



Schools, Children and Families O&S Committee: Work Programme 2016/17

Chair: Cllr Susan Barnett

Committee Members: Cllrs: Sue Anderson; Matt Bennett; Kate Booth; Barry Bowles; Debbie Clancy; Shabrina Hussain; Julie Johnson; Chauhdry Rashid; Valerie Seabright; Martin Straker-Welds and Alex Yip

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1 Priority Issues

1.1 The following were highlighted in June as the priority issues for the committee's 2016/17 municipal year:

- Birmingham Education Partnership (BEP) / School improvement [Sept 2016 & Mar 2017]
- Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) and Children Missing from Home and Care [Oct 2016]
- Corporate Parenting & Children in Care [sessions to be confirmed]
- School exclusions [not programmed]
- Social Care Improvement Journey [Dec 2016 with Cabinet Member]
- Special Educational Needs [Inclusion Commission Sep 2016 & Jan 2017]
- Special Guardianship Orders (SGOs) [not programmed]
- Voluntary Children's Trust [Sep 2016, Jan 2017 & additional session(s) to be confirmed]

1.2 Annual reports/updates on:

- School places sufficiency
- School attainment
- Birmingham Safeguarding Children Board (BSCB)
- Portfolio Budget



2 Meeting Schedule

All at 2 pm in Committee Rooms 3 & 4	Session / Outcome	Officers / Attendees
15 June 2016 Committee Room 2	Informal Meeting to discuss the Work Programme	
20 July 2016 Send out: 12 Jul 2016	<p>The Education and Children’s Social Care Improvement Journey.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andrew Christie, Children’s Commissioner for Birmingham to provide a SWOT analysis (robustness & risks). Will be available from 3.30pm. • Cabinet Member for Children, Schools and Families (discussion to include: Children’s Services Voluntary Trust & SEN Commission) • Peter Hay, SD for People • Alastair Gibbons, Executive Director for Children Services <p>Outcome: <i>These discussions have informed the work programme.</i></p>	
21 September 2016 Send out: 13 Sep 16	<p>Voluntary Children’s Trust (2pm – 2.30pm)</p> <p>Outcome: <i>Sessions will be built for Overview and Scrutiny and the wider political consultations/discussions.</i></p>	Councillor Brigid Jones and Peter Hay, Strategic Director for People
	<p>Inclusion Commission (2.30pm - 3pm)</p> <p>Outcome:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Information on the six work streams to be provided.</i> • <i>The process for appointing the young person and other representatives on the Inclusion Commission to be provided.</i> • <i>An update on the Inclusion Commission to be made at either the December 2016 or January 2017 committee meeting.</i> 	Councillor Brigid Jones and Colin Diamond, Executive Director for Education



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	<p>Birmingham Education Partnership (BEP) to discuss school improvement. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary of the work BEP do for BEP Members and then the work they are contracted to do under the BCC contract to set the context. • First year contract review. • Whether BEP is making a difference? • Whether BEP/BCC undertakes a survey? • How BEP broker relationships. <p>Outcome: <i>School attainment to be discussed more fully at the 22nd March 2017 committee meeting and Tim Boyes, Chief Executive and Tracy Ruddle, Director of Continuous School Improvement, BEP to be invited.</i></p>	<p>Tim Boyes, Chief Executive and Tracy Ruddle, Director of Continuous School Improvement, BEP</p> <p>Colin Diamond as the Council's Commissioner</p>
<p>12 October 2016 Send out: 4 Oct 2016</p>	<p>Tracking: Children Missing from Home and Care Inquiry (previous progress report received April 2016)</p> <p>Outcome: <i>Progress noted and there will be a report back on 26th April 2017. To include the key measures of success that will be used and the WMP to come back with case studies.</i></p>	<p>Claire Bell, West Midlands Police and Tony Stanley, Chief Social Worker</p>
	<p>Update on Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE). To include a tracking report on Rec 6: awareness raising and licencing</p> <p>Outcome: <i>Rec 6 was agreed as achieved – late. To report back on 26th April 2017. To include further analysis around trends.</i></p> <p><i>Licensing redrafted the letter to taxi drivers and Members were asked for comments.</i></p>	<p>Claire Bell, West Midlands Police, Alastair Gibbons, Executive Director for Children Services, Debbie Currie, AD Child Protection, Performance & Partnership, Cathryn Greenway, Senior Commissioning Officer and Emma Rohomon, Licensing Manager</p>
	<p>Missing from Education</p> <p>Outcome: <i>An updated Appendix 3 – weekly CNES report was forwarded.</i></p> <p><i>Cllr Valerie Seabright to set up a working group to look at wider issues, e.g. exclusions and transport.</i></p>	<p>David Bishop, Head Of Service - Alternative Provision & Independent Education and Julie Young, AD - Education & Skills</p>



