



## Schools, Children and Families O&S Committee: Work Programme 2016/17

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### 1 Priority Issues

1.1 The following were highlighted in June as the priority issues for the committee's 2016/17 municipal year:

- Birmingham Education Partnership (BEP) / School improvement [Sept 2016 & Mar 2017]
- Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) and Children Missing from Home and Care [Oct 2016 & April 2017]
- Corporate Parenting & Children in Care [January 2017]
- School exclusions [not programmed]
- Social Care Improvement Journey [Dec 2016 with Cabinet Member]
- Special Educational Needs [Inclusion Commission Sep 2016 & March 2017]
- Special Guardianship Orders (SGOs) [Jan 2017]
- Voluntary Children's Trust [Sep 2016, Jan 2017 & additional session(s) to be confirmed]

1.2 Annual reports/updates on:

- School places sufficiency
- School attainment
- Birmingham Safeguarding Children Board (BSCB)
- Portfolio Budget
- Youth Justice Strategic Plan



## 2 Meeting Schedule

All at 2 pm in Committee Rooms 3 & 4	Session / Outcome	Officers / Attendees
15 June 2016 Committee Room 2	Informal Meeting to discuss the Work Programme	
20 July 2016  Send out: 12 Jul 2016	<p>The Education and Children's Social Care Improvement Journey.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Andrew Christie, Children's Commissioner for Birmingham to provide a SWOT analysis (robustness &amp; risks). Will be available from 3.30pm.</li> <li>• Cabinet Member for Children, Schools and Families (discussion to include: Children's Services Voluntary Trust &amp; SEN Commission)</li> <li>• Peter Hay, SD for People</li> <li>• Alastair Gibbons, Executive Director for Children Services</li> </ul> <p><b>Outcome:</b> <i>These discussions have informed the work programme.</i></p>	
21 September 2016  Send out: 13 Sep 16	<p>Voluntary Children's Trust (2pm – 2.30pm)</p> <p><b>Outcome:</b> <i>Sessions will be built for Overview and Scrutiny and the wider political consultations/discussions.</i></p>	Councillor Brigid Jones and Peter Hay, Strategic Director for People
	<p>Inclusion Commission (2.30pm - 3pm)</p> <p><b>Outcome:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Information on the six work streams provided.</i></li> <li>• <i>The process for appointing the young person and other representatives on the Inclusion Commission provided.</i></li> <li>• <i>An update on the Inclusion Commission to be made at either the December 2016 or January 2017 committee meeting.</i></li> </ul>	Councillor Brigid Jones and Colin Diamond, Executive Director for Education



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	<p>Birmingham Education Partnership (BEP) to discuss school improvement. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summary of the work BEP do for BEP Members and then the work they are contracted to do under the BCC contract to set the context.</li> <li>• First year contract review.</li> <li>• Whether BEP is making a difference?</li> <li>• Whether BEP/BCC undertakes a survey?</li> <li>• How BEP broker relationships.</li> </ul> <p><b>Outcome:</b> <i>School attainment to be discussed more fully at the 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2017 committee meeting and Tim Boyes, Chief Executive and Tracy Ruddle, Director of Continuous School Improvement, BEP to be invited.</i></p>	<p>Tim Boyes, Chief Executive and Tracy Ruddle, Director of Continuous School Improvement, BEP</p> <p>Colin Diamond as the Council's Commissioner</p>
<p>12 October 2016</p> <p>Send out: 4 Oct 2016</p>	<p>Tracking: Children Missing from Home and Care Inquiry (previous progress report received April 2016)</p> <p><b>Outcome:</b> <i>Progress noted and there will be a report back on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2017. To include the key measures of success that will be used and the WMP to come back with case studies.</i></p>	<p>Claire Bell, West Midlands Police and Tony Stanley, Chief Social Worker</p>
	<p>Update on Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE). To include a tracking report on Rec 6: awareness raising and licencing</p> <p><b>Outcome:</b> <i>Rec 6 was agreed as achieved – late. To report back on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2017. To include further analysis around trends.</i></p> <p><i>Licensing redrafted the letter to taxi drivers and Members were asked for comments.</i></p>	<p>Claire Bell, West Midlands Police, Alastair Gibbons, Executive Director for Children Services, Debbie Currie, AD Child Protection, Performance &amp; Partnership, Cathryn Greenway, Senior Commissioning Officer and Emma Rohomon, Licensing Manager</p>
	<p>Missing from Education</p> <p><b>Outcome:</b> <i>An updated Appendix 3 – weekly CNES report was forwarded.</i></p> <p><i>Cllr Valerie Seabright to set up a working group to look at wider issues, e.g. exclusions and transport.</i></p>	<p>David Bishop, Head Of Service - Alternative Provision &amp; Independent Education and Julie Young, AD - Education &amp; Skills</p>



