

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

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

14:00 hours on Wednesday 20 July 2016, Committee Rooms 3 & 4 – Actions

Present:

Councillor Susan Barnett [Chair]

Councillors Sue Anderson, Matt Bennett, Kate Booth, Debbie Clancy, Shabrana Hussain, Julie Johnson, Chauhdry Rashid, Martin Straker Welds and Alex Yip.

Other Voting Representatives:- Samera Ali, Parent Governor Representative

Also Present:

Andrew Christie, Children's Commissioner for Birmingham

Councillor Brigid Jones, Cabinet Member for Children, Schools and Families

Peter Hay, Strategic Director for People

Seamus Gaynor, Head of Strategic management

Alastair Gibbons, Executive Director of Children's Services

Jayne Power, Research & Policy Officer, Scrutiny Office

Benita Wishart, Overview & Scrutiny Manager, Scrutiny Office

1. NOTICE OF RECORDING

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. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE AND CHAIR

The committee noted and agreed the resolution of the City Council appointing the Committee, Chair and Members to serve on the Committee for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of the City Council in 2017.

3. ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIR

The appointment of Councillor Barry Bowles as Deputy Chair was agreed.

4. APOLOGIES

Apologies were submitted on behalf of Councillor Barry Bowles and Evette Clarke, Parent Governor Representative.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Susan Barnett declared that she was employed by a Childrens' Centre.

6. TERMS OF REFERENCE

The terms of reference were noted and agreed.

7. THE EDUCATION AND CHILDREN'S SOCIAL CARE IMPROVEMENT JOURNEY

The SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats) Analysis from the Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Schools and the Children's Commissioner were presented and the following action points were raised in the course of the discussion:-

- Birmingham Education Partnership (BEP) – The BEP had just completed a first year contract review and Peter Hay agreed to bring an 'end of first year' report to committee.
- It was agreed that the Terms of Reference for the Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Commission are shared with the Committee to identify gaps where the establishment of a Task and Finish Group might add value.
- Alastair Gibbons agreed that the quarterly Ofsted monitoring visits be reported back to Committee.
- Alastair Gibbons invited members to visit the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH).

8. WORK PROGRAMME 2016-17

Forthcoming agenda items for 2016/17 were discussed as it was agreed that:-

- 'Voluntary Children's Trust' agenda item should be added to the work programme in September (subject to confirmation from the Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Schools).

- Local Ofsted Officers should also be invited to attend in September for the item for which Sir Michael Wilshaw has been invited.

RESOLVED:-

That the work programme be noted and agreed.

9. DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

The dates were noted and agreed.

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

None

11. OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

None

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 16.30 hours.