



Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee

Date: Wednesday, 23 June 2021

Time: 2.00 pm

Venue: Council Chamber, Level 2, Town Hall Extension

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Membership of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee

Councillors –

Reid (Chair), Abdulatif, Sameem Ali, Alijah, Bano, Collins, Hewitson, Lovecy, McHale and Nunney

Co-opted Members -

Ms Z Derraz, Mr L Duffy, Mrs J Miles and Dr W Omara

Agenda

1. Urgent Business

To consider any items which the Chair has agreed to have submitted as urgent.

2. Appeals

To consider any appeals from the public against refusal to allow inspection of background documents and/or the inclusion of items in the confidential part of the agenda.

3. Interests

To allow Members an opportunity to [a] declare any personal, prejudicial or disclosable pecuniary interests they might have in any items which appear on this agenda; and [b] record any items from which they are precluded from voting as a result of Council Tax/Council rent arrears; [c] the existence and nature of party whipping arrangements in respect of any item to be considered at this meeting. Members with a personal interest should declare that at the start of the item under consideration. If Members also have a prejudicial or disclosable pecuniary interest they must withdraw from the meeting during the consideration of the item.

4. Minutes

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 26 May 2021.

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5. Update on impact of COVID-19 on children and families with a focus on family poverty

Report of the Director of Education

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This report, one of a series of scrutiny reports, reports on the impact and consequence management of COVID-19 on children and their families. This report has a particular focus on family poverty and the impact of the pandemic on this. The report outlines the work that has been put in place to try to mitigate this, particularly in relation to the provision of food.

6. The Lodge - to follow

7. Early Years - Tendered Day-care Settings - to follow

8. Re-establishment of the Ofsted Subgroup

Report of the Governance and Scrutiny Support Unit

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This report provides the Committee with the terms of reference and current work programme for the Ofsted Subgroup. The Committee is asked to re-establish the Ofsted Subgroup for the municipal year 2021 - 2022 and agree the terms of reference, work programme and membership of the Subgroup.

9. Overview Report

Report of the Governance and Scrutiny Support Unit

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This report provides the Committee with details of key decisions that fall within the Committee's remit and an update on actions resulting from the Committee's recommendations. The report also includes the Committee's work programme, which the Committee is asked to amend as appropriate and agree.

Information about the Committee

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The Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee reviews the services provided by the Council and its partners for young people across the city including education, early years, school standards and valuing young people.

In addition to the elected members the Committee has seven co-opted member positions. These are:

- Representative of the Diocese of Manchester – Vacant
- Representative of the Diocese of Salford – Mrs Julie Miles
- Parent governor representative – Dr W Omara
- Parent governor representative – Vacant
- Parent governor representative – Ms Zainab Derraz
- Secondary sector teacher representative – Mr Liam Duffy
- Primary sector teacher representative – Vacant

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Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on 26 May 2021

Present:

Councillor Reid – in the Chair

Councillors Abdullatif, Sameem Ali, Alijah, Bano, Collins, Hewitson, Lovecy, McHale and Nunney

Co-opted Voting Members:

Ms Z Derraz, Parent Governor Representative

Co-opted Non Voting Members:

Mr L Duffy, Secondary Sector Teacher Representative

Also present:

Councillor Bridges, Executive Member for Children and Schools

Councillor Foley, Ward Councillor for Didsbury East

Dr Henri Giller, Independent Chair, Manchester Safeguarding Partnership (MSP)

Maria Slater, Director of Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS)

Apologies:

Dr W Omara, Parent Governor Representative

CYP/21/17 Minutes

Decision

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 10 March 2021.

CYP/21/18 Manchester Safeguarding Partnership (MSP) Annual Report 2019/2020

The Committee received a report of Dr Henri Giller, Independent Chair of the MSP, which detailed the strategic priorities and what MSP had achieved, reported on its annual assurance activity and what had been learnt from practice reviews undertaken where there was a serious incident.

Dr Henri Giller referred to the main points and themes within the report, which included:

- The Partnership Strategic Priorities and the action taken in relation to these;
- The Assurance Function;
- Learning from Practice Review and Improvement exercises; and
- Scrutinising the new MSP arrangements.

Some of the key points and themes that arose from the Committee's discussions were:

- Mental health and suicide prevention;
- Training for Members, including on Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and on understanding exploitation;
- The importance of a joined-up approach between adult and children's services, where vulnerable adults were parents; and
- How the experiences of minoritised communities was embedded into the work of MSP.

Dr Giller advised that mental health was a priority area for MSP and that significant improvements had been put in place over the past 12 months to better meet the mental health needs of children and young people, citing the M Thrive and i-Thrive initiatives. He reported that one of the potential strengths of the new safeguarding arrangements was that they brought children's and adults' safeguarding under the same partnership and he advised that representatives of the Children's Executive Group and the Adult Executive Group were meeting together and discussing joint strategies and areas of common interest, such as the transition from children's to adult services and complex safeguarding. He outlined some of the challenges, such as the different legislative basis for children's and adults' safeguarding, the capacity of services to meet needs into adulthood and the level of continuity of support over time but he advised that there was an awareness of these issues and a commitment to working to improve them.

Dr Giller reported that there was an operational infrastructure behind the strategic groups referred to in the report and that this engaged with communities to understand the likely impact of proposals and changes. In response to a Member's question, he assured the Committee that work had taken place to look at the impact of the pandemic on working practices and that this learning would be taken forward.

In response to a question from the Chair, Dr Giller reported that the initial self-evaluation exercise had been intended to raise awareness of changes needed and for work with the organisations on how they could make and embed those changes. He advised that the next self-assessment would be followed by an audit of the changes that organisations had committed themselves to. In response to a further question, he reported that different organisations were subject to different regulatory mechanisms, further assurance structures would be available through the Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) and that MSP was keen to explore additional options such as peer reviews.

The Executive Member for Children and Schools advised that he and the Strategic Director of Children and Education Services arranged training for all Councillors each municipal year, covering topics such as corporate parenting responsibilities and safeguarding. He reported that dates would be sent round shortly for this and that, if Members then wanted further training on specific areas, this could be arranged.

Decision

That the Committee will receive regular reports on the work of the Manchester Safeguarding Partnership.

CYP/21/19 Impact of COVID-19 on children's services in Manchester, including schools, settings and the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS)

The Committee received a report of the Deputy Director of Children's Services which detailed the impact and consequence management of COVID-19 across the Children's and Education Directorate. The report had a particular focus on the delivery arrangements and performance of children's services. Acknowledging the requirement to view the support to children as a partnership endeavour, the report also provided an update on schools and CAMHS's ongoing response to the pandemic.

