



Education and Vulnerable Children O&S Committee: Work Programme 2015/16

Chair: Cllr Susan Barnett

Committee Members: Cllrs: Uzma Ahmed, Sue Anderson, Matt Bennett, Barry Bowles, Debbie Clancy, Barbara Dring, Chauhdry Rashid, Valerie Seabright, Mike Sharpe, Martin Straker Welds and Alex Yip

Representatives: Samera Ali, Parent Governor; Richard Potter, Roman Catholic Diocese; and Sarah Smith, Church of England Diocese

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1 Meeting Schedule

| Date / Location All at 2 pm | Session / Outcome | Officers / Attendees |
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| 10 June 2015 Committee Rooms 3 & 4 Starts at 3.30pm | <p>Cabinet Member for Children's Services to discuss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children Social Care and Safeguarding and Education – Position May 2015 <p>Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There will be regular updates/involvement on the single plan with the Committee (Members requested that the narrative was more user friendly). The single plan needs to be discussed at Districts and the data and narratives need to be District specific. The Committee will be inviting the Birmingham Education Partnership (BEP) to attend a committee meeting. Discussion to include the contract with the City Council (Members invited to the 18th June 2015 event). Members were offered details of the City Council's whistle blowing policy (discussed at July's meeting) and outcomes to-date & details of the Education Data Dashboard. | <p>Colin Diamond, Interim Executive Director for Education & Alastair Gibbons, Executive Director for Children's Services</p> <p>Scrutiny office to programme</p> <p>Colin Diamond</p> <p>Scrutiny Office to programme</p> <p>Seamus Gaynor</p> |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Early Years Review Consultation Proposal | <p>Lindsey Trivett, Interim Head of Early Years, Childcare and Children's Centres</p> |



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| | Outcomes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members to be e-mailed the consultation (and decide whether to individually or collectively respond). The Cabinet Member for Children's Services to attend a Committee meeting to discuss the outcomes of the consultation (TBC). | Scrutiny Office Cllr Brigid Jones / Pat Kilarney |
| 15 July 2015 Committee Rooms 3 & 4 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To discuss Looked After Children (LAC): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Corporate Parenting Adoption and Fostering Update Outcomes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exploring ways in which children's voices can be heard with Cllr Jenkins. Training will be provided to Cllrs at District Committees and will come back on 20th January 2016 and report on how Districts are fulfilling their duty. | Andy Pepper, AD, Children in Care Provider Services & Nicky Hale, Fostering and Adoption Improvement Manager |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permanent School Exclusions Outcomes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide figures for the numbers excluded broken down for academies etc. To report back on School Exclusions including the level of teaching, progress made and qualifications at COBS in December. | Andrew Wright & Chris Atkinson |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Whistle Blowing Policy Outcomes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members updated on the Whistle Blowing Policy. | Michael Day, Solicitor |
| 16 September 2015 Committee Rooms 3 & 4 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Educational Development Plan update: Sufficiency of school places and school admissions Outcomes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide information and data on Special Educational Needs Provision in schools. To provide information on LAC and whether they are placed in good or outstanding schools; and if not is this due to the locality of the school being more important for the Child etc. The proposed Birmingham admission arrangements will be subject to a formal consultation from 23 Nov until 8 Jan 2016. Procedures for 'summer born' children will be included in this. Members to be involved. | Emma Leaman, AD Education and Infrastructure, Education & Commissioning, Julie Newbold, Head of School Admissions and Pupil Placements Lucy Dumbleton, School Organisation Officer |



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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cabinet Member for Children Services to discuss Curriculum Entitlement and Equality <p>Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Members to be updated on the rollout of 'no outsiders' and the information/literature to be housed on BEPs website.</i> | Cllr Brigid Jones, Colin Diamond & Razia Butt |
| 21 October 2015 Committee Rooms 3 & 4 at 9.30am | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Missing Children from Home and Care Short Inquiry – Evidence Gathering | Scrutiny Office |
| 21 October 2015 Committee Rooms 3 & 4 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chairs Update – to include: visits to the Adoption and Fostering team and two Children's homes. | Cllr Susan Barnett |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cabinet Member for Children Services to update the Committee on the budget position for the portfolio (included progress on Children Services). <p>Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>To report back on whether there are children from parents in the armed forces who are suffering from Post Traumatic Stress (PTS) in Birmingham.</i> | Cllr Brigid Jones |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tracking: Work Experience for School Age Children – the role of the City Council Inquiry <p>Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Cllr support for work experience: Members to be e-mailed a draft letter/e-mail they can use to send to schools/businesses in their area.</i> <i>Scrutiny to assist with capturing what Members do in relation to work experience.</i> <i>To report back on progress of the recommendations on 20th January 2016.</i> | Cllr Penny Holbrook, Cabinet Member for Skills, Learning & Culture, Kathryn Cook, Interim Head of OD & Julie M Harrison, HR Project Lead |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Special Educational Needs (SEN) and Education, Health and Care plans (EHC). To include reasons for the delay in the mobilisation of the £3 1/2m grant. <p>Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Members to e-mail requests for information between meetings.</i> <i>Members to be updated on the work that is being done regarding the pupil premium.</i> <i>Members to be e-mailed the amended New Assessments table.</i> | Cllr Brigid Jones, Colin Diamond, Chris Atkinson, Simon Wellman & Joan Adams |
| 30 October 2015 Committee Room 6 at 9.30am | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Missing Children from Home and Care Short Inquiry – Evidence Gathering | Scrutiny Office |



