

**BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL**

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

**14:00 hours on Wednesday 22 March 2017, Committee Rooms 3 & 4 –  
Actions**

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**Present:**

Councillor Susan Barnett [Chair]

Councillors: Matt Bennett, Kate Booth, Barry Bowles [Deputy Chair], Debbie Clancy, Shabrana Hussain, Julie Johnson and Martin Straker Welds.

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

**Also Present:**

Cllr Brigid Jones, Cabinet Members for Children, Schools and Families

Tim Boyes, Chief Executive, Birmingham Education Partnership (BEP)

Colin Diamond, Interim Executive Director for Education

Seamus Gaynor, Head of Strategic Management

James Killan, Senior Information Officer

Saleem Quazi, Project Lead, DfE

Christine Quinn, West Midlands Regional Schools Commissioner

Tracy Ruddle, Director of Continuous School Improvement, BEP

Amanda Simcox, Research & Policy Officer, Scrutiny Office

Benita Wishart, Overview & Scrutiny Manager, Scrutiny Office

Rob Wye, AD, WM Academies Regional Delivery Group

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**1. NOTICE OF RECORDING/WEBCAST**

The Chairman advised that this meeting would be webcast for live or subsequent broadcast via the Council's Internet site (which could be accessed at "[www.birminghamnewsroom.com](http://www.birminghamnewsroom.com)") and members of the press/public may record and take photographs.

The whole of the meeting would be filmed except where there were confidential or exempt items.

Peter Hay, Strategic Director for People is leaving the City Council and the Committee gave their thanks, in particular for his commitment to scrutiny and to children care, and they wished him well.

## **2. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were submitted on behalf of:

Councillors: Sue Anderson and Chauhdry Rashid.

Richard Potter, Roman Catholic Representative.

## **3. ACTION NOTES**

(See document No 1)

### **RESOLVED:-**

The action notes of the meeting held on the 8 February 2017 were confirmed.

## **4. WEST MIDLANDS REGIONAL SCHOOLS COMMISSIONER**

(See document No 2)

Christine Quinn, West Midlands Regional Schools Commissioner gave the presentation and answered Members questions.

### **RESOLVED:-**

- The Commissioner would provide information on the following points raised:
  - Schools that were 'Requires Improvement' (RI) two (or in the very rare occasions three) times before conversion could get a third or even a fourth RI but as they are 'new' schools when they become an academy this may be 'missed.'
  - The number of academies in Birmingham that were good or outstanding and choose to become an academy.

## **5. SCHOOL ATTAINMENT STATISTICS FOR SECONDARY AND PRIMARY SCHOOLS**

(See documents 3 and 4)

Colin Diamond, Interim Executive Director for Education and James Killan, Senior Information Officer gave the presentation and answered Members questions, together with the Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Schools, Tim Boyes, Chief Executive, BEP and Tracy Ruddle, Director of Continuous School Improvement, BEP.

It was confirmed that the data sets are for those children that live in Birmingham and attend a Birmingham School.

Members requested whether there was a plan for improving the 'here and now' and also a strategy of where we want to be and how we are going to get there which is adjustable.

The BEP are in the process of sharing the Families of Schools for Birmingham - primary schools document. The purpose is to help primary schools see how others with similar intakes serve their pupils. A video is available to watch at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PGPFaV0SpVs&t=2s>

**RESOLVED:-**

- Future reports refer to children in care rather than looked after children.
- Concern was expressed for the stress year 6 and year 11 pupils are under and the committee may wish to pick up pupil wellbeing for 2017/18 work programme.

**6. WORK PROGRAMME 2016-17**

(See document 5)

The work programme was discussed.

**RESOLVED:-**

That the work programme was agreed and:

- The 26<sup>th</sup> April 2017 meeting will be three hours.
- Members need to send questions and comments they wish officers to cover in the 26<sup>th</sup> April 2017 meeting by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 to the scrutiny office.

**7. DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

The dates were noted.

**8. OTHER URGENT BUSINESS**

Councillor Brigid Jones, Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Schools informed the committee that there had been an attack on Parliament whilst the committee was taking place. A school from Birmingham were there and they were safe and being looked after.

**9. 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.

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The meeting ended at 16.20 hours.