

**Manchester City Council
Report for Information**

Report to: Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee – 17 July 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
5 December 2017	CYP/17/64 Update on Manchester's implementation of the Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) reforms introduced in 2014	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/ Julie Hicklin, SEND Lead
2 January 2018	CYP/18/02 Re-inspection of services for	To recommend that the Communities and Equalities Scrutiny Committee and the	A response to this recommendation will be reported back to the Committee via the Overview report.	Rachel McKeon, Scrutiny

	children in need of help and protection, children looked after and care leavers	Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee jointly consider domestic abuse, in particular the issue raised in the Ofsted report, during the next municipal year, and to note that this will also be discussed at a meeting of the Corporate Parenting Panel.		Support Officer
27 February 2018	CYP/18/14 Update on School Exclusions	To request that the Director of Education share school-level data on exclusions with the Chair.	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
27 February 2018	CYP/18/14 Update on School Exclusions	To request that the Committee visit schools which are successful in preventing pupils from being excluded to identify good practice.	A visit to Cedar Mount Academy took place on 4 July 2018 and a visit to Briscoe Lane Academy took place on 9 July 2018.	Rachel McKeon, Scrutiny Support Officer
27 February 2018	CYP/18/16 The Employment of Children	To request that the Council carry out a social media campaign to raise awareness of the legislation relating to child employment.	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
27 February 2018	CYP/18/17 Post Ofsted Improvement Plan Update: Children's Services Workforce	To recommend that the Corporate Parenting Panel consider the quality of social work assessments at a future meeting.	This will be referred to the Corporate Parenting Panel.	Rachel McKeon, Scrutiny Support Officer

	Strategy			
21 May 2018	CYP/18/25 Looked After Children and Care Leavers Placement Sufficiency Strategy Review	To request that the methods of recruitment for foster carers be reviewed through the Corporate Parenting Panel and then reported back to the Committee.	This will be referred to the Corporate Parenting Panel.	Rachel McKeon, Scrutiny Support Officer
19 June 2018	CYP/18/35 Overview Report	To write a letter to the staff at the Early Help Hub South to thank them for accommodating the visit.	This recommendation has been completed.	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 **4 July 2018** 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 in relation to the creation of school places through new builds or expansions.	City Treasurer	January 2018 or later	Gateway 5 (procurement document)	Amanda Corcoran 0161 234 4314 a.corcoran@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	March 2018 or later	Report outlining proposals. Outcomes of consultation process.	Amanda Corcoran Interim Director of Education 0161 234 1866 a.corcoran@manchester.gov.uk
School Place Planning Report Ref: 2018/04/16A	Approval on the strategy and spend options for the 19/20 basic need allocation	Executive	May 2018	Children and Young People Scrutiny report	Name:Amanda Corcoran Position:Director of Education Tel no:234 4314 Email address: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	March 2018 or later	Not Applicable	Paul Marshall 0161 234 3804 paul.marshall@manchester.gov.uk

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Ref: 2016/03/16B	Children Investment Fund as required throughout 2016/17.				Simon Finch 0161 234 5016 s.finch@manchester.gov.uk
Leaving Care Services Ref: 2018/03/21B	It is resolved for MCC to decommission the current 3rd party contract and establish a 'Wholly Owned Trading Company' to deliver Leaving Care Services.	The Executive	30/5/18	Report, supporting documents and recommendations	Name: Paul Marshall Position: Strategic Director Tel no: 0161 234 3804 Email address: paul.marshall@manchester.gov.uk
Children and Young People Foster Care Flexible Purchasing System Ref: 2018/05/1D	Approval to use the North West FPS for the delivery of Foster Care services	Strategic Director of Children's Services	May 2018	Contract Report and recommendation	Mike Worsley Procurement Manager Tel: 0161 234 3080 Email: mike.worsley@manchester.gov.uk

**Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee
Work Programme – July 2018**

Tuesday 17 July 2018, 2.00pm (Report deadline Thursday 5 July 2018)				
Item	Purpose	Executive Member	Strategic Director/ Lead Officer	Comments
Manchester Schools - Overview	To receive an overview of the schools system and school improvement in Manchester, including the Council's offer to schools and the role of the Manchester Schools Alliance.	Councillor Rahman	Amanda Corcoran	Director of Education to invite Margaret Cunningham (Manchester Schools' Alliance) and headteachers
Curriculum for Life	To receive a more detailed report, 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 and Schools Readiness	To receive a report on early years and schools readiness.	Councillor Bridges	Amanda Corcoran	
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 4 September 2018, 2.00pm (Report deadline Wednesday 22 August 2018)				
Item	Purpose	Executive Member	Strategic Director/ Lead Officer	Comments
Children and Young People's Health, including Mental Health	To receive a report on transformation work in relation to children and young people's health services, with a focus on mental health. To include examples of the improvements the transformation work on mental health services has made at the individual child level.	Councillor Craig Councillor Bridges	David Regan/Paul Marshall /Professor Craig Harris, Manchester Health and Care Commissioning (MHCC)	See December 2016 minutes Invite members of Health Scrutiny Committee and Mental Health Champion
Early Help	To receive an update report on Early Help. To 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 Bridges	Paul Marshall/ Julie Heslop	See July 2016 minutes
Children's Services Scorecard (Proxy Indicators)	To receive a presentation which provides proxy indicators on progress to improve children's services.	Councillor Bridges	Paul Marshall/ Sean McKendrick	See June 2018 minutes
Overview Report		-	Rachel McKeon	

