



# Schools, Children and Families O&S Committee: Work Programme 2017/18

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## 1 Priority Issues

1.1 The following were highlighted in June as the possible priority issues for the committee's 2017/18 municipal year:

- Children's Trust (13 Sep 2017 plus workshop in November 2017)
- Fair Access protocol with all Schools (13 Sep 2017)
- Children missing school and missing from school e.g. permanent exclusions, home schooled and changing schools (briefing 24 Aug 2017)
- Early Years (consultation 19 June 2017 - 17 August 2017)
- School attainment/improvement (headline data in December 2017)
- Young people and housing (discussed at workshop - may be a joint piece of work with Housing and Homes O&S Committee)
- Parents Manifesto / Charter (discussed at workshop)
- Radicalisation (discussed at workshop)

1.2 Annual reports/updates on:

- School places sufficiency (would normally have been November)
- Birmingham Safeguarding Children Board (BSCB – 13 Dec 2017)
- Youth Justice Strategic Plan (13 Dec 2017)
- Progress reports on the Committee's Previous Inquiries: Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE), Children Missing from Home and Care and Corporate Parenting (18 Oct 2017)



## 2 Meeting Schedule

All at 1.30 pm in Committee Rooms 3 & 4	Session / Outcome	Officers / Attendees
14 June 2017	<p>Informal meeting to discuss the Work Programme.</p> <p><b>Outcome:</b> <i>This discussion has informed the work programme</i></p>	
<p>12 July 2017 At 2pm</p> <p>Send out: 4 Jul 2017</p>	<p>The Education and Children's Social Care Improvement Journey</p> <p><b>Outcome:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Briefing note has been requested on children missing school e.g. home schooled and a briefing can be set up.</i></li> <li>• <i>An update on return home interviews to be provided.</i></li> <li>• <i>A briefing note on family support to be provided (awaiting details of what needs to be included from Members).</i></li> </ul>	<p>Cllr Brigid Jones, Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Schools and Colin Diamond, Interim Corporate Director, Children and Young People</p>
	<p>Birmingham's new Strategy for SEND (Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities) and Inclusion Consultation</p> <p><b>Outcome:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The committee fed into the consultation.</i></li> </ul>	<p>Jill Crosbie, AD, SEND; Marie Dobson, Project Manager, Education Services and Professor Geoff Lindsay, Chair, Inclusion Commission</p>
<p>13 September 2017</p> <p>Send out: 5 Sep 17</p>	<p>Children's Trust</p> <p>(In addition there was a briefing session for all Councillors on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2017 and the July's Cabinet report has been forwarded to the Committee).</p> <p><b>Outcome:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>That further reports will be presented to Committee as set out in the reporting / accountability Service Delivery Contract.</i></li> </ul>	<p>Andy Couldrick, Chief Executive, Birmingham Children's Trust and Sarah Sinclair, Interim AD (Commissioning) Children's Services</p>
	<p>Fair Access Protocol Consultation</p> <p><b>Outcome:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>A further report to be submitted to Committee which addresses any outstanding issues raised and a clear performance framework to include headline data on the numbers of children that have been identified through the Fair Access Protocol and the timeframes by which they were put back into a suitable school.</i></li> </ul>	<p>Alan Michell, Interim Operational Manager, Schools Admissions</p>