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23 November 2016  Send out: 15 Nov 2016	Birmingham Safeguarding Children Board (BSCB) Annual report. Discussion to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update on listening to children voices</li> <li>• Lessons learned from serious case reviews</li> <li>• Children trafficked into the UK</li> <li>• Issues arising from Section 11 and 175 audits (including how many schools haven't completed)</li> <li>• The strength of the partnership and capacity to prioritise safeguarding</li> <li>• Listening to Social Workers voices</li> </ul> <p><b>Outcome:</b> <i>Report noted and information on young people who self-harm to be provided.</i></p>	Penny Thompson, Chair of BSCB and Simon Cross, Business Manager
	Citywide School Attainment Statistics – Headline data <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Whether the different styles of moderation in schools have impacted on results of key stage 2.</li> <li>• Is there information about trends in the schools 'requiring improvement' and in the 'outstanding' schools?</li> </ul> <p><b>Outcome:</b> <i>Members updated and trends with our statistical neighbours to be included in the detailed school attainment statistics to be presented on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2017.</i></p>	Richard Browne, Intelligence Manager, Tim Boyes, Chief Executive and Tracy Ruddle, Director of Continuous School Improvement, BEP
	School Places Sufficiency Update <p><b>Outcome:</b> <i>Members updated and Officers to investigate Member consultation for a school expansion in Weoley Ward.</i></p>	Emma Leaman, AD - Education & Infrastructure; Lucy Dumbleton and Julie Newbold
7 December 2016  Send out: 29 Nov 2016	Cabinet Member for Children, Schools and Families Six Month Update. To include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improvement and challenges following Ofsted's full inspection</li> <li>• Budget position</li> <li>• Inclusion Commission (either Dec or Jan)</li> </ul> <p><b>Outcome: Members to be provided with:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The current and proposed funding formula for early years to the three different sectors for each child per hour, including the percentage that is passed on.</i></li> <li>• <i>The ongoing funding for school improvement when the figures have been released by Government and the future role of Birmingham Education Partnership.</i></li> </ul>	Councillor Brigid Jones, Alastair Gibbons and Colin Diamond



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	<p>Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) / Children's Advice and Support Service (CASS). To include how the Social Worker teams are working together (ASTI etc) and the number of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Referrals</li> <li>• Re-referrals</li> <li>• School referrals and the number of school referrals followed up / not followed up</li> <li>• Referrals and re-referrals dealt with within/outside targets</li> </ul> <p><b>Outcome</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The improvement plan to be forwarded to the committee.</i></li> <li>• <i>A briefing note that set out the communication plan was circulated 17.1.17.</i></li> <li>• <i>An update will be provided following Ofsted's return.</i></li> </ul>	Kay Child, AD, Integrated Services East and Liz Elgar, Head of Service
	<p>Youth Justice Strategic Plan 2016 – 17. To include the number of re-offending rates over time.</p> <p><b>Outcome</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The 2017/18 Youth Justice Strategic Plan to be programmed into the Committee's work programme.</i></li> <li>• <i>Members who wish to visit the youth offending teams to let the scrutiny office know their availability for the visits.</i></li> </ul>	Dawn Roberts, AD, Early Help and Trevor Brown, Head Of Youth Offending Services
<p>25 January 2017</p> <p><b>Starts at 1pm</b></p> <p>Send out: 17 Jan 2017</p>	<p>Evidence gathering for the Corporate Parenting Inquiry</p> <p><b>Outcome</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Report to go to City Council on the 4 April 2017.</i></li> </ul>	Andy Pepper, AD, Children in Care Provider Services
<p>8 February 2017</p> <p>Send out: 31 Jan 2017</p>	<p>Progress on the Child Poverty Commission's recommendations – not discussed at committee before.</p>	Cllr Waseem Zaffar, Cabinet Member for Transparency, Openness and Equality, Marcia Wynter, Jacqui Kennedy, Strategic Director for Place
	<p>Evidence gathering for the Corporate Parenting Inquiry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• District Corporate Parent Champions</li> <li>• Independent Reviewing Officers</li> </ul>	<p>Andy Pepper, AD, Children in Care Provider Services</p> <p>Debbie Currie, AD, Child Protection, performance &amp; Partnership &amp; Charles Greer, HOS, Independent Reviewing Officers</p>



