

**Manchester City Council
Report for Information**

Report to: Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee – 3 January 2017

Subject: Overview Report

Report of: Governance and Scrutiny Support Unit

Summary

This report provides the following information:

- Recommendations Monitor
- Key Decisions
- Items for information
- Work Programme

Recommendation

The Committee is invited to discuss the information provided and agree any changes to the work programme that are necessary.

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Wards Affected: All

Background Documents (available for public inspection):

None

1. Monitoring Previous Recommendations

This section of the report contains recommendations made by the Committee, responses to them, if they will be implemented, and if it will be, how this will be done.

Date	Item	Recommendation	Action	Contact Officer
29 September 2015	YPC/15/57 Post Ofsted Improvement Plan Update: Personal Education Plans (PEPs)	To request that the Virtual School Head for LAC investigate whether PEPs could be included in the forms used for Regulation 44 visits to children's homes	A response to this recommendation has been requested and will be reported back to the Committee via the Overview report.	Jane Johnson, Virtual School Head for Looked After Children
27 October 2015	YPC/15/63 Post Ofsted Improvement Plan Update – Fostering	To request that the Head of Service for Adoption and Fostering look into arranging ward-level meetings to build networks which will promote fostering and support ongoing work with LAC.	A response to this recommendation has been requested and will be reported back to the Committee via the Overview report.	Paul Dempsey, Head of Service Adoption and Fostering
26 January 2016	YPC/16/09 Post Ofsted Improvement Plan Update - the Leaving Care Service	To request that the supported lodgings scheme be more widely publicised, that both supported lodgings and fostering be promoted through ward co-ordination meetings and that the Head of Adoption and Fostering circulate information on the supported lodgings scheme	A response to this recommendation has been requested and will be reported back to the Committee via the Overview report.	Paul Dempsey, Head of Service Adoption and Fostering

		to Committee members via the Committee Support Officer.		
19 July 2016	CYP/16/23 Post Ofsted Improvement Plan Update: Early Help	To recognise the importance of secondary schools engaging with Early Help and to ask the Director of Education and Skills to raise this with secondary school headteachers.	A response to this recommendation has been requested and will be reported back to the Committee via the Overview report	John Edwards, Director of Education and Skills
19 July 2016	CYP/16/23 Post Ofsted Improvement Plan Update: Early Help	To request that information on any resistance from individual schools be circulated to members and to request that schools which are positively engaging with Early Help be promoted as an example to others.	A response to this recommendation has been requested and will be reported back to the Committee via the Overview report.	Julie Heslop, Strategic Head of Early Help
6 September 2016	CYP/16/27 Academisation of Schools	To recommend that the Manchester Schools' Alliance be promoted to encourage schools to become full members.	A response to this recommendation has been requested and will be reported back to the Committee via the Overview report.	John Edwards, Director of Education and Skills
11 October 2016	CYP/16/36 Youth Justice Service	To propose a Task and Finish Group to consider the issue of young people in custody in consultation with the Communities and Equalities Scrutiny Committee.	This was discussed at a meeting of the Joint Co-ordinating Panel, which includes the Chairs of all six scrutiny committees. It has been agreed that the Communities and Equalities Scrutiny Committee will consider a report on Youth Justice at a future meeting, to which the Chair of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee will be invited, and	Rachel McKeon, Scrutiny Support Officer

			will decide whether to establish a Task and Finish Group.	
8 November 2016	CYP/16/44 Post Ofsted Improvement Plan Update: North Manchester	To propose the establishment of a Subgroup to consider the issues in North Manchester and their underlying causes, to include housing issues, including homeless families, and to involve north Manchester councillors.	This was discussed at a meeting of the Joint Co-ordinating Panel, which includes the Chairs of all six scrutiny committees. It was agreed that a scrutiny subgroup was not the most appropriate mechanism through which to address these issues and the Leader will discuss with members how best to take these issues forward.	Rachel McKeon, Scrutiny Support Officer
8 November 2016	CYP/16/45 Complex Safeguarding	To recommend that the issues of Prevent and far right extremism be referred to the Communities and Equalities Scrutiny Committee.	This will be referred to the Communities and Equalities Scrutiny Committee.	Rachel McKeon, Scrutiny Support Officer
8 November 2016	CYP/16/45 Complex Safeguarding	To recommend that, should a North Manchester Subgroup be established, it also consider issues relating to organised crime in the north of the city.	This was discussed at a meeting of the Joint Co-ordinating Panel, which includes the Chairs of all six scrutiny committees. It was agreed that a scrutiny subgroup was not the most appropriate mechanism through which to address these issues and the Leader will discuss with members how best to take these issues forward.	Rachel McKeon, Scrutiny Support Officer
8 November 2016	CYP/16/45 Complex Safeguarding	To recommend that the appropriate scrutiny committee receive a report on young people who are not in employment, education or training (NEET)	This will be referred to the Economy Scrutiny Committee.	Rachel McKeon, Scrutiny Support Officer

