

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

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1 Meeting Schedule

Date / Location All at 2 pm	Session / Outcome	Officers / Attendees
10 June 2015 Committee Rooms 3 & 4 Starts at 3.30pm	Cabinet Member for Children's Services to discuss: • Children Social Care and Safeguarding and Education – Position May 2015	Colin Diamond, Interim Executive Director for Education & Alastair Gibbons, Executive Director for Children's Services
	Outcomes:	
	There will be regular updates/involvement on the single plan with the Committee (Members requested that the narrative was more user friendly).	Scrutiny office to programme
	The single plan needs to be discussed at Districts and the data and narratives need to be District specific.	Colin Diamond
	The Committee invited the Birmingham Education Partnership (BEP) to attend December's committee meeting. Discussion to include the contract with the City Council (Members invited to the 18 th June 2015 event).	Scrutiny Office to programme
	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.	Seamus Gaynor
	Early Years Review Consultation Proposal	Lindsey Trivett, Interim Head of Early Years, Childcare and Children's Centres



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	 Outcomes: Members were e-mailed the consultation on 3 Dec 2015. The Cabinet Member for Children's Services to attend a Committee meeting to discuss the outcomes of the consultation in March 2016. 	Scrutiny Office Cllr Brigid Jones / Pat Kilarney
15 July 2015 Committee Rooms 3 & 4	 To discuss Looked After Children (LAC): Corporate Parenting Adoption and Fostering Update Outcomes: 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 and report on how Districts are fulfilling their duty. 	Andy Pepper, AD, Children in Care Provider Services & Nicky Hale, Fostering and Adoption Improvement Manager
	 Permanent School Exclusions Outcomes: 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
	 Whistle Blowing Policy Outcomes: Members were updated on the Whistle Blowing Policy. 	Michael Day, Solicitor
16 September 2015 Committee Rooms 3 & 4	 Educational Development Plan update: Sufficiency of school places and school admissions Outcomes: 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 were e-mailed the links to the proposals and the survey. 	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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	 Cabinet Member for Children Services to discuss Curriculum Entitlement and Equality Outcomes: Members to be updated on the rollout of 'no outsiders' and the information/literature to be housed on BEPs website. 	Cllr Brigid Jones, Colin Diamond & Razia Butt	
21 October 2015 Committee Rooms 3 & 4 at 9.30am	Missing Children from Home and Care Short Inquiry – Evidence Gathering	Scrutiny Office	
21 October 2015 Committee Rooms 3 & 4	Chairs Update – to include: visits to the Adoption and Fostering team and two Children's homes.	Cllr Susan Barnett	
	Cabinet Member for Children Services to update the Committee on the budget position for the portfolio (included progress on Children Services).	Cllr Brigid Jones	
	 Outcomes: To report back on whether there are children from parents in the armed forces who are suffering from Post Traumatic Stress (PTS) in Birmingham. 		
	 Tracking: Work Experience for School Age Children – the role of the City Council Inquiry Outcomes: Cllr support for work experience: Members to be provided with a draft letter/e-mail they can use to send to schools/businesses in their area (to be added to portal). Scrutiny to assist with capturing what Members do in relation to work experience. To report back on progress of the recommendations on 20th January 2016. 	Cllr Penny Holbrook, Cabinet Member for Skills, learning & Culture, Kathryn Cook, Interim Head of OD & Julie M Harrison, HR Project Lead	
	 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. Outcomes: Members to e-mail requests for information between meetings. Members to be updated on the work that is being done regarding the pupil premium. Members were e-mailed the amended New Assessments table. 	Cllr Brigid Jones, Colin Diamond, Chris Atkinson, Simon Wellman & Joan Adams	
30 October 2015 Committee Room 6 at 9.30am	Missing Children from Home and Care Short Inquiry – Evidence Gathering	Scrutiny Office	



