

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

LEARNING, CULTURE AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY (O&S)

COMMITTEE – PUBLIC MEETING

13:30 hours on Wednesday 5th September 2018, Committee Rooms 3 & 4 – Actions

Present:

Councillor Mariam Khan (Chair)

Councillors: Alex Aitken, Mary Locke, Kath Scott, Gary Sambrook, Ron Storer and Martin Straker Welds.

Other Voting Representatives: Rabia Shami, Parent Governor and Sarah Smith, Church of England Diocese Representative

Also Present:

Anne Ainsworth, Acting Corporate Director, Children and Young People

Jaswinder Didially, Head of Service, Education Infrastructure

Erin Docherty, Senior Nurse Lead, Forward Thinking Birmingham, Birmingham

Women's and Children's NHS Foundation Trust

Karen Hansford, Head of Universal Children's Services 5-19, Birmingham Community Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust

Dave Marlow, School Place Planning Lead Officer

Joanne Thurston, Chief Operating Officer, Birmingham Community Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust

1. NOTICE OF RECORDING

The Chairman advised that this meeting would be webcast for live or subsequent broadcast via the Council's Internet site (www.civico.net/birmingham) and that members of the press/public may record and take photographs except where there were confidential or exempt items.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were submitted on behalf of Cllr Baber Baz and Adam Hardy, Roman Catholic Diocese Representative.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Councillor Mary Locke declared that she works for Birmingham Community Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust.

Councillor Kath Scott declared that she is a treasurer for a group of girls with autism called Somewhere over the Spectrum.

4. ACTION NOTES

(See document 1)

The Chair advised that the letter to the DfE regarding concerns with the lack of legislation will be forwarded to Members. Also the dates of the meetings on the agenda and work programme are correct.

The action notes of the meeting held on the 25th July 2018 were confirmed.

5. YOUNG PEOPLE AND MENTAL HEALTH

The Chair advised that this was to be a broad discussion on young people and mental health as requested at the previous meeting.

(See document 2)

Erin Docherty, Senior Nurse Lead, Forward Thinking Birmingham, Birmingham Women's and Children's NHS Foundation Trust gave the presentation. The following were among the main points raised:

- Forward Thinking Birmingham is the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) provision commissioned in Birmingham.
- They are partnered with Beacon UK, the Children's Society and Priory Group.
- There is a brand new school offer – STICK (Screening, Training, Intervention, Consultation and Knowledge) Team. The Team is small and will make available training to anyone within the schools that wants this. They are also working in partnership with The Children's Trust and Birmingham Education Partnership (BEP).
- People can call the Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS) if there are concerns regarding not being referred to CAMHS.
- Young people are impacted more than ever by social media and some are living within that reality 24 hours a day. There is some research on this.
- Winston's Wish is a charity that specialises in bereavement support and provides courses
- Measuring success is difficult and they work towards goal based outcomes.
- The soft capturing information can be forwarded to the Committee.
- Pause, the drop in centre in Digbeth, is run by The Children's Society and Members may wish to visit this.
- The Chair requested whether case studies could be shared with the Committee.

(See document 3)

Joanne Thurston, Chief Operating Officer and Karen Hansford, Head of Universal Children's Services 5-19, Birmingham Community Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust presented the paper. The following were among the main points raised:

- The Birmingham School Health Advisory Service (BSHAS) currently provides emotional health support to children and young people as part of its current contract with the City Council. However, they are currently in the middle of a procurement process and the new tender specification excludes any involvement in emotional health and well-being for the service.
- Every school in Birmingham has a named school nurse and these are based in health centres across the city rather than in the schools (<https://bit.ly/2CNtSMW>).
- There are about 100 school nurses / support staff within five teams.
- School Nurses offer up to six care planned interventions if required, then they will refer them on to other services if need be.
- The service uses ChatHealth whereby pupils can text a dedicated number between 9 – 5, Monday – Friday (excluding Bank Holidays) regarding any health concerns they have. Information including the number of text messages can be provided to the committee.
- The school nurses would input into Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCP) if requested.