2. Key Decisions

The Council is required to publish details of key decisions that will be taken at least 28 days before the decision is due to be taken. Details of key decisions that are due to be taken are published on a monthly basis in the Register of Key Decisions.

A key decision, as defined in the Council's Constitution is an executive decision, which is likely:

- To result in the Council incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant having regard to the Council's budget for the service or function to which the decision relates, or
- To be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards in the area of the city.

The Council Constitution defines 'significant' as being expenditure or savings (including the loss of income or capital receipts) in excess of £500k, providing that is not more than 10% of the gross operating expenditure for any budget heading in the in the Council's Revenue Budget Book, and subject to other defined exceptions.

An extract of the most recent Register of Key Decisions, published on **19 December 2016** containing details of the decisions under the Committee's remit is included below. This is to keep members informed of what decisions are being taken and, where appropriate, include in the work programme of the Committee.

Register of Key Decisions:

Decision title	What is the decision?	Decision maker	Planned date of decision	Documents that will be considered	Contact officer details
Capital Investment in schools Ref: 2016/02/01D	The approval of capital expenditure.	City Treasurer	January 2017 or later	Gateway 5 procurement document	John Edwards Director of Education and Skills Tel: 0161 234 4314 j.edwards@manchester.gov.uk

Decision title	What is the decision?	Decision maker	Planned date of decision	Documents that will be considered	Contact officer details
Children and Families Software System Ref: 2016/11/25C	To seek approval to award a contract to a single supplier for the provision of a Children and Families Software System	City Treasurer/Chief Executive	January 2017 or later	Confidential Contract Report with Recommendations	Bob Brown CIO Information, Communication and Technology Tel: 0161 234 5998 bob.brown@manchester.gov.uk Michael Shields Procurement Manager Tel: 0161 234 1009 m.shields@manchester.gov.uk
Re Organisation of SEN provision Ref: 2016/06/28	Agree to a prescribed alteration to Rodney House school to change designated age range and number of places. Agree to proposed changes to Sensory Services following consultation. Agree to begin consultation on the closure of Buglawton Hall residential special school.	The Executive	January 2017 or later	Paper outlining proposals. Outcomes of consultation process.	Amanda Corcoran Head of Education Strategy, Access and Inclusion Tel: 0161 234 1866 a.corcoran@manchester.gov.uk
Looked After Children Investment Fund	To approve the continued draw down from the Looked After	Chief Executive in consultation with the City Treasurer	Before 31 March 2017	Not Applicable	Paul Marshall Strategic Director of Children's Services Tel: 0161 234 3804

Decision title	What is the decision?	Decision maker	Planned date of decision	Documents that will be considered	Contact officer details
Ref: 2016/03/16B	Children Investment Fund as required throughout 2016/17.				paul.marshall@manchester.gov.uk Simon Finch Head of Finance Children and Families Tel: 0161 234 5016 s.finch@manchester.gov.uk
Review of Children's Residential Services Ref: 2016/06/27A	Consult on the closure of Acorns and Seymour Residential Homes. Consult on converting the MET children's home to an Adolescent Support Unit and relocate. Following those consultations, decisions are delegated to the Strategic Director of Children's Services in consultation with lead member.	Strategic Director of Children's Services	January 2017 or later	Report and recommendation	Paul Dempsey Head of Service Tel: 0161 234 1765 p.dempsey@manchester.gov.uk
In year change to	To approve an in year increase to the	Director of Education and	January 2017	Report to Schools Forum – Early Years	Name: Reena Vandhna Kohli Position: Directorate Finance