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| 25 November 2015 Committee Rooms 3 & 4 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progress on the Education and Schools Strategy and Improvement Plan. Sir Mike Tomlinson, Education Commissioner in attendance Tracking: Strengthening the Birmingham Family of Schools Birmingham Safeguarding Children Board (BSCB) Annual report Tracking: Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) - Delivery of training and awareness raising on CSE recommendations 1 - 7 | <p>Colin Diamond & Seamus Gaynor</p> <p>Colin Diamond / Seamus Gaynor</p> <p>Jane Held, Chair of BSCB / Simon Cross, Business Manager</p> <p>Alastair Gibbons & Jane Held, Chair of BSCB, Tony Stanley &/or Judith Beddows</p> |
| 9 December 2015 Committee Rooms 3 & 4 Deadline for reports 2pm on 30th Nov | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Exclusions and City of Birmingham School (COBS) School Attainment Headline Statistics Birmingham Education Partnership (BEP) and School Improvement | <p>Fiona Wallace, Head Teacher & Steve Howell, Deputy Head, COBS; & Andrew Wright</p> <p>Colin Diamond</p> <p>Tim Boyes, BEP</p> |
| 20 January 2016 Committee Rooms 3 & 4 Deadline for reports 2pm on 11th Jan | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tracking: Work Experience for School Age Children – the role of the City Council Inquiry Looked After Children (LAC) & Corporate Parenting Update (including the role of Districts). To include information on LACES Rights and Participation for Children in Care | <p>Cllr Penny Holbrook, Cabinet Member for Skills, learning & Culture, Kathryn Cook & Julie M Harrison</p> <p>Andy Pepper TBC</p> <p>Lisa Carter</p> |
| 10 February 2016 Committee Rooms 3 & 4 Deadline for reports 2pm on 1st Feb | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cabinet Member for Children's Services to report back on the outcomes of the Early Years Review Consultation (TBC) Special Educational Needs (SEN) and Education, Health and Care plans (EHC) TBC for Feb or March Tracking: Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE): policies and procedures recommendations (R08 – R13) (TBC) School Attainment Statistics (detail) | <p>Cllr Brigid Jones / Pat Kilarney</p> <p>Colin Diamond and Simon Wellman (TBC)</p> <p>Jane Held, Chair of BSCB / Alastair Gibbons</p> <p>Colin Diamond</p> |



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| 23 March 2016 Committee Rooms 3 & 4 Deadline for reports 2pm on 14th Mar | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Special Educational Needs (SEN) and Education, Health and Care plans (EHC) TBC for Feb or March. District Chairs to discuss how their District Plans are addressing Education and Vulnerable Children – to include Corporate Parenting responsibility; progress made on 'It takes a city to raise a child'; education and safeguarding issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CLlr Mahmood Hussain, Perry Barr District (confirmed) CLlr Sue Anderson, Yardley District (confirmed March or April) CLlr Ann Underwood, Sutton District (confirmed March or April) Tracking: Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) Multi-Agency Working and Tracking (recs R14 – R19) (TBC) – this may involve an extra meeting or a visit | Colin Diamond and Simon Wellman (TBC) Scrutiny Office Jane Held, Chair of BSCB / Alastair Gibbons |
| 20 April 2016 Committee Rooms 3 & 4 Deadline for reports 2pm on 11th Apr | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> District Chairs to discuss how their District Plans are addressing Education and Vulnerable Children – to include Corporate Parenting responsibility; progress made on 'It takes a city to raise a child'; education and safeguarding issues (TBC) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CLlr Ann Underwood, Sutton District (confirmed) CLlr Sue Anderson, Yardley District (confirmed) | Scrutiny Office |

2 Further Priorities to be Discussed and Agreed

| Safeguarding | Education | Other |
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| Early Help and children's Social Care Plan (to include workforce planning) | Education and Schools Improvement Plan 11 themes: 1) Safeguarding in Schools: Jon Needham 2) Strengthening School Governance: Steve Edmonds 3) Our Leadership in Education: John Sidebottom 4) Improving our Schools: Helen Miles 5) Local Leadership and Accountability: Chris Glynn 6) Alternative Delivery Models: Nimmi Patel 7) SEND: Chris Atkinson 8) Educational Infrastructure: Emma Leaman 9) Early Years provision: Lindsey Trivett 10) Recruitment & Retention: Samantha Hulson 11) Communication 12) Equality and Community Cohesion: Mashuq Ally | Committee agreed to address the Children and Family Services Commissioning Plan as part of the three priorities: early years, early help and targeted intervention and Looked After Children (LAC) |
| Home Education and Missing from School | Education outcomes for white working class boys | Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEETs) |



| Safeguarding | Education | Other |
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| | Local Authority Appointments to governing bodies | |
| | Education Peer Review | |
| | Sixth Form College Review | |

