

**Manchester City Council  
Report for Information**

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

**Subject:** Overview Report

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

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**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

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**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   |
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| 5 September 2017 | CYP/17/40<br>School Place Planning and Admissions | To request further information on the number of siblings who have been allocated places at different schools.  | A response to this recommendation has been requested and will be reported back to the Committee via the Overview report. | Michelle Devine,<br>Interim Head of Access  |
| 5 September 2017 | CYP/17/41<br>School Governance Update             | To recommend that the Council work to increase recruitment of school governors who reflected the diversity of the local community.                                     | A response to this recommendation has been requested and will be reported back to the Committee via the Overview report. | Ruth Bradbury,<br>School Governance Lead  |
| 7 November 2017  | CYP/17/55<br>Early Years Update                   | To request that the Director of Education investigate the eligibility of parents on zero hours contracts for the 30 hours free childcare for working parents.          | A response to this recommendation has been requested and will be reported back to the Committee via the Overview report. | Amanda Corcoran,<br>Director of Education/<br>Nasreen King, Early Years Service Manager |
| 7 November 2017  | CYP/17/57<br>Overview Report                      | To ask the Scrutiny Support Officer to check when the Communities and Equalities Scrutiny Committee would be considering the report on Youth Justice and to email this | This recommendation has been completed.  | Rachel McKeon,<br>Scrutiny Support Officer  |

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|  |  | information to Members of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee. |  |  |
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## 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 **20 November 2017** 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<br><br>Ref:<br>2016/02/01D | The approval of capital expenditure. | City Treasurer | November 2017 or later   | Gateway 5 (procurement document)  | Amanda Corcoran<br>0161 234 4314<br>a.corcoran@manchester.gov.uk |

| Decision title  | What is the decision?   | Decision maker  | Planned date of decision | Documents that will be considered                                | Contact officer details  |
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| School Crossings<br><br>Ref:<br>2017/05/02/A                                  | The approval of capital expenditure for the purpose of the introduction of controlled school crossings.   | City Treasurer  | November 2017 or later   | Capital expenditure approval reports                             | Kevin Gillham<br>0161 234 5148<br>k.gillham@manchester.gov.uk  |
| Organisation of Special Educational Needs provision<br><br>Ref:<br>2016/06/28 | Agree to a prescribed alteration to Rodney House school to change designated age range and number of places.<br>Agree to proposed changes to Sensory Services following consultation. | The Executive   | November 2017 or later   | Report outlining proposals.<br>Outcomes of consultation process. | Amanda Corcoran<br>Interim Director of Education<br>0161 234 1866<br>a.corcoran@manchester.gov.uk                                  |
| Looked After Children Investment Fund<br><br>Ref:<br>2016/03/16B              | To approve the continued draw down from the Looked After Children Investment Fund as required throughout 2016/17.   | Chief Executive in consultation with the City Treasurer | November 2017 or later   | Not Applicable   | Paul Marshall<br>0161 234 3804<br>paul.marshall@manchester.gov.uk<br><br>Simon Finch<br>0161 234 5016<br>s.finch@manchester.gov.uk |
| Review of Children's Residential Services                                     | Consult on the closure of Acorns and Seymour Residential Homes.   | Strategic Director of Children's Services               | November 2017 or later   | Report and recommendation  | Paul Dempsey<br>0161 234 1765<br>p.dempsey@manchester.gov.uk   |

| Decision title                                       | What is the decision?  | Decision maker | Planned date of decision | Documents that will be considered | Contact officer details   |
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| Ref:<br>2016/06/27A                                  | Consult on converting the MET children's home to an Adolescent Support Unit and relocate.<br><br>Following those consultations, decisions are delegated to the Strategic Director of Children's Services in consultation with lead member. |                |                          |                                   |   |
| Regional Adoption Agency<br><br>Ref:<br>2017/02/01B  | It is resolved for Manchester City Council to be a member of Adoption Counts Regional Adoption Agency.   | The Executive  | November 2017            | Report and recommendation         | Paul Marshall<br>0161 234 3804<br>paul.marshall@manchester.gov.uk                             |
| New Manchester Youth Zone<br><br>Ref:<br>2017/10/02C | Agree to support the development of a new Youth Zone in Gorton North. The proposed package of support includes a capital, revenues contribution and disposal of land.  | The Executive  | December 2017            | Report and Recommendations        | Adam Farricker – Youth Strategy Manager<br><br>a.farricker@manchester.gov.uk<br>0161 234 4615 |

