

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

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

13:00 hours on Wednesday 26 April 2017, Committee Rooms 3 & 4 – Actions

Present:

Councillor Susan Barnett [Chair]

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

Other Voting Representatives: Evette Clarke, Parent Governor Representative and
Sarah Smith, Church of England Diocese

Also Present:

Waqar Ahmed, Prevent Manager

Chief Superintendent Claire Bell, West Midlands Police

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

Debbie Currie, AD, Child Protection, Performance and Partnership

Colin Diamond, Interim Corporate Director for Children and Young People

Superintendent Paul Drover, West Midlands Police

Seamus Gaynor, Head of Strategic Management

Alastair Gibbons, Executive Director, Children Services

Margaret Gough, CSE Co-ordinator

Kalvinder Kohli, Head of Service, Prevention and Complex

Nancy Meehan, Interim Head of Service

Jon Needham, School Advisor - Safeguarding

Chris Neville, Head of Licensing

Chief Inspector Jon People, Counter Terrorism

Andy Pepper, AD, Children in Care Provider Services

Amanda Simcox, Research & Policy Officer, Scrutiny Office

Tony Stanley, Chief Social Worker

Mike Walsh, Service Lead, Commissioning Centre of Excellence

Colvin White, Family Support

Benita Wishart, Overview & Scrutiny Manager, Scrutiny Office

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") 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:

Councillors: Julie Johnson and Chauhdry Rashid.

Samera Ali, Parent Governor Representative and Richard Potter, Roman Catholic Representative.

Cllr Martin Straker Welds submitted apologies as he would have to leave early.

3. ACTION NOTES

(See document No 1)

RESOLVED:-

The action notes of the meeting held on the 22 March 2017 were confirmed.

4. UPDATE ON CHILDREN MISSING FROM HOME AND CARE

(See documents No 2 and No 3)

Superintendent Paul Drover introduced the item. Debbie Currie, AD, Child Protection, Performance and Partnership and Nancy Meehan, Interim Head of Service undertook the presentation. In addition Chief Superintendent Claire Bell assisted with answering Members questions.

Members expressed concern that it had been requested when this was last discussed in October that 'key measures of success that will be used and the WMP to come back with case studies' which has not been provided.

In addition Ofsted identified that 'missing children do not always receive or are offered a return home interview (RHI)' – page 13 of the papers. However, it was not clear whether this was no longer the case.

RESOLVED:-

- Progress with recommendation 1 was assessed by the Committee as 3: not achieved (progress made).
- To report back to the Committee in six months – 18th October 2017.

5. UPDATE ON CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION

(See document 4)

Superintendent Paul Drover introduced the item. Debbie Currie, AD, Child Protection, Performance and Partnership and Nancy Meehan, Interim Head of Service undertook the presentation. In addition Chris Neville, Head of Licensing, Jon Needham, School Advisor – Safeguarding and David Bishop Head of Service - Alternative Provision & Independent Education assisted with answering Members questions.

Members noted the progress made with the improvements made in the partnership arrangements.

RESOLVED:-

- To report back to the Committee in six months – 18th October 2017.

6. WORKING WITH THE PREVENT DUTY

(See document 5)

Waqar Ahmed, Prevent Manager and Tony Stanley, Chief Social Worker undertook the presentation.

RESOLVED:-

- The committee will be in touch about a further update.

7. YOUNG PEOPLE AND HOUSING

(See document 6)

Members from the Housing and Homes O&S Committee had been invited to attend this item.

Andy Pepper, AD, Children in Care Provider Services, Mike Walsh, Service Lead, Commissioning Centre of Excellence and Kalvinder Kohli, Head of Service, Prevention and Complex undertook the presentation.

RESOLVED:-

- The Chair noted the issues raised and that officers were setting out a very wide agenda. Therefore the new Committee may wish to consider undertaking this as an item suitable for a fuller piece of work in 2017/18.

8. WORK PROGRAMME 2016-17

(See document 7)

The work over the last 2 years was discussed, as was potential items for the 2017/18 work programme.

RESOLVED:-

- Members to provide any other suggestions that were not covered in the paper to the Scrutiny office by 5th May 2017.

9. DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

The dates were noted.

10. REQUEST(S) FOR CALL IN/COUNCILLOR CALL FOR ACTION/PETITIONS RECEIVED (IF ANY)

A call-in request for the contract award for early years health and wellbeing service had been received and will be discussed on Tuesday, 2nd May 2017 at 9.30am. Cllr Barry Bowles, Deputy Chair, will be chairing due to the Chair having a pecuniary interest.

11. OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

The Committee thanked Cllr Barnett for her excellent chairing and hard work.

12. 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.

The meeting ended at 15.56 hours.