Items To be Scheduled				
Item	Purpose	Executive Member	Strategic Director/ Lead Officer	Comments
Annual Adoption and Fostering report	To receive a report on the Council's performance in relation to its adoption and fostering services	Councillor Bridges	Paul Marshall	
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	May 2018 - TBC See February 2017 minutes
Children and Young People's Plan	To receive a further report at an appropriate time, to include a 'plan on a page'.	Councillor Bridges	Paul Marshall	See October 2016 minutes
Complex Safeguarding/Protect report	To receive a report on the Council's Complex Safeguarding service.	Councillor Bridges	Paul Marshall	
Early Years	To receive a quarterly update. Next update to report on the Early Years Delivery Model, focusing on the Health Visitor programme.	Councillor Bridges	Amanda Corcoran	See 2 January 2018 minutes
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 Bridges	Paul Marshall/ Sean McKendrick	See December 2017 minutes
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 Bridges	Paul Marshall/ Sean McKendrick	See November 2017 minutes
Greater Manchester	To receive a further report which provides more	Councillor	Paul Marshall	See 31

Review of Children's Services	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.	Bridges		January 2017 minutes
Leaving Care Service	To receive a report in October 2018 on the establishment of the Wholly Owned Trading Company (WOTC) and to receive a further report in March 2019 on its impact so far.	Councillor Bridges	Paul Marshall	See June 2018 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 Bridges Councillor Craig	Paul Marshall	See November 2016 minutes Invite Chair of Health Scrutiny Committee
Looked After Children and Care Leavers Placement Sufficiency Strategy Review	To request a further report in the 2018/2019 municipal year to update on progress and impact. To request that this report includes consideration of the reasons why the number of LAC is increasing in Manchester and nationally and information on the placement of sibling groups.	Councillor Bridges	Paul Marshall/Sean McKendrick	See May 2018 minutes
Looked After Children (LAC) and Corporate Parenting	To receive an annual report on the work of the Corporate Parenting Panel. To include an update on recent developments in respect of LAC and corporate parenting. To include the future role/best use of existing children's homes including best practice within other local authorities and models of practice.	Councillor Bridges	Paul Marshall / Linda Evans	See May 2018 minutes
Looked After Children (LAC) Investment Plan budget	To receive a quarterly update.	Councillor Bridges Councillor Flanagan	Paul Marshall / Simon Finch	Invite Resources and Governance Scrutiny Chair
Manchester Safeguarding Children	To receive the MSCB's Annual Report.	Councillor Bridges	Paul Marshall / Julia	

Board (MSCB)			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: 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. To also include an update on the progress and impact of the Getting to Good Board and its priorities. To receive a report outlining the impact of the actions in relation to the following Ofsted recommendation: “Monitor and improve the frequency and quality of management oversight and supervision in all teams. Ensure that supervision is regular, reflective and challenging, and that managers record the rationale for their decisions.”	Councillor Bridges	Paul Marshall/ Linda Evans	See September 2017, 30 January 2018 and May 2018 minutes.
Proxy Indicators	To receive quarterly presentations of the proxy indicators outlined in the report considered by the Committee in June 2018 and to request that these presentations also include information on school attendance and exclusions.	Councillor Bridges Councillor Rahman	Paul Marshall/ Sean McKendrick/ Amanda Corcoran	See June 2018 minutes
Pupil Referral Units (PRUs), alternative provision and the review of specialist provision for children with social, emotional and mental health	To receive a report on Pupil Referral Units, alternative provision and the review of specialist provision for children with social, emotional and mental health needs and for this to also include an update in relation to the next steps on school exclusions.	Councillor Rahman	Amanda Corcoran	See February 2018 minutes

needs				
Raising Standards of Practice in Children’s Social Care	To receive an update report.	Councillor Bridges	Paul Marshall	See September 2016 minutes
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) • Safeguarding children in sport 	Councillor Bridges	Paul Marshall / Linda Evans	See July 2017 and February 2018 minutes
School Attendance and Attainment	To receive regular reports regarding attainment and attendance. To include information on the use of flexi-schooling in Manchester and on children who are not included in the school attendance figures because they are waiting for a school place or are being home schooled.	Councillor Rahman	Amanda Corcoran	See 30 January 2018 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 Exclusions	To receive further information on work to reduce the number of school exclusions, including the national review.	Councillor Rahman	Amanda Corcoran	See June 2018 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

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 Bridges 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
Working Together to Safeguard Children	To consider Edwina Grant’s discussion paper on future arrangements for working together to safeguard children at a future meeting.	Councillor Bridges	Paul Marshall	See 30 January 2018 minutes
Young Carers	To receive a report on Young Carers.	Councillor Bridges	Amanda Corcoran	See 30 January 2018 minutes
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 Bridges Councillor Rahman	Amanda Corcoran	See December 2015 & February 2016 minutes