



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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Committee Manager: Louisa Nisbett (303 9844)

1 Meeting Schedule

Date / Location All at 2 pm	Session / Outcome	Officers / Attendees
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 & Alistair Gibbons</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 (ends 31st October 2015) 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 (9th December 2015). 	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 Cabinet Member for Children Services to discuss Curriculum Entitlement and Equality 	Emma Leaman & Julie Newbold Cllr Brigid Jones / Pat Kilarney



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21 October 2015 Committee Rooms 3 & 4 Deadline for reports 2pm on 12th Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sir Mike Tomlinson, Education Commissioner (TBC for October or November) • Cabinet Member for Children Services to update the Committee on the budget position for the portfolio • Special Educational Needs (SEN) and Education, Health and Care plans (EHC) • Missing Children Inquiry (TBC) • School Attainment Statistics (TBC) • Tracking: Strengthening the Birmingham Family of Schools • Tracking: Work Experience for School Age Children – the role of the City Council Inquiry 	Seamus Gaynor Cllr Brigid Jones / Pat Kilarney Colin Diamond & Simon Wellman Scrutiny Office Colin Diamond Colin Diamond Kathryn Cook, Interim Head of OD
25 November 2015 Committee Rooms 3 & 4 Deadline for reports 2pm on 16th Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sir Mike Tomlinson, Education Commissioner (TBC for October or November) • Birmingham Safeguarding Children Board (BSCB) Annual report • Tracking: Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE): Delivery of training and awareness raising on CSE recommendations 1 - 7 (TBC) 	Seamus Gaynor Jane Held, Chair of BSCB / Simon Cross, Business Manager Garry Billing / Colin Diamond
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) • Cabinet Member for Children's Services to report back on the outcomes of the Early Years Review Consultation (TBC) • Summary report on overall progress on the Children Social Care and Safeguarding (TBC) • Update on the Education and Schools Improvement Plan (TBC December or January) 	Andy Wright & Fiona Wallace, Head Teacher, COB Cllr Brigid Jones / Pat Kilarney Alistair Gibbons (TBC) Colin Diamond (TBC)
20 January 2016 Committee Rooms 3 & 4 Deadline for reports 2pm on 11th Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corporate Parenting Update • Rights and Participation for Children in Care • Update on the Education and Schools Strategy & Improvement Plan (TBC December or January) 	Andy Pepper Lisa Carter Colin Diamond (TBC)



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10 February 2016 Committee Rooms 3 & 4 Deadline for reports 2pm on 1st Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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) 	Colin Diamond and Simon Wellman (TBC) Garry Billing / Colin Diamond
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) 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 Garry Billing / Colin Diamond
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) 	Scrutiny Office

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	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).
Missing from home and / or education.	Birmingham Education Partnership (BEP) and School Improvement.	Regular updates on the Budgets.



Safeguarding	Education	Other
	Education outcomes for white working class boys.	Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEETs).
	Local Authority Appointments to governing bodies.	Performance Indicators.
	Education Peer Review.	
	Home Education.	

3 Outstanding Tracking

Inquiry	Outstanding Recommendations	Date of Tracking
Strengthening the Birmingham Family of Schools	7, 8 and 9	Last tracked 19 November 2015 / Next tracking 21 October 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 21 October 2015
Work Experience for School Age Children – the role of the City Council Inquiry in 2013	1, 2 and 3	21 October 2015

4 Inquiry Schedule

4.1 An Inquiry topic, TOR etc needs to be agreed.

Inquiry – Children Missing from Home, Care and School (TBC)

Date	Item
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

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 NOSW = 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
000226/2015	Provision of Additional Primary Places at Ward End Primary School to meet Demographic Growth for September 2015 onwards – FBC / Contract Award	Children's Services	-
000229/2015	Education Services Review: Cityserve - Authority to mobilise full business case recommendation	Children's Services	21 Sep 2015
000232/2015	School Organisation Issues which may include Closures, Amalgamations, Opening of a new School - standing item	Children's Services	21 Sep 2015
000285/2015	Provision of Additional Places at Rednal Hill Junior School to meet Immediate Need and Demographic Growth for September 2015	Children's Services	21 Sep 2015



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	Onwards – FBC		
000570/2015	Think Family Intensive Family Support	Children's Services	22 Sep 2015
000234/2015	School conversion to an Academy – Wilkes Green Junior School	Children's Services	28 Sep 2015
000416/2015	Youth Justice Strategic Plan 2015/16	Children's Services	28 Sep 2015
000496/2015	Foster Care Framework	Children's Services	28 Sep 2015
000291/2015	Re-commissioning Transport Provision for Children with Special Educational Needs, Vulnerable Adults and Transport for use by Council Services and Schools - PUBLIC	Commissioning, Contracting and Improvement	30 Sep 2015
000219/2015	Manor Park Primary School conversion to Academy Status	Children's Services	16 Nov 2015

Proposed EVC Inquiry 2015

Missing from Home

Missing from Care

(Bham children and children placed in Bham by other LAs?)

Missing from School

Children Missing from Home, Care and School

Possible Lines of Enquiry

- What role should and does the City Council play?
- Does the City Council manage the risks to children appropriately?
- Is there effective collaboration to keep children safe?

Risks which could be dealt with outside the Inquiry

Children without School Places

Home schooling

Children who are no longer enrolled
"Disappeared"

Possible Issues / Concerns / Risks to Explore

