



## Education and Children's Social Care O&S Committee: Work Programme 2022/23

<b>Chair:</b>	Cllr Kerry Jenkins
<b>Deputy Chair:</b>	Cllr Des Hughes
<b>Committee Members:</b>	Cllrs: Shabina Bano, Jilly Bermingham, Debbie Clancy, Morriam Jan, Shehla Moledina, and Simon Morrall  Education Representatives: Justine Lomas, Roman Catholic Diocese, Osamugi Ogbe, Parent Governor, Rabia Shami, Parent Governor, and Sarah Smith, Church of England Diocese
<b>Officer Support:</b>	Senior Overview and Scrutiny Manager: Fiona Bottrill (303 1731) Scrutiny Officer: Amanda Simcox: (675 8444) Committee Manager: Sofia Mirza (675 0216)

## 1 Introduction

- 1.1 The remit of the Education and Children's Social Care O&S Committee is '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, children and young people's health and wellbeing 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, who are on the Committee until 30<sup>th</sup> April 2026).
- 1.3 This report provides details of the scrutiny work programme for 2022/23.

## 2 Recommendation

- 2.1 That the Committee considers its work programme, attached at Appendix 1, and agrees any amendments required.

## 3 Background

- 3.1 *"Scrutiny is based on the principle that someone who makes a decision...should not be the only one to review or challenge it. Overview is founded on the belief that an open, inclusive,*



*member-led approach to policy review...results in better policies in the long run.” (Jessica Crowe, former Executive Director, Centre for Governance and Scrutiny).*

- 3.2 Developing an effective work programme is the bedrock of an effective scrutiny function. Done well, it can help lay the foundations for targeted, inclusive and timely work on issues of local importance, where scrutiny can add value. Done poorly, scrutiny can end up wasting time and resources on issues where the impact of any scrutiny work done is likely to be minimal.
- 3.3 As a result, the careful selection and prioritisation of work is essential if the scrutiny function is to be successful, add value and retain credibility.

## 4 Work Programme

- 4.1 Appendix 1 sets out the future work programme for this Committee. This provides information on the aims and objectives, together with lead officers and witnesses, for each item. The attached work programme also includes items to be programmed where dates are still to be confirmed, and any outstanding items including the tracking of previous recommendations.
- 4.2 As the work programmes for the Committees have developed a number of cross cutting issues have been identified. To avoid duplication Members will be invited to attend different Overview and Scrutiny Committee meetings for relevant reports as set out below:

Lead Committee	Meeting and Agenda Item	Members to be invited and reason
Education and Children’s Social Care O&SC	Meeting: TBC Report from Birmingham Safeguarding Children’s Partnership (BSCP)	Members of the CYP Mental Health Inquiry from the Health and Social Care O&SC (Cllrs: Mick Brown (Chair), Kath Hartley, Gareth Moore, Julian Pritchard, and Paul Tilsley (Deputy Chair).
Commonwealth Games, Culture and Physical Activity O&SC	Meeting: TBC Report on employment and skills Legacy of the Commonwealth Games	Members of the Economy and Skills O&SC  At the meeting on the 8 July Co-ordinating O&SC decided that this issue falls within the remit of the CWG, Culture and Physical Activity O&SC, and as it has been identified during the work planning for the Economy and Skills O&SC as an issue of interest. Members of this Committee would be invited to the relevant meeting.

## 5 Other Meetings

- 5.1 There are no other meetings scheduled at this time.



## Call in Meetings:

*None scheduled*

## Petitions

*None scheduled*

## Councillor Call for Action requests

*None scheduled*

Committee approved Wednesday at 10.00am as a suitable day and time each week for any additional meetings required to consider 'requests for call in' which may be lodged in respect of Executive decisions.

## 6 Forward Plan for Cabinet Decisions

- 6.1 Since the implementation of the Local Government Act and the introduction of the Forward Plan, scrutiny members have found the Plan to be a useful tool in identifying potential agenda items.
- 6.2 The following decisions, extracted from the CMIS Forward Plan of Decisions, are likely to be relevant to the Education and Children's Social Care O&S Committee's remit. The Committee may wish to consider whether any of these issues require further investigation or monitoring via scrutiny. The Forward Plan can be viewed in full via Forward Plans ([cmis.uk.com](http://cmis.uk.com)).