Officers referred to the main points and themes within the report, which included:

- Schools update, including school attendance and Ofsted monitoring visits;
- Early Years update;
- Children's Services, including working practices during the pandemic, contacts with Children's Services, performance management and quality assurance;
- Early Help; and
- Managing the impact of COVID-19 on well-being and mental health.

Some of the key points and themes that arose from the Committee's discussions were:

- That individual schools were adopting different practices in response to the current situation;
- Reasons for the variations in school attendance levels;
- Concern that lockdown and learning at home had widened the gap between children from more and less advantaged backgrounds;
- The impact of the pandemic on babies' development; and
- How the Council would support schools if the Indian Variant spread within the city.

The Director of Education informed the Committee that all schools had initially completed risk assessments for COVID-19 which had been reviewed by the Council's Health and Safety Team. She advised that, despite recent changes in national guidelines, the Council was still strongly advising schools to keep the measures from their risk assessments in place, although they did not have any powers to enforce this. In response to a Member's question, she outlined some of the support being offered to Early Years settings and through additional activities to assist children with reaching developmental milestones, noting the impact that the pandemic would have had on the development of many young children, not only those who would have otherwise been identified as having Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND). In response to another question, she advised that the strategy for supporting pupils with SEND had remained the same, although there had been a particular focus on school attendance during the pandemic.

The Deputy Director of Children's Services acknowledged the challenges facing new parents during the pandemic, highlighting the information in the report about some of the difficulties they were experiencing. He advised of the importance of providing

socialisation opportunities for children and opening Early Years settings, noting that the city's figures were good for this. He informed Members of a new evidence-based approach to supporting vulnerable people who were new parents or soon to become parents, recognising that having been isolated from support services during the pandemic would have added to their vulnerabilities.

The Executive Member for Children and Schools informed the Committee that, despite the challenges presented by the pandemic, the Council remained ambitious for the city's children. He informed Members about plans for a "Year of the Child" in 2022 and proposed that the Committee receive a report about this at a future meeting.

The Director of Education advised the Committee that school attendance was continuing to improve and was at about 94%. A Member commented that schools having different school holiday dates around Easter would have impacted on attendance levels. The Director of Education advised the Committee that the Council set schools holiday dates based on a set of principles agreed across Greater Manchester but that not all Greater Manchester councils were working to these principles and that this would be looked at again. She also reported that academies and Roman Catholic schools within Manchester did not have to follow the dates set down by the Council. She acknowledged the impact that the pandemic would have had on children's education, noting that pupils in Manchester had been particularly affected due to high infection rates in the city.

In response to a question from the Chair, the Director of Education reported that Ofsted were visiting schools to undertake monitoring visits, focusing on schools which were currently judged as Inadequate or Requires Improvement but would not be carrying out full inspections with new judgements until the autumn term.

The Chair praised the excellent work being carried out through Early Help and Sure Start and suggested that the police be invited to a future meeting, noting the references in the report to domestic abuse.

The Director of Education assured Members that there were already structures in place to support schools in the event of an outbreak of the Indian Variant within the city, due to the situation Manchester had been in in autumn 2020, when infection rates were high. She outlined how different services worked together, the processes in place and the support provided to schools.

Decision

To continue to receive regular update reports.

CYP/21/20 Children and Education Services – Overview and Key Issues

The Strategic Director of Children and Education Services highlighted the Directorate's priorities for the forthcoming year, which were set within the context of the previous year and the impact of the pandemic. He highlighted the impact of the pandemic on children and young people, while recognising the resilience they had demonstrated, in particular the educational gap between more and less fortunate

pupils, the anxiety felt by some young people, the risk of school exclusions as pupils returned to school, the long-term job opportunities for young people and support for children with additional needs. He also referred to the learning opportunities from the ways of working that had been adopted and the way the service has responded during the pandemic. He advised Members that other areas of focus for the forthcoming year were inequality, including the role of climate change, the voice of children and young people, the strengths of the school system, recovering from lost learning, reducing the number of young people Not in Education Employment or Training (NEET), Think Family work in collaboration with the Local Care Organisation, support for children with SEND and the transition of young people to adulthood or adult services. He reported that the Directorate was expecting an Ofsted inspection of its statutory children's services within the next year and was looking at its quality assurance framework, including what was being learnt from auditing activity, how that learning was being taken forward and informing practice and looking at the feedback from children and families. He advised that there would also be a focus on the impact of Troubled families and Early Help and that the service would be contributing to work on family poverty, homeless families and youth violence.

In response to a Member's question, the Strategic Director of Children and Education Services advised that the service had made progress since its last full Ofsted inspection and he proposed that he bring the Directorate's self-assessment of its statutory services to a future meeting. He also recognised the hard work of both Children's Services staff and schools staff during the pandemic. The Chair proposed that the Ofsted Subgroup consider the information in relation to the forthcoming Ofsted inspection. She noted that Members would be having a work programming session at the rise of this meeting where they would discuss further the areas which they wanted to scrutinise over the next year.

Decision

To note the oral report.

CYP/21/21 Overview Report

A report of the Governance and Scrutiny Support Unit was submitted. The overview report contained key decisions within the Committee's remit, responses to previous recommendations and the Committee's work programme, which the Committee was asked to approve.

Decision

To note the report.

CYP/21/22 Exclusion of Press and Public

Decision

To exclude the public during consideration of the following item which involved consideration of exempt information relating to the financial or business affairs of

particular persons and public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

CYP/21/23 Scrutiny Committees' work on cross-cutting themes of the Our Manchester Strategy

The Committee considered the report of the Deputy Chief Executive and City Treasurer that provided an overview of how cross-cutting themes in the *Our Manchester Strategy – Forward to 2025* reset document were to be covered by the scrutiny committees during the 2021/22 municipal year.

Decision

To note the report.

**Manchester City Council
Report for Information**

Report to: Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee - 23 June 2021

Subject: Update on impact of COVID 19 on children and families with a focus on family poverty

Report of: Director of Education

Summary

This report, one of a series of scrutiny reports, reports on the impact and consequence management of COVID 19 on children and their families. This report has a particular focus on family poverty and the impact of the pandemic on this. The report outlines the work that has been put in place to try to mitigate this particularly in relation to the provision of food.

Recommendations

Committee is asked to discuss the report, provide comment on the analysis provided within the report.

