



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

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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 30th 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.

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 Children’s Trust (BCT) 4 January 2023: Report from Birmingham Safeguarding Children’s Partnership (BSCP)	Members of the CYP Mental Health Inquiry from the Health and Social Care O&SC (Cllrs: Mick Brown (Chair), Kath Hartley, Gareth Moore, Julian Pritchard, and Paul Tilsley (Deputy Chair). 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



Lead Committee	Meeting and Agenda Item	Members to be invited and reason
		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.

5 Other Meetings

5.1 There are no other meetings scheduled at this time.

Call in Meetings:

None scheduled

Petitions

None scheduled

Councillor Call for Action requests

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).

ID Number	Title	Proposed Date of Decision	Date of Decision
010410/2022	Birmingham Youth Justice Strategic Plan 2022/23	06 Sep 22	06 Sep 22
010734/2022	Home to School Casual / Agency Transport Guides Procurement Strategy	13 Dec 22	
010735/2022	Corporate Safeguarding Policy	13 Dec 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 20th 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 11th July 2022, and Publication: Tuesday 12th July 2022

Date of Meeting: Wednesday 7th 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 26th August 2022

Publication: Tuesday 30th August 2022

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

Item/ Topic	Type	Aims and Objectives	Lead Officer	Witnesses	Visits	Additional Information
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 10th October 2022

Publication: Tuesday 11th October 2022

Date of Meeting: Wednesday 30th November 2022 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 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	Andy Couldrick, Chief Executive, Children's Trust David Stringfellow, Executive Director Dionne McAndrew, AD, Vulnerable Young People, 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 Social Care OSC have been invited (Cllrs: Mick Brown (Chair), Kath Hartley, Gareth Moore, Julian Pritchard, and Paul Tilsley (Deputy Chair))
Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Information Advice and Support Service (SENDIASS)	Private Session	To update the Committee on the independent review of SENDIASS, commissioned from the National Children's Bureau	Sue Harrison, Director of Children's Services	Sue Harrison, Director of Children's Services Rosemary Kew, Independent Report Author, National Children's Bureau	None	

Final Deadline: Monday 21st November 2022

Publication: Tuesday 22nd November 2022

Date of Meeting: Wednesday 4th January 2023 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 th February 2022 Members of the Children and Young People Mental Health Inquiry from the Health and Social Care OSC have been invited (Cllrs: Mick Brown (Chair), Kath Hartley, Gareth Moore, Julian Pritchard, and Paul Tilsley (Deputy Chair))
Improving Services for Children and Families: Progress Report	Update	Update on the improvement journey so far in Children and Families, including headline improvements and a summary of the Improvement Plan	Sue Harrison, Director, Children and Families	Sue Harrison, Director, Children and Families Kerry Madden, Programme Manager		
Children and Young People Plan	Consultation	Part of the consultation		Colin Michel, Strategy & Partnership Lead		

Final Deadline: Thursday 22nd December 2022 and Publication: Friday 23rd December 2022

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

Item/ Topic	Type	Aims and Objectives	Lead Officer	Witnesses	Visits	Additional Information
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 12th February 2023

Publication: Tuesday 13th February 2023

Date of Meeting: Wednesday 5th 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 27th March 2023

Publication: Tuesday 28th March 2023

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

Item/ Topic	Type	Aims and Objectives	Lead Officer	Witnesses	Visits	Additional Information
Young People's Substance Use Service	Update Report	<p>To update Members on the Service (under the HSC Act 2012, local authorities have a legal duty to protect children from harm, reduce health inequalities and improve the health of their local population by ensuring that there are public health services aimed at reducing drug and alcohol misuse)</p> <p>Outstanding Information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The referral process for elected members, so they can add this to their resource toolkit when they are dealing with casework to be provided. • Data to see young people's transition out of substance misuse is to be provided. 	Karl Beese Commissioning Manager - Adult Public Health Services	<p>Chris Baggott, Service Lead (Health Protection)</p> <p>John Freeman, Commissioning Manager, Adults Social Care</p>	None required	<p>This item was last discussed on 24 November 2021</p> <p>Members of the Health and Social Care O&S Committee to be invited to attend for this item.</p>

Final Deadline: Friday 5th May 2023 (Monday 8th May 2023 is a bank holiday)

Publication: Tuesday 9th 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. Student attendance at school during their period (Period Poverty Inquiry). 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&S Committee to be invited to attend for this item.
6. The DfE SEND Commissioner to attend a committee meeting early next year.
7. Janie Berry, City Solicitor to be added to update Members on tribunals and delays etc., and feedback on how the role of Legal Services contributes and makes risk informed decisions.