



Education and Children's Social Care O&S Committee: Work Programme 2021–2022

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1 Terms of Reference

- 1.1 As per City Council on 25th May 2021 the Committee's Terms of Reference 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 April 2022).

2 Meeting Schedule

Date & Time	Items	Officers / Attendees
9 June 2021 at 10am Informal Meeting	To discuss priorities for 2021/22 work programme.	



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<p>21 July 2021 at 10am</p> <p>In the Birmingham & Midland Institute (BMI)</p> <p>Deadline for Send Out: 12 July 2021</p>	<p>Councillor Kate Booth, Cabinet Member for Children's Wellbeing Update (last discussed 10 Jul 2019). To include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Years (this has been included in the written report). • SEND and EHCPs including the health aspect e.g. waiting times etc (regular SEND updates programmed). • Birmingham Youth Justice Strategic Plan 2021/22 (this is now scheduled for Cabinet 7 September 2021 rather than 29 June 2021 & will be picked up by the Children's Trust update). 	<p>Suman McCartney, Cabinet Support Officer</p> <p>This item was included within the SEND update at the committee meeting.</p>
	<p>SEND Ofsted Inspection Outcome (SEND & WSoA last discussed 28 Oct 2020).</p> <p>To include: EHCPs including the health aspect (waiting times etc).</p>	<p>Kevin Crompton, Interim Director, Education & Skills / Director of Children Services (DCS), and Deborah Brooks, Transformation Director, Commissioning, Education and Skills</p>
	<p>Hunters Hill College Update.</p>	<p>Councillor Jayne Francis, Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and Culture, Jaswinder Didiyally, Head of Service, Education and Skills, and David Bridgman, Head of Service, SENAR</p>
	<p>Councillor Jayne Francis, Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and Culture update (last discussed 11 Sep 2019). To include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth Engagement and Youth Service (Youth voices – to include how the different forums are supported and how they can support each other; and the resources to support these). • Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE) provided in schools. • Education of Children and Young People and the difficulty with the school system being set up for young people to be job ready, however there is a lack of jobs and universities are expensive. 	<p>Rose Horsfall, Cabinet Support Officer</p> <p>Lisa Fraser, AD, Education and Early Years, Ilgun Yusuf, Acting AD, Skills and Employability and Alan Michell, Head of School Admissions and Fair Access</p>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Schools Forum and monitoring schools on how they are spending the money they are allocated. 	
<p>1 September 2021 at 10am in the BMI</p> <p>Deadline for Send Out: 20 August 2021</p>	<p>Children's Trust to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youth Justice Strategic Plan Children in Care Independent Advocacy Service / Rights and Participation Service Missing Children 	<p>Andrew Christie, Chair and Andy Couldrick, Chief Executive, Children's Trust</p>
	<p>Cllr Sharon Thompson, Cabinet Member for Vulnerable Children and Families</p>	<p>Suman McCartney, Cabinet Support Officer</p>
	<p>SEND</p>	<p>Kevin Crompton, Interim Director, Education & Skills and Pauline Maddison, Interim AD, SEND and Inclusion</p>
<p>13 October 2021 at 10am Online</p> <p>Deadline for Send Out: 4 October 2021</p>	<p>Cllr John Cotton, Cabinet Member for Social Inclusion, Community Safety and Equalities to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rise in hate crime, youth crime and knife crime. Engagement of young people and how they are supported in relation to climate, BLM and increase in racism, Palestine, Me too campaigns etc. 	<p>Waqar Ahmed, AD, Community Safety and Resilience</p> <p>Marcia Wynter, Cabinet Support Officer</p>
	<p>SEND</p>	<p>Kevin Crompton, Interim Director, Education & Skills</p>
	<p>Home to School Transport (HTST) Update</p>	<p>Mary Jefferson, Head of Service, Home to School Transport, and Deborah Brooks, Transformation Director, Commissioning, Education and Skills</p>
<p>24 November 2021 at 10am in the BMI</p>	<p>SEND</p>	<p>Kevin Crompton, Interim Director, Education & Skills</p>



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Deadline for Send Out: 15 November 2021	Young People and Mental Health (to include Aquarius – children and young people substance use)	TBC Karl Beese, Commissioning Manager - Adult Public Health Services, and John Freeman, Commissioning Manager – Adult Social Care
	Youth Service	Ilgun Yusuf, Acting AD, Skills and Employability and, Soulla Yiasouma, Joint Head of Youth Service
12 January 2022 at 10am in the BMI Deadline for Send Out: 30 December 2021	Birmingham Safeguarding Children's Partnership Annual Update to include: FGM	Penny Thompson, Independent Chair, BSCP and Simon Cross, Business Manager
	SEND	Kevin Crompton, Interim Director, Education & Skills
	School Attainment and School Attendance TBC	Lisa Fraser, AD, Education and Early Years
	Integrated Transport Unit (ITU) TBC	Deborah Brooks, Transformation Director, Commissioning, Education and Skills, and Sonia Davidson-Grant, Programme Manager, Education & Skills
16 February 2021 at 10am in the BMI Deadline for Send Out: 7 February 2022	SEND	Kevin Crompton, Interim Director, Education & Skills
30 March 2022 at 10am in the BMI Deadline for Send Out: 21 March 2022	SEND	Kevin Crompton, Interim Director, Education & Skills
6 April 2022 at 10am in the BMI Deadline for Send Out: 28 March 2022	SEND	Kevin Crompton, Interim Director, Education & Skills



