

Birmingham City Council

Education and Children's Social Care

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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Subject: Children's Trust

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1 Purpose

- 1.1 To update the Committee on the Trust's Business Plan and priorities for 2022-23.
- 1.2 To provide further detail on exploitation, mental health, and placement cost and complexity (appended slides).
- 1.3 To update the Committee on review and renewal of the Trust contract with the Council.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 Members note the report and agree any comments/recommendations.

3 Any Finance Implications

- 3.1 See section 6 of the update attached at Appendix 1.

4 Any Legal Implications

- 4.1 Birmingham Children's Trust was established in 2017 as a wholly owned company of Birmingham City Council following formal intervention by the Department of Education. The Trust delivers statutory Children's Social Care services on behalf of the Council through a commissioning arrangement and formally commenced operations in April 2018.

5 Any Equalities Implications

- 5.1 The Trust works with and supports vulnerable children, young people and families. The update describes this work across a wide range of Trust services.

6 Appendices

- 6.1 Appendix 1 – Children's Trust Update on Business Plan and priorities for 2022-23.
- 6.2 Appendix 2 – presentation on exploitation, mental health, and placement cost and complexity.