



Education and Children's Social Care O&S Committee: Work Programme 2021–2022

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1 Terms of Reference

- 1.1 As per City Council on 25th May 2021 the Committee's Terms of Reference 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 April 2022).

2 Meeting Schedule

Date & Time	Items	Officers / Attendees
9 June 2021 at 10am Informal Meeting	To discuss priorities for 2021/22 work programme.	



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<p>21 July 2021 at 10am</p> <p>In the Birmingham & Midland Institute (BMI)</p> <p>Deadline for Send Out: 12 July 2021</p>	<p>Councillor Kate Booth, Cabinet Member for Children's Wellbeing Update (last discussed 10 Jul 2019). To include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Years. • SEND and EHCPs including the health aspect (waiting times etc). • Birmingham Youth Justice Strategic Plan 2021/22 (this is now scheduled for Cabinet 7 September 2021 rather than 29 June 2021). 	Suman McCartney, Cabinet Support Officer
	<p>SEND Ofsted Inspection Outcome (SEND & WSoA last discussed 28 Oct 2020). To include: EHCPs including the health aspect (waiting times etc).</p>	Kevin Crompton, Interim Director, Education & Skills / Director of Children Services (DCS)
	Hunters Hill College Update.	Councillor Jayne Francis, Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and Culture, Councillor Kate Booth, Cabinet Member for Children's Wellbeing, and Jaswinder Didially, Head of Service, Education and Skills
	<p>Councillor Jayne Francis, Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and Culture update (last discussed 11 Sep 2019). To include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth Engagement and Youth Service (Youth voices – to include how the different forums are supported and how they can support each other; and the resources to support these). • Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE) provided in schools. • Education of Children and Young People and the difficulty with the school system being set up for young people to be job ready, however there is a lack of jobs and universities are expensive. • Schools Forum and monitoring schools on how they are spending the money they are allocated. 	<p>Rose Horsfall, Cabinet Support Officer</p> <p>Lisa Fraser, AD, Education and Early Years, Ilgun Yusuf, Acting AD, Skills and Employability and Alan Michell, Head of School Admissions and Fair Access</p>



Date & Time	Items	Officers / Attendees
1 September 2021 at 10am in the BMI Deadline for Send Out: 23 August 2021	Home to School Transport Update.	Attendees to be confirmed (Rob James, Senior Responsible Officer (SRO) for the Integrated Transport Unit Project (ITU) and Sonia Davidson-Grant, Programme Manager, Education & Skills
	Children's Trust Update to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youth Justice Strategic Plan Children in Care Independent Advocacy Service / Rights and Participation Service 	Andrew Christie, Chair and Andy Couldrick, Chief Executive, Children's Trust
13 October 2021 at 10am in the BMI Deadline for Send Out: 4 October 2021	Cllr Cotton, Cabinet Member for Social Inclusion, Community Safety and Equalities to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rise in hate crime, youth crime and knife crime. Engagement of young people and how they are supported in relation to climate, BLM and increase in racism, Palestine, Me too campaigns etc. 	Marcia Wynter, Cabinet Support Officer
	Birmingham Safeguarding Children's Partnership Annual Update to include: FGM	Penny Thompson, Independent Chair, BSCP and Simon Cross, Business Manager
24 November 2021 at 10am in the BMI Deadline for Send Out: 15 November 2021		
12 January 2022 at 10am in the BMI Deadline for Send Out: 30 December 2021		
16 February 2021 at 10am in the BMI Deadline for Send Out: 7 February 2022		



Date & Time	Items	Officers / Attendees
30 March 2022 at 10am in the BMI Deadline for Send Out: 21 March 2022		
6 April 2022 at 10am in the BMI Deadline for Send Out: 28 March 2022		

3 Items to be Programmed

- 3.1 The above bullet points are issues that were identified at the June 2021 meeting.
- 3.2 In addition to the above bullet points, Children's and Young People's health and wellbeing was identified. This is to be discussed with Co-ordinating Overview and Scrutiny Committee to ensure there is no duplication. However, the following could be joint piece of work with the Health and Adults Social Care O&S Committee regarding mental health due to the pandemic.
- The impact on children's and young people's mental health and how this is being supported.
 - To include an update 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). Early Help: Nigel Harvey-Whitten, AD, Children's Services (Commissioning) & Richard Selwyn, Birmingham Children's Partnership have now left and the contact is Garath Symonds.
 - How children and young people and mainstream schools coped with the return to school and the resulting pressures (including missed education and anxiety regarding returning to school).
 - Forward Thinking Birmingham.
 - An update on Preparation for Adulthood which should include data that allows for comparison, tracking and monitoring (attended 20 January 2021).
 - Youth Justice.

4 Other Meetings

- Call in Meetings: None scheduled
- Petitions: None scheduled
- Petitions: None scheduled



- Councillor Call for Action Requests: None scheduled

5 Report to City Council / Pieces of Work

5.1 The Committee's 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:

- 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;
- 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;
- 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.

Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and Culture			
ID Number	Title	Proposed Date	Date of Decision
008943/2021	Birmingham Youth Justice Strategic Plan 2021/22	29 Jun 21	
009043/2021	Proposed Admission Arrangements for Published Admission Numbers for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools 2021/2022 and 2022/2023	27 Jul 21	
009054/2021	Skilts School conversion from Community School to Academy Status	27 Jul 21	