3 Items to be Programmed

3.1 The above bullet points are issues that were identified at the June 2021 meeting.

3.2 In addition to the above bullet points, Children's and Young People's health and wellbeing was identified. This is to be discussed with Co-ordinating Overview and Scrutiny Committee to ensure there is no duplication. However, the following could be joint piece of work with the Health and Adults Social Care O&S Committee regarding mental health due to the pandemic.

- The impact on children's and young people's mental health and how this is being supported.
- To include an update on the development of the footprint as a response to the pandemic to provide support to children with mental health, emotional neglect, domestic abuse (early help hubs). Early Help: Nigel Harvey-Whitten, AD, Children's Services (Commissioning) & Richard Selwyn, Birmingham Children's Partnership have now left and the contact is Garath Symonds.
- How children and young people and mainstream schools coped with the return to school and the resulting pressures (including missed education and anxiety regarding returning to school).
- Forward Thinking Birmingham.
- An update on Preparation for Adulthood which should include data that allows for comparison, tracking and monitoring (attended 20 January 2021).
- Youth Justice.

3.3 Young People and Mental Health has been discussed previously by the former Learning, Culture and Physical Activity O&S Committee:

5 Sep 2018	<p>Forward Thinking Birmingham</p> <p>Erin Docherty Senior Nurse Lead, Forward Thinking Birmingham, Birmingham Women's and Children's NHS Foundation Trust</p> <p>The Birmingham School Health Advisory Service (BSHAS)</p> <p>Joanne Thurston, Chief Operating Officer and Karen Hansford, Head of Universal Children's Services 5-19, Birmingham Community Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust.</p>
14 Nov 2018	<p>Educational Psychology Service Birmingham</p> <p>Amanda Daniels, Principal Educational Psychologist.</p> <p>Visit to Pause, Digbeth</p> <p>Karen Woodfield, Area Manager, Pause, Forward Thinking Birmingham & Sandwell Beam and Leroy McConnell, Mental Health, Youth Work/Participation Lead, The Children's Society.</p>



6 Feb 2019	Anna Robinson, Birmingham Education Partnership (BEP) Mental Health/Emotional Wellbeing Lead and Sarah Finch, Assistant Head, Colmers Secondary School and Sixth Form.
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3.4 Councillor Alex Yip to send a draft TOR for Hunters Hill College.

4 Other Meetings

- Call in Meetings: None scheduled
- Petitions: None scheduled
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- Councillor Call for Action Requests: None scheduled

5 Report to City Council / Pieces of Work

5.1 The Committee's Home to School Transport report was debated at City Council on 15th September 2020 and the following motion was agreed:

That the Executive provide an assessment of progress against the outcomes set out above, and the key areas listed in Section 7 in this report, to the Education & Children's Social Care Overview & Scrutiny Committee in March 2021.

That the Chief Executive at Birmingham City Council:

- a) Take steps to ensure that immediate changes will be made to the most pressing issues within the Travel Assist service, including [but not limited to] safeguarding of children, cancelled routes, guide changes, bus lateness, and telephone lines going unanswered;
- b) Commission an external and independent inquiry into the Full Travel Assist Service that fully addresses the concerns laid out by Parents, Carers, Schools and other users of the service as listed in section 7 and listed in paragraph number a.) above, by providing clear recommendations, lines of accountability together with an open and transparent timetable for sustainable improvement;
- c) Commission an external and independent investigation into the assurances that have been given to Members about the safety of the service and the status of improvements at meetings of Overview and Scrutiny, City Council and Audit Committee since January 2020

The investigations referred to in paragraphs b) & c) will report by 1 November 2020.

6 Forward Plan for Cabinet Decisions

6.1 The following decisions, extracted from the Cabinet Office Forward Plan of Decisions, are likely to be relevant to the Education and Children's Social Care O&S Committee's remit.



ID Number	Title	Proposed Date	Date of Decision
008943/2021	Birmingham Youth Justice Strategic Plan 2021/22	7 Sep 21	7 Sep 21
009043/2021	Proposed In-Year Variation to Admission Arrangements for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools and the Co-Ordinated Scheme 2021/22 and 2022/23 and Approach to Fair Access Protocol	27 Jul 21	27 Jul 21
009054/2021	Skilts School conversion from Community School to Academy Status	27 Jul 21	27 Jul 21
009301/2021	Education and Skills Transformation Funding – Request for 2 years One-off Funding to Support Transformation Activity in the Education and Skills Directorate	12 Oct 21	