Wards Affected: All

Environmental Impact Assessment - the impact of the issues addressed in this report on achieving the zero-carbon target for the city

Our Manchester Strategy outcomes	Summary of how this report aligns to the OMS
A thriving and sustainable city: supporting a diverse and distinctive economy that creates jobs and opportunities.	Effective Children and Education Services are critical to ensuring our children are afforded opportunities and supported to connect and contribute to the city's sustainability and growth.
A highly skilled city: world class and home-grown talent sustaining the city's economic success.	Ensuring children and young people are supported and afforded the opportunity to access and achieve in the City; empowered and supported by the delivery of a strong and cohesive system that works for all children.

A progressive and equitable city: making a positive contribution by unlocking the potential of our communities.	Improving education and social care services that are connected to the wider partnership build the resilience of children and families needed to achieve their potential and be integrated into their communities.
A liveable and low carbon city: a destination of choice to live, visit, work.	Improving outcomes for the children and families across the City, helps build and develop whole communities and increases the liability of the City
A connected city: world class infrastructure and connectivity to drive growth.	Successful services support successful families who are able to deliver continuing growth in the City

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Background documents (available for public inspection):

The following documents disclose important facts on which the report is based and have been relied upon in preparing the report. Copies of the background documents are available up to 4 years after the date of the meeting. If you would like a copy please contact one of the contact officers above.

Since March 2020 each Children and Families Scrutiny Committee has received a report in respect of Covid19, its impact and the Directorate response.

1.0 Introduction

1.1 Throughout the COVID 19 pandemic, Manchester's Children and Education services, schools and settings, have sought to continue to ensure the delivery of the services that underpin our children's strategy; our strategic objectives are children live safe, happy, health and successful lives. Overall the partnership has demonstrated flexibility in responding to the challenges of lockdowns and associated restrictions utilised to contain the virus. This has included the majority of schools and settings remaining open throughout the pandemic; providing on site education for vulnerable children and children of key workers and remote education for all other children and young people during periods of national lockdowns and putting in place a range of measures to ensure that children and staff can attend schools and settings safely at other times.

1.2 The full extent and impact of Covid19 on the development, life chances and opportunities for the city's children and young people is not yet fully understood and may not be for some time. There are themes/issues emerging or already known:

- The education gap between those children considered to be disadvantaged and their counterparts will have widened.
- There are indications of increased rates of anxiety and mental health issues,
- The pandemic has increased inequality in the city; there has been 6% increase in the overall number children being eligible for Free School Meals; In addition, at times, we have seen on average an 150% increase in families accessing foodbanks over the past 12 months and financial hardship becoming a feature of everyday life for many children.
- Lack of opportunities for young people post school and college are likely to lead to increased levels of Not in Employment Education and Training (NEET) Several children have reported feeling anxious about transition between school/college phases, their future opportunities and feeling isolated/lonely. This appears to have the potential to compromise the aspirations/hopes of young people across the city.

1.3 Since 8th March, our schools and settings are once again fully open for all of their cohorts and school attendance has become mandatory again for children who receive their education at school. Overall both staff and children and young people have been reporting how pleased they are to be back on site. However, just as schools were looking forward to potentially removing some of the restrictions that have been place such as the wearing of face masks in secondary schools or allowing primary children to play together at playtimes, due to rising infection rates in the City, our Public Health advice to schools was that they strongly recommended that schools kept in place measures such as the wearing of face masks. Subsequently, on Tuesday 8th June, due to increasing rates of infection as a result of the Delta variant of concern, Manchester was named as an Enhanced Response Area, along with the other 9 Greater Manchester authorities, and schools are currently being advised to continue with all measures in place to reduce spread of infection.

2.0 Responding to COVID cases

- 2.1 Home testing for secondary pupils and staff across all phases of education continues. Staff including in early years settings, can access LFD home testing kits and families with school age children are still able to access home testing kits online or from locations across the city. As testing in secondary schools for staff and pupils moved to a predominantly home testing model, Public Health colleagues have reported a reduction in data from home testing, indicating home testing or the reporting of results was less frequent in young people. The education team is working closely with Public Health and the Council's communications teams to continue to highlight the importance of weekly testing and develop activity around encouraging and increasing testing and reporting at home.
- 2.2 As the increase in the transmission of the 'Delta' variant of concern (VOC) became evident, communications were issued to schools highlighting advice from Health colleagues and Government about the vigilance required in reducing transmission by adhering to hygiene and social distancing measures. Resources and materials were provided from the Communications teams community tool kits to highlight messaging for pupils and staff around regular weekly testing and for staff, parents and carers around testing, isolation and vaccination. Parents and carers were also advised that if their child is identified as a contact of positive case, their child should take a PCR test. Therefore, whole school bubbles impacted by a positive case would now be PCR tested.
- 2.3 During the period 23rd April to 11th June, schools continued to report their positive cases via the online form to the Manchester Test and Trace team (MTAT). The MTAT team have collated this as follows:
- A total of 564 reported cases were submitted to MTAT during this eight-week period
 - A total of 10,326 children and 501 adults have been told to self-isolate as a result of COVID-19 during this period
 - Positively, the cases reported demonstrate the high proportion of schools who are making their own independent decisions on identifying contacts of reported cases and instructing to self-isolate
- 2.4 Information reported by schools to MTAT before the half term break ended shows that:
- 74% of all reported cases in school and early years settings were children, 14% were teaching staff and 11% non-teaching staff. An average of 38 children were reported as COVID-19 positive by schools each week
 - 37% of all reported cases were experiencing the common symptoms of COVID: persistent cough, high temperature and/or loss of taste or smell
 - The majority of reported cases have been in primary or secondary settings
 - The number of cases in primary settings has fluctuated week-on week but remains at an average of 15 cases per week
 - Reported cases in secondary settings slightly increased over this period, with a weekly average of 19 cases.

