



Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee

Date: Wednesday, 7 December 2022

Time: 2.00 pm

Venue: Council Antechamber, Level 2, Town Hall Extension

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Councillors –

Reid (Chair), Abdullatif, Alijah, Amin, Bano, Cooley, Gartside, Hewitson, Johnson, Judge, Lovecy, Sadler and Sharif Mahamed

Co-opted Members -

Mr G Cleworth, Miss S Iltaf, Ms K McDaid, Mrs J Miles, Dr W Omara and Ms L Smith

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 9 November 2022.

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5. Youth, Play & Participation Service (YPPS) Grants Framework 1st July 2023 to 31st March 2025 - to follow

6. An update on the structural condition surveys for Council-owned Early Years buildings and future works

Report of the Director of Education

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7. Post-16 Education - to follow

8. School Attainment - to follow

9. Overview Report

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The monthly report includes the recommendations monitor, relevant key decisions, the Committee's work programme and any items for information.

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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 Walid Omara
- Parent governor representative – Ms Katie McDaid
- Parent governor representative – Mr Gary Cleworth
- Secondary sector teacher representative – Miss Saba Iltaf
- Primary sector teacher representative – Ms Laura Smith

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Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on 9 November 2022

Present:

Councillor Reid – in the Chair

Councillors Abdullatif, Alijah, Amin, Bano, Cooley, Hewitson, Johnson, Judge, Sadler and Sharif Mahamed

Co-opted Voting Members:

Mr G Cleworth, Parent Governor Representative

Co-opted Non-Voting Members:

Miss S Iltaf, Secondary Sector Teacher Representative

Also present:

Councillor Bridges, Executive Member for Children Services

Claire McNicholls, Named Nurse (Safeguarding), Manchester NHS Foundation Trust

Detective Chief Inspector Ian McNabb, Greater Manchester Police (GMP)

Apologies:

Councillors Gartside and Lovecy

Ms L Smith, Primary Sector Teacher Representative

CYP/22/50 Minutes

Decision

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 12 October 2022.

CYP/22/51 Revenue Budget Update - Cover Report

The Committee considered the report of the Deputy Chief Executive and City Treasurer that set out the financial challenge facing the Council, the latest forecast position, and the next steps.

Key points and themes in the report included:

- The Council was forecasting an estimated budget shortfall of £44m in 2023/24, £85m in 2024/25, and £112m by 2025/26. After the use of c£16m smoothing reserves in each of the three years, this gap reduced to £28m in 2023/24, £69m in 2024/25 and £96m by 2025/26;
- Setting out the high-level position;
- Describing the officer-identified potential savings options to reduce the budget gap totalling £42.3m over three years;
- Noting that even after these proposals there remained a budget gap of £7m to close to get to a balanced budget in 2023/24 and further savings options would be developed between now and January 2023 and be reported back to scrutiny committees in February; and

- Each scrutiny committee was invited to consider the current proposed changes which were within its remit and to make recommendations to the Executive before it agreed to the final budget proposals in February 2023.

Decision

To note the report.

CYP/22/52 Children and Education Services Budget 2023/24

The Committee received a report of the Strategic Director of Children and Education Services which was the first in the cycle for the budget programme 2023-26. It set out an overview of the services within the remit of this Committee and their key priorities. The budget growth assumptions in the Medium-Term Financial Plan were set out. The report provided a draft set of officer proposals for further savings for 2023-26, developed in the context of the financial challenge facing the Council.

The main points and themes within the report included:

- Service overview and priorities;
- Service budget and proposed changes;
- Future opportunities and risks;
- Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG); and
- Workforce implications.

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

- Concern and frustration about the Council being forced into the position of having to make cuts over many years and the impact of this on children and families, particularly when they were also facing the cost-of-living crisis;
- Concern about the financial position that schools were in and what could be done to continue to make improvements to schools with less money;
- Noting that Manchester's Children's Services had recently been judged as "good" by Ofsted, were there concerns about maintaining that improvement, especially in light of the cuts that would need to be made;
- The impact of cuts to youth services;
- Recruitment of foster carers and support for kinship carers;
- How could the budget pressures in the High Needs Block of the DSG be addressed;
- Concern about the costs of travel to school for children whose families had been placed in bed-and-breakfast accommodation in a different area;
- Concern about how some academies managed their budgets; and
- Concern about families not being able to afford school uniforms and that many families who were on low incomes were not eligible for free school meals.