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23 November 2016 Send out: 15 Nov 2016	Birmingham Safeguarding Children Board (BSCB) Annual report. Discussion to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on listening to children voices • Lessons learned from serious case reviews • Children trafficked into the UK • Issues arising from Section 11 and 175 audits (including how many schools haven't completed) • The strength of the partnership and capacity to prioritise safeguarding • Listening to Social Workers voices 	Penny Thompson, Chair of BSCB / Simon Cross, Business Manager
	Citywide School Attainment Statistics – Headline data <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whether the different styles of moderation in schools have impacted on results of key stage 2. • Is there information about trends in the schools 'requiring improvement' and in the 'outstanding' schools? 	Colin Diamond / Richard Browne
	School Places Sufficiency Update	Emma Leaman, AD - Education & Infrastructure
7 December 2016 Send out: 29 Nov 2016	Cabinet Member for Children, Schools and Families Six Month Update. To include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The plan in response to Ofsted full inspection • Budget position • Inclusion Commission (either Dec or Jan) 	Suman McCarthy Alastair Gibbons Colin Diamond (TBC)
	Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) / Children's Advice and Support Service (CASS)	Kay Child, AD, Integrated Services East
	Youth Justice Strategic Plan 2016 - 17	Dawn Roberts, AD, Early Help / Trevor Brown
25 January 2017 Send out: 17 Jan 2017	Inclusion Commission (either Dec or Jan)	Councillor Brigid Jones, Suman McCarthy and Colin Diamond (tbc)
	Children in Care (CiC), Corporate Parenting Update and improvements for care leavers (TBC). To include evidence gathering for Corporate Parenting inquiry (TBC)	Andy Pepper, AD, Children in Care Provider Services
8 February 2017 Send out: 31 Jan 2017	Update on the Child Poverty Commission's recommendations	Cllr Waseem Zaffar, Cabinet Member for Transparency, Openness and Equality, Marcia Wynter, Peter Hay, Jacqui Kennedy, Acting Strategic Director for Place



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	TBC	
22 March 2017 Send out: 14 Mar 2017	Christine Quinn, West Midlands Regional Schools Commissioner	Rachael McNaney, PA to Christine Quinn
	School Attainment Statistics for Secondary and Primary Schools (detail)	Colin Diamond / Richard Browne Tim Boyes, Chief Executive and Tracy Ruddle, Director of Continuous School Improvement, BEP
	Radicalisation Agenda	Tony Stanley, Chief Social Worker
26 April 2017 Send out: 18 Apr 2017	Update on Children Missing from Home and Care	Claire Bell, West Midlands Police and Tony Stanley, Chief Social Worker
	Update on CSE	Claire Bell, West Midlands Police, Alastair Gibbons, Executive Director for Children Services, Debbie Currie, AD Child Protection, Performance & Partnership, Cathryn Greenway, Senior Commissioning Officer and Emma Rohomon, Licensing Manager

3 Outstanding Tracking

Inquiry	Outstanding Recommendations	Date of Tracking
We need to get it right: A health check into the Council's role in tackling Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)	R6 - Awareness raising and licencing.	Last Tracked: 20 April 2016
Children Missing from Home and Care	R2 – Develop an overarching strategy for missing children so responsibilities are clear and understood, risk is managed well, especially for looked after children and persistent runaways, information is shared effectively and appropriate support is in place for children and families.	Update received: 20 April 2016

4 Visits

4.1 A visit to Leeds City Council on the 2nd August 2016: Education Awards Appeals (Home to School



Transport), Special Educational Needs (SEN), Leeds Safeguarding Childrens Board & Leeds' Scrutiny.

- 4.2 Further visits to be arranged to social work teams to talk to front line staff (South Area – Lifford House visited on 22nd July 2016).
- 4.3 Children in Care Council (CiCC) and work experience visit on 12th August 2016.

5 Inquiry

- 5.1 The committee to agree the topic for their inquiry. Corporate Parenting may be appropriate.

Inquiry – TBC

Date	Item
TBC	TOR Agreed
January 2017 TBC	Evidence gathering & Committee agree the draft report
TBC	Draft report to the Executive & Committee agree final report
TBC	City Council

6 Working Groups

- 6.1 The committee have discussed 'children missing from school' and Cllr Valerie Seabright tol set up a working group to look at the wider issues of children 'missing education', e.g. permanent exclusions.
- 6.2 A Working Group to assist with the Council's Early Years Review: Early Education and Childcare Offer has been set up:

Early Years Review: Early Education and Childcare Offer
Working Group Members: Cllr Susan Barnett, Samera Ali, Evette Clarke & Cllr Shabrana Hussain
Key Officer(s): Emma Leaman, AD, Education and Infrastructure, Lindsey Trivett, Acting Head of Early Years and Gill King, Inclusion Support Manager