- 2.5 As schools begin the new term, incoming reports will be analysed with the above data as a comparator, and it is expected that the increase in PCR testing of contacts should be evident.
- 2.6 The Manchester Test and Trace (MTAT) team is continuing to provide ongoing clinical advice to settings and highlights issues/concerns and potential outbreaks of infection, to Health colleagues and Senior School Quality Assurance officers to ensure support is timely and effective. Health colleagues continue to meet regularly with Education teams to develop strategy around infection in settings including identification of VOCs. Where outbreaks have been identified, a full package of support is provided to settings via 'Outbreak Control Meetings' arranged with setting leaders. These meetings are attended by Health, MTAT, Health & Safety, Education and Communications team. Attendees provide advice to the setting including support around communication with the media and community as required and develop a plan to identify transmission and reduce the impact on the education of pupils. The teams are working effectively to provide expert support to schools, which can often include a strategic crossover into their surrounding community, a recent example being on-site staffed mobile testing units (MTUs) provided to facilitate mass PCR testing of pupils in several settings where outbreaks were identified. Testing was extended to household members of pupils and staff attending the school to further identify asymptomatic cases and reduce transmission in the community. The provision of on-site MTUs in these circumstances was very well received by settings and the community.
- 2.7 Prior to Manchester being announced as an Enhanced Response Area, due to the increase in transmission in the City, the Director of Public Health recommended that schools consider re-introducing the wearing of face coverings in the classrooms and communal areas of secondary schools. School leaders were also invited to a Webinar attended by our Consultant in Public Health and Health and Safety colleagues. The session was very well attended, and feedback was positive. Insight was provided for school leaders into the ongoing VOC situation and reassurance and advice was provided with regard to measures to reduce and control transmission, which included:
- Updates on infection, testing and vaccination data related to schools settings and their communities
 - Reiteration of the messages around vigilance with control and hygiene measures and the Director of Public Health's recommendation to re-introduce face coverings for pupils and staff in classrooms and pupils in communal areas
 - Increased focus on risk assessments and control measures in settings including advice about trips and activities and an offer of ongoing Health and Safety support to those arranging activities.
 - The need to ensure messages such as hand, face, space, regular weekly testing and take up of vaccinations were continuous and clear and also communicated to parents and carers

- 2.8 As Manchester moved into Enhanced Response Area status, the Consultant in public health attended the High School Heads meeting, where further assurances were provided. Leaders were given the opportunity to ask questions and raise concerns and were given further advice on risk assessments, testing, face coverings and vaccinations. Further discussions were had in relation to the reintroduction of on site testing in secondary schools and Health teams are working alongside schools in this area going forward.
- 2.9 As Manchester was moved into the Enhanced Response Area status, the Consultant in Public Health attended the High School Heads meeting to provide further updates around the ongoing situation. Leaders were given the opportunity to ask questions and raise concerns. They were given further advice on risk assessments, testing, face coverings and vaccinations. Discussions were had in relation to the Government's guidance on reintroduction of onsite testing in secondary schools and Health teams are currently working alongside schools in this area going forward. Communications to schools followed this meeting outlining the advice and responses to frequently asked questions and a reminder of the support available to schools. Over the coming weeks Public Health, Health & Safety, Education and Communications teams and HR Teams will continue to work collaboratively with schools to provide direct and timely support and guidance. Strategic meetings within these teams has increased to consider data, advice and the development of activity around the reduction of transmission and support to schools.

3.0 School Attendance

- 3.1 Overall attendance in mainstream schools continued to be positive. We still have a significant number of pupils abroad who have not returned to school since attendance became mandatory. Many of these pupils are in countries still classified as red and will be required to pay to quarantine on their return. Where possible schools have been trying to make and maintain contact with these families and encourage them to return to school. Schools are following DfE guidance regarding dealing with this situation and it is being monitored by the Local Authority.

Phase	WC 10 May	WC 17 May	WC 24 May
SECONDARY MAINSTREAM	83.11%	88.84%	89.11%
Special School	74.90%	79.80%	80.82%
PRIMARY MAINSTREAM	86.09%	93.00%	94.17%
Overall	83.74%	90.85%	91.31%

- 3.2 The above table shows attendance rates at schools for the three weeks before the May half term. The week commencing 10th May is particularly low as this was Eid. The easing of restrictions allowing families to travel has impacted on attendance generally, with difference between primary (particularly faith schools) and secondary May half term holidays having an impact in the week commencing 24th May. There has also been guidance on register coding from the DfE for those children abroad which no longer allows schools to use the 'X'

Code (not required to attend) for these pupils. There has also been increased parental anxiety around Covid with the increased rates in Greater Manchester.

- 3.3 The Attendance & Exclusion Team continue to operate a telephone helpline and email for schools/families/agencies to use as needed. This has been promoted throughout the year in a variety of formats. Weekly data analysis indicates schools where attendance is lower than expected and support and advice is offered to these schools. The Attendance & Exclusion Team are holding summer term Attendance Clinics in each district.
- 3.4 Special school attendance remains below the level it was during the Autumn term (84.76%). Schools are working with families to encourage them to return children to school, but some families remain concerned about potential risks to their children, especially recently with increased rates across Greater Manchester. A Special School-specific attendance clinic was held in the Spring Term, and following positive feedback, this will be added to our clinic timetable moving forward, with one planned for the summer term.
- 3.5 This academic year there have been 54 permanent exclusions in total with 21 since 8 March 2021 when school were open to all pupils. This is lower than at this time in previous years, however, it is difficult to draw any conclusions from that comparison due to the period of restricted opening during this academic year. Of these permanent exclusions, 15 were from schools outside of Manchester. Only 2 are from a primary school and there have been no exclusions from special schools. The most common reason for exclusion is persistent disruptive behaviour/physical assault on a pupil.

4.0 Family Poverty and impact of pandemic

- 4.1 The Family Poverty Strategy which was officiality launched in 2017, was developed specifically to support children and families living in poverty. The strategy is based on three themes, each underpinned by three major priorities:
- Sustainable work as a route out of poverty
 - Focus on the basics - raising and protecting family incomes
 - Boosting resilience and building on strengths
- 4.2 More recently, in light of the systemic inequalities and challenges highlighted by Covid-19, to ensure that the strategy continues to meet the priorities for children and families living in poverty over the next 12-18 months, a reprioritisation of the strategy was undertaken (a full reset was not possible as the strategy needed to feed into and from the refreshed Our Manchester Strategy which sets out the overarching vision for the city). The reprioritisation was based on a consultation with each of the working groups which comprise of diverse partners from across the city including the Bread and Butter Thing, One Manchester, GM Poverty Action and Northwards Housing all of whom have expertise in their respective thematic areas. The consensus was that the existing priorities were still pertinent to the needs of children and families living in poverty and needed to be strengthened going forward. In addition, a small number of additional priorities were included such as digital inclusion, which

was highlighted as a particular challenge for vulnerable residents and children and families living in poverty over the lockdown period. As well documented, the pandemic disproportionately impacted on communities with protected characteristics. As such equality, diversity and inclusion was a theme which was consistently identified as a priority and is included in the reprioritisation as an overarching theme.