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25 November 2015 Committee Rooms 3 & 4	Progress on the Education and Schools Strategy and Improvement Plan. Sir Mike Tomlinson, Education Commissioner in attendance	Peter Hay / Colin Diamond / Seamus Gaynor
	 Outcomes: Update on the LGA Peer Review and next steps to be discussed in March. Members were concerned about the schools who were not returning their financial returns and /or their 175 audits. How BEP can support schools and what action can be taken when schools continue to fail to complete their returns can be discussed in December. 	
	 Tracking: Strengthening the Birmingham Family of Schools Outcomes: It was agreed to conclude the recommendations and pick up these in the work programme: R07 – Cllrs relationships with Schools, R08 – Traded services to Schools & R09 the Council working with BEP to develop information on a range of models for school organisations for school governors / governance. A joint workshop with BEP, schools and Districts was suggested. 	Peter Hay / Colin Diamond / Seamus Gaynor
	Birmingham Safeguarding Children Board (BSCB) Annual report	Jane Held, Chair of BSCB / Simon Cross, Business Manager
	 Outcomes: The executive summary of the Annual Report, Getting to Great 2015/16 and the most recent monitoring report was circulated to Members. Members requested progress reports on the work on how 'children voices' are listened to'. 	
	 Tracking: Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) - Delivery of training and awareness raising on CSE recommendations 1 - 7 	Peter Hay / Alastair Gibbons & Jane Held, Chair of BSCB
	 Outcomes: All 7 recommendations assessed as 3 – not achieved (progress made). Updates to be provided in February and an impact measure to be included. 	
9 December 2015 Committee Rooms 3 &	Permanent School Exclusions	Andrew Wright
4	 Outcomes: The tables provided were described as North, N. West, Central, South, S. West and East. Members were given the areas these descriptions covered. Members requested how many children were waiting over 	
	6 days.	



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	 City of Birmingham School (COBS) Outcomes: Members were given the percentage of pupils that had a diagnosis of autism. 	Fiona Wallace, Head Teacher & Steve Howell, Deputy Head, COBS
	 School Attainment Headline Statistics Outcomes: Members were updated and a more detailed report was given in February 2016. 	Colin Diamond
	 Birmingham Education Partnership (BEP) and School Improvement. Discussion to include R07 and R08 of the Strengthening the Birmingham Family of Schools Inquiry. Also what assistance can be given to schools who fail to provide their financial returns and / or there 175 audits. Outcomes: Members requested that BEP provide a further update to the Committee in September 2016. 	Tim Boyes, BEP
20 January 2016 Committee Rooms 3 & 4	 Tracking: Work Experience for School Age Children – the role of the City Council Inquiry Outcomes: The Work Experience Dashboard was updated and circulated to Members. The Dashboard is then to be presented to Members every 6 months (July 2016). 	Kathryn Cook & Andrea Burns
	 Children Missing from Education Outcomes: A detailed analysis report was provided. Colin discussed unregistered schools at February's meeting. The Education Awards Appeals (Home to School Transport) will be discussed in March 2016. Elective Home Education (Home Schooled) Outcomes: A report on data and examples of outcomes for children who are home schooled was provided. An analysis of reasons why parents choose to home school was provided. 	Tony Stanley, Chief Social Worker & Chair, Missing Operational Group, Steve Nyakatawa, AD, Education & Skills, Julie Newbold, Head of School Admissions and Pupil Placements and Mike Innocenti, Head of Pupil Connect
	 was provided. Cabinet Member for Children Services Update Outcomes: Members were updated. 	Cllr Brigid Jones



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10 February 2016 Committee Rooms 3 &	Tracking: Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) (2.10 – 2.55) – 45 mins	Alastair Gibbons / Peter Hay
	 Outcomes: A further tracking report and an extra meeting to discuss R9 & R10 (Licensing) to be arranged. 	
	School Attainment Statistics for Primary Schools (detail) (2.55 – 3.35) – 40 mins	Colin Diamond / Richard Browne, Commissioning Manager
	Outcomes: BEPs District information / priorities to be shared with Members.	-
	Unregistered Schools (3.35 – 4.05) – 30 mins	Colin Diamond
	Outcomes: • Members were updated.	
	LGA Peer Review Findings for the Education and Schools Strategy and Improvement Plan and Next Steps (4.05 – 4.50) – 45 mins	Cllr Brigid Jones / Peter Hay
	 Outcomes: Members to be involved in the refreshed improvement plan for education. 	
16 March 2016 Committee Room 2	Cabinet Member for Children's Services to report back on the outcomes of the Early Years Review Consultation and Next Steps (2.10 – 2.50) – 40 mins	Cllr Brigid Jones / Suman McCartney / Pip Mayo
	• School Attainment Statistics for Secondary Schools (detail) (2.50 – 3.30) – 40 mins	Colin Diamond / Richard Browne
	Special Educational Needs (SEN) and Education, Health and Care plans (EHC) (3.30 – 4.00) - 30 mins	Colin Diamond, Chris Atkinson and Simon Wellman
	Education Awards Appeals (Home to School Transport) (4.00 – 4.40) – 40 mins	Cllr Brigid Jones / Colin Diamond