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22 March 2017  Send out: 14 Mar 2017	Christine Quinn, West Midlands Regional Schools Commissioner	Rachael McNaney, PA to Christine Quinn
	School Attainment Statistics for Secondary and Primary Schools (detail building on headline statistics reported on 15 November 2016).  Update to include trends with our statistical neighbours.  Secondary detailed statistics for previous year discussed at 16 March 2016 committee meeting Primary detailed statistics for previous year discussed at 10 February 2016 committee meeting	Colin Diamond / Richard Browne  Tim Boyes, Chief Executive and Tracy Ruddle, Director of Continuous School Improvement, BEP
	Inclusion Commission	Councillor Brigid Jones, Suman McCarthy, Alastair Gibbons and Colin Diamond (tbc)
	Disability Service for Children	Alastair Gibbons, Yvette Waide / Chris Bush
26 April 2017  Send out: 18 Apr 2017	Update on Children Missing from Home and Care  Last discussed at 12 Oct 2016 committee meeting.	Claire Bell, West Midlands Police, Tony Stanley, Chief Social Worker and Debbie Currie, AD Child Protection, Performance & Partnership
	Update on CSE.  To include the role of schools.  Last discussed at 12 Oct 2016 committee meeting.	Claire Bell, West Midlands Police, Alastair Gibbons, Executive Director for Children Services, Debbie Currie, AD Child Protection, Performance & Partnership, Cathryn Greenway, Senior Commissioning Officer and Emma Rohomon, Licensing Manager  Colin Diamond, Julie Young and Jon Needham TBC
	Radicalisation Agenda	Tony Stanley, Chief Social Worker
	Schools, Children and Families O&S Committee's 2017/18 Work Programme	Scrutiny Office



### 3 Outstanding Tracking

Inquiry	Outstanding Recommendations	Date of Tracking
We need to get it right: A health check into the Council's role in tackling Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)	R6 - Awareness raising and licencing.	Tracking Completed
Children Missing from Home and Care	R2 – Develop an overarching strategy for missing children so responsibilities are clear and understood, risk is managed well, especially for looked after children and persistent runaways, information is shared effectively and appropriate support is in place for children and families.	Update received: 12 October 2016

### 4 Visits

- 4.1 A visit to Leeds City Council on the 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2016: Education Awards Appeals (Home to School Transport), Special Educational Needs (SEN), Leeds Safeguarding Childrens Board & Leeds' Scrutiny.
- 4.2 Further visits to be arranged to social work teams to talk to front line staff (South Area – Lifford House visited on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2016).
- 4.3 Children in Care Council (CiCC) and work experience visit on 12<sup>th</sup> August 2016.
- 4.4 Visits to the Youth Offending Service to be arranged.

### 5 Inquiry

- 5.1 The committee to agree the topic for their inquiry. Corporate Parenting may be appropriate.

#### **Inquiry – Corporate Parenting (TBC)**

Date	Item
TBC	TOR Agreed
January 2017	Evidence gathering & Committee agree the draft report
TBC	Draft report to the Executive & Committee agree final report
TBC	City Council

### 6 Working Groups

- 6.1 The committee have discussed 'children missing from school' and Cllr Valerie Seabright to set up a working group to look at the wider issues of children 'missing education', e.g. permanent exclusions.
- 6.2 A Working Group to assist with the Council's Early Years Review: Early Education and Childcare



Offer has been set up:

Early Years Review: Early Education and Childcare Offer	
<b>Working Group Members:</b> Cllr Susan Barnett, Cllr Sue Anderson, Samera Ali, Evette Clarke & Cllr Shabrana Hussain	
<b>Key Officer(s):</b> Emma Leaman, AD, Education and Infrastructure, Lindsey Trivett, Acting Head of Early Years and Gill King, Inclusion Support Manager	
<b>Terms of Reference</b>	<p>The City Council is undertaking a programme of work for the Early Years Review into Early Education and Childcare Offer. The Working group will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contribute and add value to the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) report and roll out. This includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contribute to the draft report and recommendations from the Focus Group meetings (this will also be shared with all Committee Members).</li> <li>Assistance with the promotion of the launch.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Contribute to improving the insufficient take up of nursery places for 2 year olds. This may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Briefing sessions (the Q&amp;A could lead to a short report from the Working Group).</li> <li>The voice of the parents and the impact.</li> <li>Visits.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