Terms of Reference	<p>The City Council is undertaking a programme of work for the Early Years Review into Early Education and Childcare Offer. The Working group will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Contribute and add value to the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) report and roll out. This includes:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Contribute to the draft report and recommendations from the Focus Group meetings (this will also be shared with all Committee Members).- Assistance with the promotion of the launch.• Contribute to improving the insufficient take up of nursery places for 2 year olds. This may include:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Briefing sessions (the Q&A could lead to a short report from the Working Group).- The voice of the parents and the impact.- Visits.
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7 To be Programmed

7.1 Lorna Fitzjohn, Regional Director, West Midlands, Ofsted to attend after the full Ofsted inspection.



8 Useful Acronyms

AD = Assistant Director	CYPF = Children, Young People and Families	MASH = Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub
APA = Annual Performance Assessment	DFE = Department for Education	NASS = National Asylum Support Service
BEP = Birmingham Education Partnership	DLT = Directorate Leadership Team	NEET = Not in Education, Employment or Training
BESD = Behavioural, Emotional, Social Difficulties	DCSC = Disabled Children's Social Care	NQSW = Newly Qualified Social Worker
BSCB = Birmingham Safeguarding Children Board	DSP = Designated Senior Person	NQT = Newly qualified teacher
BSWA = Birmingham and Solihull Women's Aid	DV = Domestic Violence	NRPF = No Recourse to Public Funds
BSWA = Birmingham Social Work Academy	EDT = Emergency Duty Team	Ofsted = Office for Standards in Education
CAF = Common Assessment Framework	EFA = Education Funding Agency	PCT = Primary Care Trust
CAFCASS = Child & Family Court Advisory Support Service	EHC = Education, Health and Care plan (to replace SEN statements from Sept 2014)	PDR = Personal Development Review
CAMHS = Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services	EHE = Elective Home Education	PEP = Pupil Education Plan
CEOP = Child Exploitation and Online Protection	EWS = Education Welfare Service	PEX = Permanent Exclusions
CBB = Community Based Budget	EYFS = Early Years Foundation stage	PGCE = Post Graduate Certificate of Education
CC = Children's Centre	FCFA = Family Common Assessment Framework	PIE = Pride in Education
CHIPS = Challenging Homophobia in Primary Schools	F&A = Fostering and Adoption	PPS = Parent Partnership Services
CIC = Children in Care	FGM = Female Genital Mutilation	PRU = Pupil Referral Unit
CICC = Children in Care Council	FNP = Family Nurse Partnership	RAG = Red, Amber, Green
CIN = Child In Need	FSM = Free School Meals	SCR = Serious Case Review
COBS = City of Birmingham School	FSW = Family Support Worker	SEN = Special Educational Needs
CPD = Continuing Professional Development	IA = Initial Assessment	SENAR = SEN Assessment and Review
CPR = Child Protection Register	IAT = Integrated Access Team	SENDIASS = SEND Information, Advice and Support Service
CRB = Criminal Records Bureau	IRO = Independent Reviewing Officer	SENCO = Special Educational Needs Coordinator
CSE = Child sexual Exploitation	Key Stage 1 (Ages 5-7) Years 1 and 2	SEND = Special Educational Needs and Disability
CTB = Children's Trust Board	Key Stage 2 (Ages 7-11) Years 3, 4, 5 and 6	SEDP = Special Education Development Plan
	Key Stage 3 (Ages 11-14) Years 7, 8 and 9	SGOs = Special Guardianship Orders
	Key Stage 4 (Ages 14-16) Years 10 and 11	TA = Teaching Assistant
	LAC = Looked After Children	TAF = Team Around the Family
	LACES = Looked After Children Education Service	TM = Team Manager
	LADO = Local Authority Designated Officer	UASC = Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children
	LSCB = Local Safeguarding Children Board	YDC = Young Disabled Champions
		YOS = Youth Offenders Service
		YOT = Youth Offending Team

9 Forward Plan for Cabinet Decisions

The following decisions, extracted from the Cabinet Office Forward Plan of Decisions, are likely to be relevant to the Schools, Children and Families remit.

ID Number	Title	Proposed Date of Decision
000232/2015	School Organisation Issues which may include Closures, Amalgamations, Opening of a new school – Standing Item	20 Sep 16
000732/2015	Provision of Additional Places at Harborne Primary School (Lordswood Academy Annexe) to meet Immediate Need and Demographic Growth for September 2016 Onwards – FBC	16 Dec 16
002307/2016	Council run Day Care Services – Review of delivery and future options for sustainability	19 Dec 16
002325/2016	Update report on Academy Conversions for Period – 1 September to 30 November 2016	13 Dec 16
002600/2016	Unattached School Playing Fields – Disposal for Development	30 Jan 17



ID Number	Title	Proposed Date of Decision
002655/2016	Schools Private Finance Initiative & Building Schools for the Future Savings Review	21 Nov 16