Decision title	What is the decision?	Decision maker	Planned date of decision	Documents that will be considered	Contact officer details
funding rates paid to Early Years daycare providers to bring them in line with the rate paid to School Nursery Classes Ref: 2016/11/25D	hourly rates paid to Private, Voluntary and Independent daycare providers in Manchester to bring them in line with the hourly rate paid to School Nursery Classes. This would increase the hourly rate by 5p for daycare providers, 35p for childminders and 30p for playgroups. This will result in an average increase in funding of £28.50 per child per annum and will total around £80k.	Skills		Proposed Funding Changes 26 September 16	Lead Children & Families Tel: 0161 234 4235 r.kohli@manchester.gov.uk

**Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee
Work Programme – 3 January 2017**

Tuesday 3 January 2017 (Report deadline Monday 19 December 2016)				
Item	Purpose	Executive Member	Strategic Director/ Lead Officer	Comments
Financial Settlement	To receive an oral report on the Financial Settlement in terms of its implications for Children's Services.	Councillor Flanagan	Carol Culley/ Simon Finch	
Post Ofsted Improvement Plan Update: Single Service Plan	To receive a report on the Single Service Plan, the four-year plan for Children's Services.	Councillor S Newman	Paul Marshall	
Post Ofsted Improvement Plan Update: Ofsted Monitoring Visit	To receive verbal feedback from the recent Ofsted Monitoring Visit of the Local Authority.	Councillor S Newman	Paul Marshall	
Overview Report	The monthly report includes the recommendations monitor, relevant key decisions, the Committee's work programme and any items for information	-	Rachel McKeon	

Tuesday 31 January 2017 (Report deadline Thursday 19 January 2017)				
Item	Purpose	Executive Member	Strategic Director/ Lead Officer	Comments
Participation and Engagement Strategy	To receive a report on the Participation and Engagement Strategy. This report will include information on the Children's Rights Service.	Councillor S Newman	Paul Marshall/ John Edwards/ Elaine Morrison/	Invitation to representatives from the Youth Council

			Linda Evans	
Pupil Referral Units and Alternative Provision	To include a breakdown of exclusions across schools and information on alternative provision available. To include information on unregistered schools, independent schools, supplementary schools and elective home education.	Councillor S Newman	John Edwards	See minute ref: YPC/14/70 and November 2016 minutes
Post Ofsted Improvement Plan Update	To receive updates on: Ofsted's Monitoring Visit of the Local Authority Recruitment and Retention of Social Workers Standards of Social Work Practice	Councillor S Newman	Paul Marshall	
Budget Proposals for the Children and Families Directorate	To consider the Council's budget proposals for the Children and Families Directorate that fall within the Committee's remit.	Councillor Flanagan Councillor S Newman	Carol Culley/ Paul Marshall/ John Edwards/ Simon Finch	Executive item
Greater Manchester approach to Children's Services	To receive a presentation on the approach taken at a Greater Manchester level to Children's Services. This item will include information on the national review of Local Safeguarding Children Boards by Alan Wood.	Councillor S Newman	Paul Marshall	
Overview Report		-	Rachel McKeon	

Tuesday 28 February 2017 (Report deadline Thursday 16 February 2017)

Item	Purpose	Executive Member	Strategic Director/ Lead Officer	Comments
Post Ofsted Improvement Plan Update	To receive an update on children missing from home, missing from care and missing from education.	Councillor S Newman	Paul Marshall/ John	

			Edwards/ Julie Helsop/ Amanda Corcoran	
Attainment and attendance	To receive further information on attainment at Early Years, Key Stage 2 and Key Stage 4.	Councillor S Newman	John Edwards	
Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) – Sensory Support Service	To receive a report on proposed changes to the sensory support service across the city following consultation.	Councillor S Newman	John Edwards/ Amanda Corcoran	Executive Report
Early Years New Delivery Model	To receive an update. To include consideration of the role of Health Visitors.	Councillor S Newman	John Edwards/ Karen Jarmany	See minute ref:YPC/14/58 and YPC/15/61 Invite Chair of Health Scrutiny Committee
Overview Report		-	Rachel McKeon	

Items To be Scheduled				
Item	Purpose	Executive Member	Strategic Director/ Lead Officer	Comments
Attainment and Attendance	To receive regular reports regarding Attainment and Attendance.	Councillor S Newman	John Edwards/ Karen Jarmany	
Children and Young People's Plan	To receive a further report at an appropriate time, to include a 'plan on a page'.	Councillor S Newman	Paul Marshall	See October 2016 minutes
Early Years	To receive a quarterly update.	Councillor S Newman	John Edwards/ Karen	

