how the Social Worker teams are working together (ASTI etc) and the number of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Referrals • Re-referrals • School referrals and the number of school referrals followed up / not followed up • Referrals and re-referrals dealt with within/outside targets <p>Outcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The improvement plan to be forwarded to the committee.</i> • <i>A briefing note that set out the communication plan was circulated 17.1.17.</i> • <i>An update will be provided following Ofsted's return.</i> 	Kay Child, AD, Integrated Services East and Liz Elgar, Head of Service
	<p>Youth Justice Strategic Plan 2016 – 17. To include the number of re-offending rates over time.</p> <p>Outcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The 2017/18 Youth Justice Strategic Plan to be programmed into the Committee's work programme.</i> • <i>Members who wish to visit the youth offending teams to let the scrutiny office know their availability for the visits.</i> 	Dawn Roberts, AD, Early Help and Trevor Brown, Head Of Youth Offending Services
<p>25 January 2017</p> <p>Starts at 1pm</p> <p>Send out: 17 Jan 2017</p>	<p>Evidence gathering for the Corporate Parenting Inquiry</p> <p>Outcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Report to go to City Council on the 4 April 2017.</i> 	Andy Pepper, AD, Children in Care Provider Services
<p>8 February 2017</p> <p>Send out: 31 Jan 2017</p>	<p>Progress on the Child Poverty Commission's recommendations – not discussed at committee before.</p> <p>Outcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Progress was noted and the committee to receive a further update at their committee meeting in July 2017 (to include an impact assessment) and thereafter at six monthly intervals.</i> 	Cllr Waseem Zaffar, Cabinet Member for Transparency, Openness and Equality, Marcia Wynter, Jacqui Kennedy, Strategic Director for Place, Suwinder Bains, Partnership and Engagement Manager



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	Proposal to Expand Moor Hall Primary School by Enlargement Outcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decision was called in. 	Cllr Ewan Mackey and Cllr Margaret Waddington Cllr Brigid Jones, Jaswinder Didially, Education & Skills Infrastructure Senior Officer and Lucy Dumbleton, School Organisation Officer
	Evidence gathering for the Corporate Parenting Inquiry: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> District Corporate Parent Champions Independent Reviewing Officers Outcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report to go to City Council on the 4 April 2017. The one page overview of the role of the IRO to be forwarded to Members 	Cllr Diane Donaldson, Hodge Hill District Corporate Parent Champion and Andy Pepper, AD, Children in Care Provider Services Debbie Currie, AD, Child Protection, performance & Partnership
22 March 2017 Send out: 14 Mar 2017	Christine Quinn, West Midlands Regional Schools Commissioner and Rob Wye, Assistant Director to the WM Academies Regional Delivery Group	Rachael McNaney, PA to Christine Quinn and Sheila Sturgeon, Team Leader – Secretariat and Strategy
	School Attainment Statistics for Secondary and Primary Schools (detail building on headline statistics reported on 23 November 2016). Update to include trends with our statistical neighbours. Secondary detailed statistics for previous year discussed at 16 March 2016 committee meeting Primary detailed statistics for previous year discussed at 10 February 2016 committee meeting	Colin Diamond / Richard Browne Tim Boyes, Chief Executive and Tracy Ruddle, Director of Continuous School Improvement, BEP
26 April 2017 Send out: 18 Apr 2017	Update on Children Missing from Home and Care Last discussed at 12 Oct 2016 committee meeting.	Claire Bell, West Midlands Police, Tony Stanley, Chief Social Worker and Debbie Currie, AD Child Protection, Performance & Partnership



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	Update on CSE To include the role of schools Last discussed at 12 Oct 2016 committee meeting.	Claire Bell, West Midlands Police, Alastair Gibbons, Executive Director for Children Services, Debbie Currie, AD Child Protection, Performance & Partnership, Cathryn Greenway, Senior Commissioning Officer and Emma Rohomon, Licensing Manager Colin Diamond, Julie Young and Jon Needham TBC
	Radicalisation Agenda	Tony Stanley, Chief Social Worker and Rosie Smithson
	Young People and Housing	Kalvinder Kohli, Head of Services, Prevention and Complex & Michael Walsh, Service Lead, Commissioning Centre of Excellence
	Schools, Children and Families O&S Committee's 2017/18 Work Programme	Scrutiny Office

3 Outstanding Tracking

Inquiry	Outstanding Recommendations	Date of Tracking
We need to get it right: A health check into the Council's role in tackling Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)	R6 - Awareness raising and licencing.	Tracking Completed
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

4 Visits

- 4.1 A visit to Leeds City Council on the 2nd August 2016: Education Awards Appeals (Home to School Transport), Special Educational Needs (SEN), Leeds Safeguarding Childrens Board & Leeds' Scrutiny.
- 4.2 Visits arranged to social work teams to talk to front line staff: North West Central (21st February 2017), East (8th March 2017) and South (22nd July 2016 and 9th March 2017).