- 4.3 The Family Poverty Strategy Reprioritisation was approved by the Family Poverty Core Group (who have overarching responsibility for the implementation of the Strategy) in December 2020.
- 4.4 The table below sets out the priorities and themes for the Family Poverty Strategy Reprioritisation:

Sustainable work as a route out of poverty
1. Affordable childcare for parents
2. The role of anchor institutions
<i>Additional Priorities</i>
3. Commitment to the Living Wage
Focus on the basics - raising and protecting family incomes
4. Lobbying Government to mitigate the impact of welfare reforms on children and families
5. Tackling the poverty premium
6. Food and fuel
<i>Additional Priorities</i>
7. Debt and financial management
8. Holistic support offer for residents
Boosting resilience and building on strengths
9. Strength based approach in communities (Belonging)
10. Improving the identification and signposting of families in poverty (Coping)

- 4.5 One of the most significant issues to emerge from the pandemic for children and families living in poverty is in relation to food support. The Council's food response was first developed in April 2020 to ensure that vulnerable residents could access a food offer.
- 4.6 Residents were initially provided with food deliveries – both directly from the City Council but also from commissioned providers – and then, when appropriate, stepped down to mainstream food provision, through the use of local Voluntary Community Sector (VCS) food providers, and a network of Neighbourhood Teams, Early Help and volunteers. From July 2020 onwards, the City Council moved the model of support into a commissioning model, utilising the VCS offer to ensure that residents were supported, either through directly commissioned food deliveries (paid for by the City Council and administered by the Food Response Team), through community providers

(food banks, pantries and mutual aid organisations), or newly established mainstream mechanisms (e.g. DEFRA which prioritised supermarket deliveries).

- 4.7 At the initial peak of lockdown, the City Council Food Response was directly supporting approximately 500 households per week, and co-ordinating VCS provision to a further 200+. In the second 'peak' of lockdown (early November 2020), approximately 250 households per week were supported either with one off deliveries, or ongoing support. In total, the City Council Food Response have directly delivered or commissioned over 125,000 food deliveries. Analysis of request for food support via the City Council's Community Response Helpline since the start of the pandemic shows that 51% of households requesting support were single adult households. Households headed by single parents were the next biggest cohort. This has been consistent over the past 15 months through the various lock downs although the peak of demand wasn't replicated following the initial lockdown period. Clinical vulnerability was the initial driver of demand for food but this was quickly replaced by financial vulnerability, with many households falling into a number of categories.
- 4.8 In response to the complexity and the demand around the food support offer, the Our Manchester Food Partnership was established in autumn last year. The Manchester Food Partnership which engages over 60 food support providers, and other associated stakeholders, such as Housing Associations, Social Care, and Citizens Advice, meets on a regular basis and has held a number of engagement events. A food action plan for the city is planned for later this year.
- 4.9 Where there was ongoing demand or need for food, families with children were referred to the Early Help Hub and there is a good relationship between the teams to ensure that families with children are stepped down to community provision appropriately and are supported with wider issues such as debt. There isn't a similar offer in place for vulnerable adults. As well as establishing referrals pathways into community food support provision, the team have engaged residents in appropriate 'wrap-around' support which includes Social Care, Early Help and poverty mitigation support (e.g. Revenues and Benefits, Citizens Advice Bureau and the Digital Champions Network). Currently the food response team are supporting approximately 40 households per week and have recently agreed a new referral pathway with NHS Track and Trace Team, which again is supporting residents who have no access to the mainstream food offer. The team are proactively planning for upcoming changes to lockdown support mechanisms such as the end of furlough and the ending of Universal Credit top-up.
- 4.10 The Team is actively planning for upcoming changes to national lockdown support mechanisms such as the ending of furlough and the top-up to Universal Credit. These are Central Government initiatives which have provided some resilience for families and adults on low incomes. Businesses that have been shut-down or had significantly reduced business have been able to place staff on furlough rather than making them redundant with Central Government providing a wage contribution of 80% of an employees salary up to £2,500 per month. Government contribution drops to 70% of wages in July, 60% in

August and September, at which point it ceases. Universal Credit claimants have received an additional £20 per week uplift. For a young person under the age of 25 that has meant their allowance during Covid has been £342.72 per month, which will drop back to £257.33 from October. A couple with at least one person over the age of 25 are receiving a monthly UC allowance of £594 currently, which will drop back to £509.91 in October when the Universal Credit uplift ends. There were 30,200 Manchester residents on furlough in May 2020, with the number decreasing since March and significantly below the July 2020 peak of 49,900 residents on furlough. Prospects in the Manchester economy look promising and even in sectors that have been hard hit such as hospitality there are reports of employment vacancies. However, there are risks for when these initiatives end in September. Throughout the last academic year there has also been provision to replace free school meals during holidays for families with children which has also been a protective factor.

5.0 Supermarket vouchers for children/young people

- 5.1 Just under £4m of supermarket vouchers and support for other essentials has been provided to children and young people in the City to help in some way towards tackling school holiday hunger since Christmas and during February half term, Easter and May half term. The allocation was £15 per child per week. This has been funded through several allocations of grant funding from the Government.
- 5.2 School census able data shows that in January 2021 approximately 32,000 children and young people at Manchester schools were eligible for free school meals - which is around 37% of all pupils in the city's schools. This is an increase of around 2,000 since the start of the pandemic back in March last year. Due to the ongoing economic impact of the pandemic this number was expected to increase, so a contingency was set aside to ensure that no family that became eligible for support between January and May half term missed out.
- 5.3 As well as making sure all those pupils currently eligible for free school meals did not go hungry over the holidays, the Council's offer also included other children and young people who are not usually considered for support under any national scheme.
- 5.4 These included school sixth-formers whose families meet the criteria for free school meals or who previously accessed free school meals when they were under 16, and an estimated 7,000 additional children aged under five who attend early years settings and whose families meet the criteria for free school meals and who may be vulnerable during the holidays due to the setting's closure. The scheme also supported children in vulnerable families known to schools who are outside the scope of free school meals but where an early help assessment has identified that they require extra support during the school holidays.

5.5 Other beneficiaries also supported through the scheme included care-leavers, children of families that are classed as having no recourse to public funds, asylum seekers and refugee children, and nursery-age children who currently do not receive free school meals but who would be eligible for them.

6.0 Welfare payments

6.1 In addition to providing food vouchers the Council provided a welfare payment paid directly to family to cover other bills such as utility costs. Referrals for over 2,000 families were made to the scheme by schools. The welfare payment was £65per child and capped at £260 per family. Around £200k of the £4m quoted above was allocated this scheme.

7.0 Holiday Activity and Food Scheme

7.1 The Local Authority has also been allocated grant funding of **£3,827,200** to provide Holiday Activities and Food (HAF). An initial programme of activities took place over the Easter break and a further programme is currently being planned for the summer holiday period. The aims of the project are:

- Support for FSM eligible children and families
- Enriching and inclusive activities
- Healthy Food

7.2 The HAF Programme is designed to provide food, enriching activities and fun during the Easter, Summer and Christmas holiday periods so that children and young people can return to school ready to learn. It aims to address the issues for children and young people which go much deeper than food poverty.

