
**Manchester City Council
Report for Resolution**

Report to: Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee – 5 September 2017

Subject: Ofsted Subgroup Terms of Reference

Report of: Governance and Scrutiny Support Unit

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 agree or amend the revised terms of reference and the work programme as set out in the report.

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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

1.5 In June 2017, the Committee agreed to remove the following point from the Ofsted Subgroup's terms of reference on the grounds that the Committee receives a Post Ofsted Improvement Plan Update report at each of its meeting and that these issues should 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

2.0 Proposed Revisions to the Terms of Reference

2.1 In July 2017, the Committee received a Post-Ofsted Improvement Plan Update on a recent Ofsted Monitoring Visit. At this meeting, the Committee agreed that the Ofsted Subgroup should hold an additional meeting, to which all Committee Members should be invited, to consider the Ofsted Monitoring Visit feedback in more detail and that the terms of reference of the Subgroup should be amended to bring this within its remit. Therefore, it is proposed to revise the terms of reference to include:

- 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.

Title	Ofsted Subgroup
Membership	Councillors Alijah, Collins, T Judge, Reid, Stone (Chair) and Taylor and Mrs B Kellner and Ms M Neall (Co-opted)
Lead Executive Members	Councillor S Newman Councillor Rahman
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 Amanda Amesbury - Strategic Lead for Children's Social Care Sean McKendrick - Deputy Director of Children's Services
Contact officer	Rachel McKeon - Scrutiny Support
Rationale	<p>This Subgroup has been established to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • consider inspection reports and performance information for Manchester Schools; • consider inspection reports and performance information for Manchester Children's Centres • consider inspection reports and performance information for Daycare providers in Manchester • consider inspection reports and performance information for Manchester City Council-owned children's homes • consider Ofsted inspections and guidance into how local authorities secure school improvement • liaise with Council Officers, School Staff and Early Years staff to identify barriers to performance • consider inspection reports and performance information for services for children in need of help and protection, looked after children and care leavers • make any necessary recommendations to the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee
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	Tuesday 12 September 2017, 2 pm Tuesday 17 October 2017, 10 am Tuesday 16 January 2018, 10 am.

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

2pm, Tuesday 12 September 2017 (Report deadline 4 September 2017)				
Item	Purpose of Report	Lead Officer	Executive Member	Comments
Ofsted Monitoring Visit	To consider the Ofsted Monitoring Visit feedback in more detail.	Paul Marshall/Sean McKendrick/Amanda Amesbury	Councillor S Newman	To invite all Members of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee See CYPSC minutes July 2017
Terms of Reference and Work Programme	To review the Terms of Reference and work programme.	Rachel McKeon	-	

10 am, Tuesday 17 October 2017 (Report deadline 9 October 2017)				
Item	Purpose of Report	Lead Officer	Executive Member	Comments
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 Rahman	
Daycare Providers	To receive a summary of Ofsted inspection information for daycare providers. To consider inspection reports and	Liz Clarke Rachel	Councillor S Newman	

	performance information for a selection of daycare providers.	McKeon		
Terms of Reference and Work Programme	To review the Terms of Reference and work programme.	Rachel McKeon	-	