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18 October 2017  Send out: 10 Oct 2017	Tracking: Children Missing from Home and Care and update on CSE  Last discussed on 26 April 2017 and outstanding action was that key measures of success that will be used and WMP to come back with Evaluation report regarding locating missing people to be included in update.	Superintendent Paul Drover, West Midlands Police  Alastair Gibbons, Executive Director for Children Services  Debbie Currie, AD Child Protection, Performance & Partnership and Margaret Gough, CSE Co-ordinator  Jon Needham, School Advisor - Safeguarding and David Bishop, Head of Service Children Out Of School
	Tracking: Corporate Parenting  To include Care Leavers  2017/18 Council Plan Target - A reduction in the number of Children in Care (CiC) - 1,680 end of year target (reporting monthly)	Andy Pepper, AD, Children in Care Provider Services and Natalie Loon, Corporate Parenting Support Officer
22 November 2017  Workshop	Children's Trust Workshop  Dave Hill, the new Children's Social Care Commissioner, Andy Couldrick, Chief Executive, Children's Trust and Sarah Sinclair, Interim AD (Commissioning) Children's Services	Kalbir Sangha, Project Manager, Programme and Projects Team and Seamus Gaynor, Children's Trust
13 December 2017 <b>Room 2</b>  Send out: 5 Dec 2017	Birmingham Safeguarding Children Board (BSCB) Annual report.	Penny Thompson, Chair of BSCB and Simon Cross, Business Manager
	Citywide School Attainment Statistics – Headline data	Colin Diamond Tim Boyes, Chief Executive and Tracy Ruddle, Director of Continuous School Improvement, BEP
	Youth Justice Strategic Plan 2016 – 17. To include the number of re-offending rates over time.	Dawn Roberts, AD, Early Help and Trevor Brown, Head Of Youth Offending Services



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17 January 2018 Send out: 9 Jan 2018	Six Monthly Update on Progress on the Child Poverty Commission's recommendations	Cabinet Member for Transparency, Openness and Equality (Marcia Wynter, Cabinet Support Officer)  Cllr Roger Harmer and Cllr Robert Alden (lead Members on the Commission)  Jacqui Kennedy, Strategic Director for Place  Suwinder Bains, Partnership and Engagement Manager
	Cabinet Member for Children, Schools and Families Six Month Update.	Councillor Brigid Jones Colin Diamond (tbc) Alastair Gibbons (tbc)
14 February 2018 Send out: 6 Feb 2018	The AD, Children in Care Provider Services presents an annual Corporate Parenting Board report to the Schools, Children and Families O&S Committee.	Andy Pepper, AD, Children in Care Provider Services and Natalie Loon, Corporate Parenting Support Officer
21 March 2018 Send out: 13 Mar 2018	School Attainment Statistics for Secondary and Primary Schools	Colin Diamond, Interim Executive Director for Education and James Killan, Senior Information Officer  Tim Boyes, Chief Executive and Tracy Ruddle, Director of Continuous School Improvement, BEP
25 April 2018 Send out: 17 Apr 2018	TBC	
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### 3 Outstanding Tracking

Inquiry	Outstanding Recommendations	Date of Tracking
Children Missing from Home and Care	R2 – Develop an overarching strategy for missing children so responsibilities are clear and understood, <b>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.</b>	Update received: 12 October 2016 and 26 April 2017
Corporate Parenting	R1 – R7	Update to be received October 2017



R01 - Councillors to commit to at least one activity from the 'menu of involvement'. This will then be published on the Council's website. A follow-up survey will be undertaken by the Scrutiny Office in nine months requesting an update from Councillors on this. Responsibility - All Councillors, by April 2017.

R02 - The menu of involvement for Councillors is developed into a corporate parenting handbook for Councillors for May 2018. This will include providing Councillors with examples of how they can undertake each task. Responsibility: Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Schools by May 2018.

R03 - Training is offered to Councillors in the first couple of weeks of becoming a Councillor. Responsibility: Deputy Leader by May 2018.

R04 - Every children's home in Birmingham that has a Birmingham child in care is visited by the end of July 2017 and the District Corporate Parent Champions ensure this happens. Responsibility: District Corporate Parent Champions by July 2017.

R05 - Supporting documentation for completing cabinet reports includes a requirement that consideration is given as to any impact of the proposals on children in care. If there are likely impacts, the cabinet report should include this in the body of the report. Responsibility: Cabinet Member for Transparency, Openness and Equality by October 2017.

R06 - The AD, Children in Care Provider Services presents an annual Corporate Parenting Board report to the Schools, Children and Families O&S Committee. Responsibility: Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Schools by February 2018.