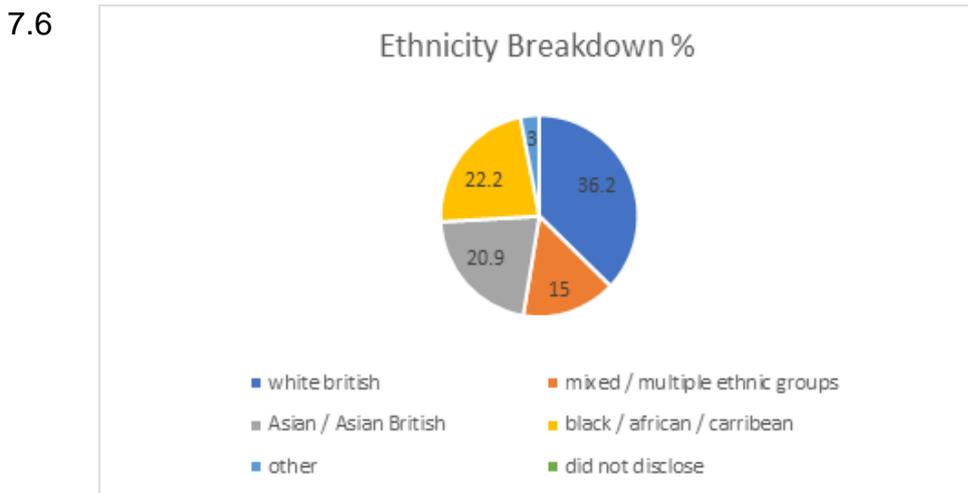
7.3 We know that school holidays can be a challenging time for some families due to increased costs, such as food and childcare and reduced incomes, and for some children this could result in gaps in accessing organised out-of-school activities, which may result in 'unhealthy holidays' in terms of nutrition and physical health and are more likely to experience social isolation. Free holiday clubs are a response to this issue and can have a positive impact on children and young people. We know they work best when they can provide varied, fun, inclusive, accessible activities and the provision of nutritious food and nutritional advice.

7.4 The table below contains the data breakdown from across the Easter provision, each provision had at least 1 quality assurance visit, with all visits following the same visit criteria.

Provision Type	No. of providers	No. of sessions	No. of participants	No. of visits
Schools	18	141	743	2052
Out of School Settings	7	30	146	449
Youth & Play	35	294	1539	4974

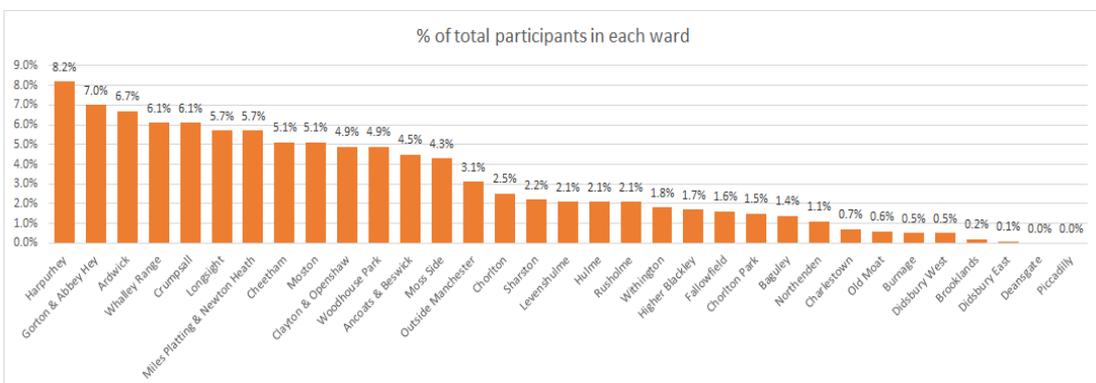
Sport & Leisure	10	106	966	2023
Total	70	571	3394	9489

7.5 **75%** of all participants were in receipt of benefit related free school meals, with match funding from universal holiday provision ensuring access for those children and young people targeted by providers. The monitoring data received highlights that more boys (**55%**) than girls (**45%**) participated in activities across the City. **64%** of participants were aged 5-10 and **36%** aged 11-16



7.7 Each provision provided a food offer as part of their HAF provision, alongside this there were **2168** food parcels provided to families, **316** nutritional awareness sessions delivered, and **569** participants received additional support, such as, food outside of sessions.

7.8 The chart below shows the percentage of participants who attended from each ward across the city. When mapped against FSM data, it shows we had provision in areas where there are high levels of children & young people receiving FSM, however, we need to ensure we target Higher Blackley & Charlestown more for the summer delivery.



8.0 Conclusion and next steps

- 8.1 COVID 19 continues to have a significant impact on the lives and experiences of children and young people in the City. Recent increasing rates of infection in the City due to the Delta Variant of Concern has also meant that we are continuing to see outbreaks of infection in some of our schools; secondary school staff and pupils have been asked by the Director of Public Health to continue to wear masks in classrooms as well as communal areas and schools and settings are continuing to keep measures in place in school to reduce the spread of infection.
- 8.2 There have been a number of different responses across the City to ensure that children and young people have access to food during school holidays and these have been described in the report. Work is ongoing to develop and coordinate an offer which cover the summer holidays which will include the holiday activity and food scheme. However, currently it is unclear whether there will be any additional funding available to supplement this.

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**Manchester City Council
Report for Resolution**

Report to: Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee – 23 June 2021

Subject: Re-establishment of the Ofsted Subgroup

Report of: Governance and Scrutiny Support Unit

Summary

This report provides the Committee with the 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 2021-2022. 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 Manchester 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. The Committee removed this from the Subgroup's remit at its June 2017 meeting but subsequently decided to include this in the Subgroup's remit again in September 2017.
- 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 Conclusion

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to agree or amend the terms of reference as set out in the report at Appendix 1.
- 2.2 The Committee is asked to agree or amend the work programme as set out in the report at Appendix 2.
- 2.3 The Committee is also asked to agree the membership of the Subgroup.

Title	Ofsted Subgroup
Membership 2021/2022	Membership to be confirmed
Lead Executive Members	Councillor Bridges - Executive Member for Children's Services
Strategic Directors	Paul Marshall - Strategic Director of Children and Education Services Amanda Corcoran – Director of Education
Lead Officers	Liz Clarke - Senior Schools Quality Assurance Officer 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 in Central Library 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 – Dates to be agreed.

