



Work Programme

Schools, Children and Families O&S Committee

1 Purpose

- 1.1 To aid the discussion on the work of the committee over the last two years and possible work programme items for 2017/18.

2 Work Programmes: 2015/16 & 2016/17

- 2.1 In 2015/16 the committee was the Education and Vulnerable Children O&S Committee. This was altered in 2016/17 to the Schools, Children and Families O&S Committee. The work programme items were as follows:

Work Programme Items	2015/16	2016/17
O&S Inquiry	Missing Children from Home and Care.	Corporate Parenting (included two LGA workshops).
Birmingham Education Partnership (BEP) and School Improvement	✓	✓
Birmingham Safeguarding Children Board (BSCB) Annual Report	✓	✓
Budget Consultation	Committee didn't discuss.	2017+
Cabinet Member for Children's Services in 2015/16 and in 2016/17 the Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Schools	Included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children Social Care and Safeguarding and Education Plans and the LGA Peer Review Findings for the Education and Schools. Strategy and Improvement Plan and Next Steps. Curriculum Entitlement and Equality. Budget position for the portfolio. Early Years Review Consultation and Next Steps. 	Included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improvement and challenges following Ofsted's full inspection. Budget position. Inclusion Commission.
Call-In	Committee didn't receive a request for call in.	Called-In: Proposal to Expand Moor Hall Primary School by Enlargement.
Child Poverty Commission's Update	Committee didn't discuss.	✓
Children in Care	Included corporate parenting and discussions with the District Chairs.	Evidence gathering for the Inquiry and report to City Council.
Children Missing from Education	✓	✓
Children's Social Care Improvement Journey	✓	Included Andrew Christie, Children's Commissioner for Birmingham in



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		attendance.
City of Birmingham School (COBS)	✓	Committee didn't discuss.
Early Years Review	✓	Committee set-up a working group for the Early Education and Childcare Offer part.
Education and Schools Strategy and Improvement Plan progress	Included a meeting with Sir Mike Tomlinson, Education Commissioner in attendance.	School improvement was discussed with the Birmingham Education Partnership (BEP).
Elective Home Education (Home Schooled)	✓	Committee didn't discuss.
Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)	Committee didn't discuss.	✓
Inclusion Commission	Committee didn't discuss.	✓
Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH)	✓	Included Children's Advice and Support Service (CASS).
Performance Indicators	Committee didn't discuss.	✓
Permanent School Exclusions	✓	Committee didn't discuss.
School Attainment Headline and Detailed Statistics	✓	Included Christine Quinn, West Midlands Regional Schools Commissioner in attendance.
Special Educational Needs (SEN) and Education, Health and Care plans (EHC)	✓	Didn't discuss in committee.
Sufficiency of school places	✓	✓
Tracking Previous Inquiries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work Experience for School Age Children – the role of the City Council Inquiry. Strengthening the Birmingham Family of Schools. Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children Missing from Home and Care Inquiry. Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE).
Transforming Care in Birmingham for people with Learning Disabilities with or without Autism who display behaviour that challenges	✓	Committee didn't discuss.
Travel Assist (Education Awards Appeals - home to School transport)	✓	✓
Unregistered Schools	✓	Committee didn't discuss.
Visits	Visits from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Buckinghamshire County Council's Scrutiny Members 16 Sep 2015. Rotherham Metropolitan Council's Scrutiny Members 25 Nov 2015. 	Visits to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leeds City Council on 2 Aug 2016. Children in Care Council (CiCC) and work experience on 12 Aug 2016. Social Workers: South Area on 22 Jul 16 & 9 Mar 17.



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> North West Central Area on 21 Feb 2017. East Area on 8 March 2017.
Voluntary Children's Trust	Committee didn't discuss.	✓
Whistle Blowing	✓	Committee didn't discuss.
Working with the Prevent Duty	Committee didn't discuss.	✓
Young People and Housing	Committee didn't discuss.	✓
Youth Justice Strategic Plan	Committee didn't discuss.	2016–17

3 Work Programme 2017/18

2016/17 Priorities

3.1 For the 2016/17 work programme the committee highlighted their priorities at the beginning of the municipal year. These included annual reports and updates and the committee may want these to be potentially included in the 2017/18 work programme:

- Birmingham Safeguarding Children Board (BSCB) Annual Report.
- Portfolio Budget.
- School Attainment.
- School Places Sufficiency.
- Youth Justice Strategic Plan.

Items to be carried over from the 2016/17 Work Programme

3.2 The following were in the 2016/17 work programme to be carried over to the next municipal year:

- Lorna Fitzjohn, Regional Director, West Midlands, Ofsted to be invited.
- Dave Hill, the new Children's Social Care Commissioner for Birmingham to be invited.
- Cabinet Member updates.
- Children's Trust updates.
- Inclusion Commission updates (to include an update on the Disability Service for Children).
- Child Poverty Commission's update in July 2017 (to include an impact assessment) and thereafter at six monthly intervals.
- Previous Inquiries: the Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) and Missing from Home and Care Inquiries are being discussed today and further updates may be required in 2017/18.
- The Corporate Parenting Inquiry went to City Council in April 2017 and an update on progress with the recommendations is due in October 2017.



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- 3.3 In addition, concern was expressed for the stress year 6 and year 11 pupils are under and it was proposed that the committee may wish to pick up pupil wellbeing for the 2017/18 work programme.

Working Groups

- 3.4 The committee setup a working group for the Early Education and Childcare Offer. The working group commented on the draft report from the SEND Focus Group: Early Years Support for Children with SEND to the Inclusion Commission. The final report was circulated to the committee. Members may wish to continue with this working group.
- 3.5 The committee expressed an interest in setting up a working group for 'Missing Education and Permanent School exclusions'. Members may wish to consider setting up this working group in 2017/18.

Other Items

- 3.6 Each O&S Committee held a meeting to discuss the budget consultation in 2017. The Corporate Resources and Governance O&S Committee is exploring ways O&S can be better involved in the 2018+ budget cycle and this will affect how the 2018+ budget consultation is dealt with at O&S committees.
- 3.7 Committee Members may have other items they wish to have potentially included in the 2017/18 work programme, for instance, 'Young People and Housing' is being discussed today and this may be a piece of work for consideration in 2017/18.

4 Next Steps

- 4.1 It is proposed that a draft work programme for the new committee is discussed in June taking into account today's discussion, as it will be for the new committee to agree priorities for their work programme.
- 4.2 Provisional committee meeting dates for the 2017/18 municipal year are for 2pm in committee rooms 3 & 4 on:

14 June 2017	6 December 2017
12 July 2017	17 January 2018
13 September 2017	14 February 2018
18 October 2017	21 March 2018
22 November 2017	25 April 2018

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