



# Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee

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Date: Tuesday 6 September 2016  
Time: 10.00am  
Venue: Scrutiny Committee Room, Level 2, Town Hall Extension

Everyone is welcome to attend this committee meeting.

There will be a private meeting for members only at 9.30 am in Committee Room 6 (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of Town Hall Extension)

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## **Membership of the Committee**

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### **Councillors –**

Sameem Ali, Shaukat Ali, Hewitson, Midgley, Madeleine Monaghan, Reeves, Reid (Chair), K Simcock, Stone and Taylor

### **Co-opted Members -**

Mr L Duffy, Ms J Gudgeon, Ms E Holt, Mrs B Kellner, Ms L Leonard, Mr A M Muse

## Agenda

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1 **Urgent business**

To consider any items which the Chair has agreed to have submitted as urgent.

2 **Appeals**

To consider any appeals from the public against refusal to allow inspection of background documents and/or the inclusion of items in the confidential part of the agenda.

3 **Interests**

To allow Members an opportunity to [a] declare any personal, prejudicial or disclosable pecuniary interests they might have in any items which appear on this agenda; and [b] record any items from which they are precluded from voting as a result of Council Tax/Council rent arrears; [c] the existence and nature of party whipping arrangements in respect of any item to be considered at this meeting. Members with a personal interest should declare that at the start of the item under consideration. If members also have a prejudicial or disclosable pecuniary interest they must withdraw from the meeting during the consideration of the item.

4 **Minutes**

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 19 July 2016.

5 **Academisation of schools – to follow**

6 **Planning for Permanence**

Report of the Strategic Director of Children's Services

This report sets out the Council's approach to achieving permanence for looked after children and children at risk of becoming looked after. It details the different kinds of permanence for children and provides data about children for whom permanence has been secured in 2015/16. It provides a summary of the activity and impact of the adoption and fostering services in Manchester during 2015/16.

7 **Independent Reviewing Officer Annual Report 2015 – 2016**

Report of the Head of Quality Assurance for Safeguarding

The report provides an account of the activity of the Independent Reviewing Service between 1 April 2015 and the 31 March 2016.

8 **Raising Standards of Practice in Children's Social Care**

Report of the Strategic Director of Children's Services

The report provides an update on progress in Children's Social Care in relation to recruitment, retention and the raising of social work practice.

9 **Improving Outcomes for Care Leavers**  
Report of the Strategic Director for Children's Services

This report sets out to describe the services offered to care leavers, their progress and the Council's activity to improve their outcomes.

10 **Overview Report**  
Report of the Governance and Scrutiny Support Unit

This report provides the Committee with details of key decisions that fall within the Committee's remit and an update on actions resulting from the Committee's recommendations. The report also includes the Committee's work programme, which the Committee is asked to amend as appropriate and agree.

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## Information about the Committee

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Scrutiny Committees represent the interests of local people about important issues that affect them. They look at how the decisions, policies and services of the Council and other key public agencies impact on the city and its residents. Scrutiny Committees do not take decisions but can make recommendations to decision-makers about how they are delivering the Manchester Strategy, an agreed vision for a better Manchester that is shared by public agencies across the city.

The Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee reviews the services provided by the Council and its partners for young people across the city including education, early years, school standards and valuing young people.

In addition to the elected members the Committee has seven co-opted member positions. These are:

- Representative of the Diocese of Manchester – Mrs Barbara Kellner
- Representative of the Diocese of Salford – Ms Lorraine Leonard
- Parent governor representative – Ms Eve Holt
- Parent governor representative – Mr Abdigafar Muse
- Parent governor representative – Vacant
- Secondary sector teacher representative – Mr Liam Duffy
- Primary sector teacher representative – Ms June Gudgeon

The co-opted members representing faith schools and parent governors are able to vote when the Committee deals with matters relating to education functions.

The Council wants to consult people as fully as possible before making decisions that affect them. Members of the public do not have a right to speak at meetings but may do so if invited by the Chair. If you have a special interest in an item on the agenda and want to speak, tell the Committee Officer, who will pass on your request to the Chair. Groups of people will usually be asked to nominate a spokesperson. The Council wants its meetings to be as open as possible but occasionally there will be some confidential business. Brief reasons for confidentiality will be shown on the agenda sheet.

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