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**Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee
Ofsted Subgroup
Work Programme – June 2021**

To be scheduled				
Item	Purpose of Report	Lead Officer	Executive Member	Comments
Ofsted Inspection of Children's Services	To consider information in relation to the forthcoming inspection of Children's Services.	Paul Marshall Sean McKendrick	Councillor Bridges	
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 Bridges	
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 Bridges	
Terms of Reference and Work Programme	To review the Terms of Reference and work programme.	Rachel McKeon	-	

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**Manchester City Council
Report for Information**

Report to: Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee – 23 June 2021

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
8 January 2019	CYP/19/05 Youth and Play Services	To request the needs analysis ranking information for the 32 wards in Manchester.	A response to this recommendation has been requested and will be circulated to Members by email.	Amanda Corcoran, Director of Education
9 October 2019	CYP/19/39 Skills for Life	To request that the Council work to ensure that, as far as possible, all settings are involved in Skills for Life, including independent schools, and that officers look into how Skills for Life could be incorporated into the contracts when Our Children are placed in non-Council-owned residential settings.	A response to this recommendation will be reported back to the Committee via the Overview report.	Amanda Corcoran, Director of Education
6 November 2019	CYP/19/46 Ghyll Head Outdoor Education Centre	To recommend that officers look into how Ghyll Head could be used by families whose children are on the edge of care.	A response to this recommendation has been requested and will be reported back to the Committee via the Overview report.	Neil Fairlamb, Strategic Lead (Parks, Leisure, Events and Youth)
6 November 2019	CYP/19/46 Ghyll Head Outdoor Education Centre	To request that consideration be given as to how Members and the Friends of Ghyll Head can be engaged in the work of the Stakeholder Board.	A response to this recommendation has been requested and will be reported back to the Committee via the Overview report.	Neil Fairlamb, Strategic Lead (Parks, Leisure, Events and Youth)
6 November	CYP/19/47 Youth Strategy	To request demographic information on the young	A response to this recommendation has been requested and will be reported	Neil Fairlamb, Strategic Lead

2019	and Engagement	people accessing youth services, particularly the youth hubs, including by ward.	back to the Committee via the Overview report.	(Parks, Leisure, Events and Youth)
6 November 2019	CYP/19/48 Youth and Play Services - Young Manchester	To request that clear information on the availability of toilet facilities, for example, in park cafes, be included on signage in parks.	A response to this recommendation has been requested and will be reported back to the Committee via the Overview report.	Neil Fairlamb, Strategic Lead (Parks, Leisure, Events and Youth)
5 February 2020	CYP/20/11 The Council's Updated Financial Strategy and Budget reports 2020/21	To request a short note in a future Overview Report on the tendering process for the Educational Psychology service.	A response to this recommendation will be reported back to the Committee via the Overview report.	Amanda Corcoran, Director of Education
4 March 2020	CYP/20/16 Improving Children's Outcomes Through Collaboration and Working in Partnership in a Locality	To request further information on how the Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust is dealing with smoking around its hospital sites and to note that the Executive Member for Children and Schools will circulate a briefing note on work that is already taking place to address smoking in pregnancy.	A response to this recommendation will be reported back to the Committee via the Overview report.	Paul Marshall, Strategic Director of Children and Education Services
22 July 2020	CYP/20/26 Manchester's Transformation Plan for Children and	To request that school governors be included in the plans for schools and that CAMHS and the support on offer be included on the agenda	A response to this recommendation will be reported back to the Committee via the Overview report.	Amanda Corcoran, Director of Education

	Young People's Mental Health and Wellbeing	of a future Chair of Governors briefing.		
2 December 2020	CYP/20/51 Early Help Evaluation (2015 - 2020)	To ask officers to consider how Councillors could help with this work and to circulate a note to the Committee Members on this.	A response to this recommendation has been requested and will be circulated to Members.	Julie Heslop, Strategic Head of Early Help
2 December 2020	CYP/20/51 Early Help Evaluation (2015 - 2020)	To request that the Early Help Project Manager provide information on the number of families, in relation to the presentation slides on areas of the city and the sustainability of impacts.	A response to this recommendation has been requested and will be reported back to the Committee via the Overview report.	Ed Haygarth, Early Help Project Manager

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 **14 June 2021** 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:

Subject / Decision	Decision Maker	Decision Due Date	Consultation	Background documents	Officer Contact
<p>Early Years & Education System (EYES) - Additional Funding (2020/09/01A)</p> <p>The approval of revenue expenditure for additional costs attributed to the implementation of the Liquidlogic EYES module, funded by a transfer to the revenue budget from the Capital Fund.</p>	<p>City Treasurer (Deputy Chief Executive)</p>	<p>Not before 30th Sep 2020</p>		<p>Checkpoint 4 Business Case</p>	<p>Amanda Corcoran, Director of Education a.corcoran@manchester.gov.uk</p>
<p>Young Manchester Funding (2019/12/06A)</p> <p>To finalise the contract value for the continuation of funding to Young Manchester</p>	<p>City Treasurer (Deputy Chief Executive)</p>	<p>Not before 4th Jan 2020</p>		<p>Manchester Youth Offer Strategy</p>	<p>Lisa Harvey Nebil lisa.harvey-nebil@manchester.gov.uk</p>
<p>Youth Offer Strategy (2019/12/11B)</p> <p>To agree a Youth Offer Strategy for the next 3 years and complete the production of the strategy document</p>	<p>Strategic Director (Neighbourhoods)</p>	<p>13 Jan 2020</p>		<p>Manchester Youth Offer Strategy</p>	

Subject / Decision	Decision Maker	Decision Due Date	Consultation	Background documents	Officer Contact
<p>Future model of care for Lyndene Children's Home (2020/07/24C)</p> <p>To agree a new model of residential, short breaks and edge of care support care at Lyndene Children's home.</p>	Strategic Director - Children and Education Services	Not before 22nd Aug 2020		Report and Recommendation	Sarah Austin sarah.austin@manchester.gov.uk
<p>Contract for the Provision of Children's Residential Care Services in Manchester (2020/07/24D)</p> <p>The appointment of a Care Provider to deliver Children's Residential Care Services in Manchester following a tender exercise.</p>	Strategic Director - Children and Education Services	Not before 22nd Aug 2020		Report and Recommendation	Sarah Austin sarah.austin@manchester.gov.uk
<p>COVID winter grant to support food provision for children and young people over the Christmas holidays and February half term holiday.</p> <p>Manchester has been allocated £2.581m as a COVID winter grant. A minimum of 80% of this grant must be spent on families with children. The grant covers the</p>	Executive	9 Dec 2020		D2 COVID Winter Grants for food provision to Children	Amanda Corcoran, Director of Education a.corcoran@manchester.gov.uk

