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Cc: Benita Wishart

Subject: Education and Vulnerable Children O&S Committee

Dear Cllrs

One of the topics on this year's work programme for the Education and Vulnerable Children O&S Committee relates to the emerging new roles for Districts in this transitional year and how districts can support the work of other Directorates of safeguarding and educating children and young people, getting them into work and improving their general well-being.

Cllr Susan Barnett, Chair of the Committee, would therefore like to invite all the District Chairs to attend a committee meeting to discuss how your District Plans are addressing education and vulnerable children, including:

- Your Corporate Parenting responsibilities
- Progress made on 'It takes a city to raise a child'
- Education and safeguarding issues
- Any relevant Neighbourhood Challenges that have been carried out
- Progress with recommendation 7 contained within the Strengthening the Birmingham Family of Schools – The Role of the City Council report that recommended that 'Elected Members commit to developing relationships with all schools in their ward and to becoming local champions for education by:
 - i) Affirming their commitment to quality Education for all Birmingham Children at City Council;
 - ii) Affirming to parents and carers in their local area that they will endeavour to represent their interests in working with local "families" of schools;
 - iii) Considering applying to become a governor of at least one school governing body and undertaking governor training as appropriate;
 - iv) Visiting every school in their ward at least once a year to build relationships and support school activities in their role as councillors;
 - v) Inviting Headteachers to present to Ward Committees on school progress in a rolling programme to raise awareness of local school safeguarding, standards and successes and;
 - vi) Approaching local businesses to form links with schools for work experience placements and apprenticeships.'

In addition it would be timely to consider issues that the Districts consider should be on the Committee's work programme for the next municipal year.

Please could you let me know your availability for:

- 23rd March 2016: between 2pm – 5pm;
- 20th April 2016: between 2pm – 5pm.

I look forward to hearing from you.

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