ID Number	Title	Proposed Date of Decision
010978/2023	Response to Independent Review of Birmingham Special Educational Needs and Disability Information, Advice and Support Service (SENDIASS)	16 May 2023
011288/2023	Hamilton School – Approval for Capital Works to Create a Two storey Classroom Block and Car Parking to Provide Y7 and Y8 SEND Places	25 Apr 2023

## 7 Legal Implications

- 7.1 There are no immediate legal implications arising from this report.

## 8 Financial Implications

- 8.1 There are no financial implications arising from the recommendations set out in this report.



## 9 Public Sector Equality Duty

- 9.1 The Council has a Public Sector Equality Duty under the Equality Act (2010) to have due regard to the need to:
- eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under the Act;
  - advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it;
  - foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.
- 9.2 The Committee should ensure that it addresses these duties by considering them during work programme development, the scoping of work, evidence gathering and making recommendations. This should include considering: How policy issues impact on different groups within the community, particularly those that share a relevant protected characteristic; Whether the impact on particular groups is fair and proportionate; Whether there is equality of access to services and fair representation of all groups within Birmingham; Whether any positive opportunities to advance equality of opportunity and/or good relations between people are being realised.
- 9.3 The Committee should ensure that equalities comments, and any recommendations, are based on evidence. This should include demographic and service level data and evidence of residents/service-users views gathered through consultation.

## 10 Use of Appendices

- 10.1 Appendix 1 – Work Programme for 2022/2023

## APPENDIX 1 - 2022-23 WORK PROGRAMME

Date of Meeting: Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2022 at 10am in the BMI, Margaret Street

Item/ Topic	Type of Scrutiny	Aims and Objectives	Lead Officer	Witnesses	Visits	Additional Information (Including joint working / links with other O&S Committees)
SEND Improvement and the Accelerated Progress Plan	Update Report	Advise current position on SEND Improvement, and the Accelerated Progress Plan (APP).	Sue Harrison, Director, Children and Families	Sue Harrison, Director, Children and Families  Victor Roman, SEND Improvement Programme Manager	None Required	
Home to School Transport (HTST)	Update Report	Assurances on improvements to the HTST service including arrangements for Sep 2022.	Sue Harrison, Director, Children and Families	Mike Fagan, AD, Home to School Transport  John Elsegood, Head of Communications  Satinder Sahota, Interim City Solicitor & Monitoring Officer	None Required	
Youth Justice Plan	Consultation	To discuss the priorities prior to the plan going to Cabinet and City Council for adoption.	Seamus Gaynor, Head of Executive, Children's Trust	Dionne McAndrew, AD, Vulnerable Young People, Children's Trust  Janine Saleh, Head of Service, Youth Offending Service	None Required	
Work Programme Development	Decision	Approve work programme for 2022-23	Fiona Bottrill, Senior Overview and Scrutiny Manager	None	None Required	

Final Deadline: Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2022, and Publication: Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2022

**Date of Meeting: Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at 10am in Committee Rooms 3 & 4, Council House**

<b>Item/ Topic</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Aims and Objectives</b>	<b>Lead Officer</b>	<b>Witnesses</b>	<b>Visits</b>	<b>Additional Information</b>
SEND Improvement	Update Report	Improvement Journey	Sue Harrison, Director, Children and Families	Sue Harrison, Director, Children and Families	None Required	
Cabinet Member Portfolio Overview	Update Report	Report providing a summary of Cabinet Member priorities for 2022-23, and identify opportunities for O&S to add value	Suman McCarthy, Cabinet Support Officer	Cllr Karen McCarthy, Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families	None Required	Cabinet Member Portfolio Overview
Work Programme Development / Inquiry Proposal	Decision	Approve work programme for 2022-23	Fiona Bottrill, Senior Overview and Scrutiny Manager	None	None Required	