## 4 Visits

4.1 Previously Members visited the children in care social work teams to talk to front line staff: North West Central (21<sup>st</sup> February 2017), East (8<sup>th</sup> March 2017) and South (22<sup>nd</sup> July 2016 (included the ASTI Team) and 9<sup>th</sup> March 2017). Members may wish to visit other social work teams etc.

## 5 Inquiry

5.1 The committee to agree the topic for their inquiry.

### **Inquiry (TBC)**

Date	Item

## 6 Working Groups

6.1 Members may wish to set-up Member led working group(s).



## 7 Useful Acronyms

<p>ASTI = Assessment and Short Term Intervention</p> <p>BEP = Birmingham Education Partnership</p> <p>BSCB = Birmingham Safeguarding Children Board</p> <p>CAF = Common Assessment Framework</p> <p>CAFCASS = Child &amp; Family Court Advisory Support Service</p> <p>CAMHS = Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services</p> <p>CASS = Children's Advice and Support Service</p> <p>CIC = Children in Care</p> <p>CICC = Children in Care Council</p> <p>COBS = City of Birmingham School</p> <p>CPR = Child Protection Register</p> <p>CRB = Criminal Records Bureau</p> <p>CSE = Child Sexual Exploitation</p> <p>DFE = Department for Education</p> <p>DV = Domestic Violence</p>	<p>EDT = Emergency Duty Team</p> <p>EFA = Education Funding Agency</p> <p>EHE = Elective Home Education</p> <p>EYFS = Early Years Foundation stage</p> <p>FCAF = Family Common Assessment Framework</p> <p>FGM = Female Genital Mutilation</p> <p>FSM = Free School Meals</p> <p>IRO = Independent Reviewing Officer</p> <p>Key Stage 1 (Ages 5-7) Years 1 and 2</p> <p>Key Stage 2 (Ages 7-11) Years 3, 4, 5 and 6</p> <p>Key Stage 3 (Ages 11-14) Years 7, 8 and 9</p> <p>Key Stage 4 (Ages 14-16) Years 10 &amp; 11</p> <p>Key Stage 5 (ages 16 – 18)</p> <p>LSCB = Local Safeguarding Children Board</p> <p>MASH = Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub</p> <p>NEET = Not in Education, Employment or Training</p> <p>NRPF = No Recourse to Public Funds</p> <p>Ofsted = Office for Standards in Education</p>	<p>PCT = Primary Care Trust</p> <p>PEP = Pupil Education Plan</p> <p>PEX = Permanent Exclusions</p> <p>PIE = Pride in Education</p> <p>RAG = Red, Amber, Green</p> <p>SCR = Serious Case Review</p> <p>SEN = Special Educational Needs</p> <p>SENAR = SEN Assessment and Review</p> <p>SENDIASS = SEND Information, Advice and Support Service</p> <p>SENCO = Special Educational Needs Coordinator</p> <p>SEND = Special Educational Needs and Disability</p> <p>SEDP = Special Education Development Plan</p> <p>SGOs = Special Guardianship Orders</p> <p>TA=Teaching Assistant</p> <p>UASC = Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children</p> <p>YDC = Young Disabled Champions</p> <p>YOT = Youth Offending Team</p>
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## 8 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 O&S Committee's 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	30 Jun 17
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	15 Aug 17
002307/2016	Council run Day Care Services – Review of delivery and future options for sustainability.	24 Oct 17
002600/2016	Unattached School Playing Fields – Disposal for Development	18 Dec 17
003489/2017	Small Heath School conversion from Foundation School to Academy status	14 Nov 17
003671/2017	Provision of Refurbished Accommodation to meet Additional Primary Places and to consolidate City of Birmingham Schools (COBS) Locations from 2018 Onwards – Full Business Case	24 Oct 17
003961/2017	Early Years Health & Wellbeing Consultation Feedback and Service Model	24 Oct 17
004200/2017	Youth Justice Strategic Plan	24 Oct 17