



Education and Children's Social Care O&S Committee: Work Programme 2020–2021

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1 Terms of Reference

- 1.1 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 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).

2 Meeting Schedule

Date & Start	Items	Officers / Attendees
18 June 2020 at 2pm (Online)	Informal Meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Chair's Update on recent activities and current issuesDiscussion re: date for and focus of next formal meeting	



17 July 2020 (Online – start at 11.00)	SEND Home to School Transport Update	Cllr Kate Booth, Cabinet Member Children's Wellbeing Nichola Jones, AD, Inclusion and SEND Mark Hudson, Interim SEND Transport Manager Mark Hanson, Manager Operations, Commissioning and Contracts, SEND and Inclusion Jennifer Lucas, SEND Transport Consultant Paul Robson, SEND Transport Manager
16 September 2020 @ 10am Deadline: 7 Sep 2020	Covid-19 Impact on Schools and Preparations for Return to School in September 2020	Lisa Fraser, AD Education and Early Years and Jaswinder Didially, Head of Service, Education and Skills
	SEND Response to Covid	Nichola Jones, AD Inclusion and SEND and Kate Squires, SEND Locality, Education and Skills
16 October 2020 @ 10am	Informal Meeting: Home to School Transport	
28 October 2020 @ 10am Deadline: 19 Oct 2020	SEND Written Statement of Action (WSOA) Update (Last attended / discussed 11 March 2020)	Cllr Kate Booth, Cabinet Member for Children's Wellbeing, Dr Tim O'Neill, AD, Education and Skills, Rachel O'Connor, Assistant Chief Executive, Birmingham and Solihull CCG and Nichola Jones, AD for Inclusion and SEND (Marie M Dobinson, Project Manager Partnerships)
	Youth Services	Ilgun Yusuf, Acting AD, Skills and Employability, Soulla Yiasouma, Joint Head of Youth Service, Darnish Amraz, Youth Worker and Becky Crampton, Youth Worker
9 December 2020 @ 10am Deadline: 30 Nov 2020	Children's Trust Update	Andrew Christie, Chair and Andy Couldrick, Chief Executive, Children's Trust
	Birmingham Safeguarding Children's Partnership	Penny Thompson, Independent Chair, BSCP and Simon Cross, Business Manager
6 January 2021 @ 2pm	Request for Call-In: Home to School Transport	Cllr Ian Ward, Leader, Cllr Kate Booth, Cabinet Member for Children's Wellbeing & Chris Naylor, Interim Chief Executive



20 January 2021 @ 10am Deadline: 11 Jan 21	Preparation for Adulthood Impact of Integrated Services and its outcomes update/progress from September 2020 launch. Also attending the Health and Social Care O&S Committee on the 16 th February 2021.	Dionne McAndrews, AD, Children's Trust, John Williams, AD, Adult Social Care and Caroline Naven, Head of Preparation for Adulthood & Vulnerable Adults
	Attendance and Exclusions	Lisa Fraser, AD Education and Early Years and Alan Michell, Head of School Admissions and Fair Access
03 February 2021 @ 9.30am	Proposal to Close Hunters Hill College	Councillor Jayne Francis, Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and Culture, Councillor Kate Booth, Cabinet Member for Children's Wellbeing, David Bridgman, Head of Special Educational Needs Assessment & Review (SENAR), Jaswinder Didially, Head of Service, Education and Skills, Lisa Fraser, AD Education and Early Years, Nichola Jones, AD Inclusion and SEND & Zahid Mahmood, Capital Projects Manager
19 May 2021 @ 10am Deadline: 10 May 2021	Home to School Transport Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor Ian Ward, Leader (Lead Cabinet Member) • Councillor Kate Booth, Cabinet Member for Children's Wellbeing • Nichola Jones, AD for Inclusion and SEND • Mary Jefferson, HoS, Home to School Transport
	Hunters Hill College Update – to include details of displaced pupil's placements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor Kate Booth, Cabinet Member for Children's Wellbeing • Councillor Jayne Francis, Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and Culture • Nichola Jones, AD, Inclusion and SEND • David Bridgman, Head of Service, Special Educational Needs Assessment & Review (SENAR) • Faye Higgins, Programme & Change Manager • Jaswinder Didially, Head of Service, Education and Skills • Lisa Fraser, AD, Education and Early Years

3 Items to be Programmed

3.1 School Admissions.



- 3.2 Waiting Times for Therapies and the remedial action plan - Birmingham Community Healthcare (BCHC) to also be invited.
- 3.3 The Youth Service to be invited back in the Spring.
- 3.4 The Community Safety Partnership to be invited to the Committee (Cllr Cotton, Cabinet Member for Social Inclusion, Community Safety and Equalities). The Community Safety Partnerships annual report was presented to the Housing and Neighbourhoods O&S Committee on 19th November 2020.
- 3.5 A dedicated piece of joint work with the Corporate Parenting Board, the Committee, working with the Trust, Corporate Parenting Team and Birmingham Children's Partnership. It was agreed at the Committee's meeting on the 9th December 2020 for the Cabinet Member to report back on the conversations and commitments made in relation to how best to engage Members as corporate parents. It was suggested the best time to report back would probably be in the spring next year after it had been discussed by the Corporate Parenting Board.
- 3.6 An update next year 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).
- 3.7 An update on Preparation for Adulthood to be brought back to Scrutiny in 6 – 12 months' time and this should include data that allows for comparison, tracking and monitoring.
- 3.8 Children Missing Education update.
- 3.9 Early Help: Nigel Harvey-Whitten, AD, Children's Services (Commissioning) & Richard Selwyn, Birmingham Children's Partnership

4 Other Meetings

- Call in Meetings:
 - 6th January 2021, Improving Home to School Transport – Decision was called in.
 - 3rd February 2021, Proposal to Close Hunters Hill College – Decision was not called in.
- 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 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
007921/2020	Regional Adoption Agency	15 Dec 20	15 Dec 20
008115/2020	Birmingham Children's Trust – Accommodation & Contact Centres	10 Nov 20	10 Nov 20
007494/2020	Mayfield School Conversion from Community School to Academy Status	20 Apr 21	20 Apr 21
007918/2020	Erdington Academy School Full Business Case and Contract Award	08 Sep 20	08 Sep 20
007919/2020	Selly Park Girls' School Full Business Case and Contract Award	10 Nov 20	10 Nov 20
007966/2020	Priority School Building Programme for the Relocation of Oscott Manor School to an Alternative Site.	16 Mar 21	20 Apr 20
008469/2021	Contract/Arrangement with Children's Trust	09 Feb 21	09 Feb 21
008291/2020	Improving Home to School Transport	15 Dec 20	19 Jan 21
008344/2021	Full Business Case and Recommended Contract Award for the Capital Scheme at Bishop Challoner Catholic College	19 Jan 21	19 Jan 21
008377/2021	Proposal to Close Hunters Hill College	19 Jan 21	19 Jan 21
008394/2021	Birmingham Children and Families Transformation Community Based Early Help System	16 Mar 21	
008400/2021	Proposed Admission Arrangements and Published Admission Numbers for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools and the Local Authority Coordinated Scheme 2022/2023	09 Feb 21	09 Feb 21
008588/2021	Schools' Capital Programme - School Condition Allocation, Basic Need Allocation 2021-22 + Future Years	16 Mar 21	16 Mar 21