			Jarman	
Improving Outcomes for Care Leavers	To receive a further report at an appropriate time to include <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - further information on the steering group established to co-ordinate and improve support for care leavers in custody, including case studies - information on how the embedding of social value into corporate procurement could be used to support LAC and care leavers - research data on the educational outcomes for LAC and care leavers, in comparison to children who remain with their families - information on the support the Council provides to LAC and care leavers who are parents, in comparison with the support provided by other local authorities 	Councillor S Newman	Paul Marshall/Paul Dempsey	See September 2016 minutes
Independent Reviewing Officer Annual Report 2016 – 2017	To receive the Independent Reviewing Officer Annual Report 2016 – 2017	Councillor S Newman	Paul Marshall	September 2017 - TBC
Locality Plan	To receive a report on the Locality Plan as it relates to services for children and young people, including Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services.	Councillor S Newman Councillor Andrews	Paul Marshall/ Lorraine Butcher	See November 2016 minutes Invite Chair of Health Scrutiny Committee
Looked After Children (LAC) Investment Plan budget	To receive a quarterly update.	Councillor S Newman Councillor	Paul Marshall /Simon Finch	Invite Resources and Governance Scrutiny Chair

		Flanagan		
Looked After Children (LAC) and Corporate Parenting	To receive an update on recent developments in respect of LAC and corporate parenting. To receive information on the Corporate Parenting Panel. To include the future role/best use of existing children's homes including best practice within other local authorities and models of practice.	Councillor S Newman	Paul Marshall / Amanda Amesbury/ Linda Evans	
Multi-systemic Therapy (MST) and Treatment Foster Care – Oregon (TFC-O)	To receive a report to include case studies and evidence from longitudinal studies, including international evidence, and to further consider the impact of Multi-Systemic Therapy on school attendance.	Councillor S Newman	Paul Marshall	See June 2016 minutes
Planning for Permanence/ Sufficiency Planning	To receive an update at an appropriate time.	Councillor S Newman	Paul Marshall/Paul Dempsey	See September 2016 minutes
Post Ofsted Improvement Plan Update	Regular reports provided by the Strategic Director for Children's Services detailing action taken as part of the Ofsted Improvement Plan. An update is currently received at each meeting. Updates will be aligned to themes within the Improvement Plan. Future content of reports will include: Early Help, Corporate Parenting and LAC, Safeguarding, Fostering and Adoption, Quality of Practice and Missing from Home.	Councillor S Newman	Paul Marshall /Amanda Amesbury/ Linda Evans	
Protect Team	To receive a report on the review of the Protect Team.	Councillor S Newman	Paul Marshall	See November 2016 minutes
Raising Standards of Practice in Children's Social Care	To receive an update report.	Councillor S Newman	Paul Marshall	February 2017 - TBC See September 2016 minutes
Review of Leaving Care Services and Options Appraisal	To receive a report on the review of Leaving Care Services and the options appraisal.	Councillor S Newman	Paul Marshall	Executive item

Safeguarding	Regular reports provided by the Strategic Director for Children's Services, three a year. Future content to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working together • Sex education in schools, safeguarding risks of access to internet porn, internet bullying • Feedback of action from lifestyle choices 	Councillor S Newman	Paul Marshall /Amanda Amesbury/ Linda Evans	
School Calendar	To receive a report on progress to better align school calendars for 2018/2019.	Councillor S Newman	John Edwards	See June 2016 minutes
School Improvement	To receive a report on how schools can achieve success through the schools workforce. To include information on the recruitment and retention of quality and qualified teaching staff in both the primary and secondary sectors.	Councillor S Newman	John Edwards	Invite Head Teachers
Sport and Active Lifestyles for Children and Young People	To receive a report on the proposed strategy to engage with partners and parents to promote sport and active lifestyles. To include information on how success can be measured in Secondary and Post 16 providers.	Councillor S Newman Councillor Rahman	John Edwards/ David Regan/Lee Preston/Neil Fairlamb	Invite Chair of Communities and Equalities Scrutiny Committee See December 2015 minutes
Young Carers	To receive a further update on the services and support available for young carers in Manchester at an appropriate time.	Councillor S Newman	Paul Marshall	See minute ref YPC/14/04
Youth and Play Trust	To review progress, including information on the transition arrangements for the hubs. To receive an update on the response to the recommendations of the Youth and Play Task and Finish Group.	Councillor S Newman Councillor Rahman	John Edwards	See December 2015 and February 2016 minutes