

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

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

**14:00 hours on Wednesday 21 September 2016, Committee Rooms 3 & 4 –
Actions**

Present:

Councillor Susan Barnett [Chair]

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

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

Also Present:

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

Tim Boyes, Chief Executive, Birmingham Education Partnership

Colin Diamond, Executive Director for Education

Peter Hay, Strategic Director for People

Seamus Gaynor, Head of Strategic Management

Tracy Ruddle, Director of Continuous School Improvement, BEP

Amanda Simcox, Research & Policy Officer, Scrutiny Office

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 Councillor Sue Anderson, Councillor Chauhdry Rashid and Samera Ali, Parent Governor Representative.

3. ACTION NOTES

(See document No 1)

RESOLVED:-

The action notes of the meeting held on the 20 July 2016 were confirmed.

4. VOLUNTARY CHILDREN'S TRUST

(See document No 2)

Cllr Brigid Jones, Cabinet Member for Children, Schools and Families and Peter Hay Strategic Director for People informed Members that the recommendations contained within the report had been agreed at Cabinet on the 20th September 2016. Members will be involved and there will be a report setting out the final recommendation to Council in January 2017.

RESOLVED:-

- Sessions will be built for Overview and Scrutiny to engage with the emerging trust board on developing the relationship between the trust and members before January's report.

5. INCLUSION COMMISSION

(See document No 3)

Councillor Brigid Jones, Cabinet Member for Children, Schools and Families and Colin Diamond, Executive Director for Education informed Members that there were six workstreams underneath the commission, it was important that the right people were on the Commission and the consultation was improved.

Nominations for a political representation from the three parties for the Inclusion Commission had been made.

RESOLVED:-

- The following information is provided to Members:
 - Information on the six workstreams.
 - The process for appointing the young person and other representatives on the Inclusion Commission.
- An update on the Inclusion Commission to be made at either the December 2016 or January 2017 committee meeting.

6. BIRMINGHAM EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP (BEP)

(See document 4).

Tim Boyes, Chief Executive, BEP; Tracy Ruddle, Director of Continuous School Improvement, BEP; and Colin Diamond, acting as the Council's commissioner explained that the contract with BEP will now end on the 31st August 2017, as the Government were stopping the education support scheme and Local Authorities

would no longer have the powers or the funds for school improvement after July 2017.

Concern was raised regarding the city's poor Key Stage 2 results from summer 2016 and this will be picked up when the data is discussed in more detail at the 22nd March 2017 committee meeting.

RESOLVED:-

- School attainment to be discussed more fully at the 22nd March 2017 committee meeting and Tim Boyes, Chief Executive and Tracy Ruddle, Director of Continuous School Improvement, BEP to be invited to attend.

7. WORK PROGRAMME 2016-17

(See document 5)

RESOLVED:-

That the work programme be noted and agreed and representatives from BEP to be invited to attend the 22nd March 2017 committee meeting.

8. DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

The dates were noted.

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

None.

10. OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

Members expressed their sympathy for the family and school of the student who died from Mayfield School. Members were informed that West Midlands Police, Health and Safety Executive (HSE) and the Birmingham Safeguarding Children Board were now involved. There are three maintained schools on that site and in addition the Council has commissioned two independent reviews (a full health and safety review of the site and an education safeguarding review) with the aim of producing a single action plan.

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 16.12 hours.