(See document 4)

The Chair advised Members that there was also a paper that provided background information. This includes the Child Well Being Survey 2016–17 and if Members had any questions then these can be e-mailed to scrutiny. There is also a contribution from a member of the Youth Parliament. In addition, there is information on the Educational Psychology Service. Unfortunately, the officer who leads on this is on leave today and the Committee may wish to invite them to the November committee meeting.

RESOLVED:

- Forward Thinking Birmingham to provide the soft capturing information and case studies.
- Birmingham Community Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust to provide further information on ChatHealth.
- The updates were noted and the next steps were discussed under the work programme item.

6. SCHOOL PLACE PLANNING

(See documents 5 and 6)

Anne Ainsworth, Acting Corporate Director, Children and Young People; Jaswinder Didially, Head of Service, Education Infrastructure and Dave Marlow, School Place

Planning Lead Officer gave the presentation and answered questions. The following were among the main points raised:

- There are 445 schools in Birmingham.
- They report annually to DfE on school capacity and this drives basic needs funding.
- 1,600 children travel to schools outside of Birmingham and 665 children travel into Birmingham. Therefore we are a net exporter.
- There has been extensive growth in primary school places since 2010. However, the birth rate is slowing down and schools at risk have been identified and they are working with them so they remain financially viable. A decommissioning strategy is being developed.
- Secondary school needs are growing and two thirds of secondary schools are academies so the Council has the role of commissioner.
- They are starting to create a toolkit for surplus places to ascertain whether they are removable places or not.
- Schools manage the in-year admissions themselves.
- Multi Academy Trusts (MATs) are autonomous and can expand outside sufficiency requirements and they have their own admissions criteria. However, there is a duty to co-ordinate with the local authority and the Council can make representations to the Regional Schools Commissioner (RSC) if there are issues.
- In most local authorities, planning areas and political areas are not aligned. Currently the Council's planning areas are aligned to old political boundaries and there are new political areas that don't have schools within them. This is a piece of work that they are looking at and they need to let the DfE know by April 2019.
- Schools Special Educational Needs and/or Disability (SEND) admissions criteria needs to align to the Local Authorities. If schools change this then they need to go through a consultation. Officers are looking at all the admissions criteria and are currently concentrating on SEND and will challenge where they need to.
- Officers can look at the best ways of reaching parents so they are aware of school expansions. However, there are a host of factors that can affect the radius of school places being offered, so this will need to be caveated and the schools are the best place to do this.

RESOLVED:

Update noted and updates will be provided on changing the planning areas for school place planning.

7. WORK PROGRAMME

(See document 7)

For the October meeting the Leader will be providing an update on the Commonwealth Games and Cllr Jayne Francis, Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and Culture will be reporting to the Committee.

Members discussed whether a visit to the Pause drop in centre should be separate to the October committee meeting or as part of the meeting. It was agreed that the visit will be part of the Committee meeting. In addition the Educational Psychology Service should be invited to provide information on their service at the October meeting.

Cllr Scott requested that the school admissions item be brought forward to November due to issues she has with allocating school places. Also in November or December she would like to discuss SEND sufficiency.

8. DATE OF MEETINGS

The dates of future meetings on the following Wednesdays at 1330 hours in the Council House were noted.

2018	2019
10 October 2018	9 January 2019
14 November 2018	6 February 2019
5 December 2018	6 March 2019
	17 April 2019

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

None.

10. OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

Cllr Martin Straker-Welds informed Members that there was a specific request from the Health and Social Care O&S Committee, for a Liberal Democrat to be on that particular Committee. This will be Councillor Paul Tilsley and therefore, Cllr Baber Baz has agreed, for proportionality purposes, to relinquish his position on this committee and he will be replaced with a Labour Member. This will be announced at City Council on Tuesday.

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.

The meeting ended at 16.10 hours.