3 Outstanding Tracking

| Inquiry | Outstanding Recommendations | Date of Tracking |
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| Strengthening the Birmingham Family of Schools | 7 (elected Members), 8 (traded services) and 9 (governing bodies & academies) | Last tracked 19 November 2015 / Next tracking 25 November 2015 |
| We need to get it right: A health check into the Council's role in tackling Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) | 1 - 19 | Last update 18 March 2015 Next tracking 25 November 2015 |
| Work Experience for School Age Children – the role of the City Council | 1, 2 and 3 | Last tracked 21 October 2015 Next tracking 20 January 2016 |

4 Inquiry Schedule

Short Inquiry – Children Missing from Home, Care and School

| Date | Item |
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| October / November 2015 | Evidence gathering |
| November 2015 | Committee agree draft report |
| 7 December 2015 | Draft report to the Executive |
| December 2015 | Committee agree final report |
| 12 January 2016 | City Council |



5 Useful Acronyms

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| AD = Assistant Director APA = Annual Performance Assessment BEP = Birmingham Education Partnership BESD = Behavioural, Emotional, Social Difficulties BSCB = Birmingham Safeguarding Children Board BSWA = Birmingham and Solihull Women's Aid BSWA = Birmingham Social Work Academy CAF = Common Assessment Framework CAFCASS = Child & Family Court Advisory Support Service CAMHS = Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services CEOP = Child Exploitation and Online Protection CBB = Community Based Budget CC = Children's Centre CHIPS = Challenging Homophobia in Primary Schools CIC = Children in Care CICC = Children in Care Council CIN = Child In Need COBS = City of Birmingham School CPD = Continuing Professional Development CPR = Child Protection Register | CRB = Criminal Records Bureau CSE = Child sexual Exploitation CTB = Children's Trust Board CYPF = Children, Young People and Families DFE = Department for Education DLT = Directorate Leadership Team DCSC = Disabled Children's Social Care DSP = Designated Senior Person DV = Domestic Violence EDT = Emergency Duty Team EFA = Education Funding Agency EHC = Education, Health and Care plan (to replace SEN statements from Sept 2014) EWS = Education Welfare Service EYFS = Early Years Foundation stage FCAF = Family Common Assessment Framework F&A = Fostering and Adoption FGM = Female Genital Mutilation FNP = Family Nurse Partnership FSM = Free School Meals FSW = Family Support Worker IA = Initial Assessment IAT = Integrated Access Team IRO = Independent Reviewing Officer LAC = Looked After Children LACES = Looked After Children Education Service Key Stage 1 (Ages 5-7) Years 1 and 2 Key Stage 2 (Ages 7-11) Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 Key Stage 3 (Ages 11-14) Years 7, 8 and 9 Key Stage 4 (Ages 14-16) Years 10 and 11 | LADO=Local Authority Designated Officer LSCB = Local Safeguarding Children Board MASH = Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub NASS = National Asylum Support Service NEET = Not in Education, Employment or Training NQSW = Newly Qualified Social Worker NQT= Newly qualified teacher NRPF = No Recourse to Public Funds Ofsted = Office for Standards in Education PCT = Primary Care Trust PDR = Personal Development Review PEP = Pupil Education Plan PEX = Permanent Exclusions PGCE = Post Graduate Certificate of Education PIE = Pride in Education PPS = Parent Partnership Services PRU = Pupil Referral Unit RAG = Red, Amber, Green SCR = Serious Case Review SEN = Special Educational Needs SENAR= SEN Assessment and Review SENDIASS = SEND Information, Advice and Support Service SENCO = Special Educational Needs Coordinator SEND = Special Educational Needs and Disability SEDP = Special Education Development Plan TA=Teaching Assistant TAF = Team Around the Family TM=Team Manager UASC = Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children YDC = Young Disabled Champions YOS = Youth Offenders Service YOT = Youth Offending Team |
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6 Forward Plan for Cabinet Decisions

The following decisions, extracted from the Cabinet Office Forward Plan of Decisions, are likely to be relevant to the Education and Vulnerable Children remit.

| ID Number | Title | Cabinet Member | Proposed Date of Decision |
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| 000219/2015 | Manor Park Primary School conversion to Academy Status | Children's Services | 16 Nov 2015 |
| 000232/2015 | School Organisation Issues which may include Closures, Amalgamations, Opening of a new School - standing item | Children's Services | 08 Dec 2015 |
| 000234/2015 | School conversion to an Academy – Wilkes Green Junior School | Children's Services | 08 Dec 2015 |