

**Report of Cabinet Member for Children's Wellbeing
Councillor Kate Booth**

**Children's Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee
12 December 2018**

Political Accountability

- Lead Member for Children's Services
 - Safeguarding Children and Young People
 - Children's Services
 - Overseeing the Children's Trust
 - Overseeing Early Years
 - Corporate Parenting
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Key Priorities

- Childrens Trust – safeguarding our children
- Early Years Health and Wellbeing Contract
- SEND outcomes and local provision
- Travel Assist
- Childhood Exploitation
- Improving our Mental Health Offer

Partnership Working

- Working closely with Health, Police, Probation Services, Schools, Childrens Trust, BEP and West Midlands Combined Authority and our voluntary and community sector
- Establishment of Children Young People Strategic Partnership
- Working with Health and Wellbeing Board focusing on childrens services
- Working with schools on UNICEF Rights Respecting Schools agenda

Performance & Budget Update

- Covered in the Childrens Trust report to Scrutiny today
- All Key Performance Indicators are performing within agreed contractual tolerances agreed
- Current budget pressures is Travel Assist – these have been widely discussed and will be covered again in the budget update
- Schools Forum commissioner of Schools funding for the City.

Challenges & Closing Remarks

- Ofsted Inspection – SEND – Written Statement of Action drafted – this is a working document and will be continually revised.
- Latest Ofsted Inspection started on 3rd December, for 3 weeks.
- Feedback on Inspection expected in January next year.
- Governance of Trust working well with regular one to one meetings and contract management in place.
- Council and Trust have built a strong relationship, based on high challenge, high support and transparency.
- Providing assurance that the Council's requirements and accountabilities are being delivered to an improving standard

Challenges & Closing Remarks

- Trust performance is on an improving trajectory: workforce is more permanent, stable, lower agency, turnover etc. Manageable caseloads.
- Managing the budget and realising savings will be a challenge
- Visited frontline social work teams and have see some great practice and really committed staff.
- Strong social enterprises and community and voluntary sector
- However we know that further progress is needed
- **Lots still to do**

Questions?