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|                | This support will secure £6m of external investment towards the project's development |                |                          |                                   |                         |

**Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee  
Work Programme – 5 December 2017**

| <b>Tuesday 5 December 2017, 2.00pm (Report deadline Thursday 23 November 2017)</b> |  |  |   |  |
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| <b>Item</b>  | <b>Purpose</b>   | <b>Executive Member</b>                  | <b>Strategic Director/<br/>Lead Officer</b>               | <b>Comments</b>  |
| 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<br>Councillor Rahman | Amanda Corcoran/<br>David Regan/Lee Preston/Neil Fairlamb | Invite Chair of Communities and Equalities Scrutiny Committee<br>See December 2015 minutes |
| 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/Sean McKendrick                             | See June 2016 minutes  |
| Protect Team and Complex Safeguarding Hub  | To receive a presentation on the review of the Protect Team and the development of the Complex Safeguarding Hub.   | Councillor S Newman                      | Paul Marshall/Julie Heslop                                | See November 2016 minutes  |
| School Attendance  | To receive a report on the provisional school attendance figures for 2016/17 provided by the Department for Education.   | Councillor Rahman                        | Amanda Corcoran   |  |
| Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Annual Report                      | To receive an update on SEND provision.  | Councillor Rahman<br>Councillor S Newman | Amanda Corcoran   |  |

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| Overview Report | The monthly report includes the recommendations monitor, relevant key decisions, the Committee’s work programme and any items for information. | - | Rachel McKeon |  |
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| <b>Tuesday 2 January 2018, 2.00pm (Report deadline Monday 18 December 2017)</b> |  |  |   |                 |
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| <b>Item</b>   | <b>Purpose</b>   | <b>Executive Member</b>                  | <b>Strategic Director/ Lead Officer</b> | <b>Comments</b> |
| Delivering the Our Manchester Strategy  | This report provides an overview of work undertaken and progress towards the delivery of the Council’s priorities as set out in the Our Manchester Strategy for those areas within the portfolio of the Executive Member for Children’s Services and the Executive Member for Schools. | Councillor S Newman<br>Councillor Rahman |   |                 |
| Overview Report   |  | -  | Rachel McKeon                           |                 |

| <b>Tuesday 30 January 2018, 2.00pm (Report deadline Thursday 18 January 2018)</b>                                 |  |  |  |                 |
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| <b>Item</b>   | <b>Purpose</b>   | <b>Executive Member</b>                  | <b>Strategic Director/ Lead Officer</b>          | <b>Comments</b> |
| Refreshed Budget and Business Plans   | The Committee will consider the refreshed budget and business plans that were requested by the Committee at their November 2017 meeting. | Councillor S Newman<br>Councillor Rahman | Carol Culley<br>Paul Marshall<br>Amanda Corcoran |                 |
| Ofsted Inspection of Services for Children in Need of Help and Protection, Looked After Children and Care Leavers | To consider Ofsted’s report on Services for Children in Need of Help and Protection, Looked After Children and Care Leavers.             | Councillor S Newman                      | Paul Marshall                                    | TBC             |



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| School Exclusions | To receive a report on school exclusions, to include information on the number of fixed term and permanent exclusions at each Manchester school over the past three years. | Councillor Rahman | Amanda Corcoran | See 31 January 2017 minutes |
| Overview Report   |  | -                 | Rachel McKeon   |                             |

| <b>Items To be Scheduled</b>                                |   |   |  |   |
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| <b>Item</b>   | <b>Purpose</b>  | <b>Executive Member</b>                 | <b>Strategic Director/ Lead Officer</b>                                    | <b>Comments</b>   |
| Changes to Lancasterian Sensory Support Service             | To receive a further report in a year's time in order to monitor the impact of the changes.   | Councillor Rahman                       | Amanda Corcoran  | See February 2017 minutes   |
| Child Employment  | To receive a report on the employment of children, including related licensing activity.  | TBC                                     | TBC  | See October 2017 minutes  |
| Children and Young People's Health, including Mental Health | To receive a further report at an appropriate time, to include examples of the improvements the transformation work on mental health services has made at the individual child level. | Councillor Craig<br>Councillor S Newman | David Regan/Paul Marshall/<br>Jock Rodger/<br>Clinical Commissioning Group | See December 2016 minutes<br>Invitation to members of Health Scrutiny Committee |
| 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  |
| Curriculum for Life   | To receive a more detailed report at an appropriate time, to include more information on the governance and delivery of the Curriculum for Life and how it will be evaluated.         | Councillor Rahman                       | Amanda Corcoran  | See October 2017 minutes<br>Invite Chair of Economy Scrutiny Committee          |
| Early Years   | To receive a quarterly update.  | Councillor S                            | Amanda   |   |

