

**BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL**

**SCHOOLS, CHILDREN AND FAMILIES OVERVIEW AND  
SCRUTINY (O&S) COMMITTEE – PUBLIC MEETING**

**14:00 hours on Wednesday 12 October 2016, Committee Rooms 3 & 4 –  
Actions**

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**Present:**

Councillor Susan Barnett [Chair]

Councillors: Barry Bowles [Deputy Chair], Sue Anderson, Matt Bennett, Kate Booth, Debbie Clancy, Shabrana Hussain, Valerie Seabright and Alex Yip.

Other Voting Representatives: Sarah Smith, Church of England Diocese and Samera Ali, Parent Governor Representative.

**Also Present:**

Claire Bell, West Midlands Police

David Bishop, Head of Service, Alternative Provision & Independent Education

Debbie Currie, AD, Child Protection, Performance and Partnership

Seamus Gaynor, Head of Strategic Management

Alastair Gibbons, Executive Director for Children Services

Cathryn Greenway, Senior Commissioning Officer

Emma Rohomon, Licensing Manager

Amanda Simcox, Research & Policy Officer, Scrutiny Office

Tony Stanley, Chief Social Worker

Benita Wishart, Overview & Scrutiny Manager, Scrutiny Office

Julie Young, AD, Education and Skills

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**1. NOTICE OF RECORDING/WEBCAST**

The Chairman advised that this meeting would be webcast for live or subsequent broadcast via the Council's Internet site (which could be accessed at "[www.birminghamnewsroom.com](http://www.birminghamnewsroom.com)") and members of the press/public may record and take photographs.

The whole of the meeting would be filmed except where there were confidential or exempt items.

## **2. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were submitted on behalf of Councillor Julie Johnson, Councillor Martin Straker Welds, Evette Clarke, Parent Governor Representative and Richard Potter, Roman Catholic Representative

## **3. ACTION NOTES**

(See document No 1)

### **RESOLVED:-**

The action notes of the meeting held on the 21 September 2016 were confirmed subject to the Voluntary Children's Trust report going to Cabinet in January 2017 and not Council.

## **4. TRACKING: CHILDREN MISSING FROM HOME AND CARE INQUIRY**

(See document No 2)

Claire Bell, West Midlands Police and Tony Stanley, Chief Social Worker provided a progress report on the recommendations. It was agreed that recommendation 1 regarding the Runaways Charter was achieved fully and recommendation 2 regarding the overarching strategy was not achieved - progress made.

### **RESOLVED:-**

- Progress noted and there will be a report back on 26th April 2017. The update to include the key measures of success that will be used and the WMP to come back with case studies.

## **5. UPDATE ON CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION (CSE)**

(See document No 3)

Claire Bell, West Midlands Police, Alastair Gibbons, Executive Director for Children Services, Debbie Currie, AD, Child Protection, Performance and Partnership, Cathryn Greenway, Senior Commissioning Officer and Emma Rohomon, Licensing Manager provided an update on the progress made with CSE generally and recommendation 6.

### **RESOLVED:-**

- Rec 6 was agreed as achieved – late and therefore all the recommendations within the report have been concluded.
- Information was requested on what has been done regards awareness raising in communities and the impact of this (page 36 in the pack / page 4 of the report).
- More information was requested on the Birmingham Safeguarding Children Board's (BSCB) securing advertising space with Birmingham Football Association who are developing an A4 Young People's information folder which will be distributed to young people through secondary schools, colleges and youth centres via FA Soccer Coaches and also through football grounds and club shops on match days from mid-August onwards for 12 months.'

- To report back on 26th April 2017 and include further analysis around trends.
- Committee to decide whether this is to have a broader focus – eg FGM and radicalisation.
- Licensing to redraft the letter to taxi drivers and send to Members for comment.

## **6. MISSING FROM EDUCATION**

(See document 4).

Julie Young, AD, Education and Skills and David Bishop, Head of Service, Alternative Provision and Independent Education provided an update on those pupils who were missing from education and whose whereabouts were unknown.

Members requested that they receive an updated appendix 3 – weekly CNES report with an explanation of the cohorts.

Members wanted to have a wider discussion looking at children ‘missing education’, including exclusions and transport issues.

### **RESOLVED:-**

- The report was noted and an updated appendix 3 to be forwarded to Members with an explanation of the cohorts.
- Cllr Valerie Seabright to set up a working group to look at wider issues, e.g. exclusions and transport.

## **7. WORK PROGRAMME 2016-17**

(See document 5)

The Chair informed Members that the Ofsted Inspection and the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) / Children’s Advice and Support Service (CASS) items would be discussed in December rather than November due to the Ofsted report not being available until after the November meeting.

### **RESOLVED:-**

That the work programme be noted and if Members have anything they want to be added then they should contact the Chair or the Scrutiny Officers.

## **8. DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

The dates were noted.

## **9. REQUEST(S) FOR CALL IN/COUNCILLOR CALL FOR ACTION/PETITIONS**

None.

## **10. OTHER URGENT BUSINESS**

None.

## **11. AUTHORITY TO CHAIRMAN AND OFFICERS**

### **RESOLVED:-**

That in an urgent situation between meetings the Chair, jointly with the relevant Chief Officer, has authority to act on behalf of the Committee.

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The meeting ended at 16.36 hours.