

**Manchester City Council
Report for Information**

Report to: Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee – 2 January 2018

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
5 September 2017	CYP/17/40 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, Interim Head of Access
5 September 2017	CYP/17/41 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, School Governance Lead
7 November 2017	CYP/17/55 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.	Families where parents/carers are on zero hour contracts may qualify for 30 hour childcare but only where their earnings are the equivalent of 16 hours per week at national living wage. This is a minimum of £120 per week or £6240 per year for people over the age of 25. For people under 25 they must be earning National Minimum wage. Whether the parent/carer meets the criteria would be determined by completing HMRC's online eligibility checker.	Amanda Corcoran, Director of Education/ Nasreen King, Early Years Service Manager
5 December 2017	CYP/17/64 Update on Manchester's implementation	To request a breakdown of the ethnicity of children with SEND and of the children with SEND who were excluded from school.	A response to this recommendation has been requested and will be reported back to the Committee via the Overview report.	Amanda Corcoran, Director of Education/

	of the Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) reforms introduced in 2014			Julie Hicklin, SEND Lead
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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 **13 December 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 Ref: 2016/02/01D	The approval of capital expenditure.	City Treasurer	December 2017 or later	Gateway 5 (procurement document)	Amanda Corcoran 0161 234 4314 a.corcoran@manchester.gov.uk
School Crossings Ref: 2017/05/02/A	The approval of capital expenditure for the purpose of the introduction of controlled school crossings.	City Treasurer	December 2017 or later	Capital expenditure approval reports	Kevin Gillham 0161 234 5148 k.gillham@manchester.gov.uk
Organisation of Special Educational Needs 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.	The Executive	December 2017 or later	Report outlining proposals. Outcomes of consultation process.	Amanda Corcoran Interim Director of Education 0161 234 1866 a.corcoran@manchester.gov.uk
Looked After Children Investment	To approve the continued draw down from the	Chief Executive in consultation with the City	December 2017 or later	Not Applicable	Paul Marshall 0161 234 3804 paul.marshall@manchester.gov.

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Fund Ref: 2016/03/16B	Looked After Children Investment Fund as required throughout 2016/17.	Treasurer			uk Simon Finch 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	December 2017 or later	Report and recommendation	Paul Dempsey 0161 234 1765 p.dempsey@manchester.gov.uk
New Manchester Youth Zone	Agree to support the development of a new Youth Zone in Gorton North. The	The Executive	December 2017	Report and Recommendations	Adam Farricker – Youth Strategy Manager a.farricker@manchester.gov.uk

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Ref: 2017/10/02C	proposed package of support includes a capital, revenues contribution and disposal of land. This support will secure £6m of external investment towards the project's development				0161 234 4615

**Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee
Work Programme – 2 January 2018**

Tuesday 2 January 2018, 2.00pm (Report deadline Monday 18 December 2017)				
Item	Purpose	Executive Member	Strategic Director/ Lead Officer	Comments
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	
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.	Councillor S Newman		
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 30 January 2018, 2.00pm (Report deadline Thursday 18 January 2018)				
Item	Purpose	Executive Member	Strategic Director/ Lead Officer	Comments
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 Councillor Rahman	Carol Culley Paul Marshall Amanda Corcoran	
School Exclusions	To receive a report on school exclusions, to include	Councillor	Amanda	See 31

	information on the number of fixed term and permanent exclusions at each Manchester school over the past three years.	Rahman	Corcoran	January 2017 minutes
Overview Report		-	Rachel McKeon	

Items To be Scheduled				
Item	Purpose	Executive Member	Strategic Director/ Lead Officer	Comments
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 Councillor S Newman	David Regan/Paul Marshall/ Jock Rodger/ Clinical Commissioning Group	See December 2016 minutes 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 Invite Chair of Economy Scrutiny Committee
Early Years	To receive a quarterly update.	Councillor S Newman	Amanda Corcoran	

Edge of Care Services	To receive a report on the range of approaches used to support children and young people on the edge of care, to include the context, anonymised case studies and information on value for money.	Councillor S Newman	Paul Marshall/ Sean McKendrick	See December 2017 minutes
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: 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. (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. To update Members on the issues raised by Manchester Foster Care Association, where appropriate.	Councillor S Newman	Paul Marshall/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 Councillor Craig	Paul Marshall/ Lorraine Butcher	See November 2016 minutes Invite Chair of Health Scrutiny

				Committee
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 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	To receive an update report.	Councillor S Newman	Paul Marshall	See September

Social Care				2016 minutes
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 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"> • Working together • Sex education in schools, safeguarding risks of access to internet porn, internet bullying • Feedback of action from lifestyle choices • Information on multi-agency work to disrupt and enforce against activities leading to Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) 	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 Funding	To receive a report about school funding, to include the impact on pupils with SEND.	Councillor Rahman Councillor Flanagan	Amanda Corcoran	See December 2017 minutes Invite Chair of Resources and Governance Scrutiny Committee
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	Councillor Rahman	Amanda Corcoran	Invite Head Teachers

	secondary sectors.			
Sport and Active Lifestyles for Children and Young People	To receive a further report to include a review of the data from the 2017/2018 academic year.	Councillor S Newman Councillor Rahman	Amanda Corcoran/ David Regan/Lee Preston/Neil Fairlamb	September 2018 – TBC See December 2017 minutes Invite Chair of Communities and Equalities Scrutiny Committee
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	Amanda Corcoran	See December 2015 & February 2016 minutes