



Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee

Date: Wednesday, 13 October 2021

Time: 2.00 pm

Venue: Council Chamber, Level 2, Town Hall Extension

Everyone is welcome to attend this committee meeting.

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Membership of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee

Councillors –

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

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** Pages
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To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 8 September 2021.
- 5. Youth and Play - to follow**
- 6. Start Well Strategy - 1001 Days** Pages
17 - 38
Presentation of the Strategic Head of Early Help, the Strategic Lead (Early Years) and Tracey Forster, Lead Manager, Health Visiting, Vulnerable Babies and Child Health Services, Local Care Organisation

This presentation provides an overview of the Start Well Strategy.
- 7. Adoption Counts Annual Report 1 April 2020 - 31 March 2021** Pages
39 - 76
Report of Adoption Performance

This report fulfils the obligations in Adoption National Minimum Standards (2011) and Adoption Service Statutory Guidance (2011) Adoption and Children Act 2002 to report to the “executive side” of the local authority.
- 8. Managing Allegations against Adults who work with children - Local Authority Designated Officer Annual Report 2020-2021** Pages
77 - 98
Report of the Strategic Lead (Safeguarding and Practice Improvement) and Service Lead (Safeguarding)

The purpose of the report is to provide an overview of the management of allegations in Manchester and the role of the Designated Officers (known as LADO throughout the report) between 1 April 2021 and 31 March 2021.

9. Update on COVID-19 and the impact on the opening of schools and colleges

Pages
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Report of the Director of Education

This report provides an update on the return of children and young people to education following the summer break and the arrangements in place in schools and colleges to report and manage COVID-19. The report has a particular focus on the work over the summer to ensure that young people in year 11 had a destination for September and ongoing work to reduce the numbers of young people in the City not in education, employment or training (NEET).

10. Overview Report

Pages
109 - 118

Report of the Governance and Scrutiny Support Unit

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

Scrutiny Committees represent the interests of local people about important issues that affect them. They look at how the decisions, policies and services of the Council and other key public agencies impact on the city and its residents. Scrutiny Committees do not take decisions but can make recommendations to decision-makers about how they are delivering the Our Manchester Strategy, an agreed vision for a better Manchester that is shared by public agencies across the city.

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

The co-opted members representing faith schools and parent governors are able to vote when the Committee deals with matters relating to education functions.

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