The Chair highlighted the combination of pressures affecting families and the importance of universal free school meals. She stated that the Council had been forced by the government to make cuts over a number of years, that services had

been cut to the bone, the impact this was having on children and families and that it was not possible to keep finding more cuts. She stated that the government had said it was committed to levelling up in the most deprived areas but that this had not happened.

The Executive Member for Children Services reported that the Council had made youth services a big priority and that it was very disappointing to have to be considering this reduction; however, he highlighted that the Council had significantly increased its investment in youth services in 2022 so, while this proposal represented a decrease in this additional investment, it was still a higher budget for youth services than in previous years. He expressed concern that, while the Council was working with partners to improve the lives of children and young people, these partner organisations were also experiencing funding cuts, which made this more challenging.

The Strategic Director of Children and Education Services acknowledged the concerns that Members had raised, and the challenges presented; however, he reported that Children's Services had officers who were very committed to Manchester and to children and young people. He advised that the Council had in place good partnership working, leadership from senior officers, political leadership and a focus on the quality of social work practice. He reported that the first priority when considering budget options was always that children and young people in the city were safe. He advised that his service was focused on the well-being of children, rather than achieving Ofsted judgements, which should validate what his team already knew about how they were performing. He highlighted the valuable role of foster carers and the need to consider what the cost-of-living rise would mean for them. He reported that their mileage costs had already been reviewed, along with an inflation uplift from next year, and that consideration was being given to what more could be done in the immediate and short-term. He suggested that the Committee might want to consider a report on foster carers at a future meeting. The Deputy Director of Children's Services highlighted the recommendations in the Care Review about benefits available to kinship carers, advising that it was expected that the government would provide a response to this later in the year.

The Head of Finance (Children, Education and Schools) reported that many Headteachers were very concerned about their schools' future financial position. She advised that most of the DSG was distributed to schools, that a smaller amount was retained by the Council for the services it provided and that the Council was spending more than the amount it received on these services, with the High Needs Block being an area of overspend. She outlined some of the support and advice that the Council was providing to schools, including on budgets, energy costs and procurement. In response to a question from the Chair, she explained how schools with excessive balances were dealt with, with some money being clawed back from 11 schools.

In response to a Member's question about support for children arriving in the UK, the Strategic Director of Children and Education Services highlighted the Council's pledge to support Looked After Children and Care Leavers with insecure immigration status. He reported that specific commissioned support was provided to Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children and that the Council's New Arrivals Team

had been highly commended in a national awards scheme. In response to a question from the Chair about the High Needs Block, he advised that the number of children with Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs) had increased by around 2000 in recent years and he outlined how the Council was now working with partners on joint commissioning for children who needed a specialist provision, with costs being shared. He clarified that Home To School transport was specifically for children with Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) but that families who were re-located to a different area from their school could receive a free travel pass.

The Executive Member for Children's Services informed Members that the Deputy Executive Member for Children's Services and the Education Business Partner were currently auditing schools on their offer for free school uniforms. He acknowledged the Member's concern about the limited eligibility for free school meals and expressed support for a universal offer of free school meals. In response to a Member's question, he advised that Manchester paid a good rate to its foster carers compared to some local authorities but would be looking into making an one-off additional payment.

Decisions

1. To note the report, subject to Members' comments.
2. To recommend that Councillors lobby the government to address the issues raised.
3. Noting that the Committee is not expecting a further budget report until February 2023, to request that Councillors be kept updated on the financial situation outside of the meetings.

CYP/22/53 LADO (Local Authority Designated Officer) Annual Report 2021-2022

The Committee received a report of the Strategic Director of Children and Education Services which provided an overview and analysis of the management of allegations against adults who worked with children in a paid or voluntary capacity in Manchester, for the period 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022. This included how effective the safeguarding partnership was in discharging its statutory responsibilities. The report considered the learning and development over the last twelve months and set the priorities for 2022-2023 based on the analysis of activity.

The main points and themes within the report included:

- Keeping children safe;
- Overview of enquiries and referrals data;
- Managing allegations;
- Service reflection;
- Service achievements; and
- Key priority areas.