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|  |   | Newman                                  | Corcoran/<br>Karen<br>Jarmany         |  |
| Ethical Procurement                              | To receive a report in response to the following recommendation from the Resources and Governance Scrutiny Committee's Ethical Procurement Task and Finish Group:<br>To recommend that the relevant scrutiny committees are informed and invited to comment on the differing contract management processes for their respective remits and invited to accompany officers on monitoring visits where appropriate/as required.<br>(To be fully scoped.) | Councillor Flanagan                     | Ian Brown                             | Invite Chair of Resources and Governance Scrutiny Committee            |
| Foster Care                                      | To receive a further report at an appropriate time, to include information on the success of the Council's fostering service's recruitment and retention activity and an update on the number of children for whom the Council have secured a 'permanent' placement.<br>To update Members on the issues raised by Manchester Foster Care Association, where appropriate.  | Councillor S Newman                     | Paul Marshalls/Paul Dempsey           | See November 2017 minutes  |
| Greater Manchester Review of Children's Services | To receive a further report which provides more information on the proposals for Greater Manchester Children's Services, the Children and Families Bill and the Alan Wood review of LSCB, including the implications for Manchester City Council.   | Councillor S Newman                     | Paul Marshall                         | See 31 January 2017 minutes  |
| 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<br>Councillor Craig | Paul Marshall/<br>Lorraine<br>Butcher | See November 2016 minutes<br>Invite Chair of Health Scrutiny Committee |

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| 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 |  |
| Looked After Children (LAC) Investment Plan budget      | To receive a quarterly update.  | Councillor S Newman<br>Councillor Flanagan | Paul Marshall /Simon Finch                   | Invite Resources and Governance Scrutiny Chair |
| Manchester Safeguarding Children Board (MSCB)           | To receive the MSCB's Annual Report.  | Councillor S Newman                        | Paul Marshall / Julia Stephens-Row           |  |
| 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 (including a breakdown of the cases which have 'not met' practice standards, including case studies if appropriate) and Missing from Home. The Early Help Update will include a response to the Committee's recommendation that information on any resistance from individual schools be circulated to members and that schools which are positively engaging with Early Help be promoted as an example to others. | Councillor S Newman                        | Paul Marshall /Amanda Amesbury/ Linda Evans  | See July 2016 and September 2017 minutes.      |
| Raising Standards of Practice in Children's Social Care | To receive an update report.  | Councillor S Newman                        | Paul Marshall                                | See September 2016 minutes                     |

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| Review of Leaving Care Services | To receive a report on the review of Leaving Care Services. To include housing issues for care leavers, the Council Tax Support Scheme for care leavers, care leavers who are NEET, education and employment opportunities, links with universities, including mentoring schemes, apprenticeships and the social value element of procurement.  | Councillor S Newman                      | Paul Marshall/Paul Beardmore                | See June 2017 minutes<br>Invite relevant scrutiny chairs |
| 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"> <li>• Working together</li> <li>• Sex education in schools, safeguarding risks of access to internet porn, internet bullying</li> <li>• Feedback of action from lifestyle choices</li> <li>• Information on multi-agency work to disrupt and enforce against activities leading to Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)</li> </ul> | Councillor S Newman                      | Paul Marshall /Amanda Amesbury/ Linda Evans | See July 2017 minutes                                    |
| School Calendar                 | To receive a report on progress to better align school calendars for 2018/2019.   | Councillor Rahman                        | Amanda Corcoran                             | 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 Rahman                        | Amanda Corcoran                             | Invite Head Teachers                                     |
| Youth and Play Trust            | To review progress, including information on the transition arrangements for the hubs.<br>To receive an update on the response to the recommendations of the Youth and Play Task and Finish Group.  | Councillor S Newman<br>Councillor Rahman | Amanda Corcoran                             | See December 2015 & February 2016 minutes                |