4.3 Children in Care Council (CiCC) and work experience visit on 12th August 2016.

4.4 Visits to the Youth Offending Service to be arranged.

5 Inquiry

5.1 The committee to agree the topic for their inquiry. Corporate Parenting may be appropriate.

Inquiry – Corporate Parenting (TBC)

Date	Item
TBC	TOR Agreed
January & February 2017	Evidence gathering & Committee agree the draft report
March 2017	Draft report to the Executive & Committee agree final report
4 April 2017	City Council

6 Working Groups

6.1 The committee have discussed 'children missing from school' and Cllr Valerie Seabright to set up a working group to look at the wider issues of children 'missing education', e.g. permanent exclusions.

6.2 A Working Group to assist with the Council's Early Years Review: Early Education and Childcare Offer has been set up:

Early Years Review: Early Education and Childcare Offer	
Working Group Members: Cllr Susan Barnett, Cllr Sue Anderson, Samera Ali, Evette Clarke & Cllr Shabrana Hussain	
Key Officer(s): Emma Leaman, AD, Education and Infrastructure, Lindsey Trivett, Acting Head of Early Years and Gill King, Inclusion Support Manager	
Terms of Reference	<p>The City Council is undertaking a programme of work for the Early Years Review into Early Education and Childcare Offer. The Working group will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Contribute and add value to the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) report and roll out. This includes:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Contribute to the draft report and recommendations from the Focus Group meetings (this will also be shared with all Committee Members).- Assistance with the promotion of the launch.• Contribute to improving the insufficient take up of nursery places for 2 year olds. This may include:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Briefing sessions (the Q&A could lead to a short report from the Working Group).- The voice of the parents and the impact.- Visits.



7 To be Programmed

- 7.1 Lorna Fitzjohn, Regional Director, West Midlands, Ofsted to attend after the full Ofsted inspection and the improvement plan has been updated.
- 7.2 Dave Hill, the new Children's Social Care Commissioner for Birmingham to be invited to attend in the new municipal year.
- 7.3 Update on the Inclusion Commission and Disability Service for Children.

8 Useful Acronyms

<p>ASTI = Assessment and Short Term Intervention</p> <p>BEP = Birmingham Education Partnership</p> <p>BESD = Behavioural, Emotional, Social Difficulties</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>CEOP = Child Exploitation and Online Protection</p> <p>CHIPS = Challenging Homophobia in Primary Schools</p> <p>CIC = Children in Care</p> <p>CICC = Children in Care Council</p> <p>COBS = City of Birmingham School</p> <p>CPD = Continuing Professional Development</p> <p>CPR = Child Protection Register</p> <p>CRB = Criminal Records Bureau</p> <p>CSE = Child Sexual Exploitation</p> <p>CTB = Children's Trust Board</p>	<p>DFE = Department for Education</p> <p>DCSC = Disabled Children's Social Care</p> <p>DV = Domestic Violence</p> <p>EDT = Emergency Duty Team</p> <p>EFA = Education Funding Agency</p> <p>EHC = Education, Health and Care plan (to replace SEN statements from Sept 2014)</p> <p>EHE = Elective Home Education</p> <p>EWS = Education Welfare Service</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>FSW = Family Support Worker</p> <p>IA = Initial Assessment</p> <p>IAT = Integrated Access Team</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>LAC = Looked After Children</p> <p>LACES = Looked After Children Education Service</p> <p>LADO = Local Authority Designated Officer</p> <p>LSCB = Local Safeguarding Children Board</p>	<p>MASH = Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub</p> <p>NASS = National Asylum Support Service</p> <p>NEET = Not in Education, Employment or Training</p> <p>NQSW = Newly Qualified Social Worker</p> <p>NQT = Newly Qualified Teacher</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>PGCE = Post Graduate Certificate of Education</p> <p>PIE = Pride in Education</p> <p>PPS = Parent Partnership Services</p> <p>PRU = Pupil Referral Unit</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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9 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	21 Mar 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	17 Feb 17
001955/2016	Harper Bell Seventh Day Adventist School conversion to Academy status	30 Jan 17
002301/2016	T23 – Provision of Transport Services PUBLIC	21 Mar 17
002307/2016	Council run Day Care Services – Review of delivery and future options for sustainability	19 Sep 17
002600/2016	Unattached School Playing Fields – Disposal for Development	17 Feb 17
002873/2017	Early Years Capital Funding – Outcome of Bid - PUBLIC	17 Feb 17
003344/2017	High Needs Strategic Planning Grant	21 Mar 17