## 7 To be Programmed

7.1 Lorna Fitzjohn, Regional Director, West Midlands, Ofsted to attend after the full Ofsted inspection.

## 8 Useful Acronyms

ASTI = Assessment and Short Term Intervention BEP = Birmingham Education Partnership BESD =Behavioural, Emotional, Social Difficulties BSCB = Birmingham Safeguarding Children Board CAF = Common Assessment Framework CAFCASS = Child & Family Court Advisory Support Service CAMHS = Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services CASS = Children's Advice and Support Service CEOP = Child Exploitation and Online Protection CHIPS = Challenging Homophobia in Primary Schools CIC = Children in Care CICC = Children in Care Council COBS = City of Birmingham School CPD =Continuing Professional	DFE =Department for Education DCSC = Disabled Children's Social Care DV = Domestic Violence EDT = Emergency Duty Team EFA = Education Funding Agency EHC = Education, Health and Care plan (to replace SEN statements from Sept 2014) EHE = Elective Home Education EWS = Education Welfare Service EYFS = Early Years Foundation stage FCAF = Family Common Assessment Framework FGM = Female Genital Mutilation FSM = Free School Meals FSW = Family Support Worker IA = Initial Assessment IAT = Integrated Access Team IRO = Independent Reviewing Officer Key Stage 1(Ages 5-7) Years 1 and 2 Key Stage 2 (Ages 7-11) Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 Key Stage 3 (Ages 11-14) Years 7, 8 and 9	MASH = Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub NASS = National Asylum Support Service NEET = Not in Education, Employment or Training NQSW = Newly Qualified Social Worker NQT= Newly Qualified Teacher NRPF = No Recourse to Public Funds Ofsted = Office for Standards in Education PCT = Primary Care Trust PEP = Pupil Education Plan PEx = Permanent Exclusions PGCE = Post Graduate Certificate of Education PIE = Pride in Education PPS = Parent Partnership Services PRU = Pupil Referral Unit RAG = Red, Amber, Green SCR = Serious Case Review SEN = Special Educational Needs SENAR= SEN Assessment and Review SENDIASS = SEND Information, Advice and Support Service SENCO = Special Educational Needs Coordinator SEND = Special Educational Needs and
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Development CPR = Child Protection Register CRB = Criminal Records Bureau CSE = Child Sexual Exploitation CTB = Children's Trust Board	Key Stage 4 (Ages 14-16) Years 10 & 11 Key Stage 5 (ages 16 – 18) LAC = Looked After Children LACES = Looked After Children Education Service LADO=Local Authority Designated Officer LSCB = Local Safeguarding Children Board	Disability SEDP = Special Education Development Plan SGOs = Special Guardianship Orders TA=Teaching Assistant TAF = Team Around the Family UASC = Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children YDC = Young Disabled Champions YOS = Youth Offenders Service YOT = Youth Offending Team
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## 9 Forward Plan for Cabinet Decisions

The following decisions, extracted from the Cabinet Office Forward Plan of Decisions, are likely to be relevant to the Schools, Children and Families remit.

ID Number	Title	Proposed Date of Decision
000232/2015	School Organisation Issues which may include Closures, Amalgamations, Opening of a new school – Standing Item	20 Sep 16
000732/2015	Provision of Additional Places at Harborne Primary School (Lordswood Academy Annexe) to meet Immediate Need and Demographic Growth for September 2016 Onwards – FBC	17 Feb 17
001955/2016	Harper Bell Seventh Day Adventist School conversion to Academy status	30 Jan 17
002307/2016	Council run Day Care Services – Review of delivery and future options for sustainability	17 Feb 17
002600/2016	Unattached School Playing Fields – Disposal for Development	17 Feb 17
002873/2017	Early Years Capital Funding – Outcome of Bid - PUBLIC	17 Feb 17
002890/2017	Voluntary Children's Trust	30 Jan 17
002981/2017	Elms Farm Primary School – Full Business Case & Contract Award - Public	30 Jan 17
002982/2017	Pension Arrangements for staff transferred out of Cityserve following outsourcing by a City Council School	30 Jan 17
002997/2017	Primary and Secondary School Coordinated Scheme, Admission Arrangements and Admission Numbers – September 2018/2019	20 Feb 17