**Final Deadline: Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2022**

**Publication: Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2022**

**Date of Meeting: Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at 10am in Committee Rooms 3 & 4, Council House**

Item/ Topic	Type	Aims and Objectives	Lead Officer	Witnesses	Visits	Additional Information
SEND Commissioner	Update Report	To provide information on the work of the SEND Improvement Board and how O&S can add value to the SEND improvement journey.	Sue Harrison, Director, Children and Families	John Coughlan, DfE Commissioner	None Required	
HTST / Children and Young People Travel Service Update	Update Report	Update on the service delivered in Sep 2022.	Sue Harrison, Director, Children and Families	Sue Harrison, Director, Children and Families  John Elsegood, Interim Lead Birmingham Children's Travel Service	None Required	

**Final Deadline: Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

**Publication: Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

**Date of Meeting: Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at 10am in Committee Rooms 3 & 4, Council House**

Item/ Topic	Type	Aims and Objectives	Lead Officer	Witnesses	Visits	Additional Information
Children's Trust	Update Report	To receive the Business Plan and Priorities (including an update on the paper that is going to Cabinet on the 8 Nov regarding the contract)	Seamus Gaynor, Head of Executive, Children's Trust	Andy Couldrick, Chief Executive, Children's Trust  Dionne McAndrew, AD, Vulnerable Young People, Children's Trust	None	Last attended a formal committee meeting on 1st September 2021  Members of the Children and Young People Mental Health Inquiry from the Health and Social Care OSC have been invited (Cllrs: Mick Brown (Chair), Kath Hartley, Gareth Moore, Julian Pritchard, and Paul Tilsley (Deputy Chair))

**Final Deadline: Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2022**

**Publication: Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2022**



**Date of Meeting: Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 10am in Committee Rooms 3 & 4, Council House**

Item/ Topic	Type	Aims and Objectives	Lead Officer	Witnesses	Visits	Additional Information
Children and Families Directorate Improvement Plan – Progress Update	Update	Update on the improvement journey so far in Children and Families Directorate, including headline improvements and a summary of the Improvement Plan	Sue Harrison, Director, Children and Families	Cllr. Karen McCarthy, Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families  Sue Harrison, Strategic Director, Children and Families  Kerry Madden, Strategic Improvement Programme Director	None	
Children's Partnership Change for Children 2023-28 Plan	Consultation	To update on progress, and to note the timeline for the development and launch of the Children and Young People's plan, including commitment to the UNICEF Child Friendly Cities & Communities Initiative	Sue Harrison, Director, Children and Families	Cllr. Karen McCarthy, Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families  Sue Harrison, Strategic Director, Children and Families  Colin Michel, Strategy & Partnership Lead (on-line)	None	

**Final Deadline: Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2022 and publication: Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2022**

Date of Meeting: Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January at 1pm in Committee Rooms 3 & 4, Council House (Reconvened Meeting)

Item/ Topic	Type	Aims and Objectives	Lead Officer	Witnesses	Visits	Additional Information
SENDIASS	Update Report	To consider the report which was initially published with the agenda papers (as an exempt item) for the meeting on the 30 November 2022 which was adjourned.	Sue Harrison, Strategic Director, Children and Families	<p>John Coughlan, DfE Commissioner</p> <p>Cllr Karen McCarthy, Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families</p> <p>Sue Harrison, Strategic Director, Children and Families</p> <p>Janie Berry, City Solicitor</p> <p>Rebecca Hellard, Director of Council Management</p>	None	

**Date of Meeting: Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2023 at 10am in Committee Rooms 3 & 4, Council House**

