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**Manchester City Council  
Report for Resolution**

**Report to:** Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee – 20 June 2017

**Subject:** Ofsted Subgroup Terms of Reference

**Report of:** Governance and Scrutiny Support Unit

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**Summary**

This report provides the Committee with the revised terms of reference for the Ofsted Subgroup which the Committee is asked to agree. The report also includes the current work programme for the Subgroup.

**Recommendations**

The Committee is asked to re-establish the Ofsted Subgroup for the municipal year 2017-18. The Committee is invited to:

1. Agree the terms of reference for the Subgroup.
  2. Agree the work programme of the Subgroup, which will be reviewed by the group at each of its meetings.
  3. Agree the membership of the Subgroup.
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**Background documents (available for public inspection):**

None

**Appendices**

1. Ofsted Subgroup Terms of Reference
2. Ofsted Subgroup work programme

## **1.0 Background**

1.1 In November 2006 the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee established the Ofsted Subgroup to enable members to engage with and add value to the school improvement agenda.

1.2 The remit of the Subgroup was approved by the Committee in March 2007 and the terms of reference were subsequently revised by the Committee in October 2013, broadening the remit to include Ofsted inspections of the Local Authority in relation to school improvement and of children's centres and daycare providers.

1.3 At its meeting on 16 September 2014, in response to the Ofsted judgement that children's services were "inadequate", the Young People and Children Scrutiny Committee decided to expand the remit of the Ofsted Subgroup to include consideration of reports on local authority safeguarding arrangements and to request that the Subgroup look at this issue in more detail. The changes to the terms of reference were subsequently approved at the Committee's October 2014 meeting. In May 2016, the wording was amended to 'consider inspection reports and performance information for services for children in need of help and protection, looked after children and care leavers' in order to clarify that the Ofsted Subgroup could consider any matters arising from the 2014 Ofsted inspection report of Manchester children's services.

1.4 In May 2016, the Committee also revised the terms of reference to include consideration of inspection reports and performance information for Manchester City Council-owned children's homes

## **2.0 Proposed Revisions to the Terms of Reference**

2.1 The Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee receives a Post Ofsted Improvement Plan Update report at each of its meeting. Therefore, it is proposed to remove the following point from the Ofsted Subgroup's terms of reference and for these issues to be considered by the full membership of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee at the Committee's meetings.

- consider inspection reports and performance information for services for children in need of help and protection, looked after children and care leavers

## **3.0 Conclusion**

3.1 The Committee is asked to agree or amend the revised terms of reference as set out in the report at Appendix 1.

3.2 The Committee is asked to agree or amend the work programme as set out in the report at Appendix 2.

3.3 The Committee is also asked to agree the membership of the Subgroup.

Title	Ofsted Subgroup
Membership 2016/2017	Councillors Collins, Reid, Reeves, K Simcock, Stone (Chair) and Taylor and Mrs B Kellner and Ms M Neall (Co-opted)
Membership 2017/2018	Councillor Stone (Chair) Membership to be confirmed
Lead Executive Members	Councillor S Newman Councillor R Battle
Strategic Directors	Paul Marshall - Strategic Director of Children's Services Amanda Corcoran – Interim Director of Education
Lead Officers	Liz Clarke - Senior Schools Quality Assurance Officer
Contact officer	Rachel McKeon - Scrutiny Support
Rationale	<p>This Subgroup has been established to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• consider inspection reports and performance information for Manchester Schools;</li> <li>• consider inspection reports and performance information for Manchester Children's Centres</li> <li>• consider inspection reports and performance information for Daycare providers in Manchester</li> <li>• consider inspection reports and performance information for Manchester City Council-owned children's homes</li> <li>• consider Ofsted inspections and guidance into how local authorities secure school improvement</li> <li>• liaise with Council Officers, School Staff and Early Years staff to identify barriers to performance;</li> <li>• make any necessary recommendations to the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee</li> </ul>
Operation	This Subgroup will meet periodically and report its findings to the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee by submitting minutes to the Committee.
Access to Information	<p>Meetings of this Subgroup will be open to members of the press and public except where information which is confidential or exempt from publication is being considered.</p> <p>Papers for the Subgroup will be made available to members of the press and public on the Council's website and the main entrance to the Town Hall except where information which is confidential or exempt from publication is being considered.</p>
Schedule of Meetings	It is proposed to hold four meetings during the municipal year, on Tuesdays at 10.00 am. The first meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 27 June 2017 and further dates are to be agreed.

**Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee  
Ofsted Subgroup  
Work Programme – June 2017**

<b>10 am Tuesday 27 June 2017 (Report deadline 19 June 2017)</b>				
<b>Item</b>	<b>Purpose of Report</b>	<b>Lead Officer</b>	<b>Executive Member</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Ofsted Inspections of Manchester Children's Homes	To consider inspection reports for Manchester Children's Homes.	Amanda Amesbury	Councillor S Newman	Part B report
Ofsted Inspections of Manchester Schools	To receive a list of all Manchester schools which have been inspected since the last meeting and the judgements awarded. To consider inspection reports for a selection of the schools.	Liz Clarke Rachel McKeon	Councillor R Battle	
Daycare Providers	To receive a summary of Ofsted inspection information for daycare providers. To consider inspection reports and performance information for a selection of daycare providers.	Liz Clarke Rachel McKeon	Councillor S Newman	
Terms of Reference and Work Programme	To review the Terms of Reference and work programme.	Rachel McKeon	-	