Subject / Decision	Decision Maker	Decision Due Date	Consultation	Background documents	Officer Contact
<p>period from 1st December to 31st March 2021.</p> <p>The decision is to agree to support food provision for c43,000 children and young people over the Christmas holidays and February half term holiday</p>					
<p>Contract for the Provision of an Education Psychology Service (2021/02/03A)</p> <p>The appointment of a Provider to deliver an Education Psychology Service.</p>	Strategic Director - Children and Education Services	Not before 1st Apr 2021		Report and Recommendation	Mike Worsley mike.worsley@manchester.gov.uk
<p>Contract for the Provision of Edge of Care Service for Children with a Learning Disability and/or Autism (2021/02/25A)</p> <p>The appointment of Provider to deliver the Edge of Care Service for Children with a Learning Disability and/or Autism.</p>	Strategic Director - Children and Education Services	Not before 1st Apr 2021		Report & Recommendation	Sarah Austin sarah.austin@manchester.gov.uk
<p>Contract for the Provision of Children's Rights Independent Advocacy and Independent Visitor Service</p>	Strategic Director - Children and Education	Not before 7th May 2021		Report & Recommendation	Paul Marshall, Strategic Director - Children and Education Services paul.marshall@manchester.gov.uk

Subject / Decision	Decision Maker	Decision Due Date	Consultation	Background documents	Officer Contact
The appointment of Provider to deliver the service.	Services				
<p>(TC870) Dynamic Purchasing System for the Provision of Short Break Support Services for Children, Young People and Families (2021/05/11B)</p> <p>To establish a Dynamic Purchasing System of organisations to provide short break support services for Children, Young People and Families.</p>	Strategic Director - Children and Education Services	Not before 11th Jun 2021			Mike Worsley mike.worsley@manchester.gov.uk
<p>The Lodge - Foyer model accommodation (2021/05/11E)</p> <p>To direct award to a Housing Provider for the delivery of Foyer Accommodation to meet the needs of Manchester's children in care.</p>	Strategic Director - Children and Education Services	11 Jun 2021			Sarah Austin sarah.austin@manchester.gov.uk
<p>Contract for The Provision of a CAPS (Child and Parent Service) Parenting Programme (2021/05/21A)</p> <p>The appointment of Providers to</p>	Strategic Director - Children and Education Services	21 Jun 2021		Report & Recommendation	Mike Worsley mike.worsley@manchester.gov.uk

Subject / Decision	Decision Maker	Decision Due Date	Consultation	Background documents	Officer Contact
provide a CAPS Parenting Service.					
<p>Dynamic Purchasing System of Quality Assurance Professionals for Schools TC820 (2021/06/03C)</p> <p>To establish a Dynamic Purchasing System of Quality Assurance Professionals for Schools</p>	Director of Education	Not before 2nd Jul 2021		Report and Recommendation	Liz Clarke l.clarke@manchester.gov.uk
<p>TC1092 Contract for the Provision of Family Support (2021/06/10F)</p> <p>The appointment of Provider to deliver the Family Support service for Children and Families that are impacted upon by domestic abuse, mental health and substance misuse.</p>	Strategic Director - Children and Education Services	Not before 10th Jul 2021		Report & Recommendation	Julie Heslop julie.heslop@manchester.gov.uk
<p>Q20347 Consultant for EYES data Migration. 2019/04/25A</p> <p>Contract is to support Manchester City Council with the migration of their Education Management System away from Capita One towards the Liquidlogic EYES solution.</p>	City Treasurer (Deputy Chief Executive)	Not before 1st Jun 2019		Report and Recommendation	Jon Nickson j.nickson@manchester.gov.uk

**Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee
Work Programme – June 2021**

Wednesday 23 June 2021, 2.00 pm (Report deadline Friday 11 June 2021)				
Item	Purpose	Executive Member	Strategic Director / Lead Officer	Comments
COVID-19 Update	The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and how through the family poverty strategy Manchester is responding to mitigate it.	Councillor Bridges	Paul Marshall/Amanda Corcoran	
The Lodge	To receive a report on plans for the delivery of Foyer Accommodation to meet the needs of Our Children.	Councillor Bridges	Paul Marshall/Sarah Austin	Executive report
Early Years – Tendered Day-care settings	To receive a report on proposals to support the continued provision of high quality Early Years settings across the city.	Councillor Bridges	Paul Marshall	Executive report
Re-establishment of the Ofsted Subgroup	The report seeks the Committee's approval to re-establish the Ofsted Subgroup for the 2021/22 municipal year.		Rachel McKeon	
Overview Report	The monthly report includes the recommendations monitor, relevant key decisions, the Committee's work programme and any items for information.		Rachel McKeon	

Wednesday 21 July 2021, 2.00 pm (Report deadline Friday 9 July 2021)				
Item	Purpose	Executive Member	Strategic Director / Lead Officer	Comments
Year of the Child	To receive a report on the Year of the Child.	Councillor Bridges	Paul Marshall	Executive report
New Ways of Working	To receive a presentation on new ways of working within Children's Services.	Councillor Bridges	Paul Marshall/ Sean McKendrick	
COVID-19 Update	To receive a further update.	Councillor Bridges	Paul Marshall/Amanda Corcoran	
Responding to Children in Need of Help, Support and Protection	To receive a presentation on how Children's Services and partners are responding to children in need of help, support and protection.	Councillor Bridges	Paul Marshall/ Sean McKendrick	
Overview Report			Rachel McKeon	

Items To Be Scheduled				
Item	Purpose	Executive Member	Strategic Director/ Lead Officer	Comments
Remote Learning	To receive a report on remote learning, to include a particular focus on Years 11 and 13 and information on the numbers of pupils who are able to access any streamed lessons or online learning that is being made available.	Councillor Bridges	Amanda Corcoran	See November 2020 minutes
Children and Young People's Plan 2020 - 2024	To receive an annual report on the progress of this work.	Councillor Bridges	Paul Marshall	See November 2020 minutes
Provision of Services by One Education	To receive a report on the provision of services by One Education.	Councillor Bridges	Amanda Corcoran	See March 2021 minutes
Lyndene	To receive a further report on Lyndene in 12 months' time.	Councillor Bridges	Paul Marshall	See March 2021 minutes

Manchester Safeguarding Partnership	To receive regular reports on the work of the Manchester Safeguarding Partnership.	Councillor Bridges	Paul Marshall	See May 2021 minutes
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