<b>Item/ Topic</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Aims and Objectives</b>	<b>Lead Officer</b>	<b>Witnesses</b>	<b>Visits</b>	<b>Additional Information</b>
School Attainment & School Improvement	Update Report	To receive a report on school attainment and discuss school improvement with BEP	Sue Harrison, Strategic Director, Children and Families	Sue Harrison, Strategic Director, Children and Families  Kate Reynolds, AD, Lifelong Learning & Employability  Tim Boyes, Chief Executive, BEP	None	To include attainment by ethnicity
School Exclusions, Part Time Timetables, and Unsuitable School Places	Update Report	Information on school exclusions, part-time timetables, children who haven't got a suitable school place, and support that is being provided, and how many excluded primary school children have unmet SEND needs / EHCPs	Sue Harrison, Strategic Director, Children and Families	Sue Harrison, Strategic Director, Children and Families  Razia Butt, Independent Education Adviser	None	This will also be part of the evidence gathering for the Child Criminal Exploitation Inquiry

**Final Deadline: Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2023 and publication: Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

**Date of Meeting: Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at 10am in Committee Rooms 3 & 4, Council House**

Item/ Topic	Type	Aims and Objectives	Lead Officer	Witnesses	Visits	Additional Information
Children's Trust Update	Update Report	To provide an update on progress with the priorities	Seamus Gaynor, Head of Executive, Children's Trust  Suman McCartney, Cabinet Support Officer	Andrew Christie, Chair, Children's Trust  Andy Couldrick, Chief Executive, Children's Trust  Cllr Karen McCarthy, Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families  Sue Harrison, Strategic Director, Children and Families	None	
Improving Services for Children and Families Improvement Programme Progress Update	Quarterly Update Report	To provide a quarterly update on progress	Sue Harrison, Strategic Director, Children and Families	Sue Harrison, Strategic Director, Children and Families  Kerry Madden, Strategic Improvement Programme Director	None	

**Final Deadline: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2023 and publication: Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

**Date of Meeting: Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 10am in Committee Rooms 3 & 4, Council House**

<b>Item/ Topic</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Aims and Objectives</b>	<b>Lead Officer</b>	<b>Witnesses</b>	<b>Visits</b>	<b>Additional Information</b>
Young People's Substance Use Service	Update Report	To update Members on the Service (under the HSC Act 2012, local authorities have a legal duty to protect children from harm, reduce health inequalities and improve the health of their local population by ensuring that there are public health services aimed at reducing drug and alcohol misuse)	Karl Beese Commissioning Manager - Adult Public Health Services	Karl Beese Commissioning Manager - Adult Public Health Services  Chris Baggott, Service Lead (Health Protection)  John Freeman, Commissioning Manager, Adults Social Care	None required	This item was last discussed on 24 November 2021 and may provide useful background information to this item  Members of the Health and Social Care O&S Committee to be invited to attend for this item.
SEND Accelerated Progress Plan (APP)	Update Report	To provide an update on progress	Sue Harrison, Strategic Director, Children and Families	Sue Harrison, Strategic Director, Children and Families  Helen Ellis, Director, SEND and Inclusion	No	Brief monthly updates to be circulated to Members by e-mail.
Youth Service	Evidence Gathering	To provide evidence to the Child Criminal Exploitation Inquiry	Soulla Yiasouma, Head of Youth Service	Soulla Yiasouma, Head of Youth Service	None required	This item was last discussed on 30 March 2022 and may provide useful background information to this item.

**Final Deadline: Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2023 (Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023 is a bank holiday) and publication: Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

**TO BE SCHEDULED:**

1. Grand Challenges, City Observatory data indicators by committee remit.
2. Scrutiny Inquiry: Child Criminal Exploitation.
3. Joint Scrutiny Inquiry with Health and Social Care O&S Committee: Children and Young People's Mental Health.
4. Visits.
5. Student attendance at school during their period (Period Poverty Inquiry). The focus of the report would be on the learning / good practice that has been identified and how this being shared with schools across the city, and members of the Health and Social Care O&S Committee to be invited to attend for this item.
6. Janie Berry, City Solicitor to be added to update Members on tribunals and delays etc., and feedback on how the role of Legal Services contributes and makes risk informed decisions.
7. School Exclusions, Part-Time Timetables, & Unsuitable School Places: Officers to come back in six months with an update on the progress of the work undertaken (September 2023).
8. Birmingham Safeguarding Children's Partnership (BSCP) - BSCP last attended on 16th February 2022