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23 March 2016 Committee Rooms 3 & 4	 District Chairs (2.10 – 4.10) – 2 hours To discuss how their Community 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:	Andy Pepper, AD, Children in Care Provider Services Lisa Carter, Head of Participation and
		Engagement
20 April 2016 Committee Rooms 3 & 4 Deadline for reports 2pm on 11 th Apr	 District Chairs (2.10 – 3.40) – 1 hour and 30 mins To discuss how their Community 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 - Cllr Ann Underwood, Sutton District - Cllr Sue Anderson, Yardley District - Cllr Peter Griffiths, Northfield District - Cllr Karen McCarthy, Selly Oak District 	Scrutiny Office
	 Progress on the Children Missing from Home and Care Inquiry (3.40 – 4.10) – 30 mins To include an update on the MASH 	Alastair Gibbons / Tony Stanley
	Radicalisation Agenda (4.10 – 4.40) 30 mins	Tony Stanley
	Tracking: Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) - Phillipa Cresswell, Solihull Borough Council also to be in attendance. (4.40 – 5.20) – 40 mins	Alastair Gibbons



2 Further Priorities to be Discussed and Agreed

Safeguarding	Education	Other
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)
BSCB updates on listening to children voices	Education outcomes for white working class boys	Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEETs)
_	Local Authority appointments to governing bodies	Trafficked children into the UK
	Sixth Form College Review	
	Traded Services to schools (recommendation 8)	
	To invite Pank Patel, West Midlands Regional	
	Schools Commissioner	

3 Outstanding Tracking

Inquiry	Outstanding Recommendations	Date of Tracking
Strengthening the Birmingham Family of Schools	7 (elected Members), 8 (traded services) and 9 (governing bodies & academies)	Last tracked 25 November 2015 Recs 7, 8, 9 included in the work programme
We need to get it right: A health check into the Council's role in tacking Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)	Training and Awareness: R4, 5, 6 and R7 Policies and Procedures: R8, (R9 & R10 Licensing) & R12 Multi-agency working: R14 – R18	Tracked 25 November 2015 & 10 February 2016
Work Experience for School Age Children – the role of the City Council (January 2014)		Last tracked 21 October 2015 & 20 January 2016. The Work Experience Dashboard is to be presented to Members every 6 months



4 Inquiry Schedule

Short Inquiry - Children Missing from Home, Care and School

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

5 Useful Acronyms

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) EHE = Elective Home Education FWS = Education Welfare Service EYFS = Early Years Foundation stage FCAF = Family Common Assessment 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 Key Stage 1(Ages 5-7) Years 1 and 2 Key Stage 2 (Ages 7-11) Years 3, 4, 5 Key Stage 3 (Ages 11-14) Years 7, 8 and Key Stage 4 (Ages 14-16) Years 10 and LAC = Looked After Children LACES = Looked After Children Education Service

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 PIF = 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



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
000229/2015	Education Services Review: Externalisation of Educational Psychology – Authority to produce Full Business Case	Children's Services	19 Oct 15
000232/2015	School Organisation Issues which may include Closures, Amalgamations, Opening of a new school – Standing Item	Children's Services	03 Mar 16
000661/2015	Cityserve - Alternative Delivery Model	Children's Services	17 May 16
	Provision of Permanent Accommodation to meet additional Primary Pupil Places required for September 16 onwards / Full Business Case (FBC) / Contract Award	Children's Services	16 Feb 16
001294/2016	Changes to the Full-Time (30 hours) Early Education Place Policy and Nursery Schools Admissions	Children's Services	22 Mar 16
001644/2016	Early Years Review & Consultation	Children's Services	17 May 16