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

were:

- What happened in situations where an allegation could not be proven;
- Information-sharing and support on safeguarding for voluntary organisations and faith groups; and
- Were there any concerns about under-reporting.

The Service Lead (Safeguarding) reported that LADO investigations were multi-agency, including the individual's organisation, and that, in cases where allegations were not proven, any training needs, for example, understanding that they should not be alone with children, would still be identified. She informed Members about the training that was available for organisations, including sessions to make them aware of the role of the LADO and that they could ring the LADO for advice if there was anything they were not sure about.

The Strategic Lead (Safeguarding and Practice Improvement) advised that, although they could not be sure of what was not being reported, when compared to other north-west councils, Manchester appeared to be doing well in terms of people knowing about and using the service. She advised that they wanted to be able to focus on prevention, helping organisations to have recruitment and work practices which kept children safe, and making parents aware of what standards should be put in place for groups involving children.

In response to a question from the Chair, the Service Lead (Safeguarding) advised that in the previous year the LADO had received no referrals from Youth Justice and Youth Work but that, following training, enquiries and referrals from these areas had increased. She agreed with a point from the Chair about using a range of methods, such as billboards and libraries, to make people aware of the safeguarding measures that they needed to put in place if they were running a group for children and young people. In response to a question from the Chair about private tuition, she advised that the service had a responsibility in relation to making parents aware of safeguarding, including when arranging private tuition for their children, and the role of the LADO. The Chair advised that information should also be provided in other languages.

Decisions

1. To note the report, including the progress and impact being achieved by the LADO service in Manchester.
2. To agree the goals set out for 2021/2022 with regards to the continuous drive for improvement of service delivery and the impact on the children's workforce and children.

CYP/22/54 Adoption Counts Annual Report

The Committee received a report of the Strategic Director of Children and Education Services which fulfilled the reporting obligations in the Adoption National Minimum Standards (2011) and Adoption Service Statutory Guidance (2011) Adoption and Children Act 2002.

The main points and themes within the report included:

- Contextual information;
- Performance;
- Quality of children's reports;
- Marketing, recruitment and assessment of adopters;
- Practice developments;
- Adoption Panel;
- Adoption Support;
- Recommendations; and
- Governance and future opportunities.

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

- The importance of providing training on developmental trauma;
- The recruitment of potential adopters from a range of communities, including work in mosques in north Manchester to encourage people to consider adoption, and that this kind of work should be replicated elsewhere;
- The importance of making people aware of the package of support that Manchester offered to adoptive parents; and
- The importance of life story work.

The Deputy Director of Children's Services expressed his support for work to recruit adopters from diverse communities through community leaders, which he advised, Adoption Counts and the councils wanted to continue. In response to a Member's question on how many black children had been adopted by non-black families, he advised that he could obtain this information and provide it. He outlined the support available to adopters before and after adoption, including high quality training and support in relation to trauma, and confirmed the use of an ACE (Adverse Childhood Experiences) trauma-informed approach in the service. In response to a Member's question, he advised that there were a range of factors leading to the increase in Special Guardianship Orders (SGOs). He recognised the importance of life story work and advised that there had been a focus on the quality of this area of work for some time. The Strategic Director of Children and Education Services shared positive comments from an Ofsted inspector about a Later Life letter they had seen as part of their inspection.

In response to a Member's question about the adoption of older children, including cases where a foster family wanted to adopt a young person they were fostering, the Deputy Director of Children's Services advised that this should remain open as an option for an older child, if it would meet the child's needs and give them a sense of permanency. The Strategic Director of Children and Education Services highlighted that, after a child had been living with a foster carer for 12 months, the foster carer could apply for adoption without needing the permission of the local authority.

In response to questions from the Chair, the Deputy Director of Children's Services advised that there was a sophisticated advertising campaign to recruit potential

adopters, including targeted advertising on social media, and work to find people to adopt sibling groups. In response to a further question, he reported that there were still some delays in legal proceedings but that these were easing.

Decision

To note the report, subject to the above comments.

CYP/22/55 Manchester Complex Safeguarding Hub

The Committee received a presentation of the Strategic Lead (Complex Safeguarding) and Claire McNicholls, Named Nurse (Safeguarding) on the Manchester Complex Safeguarding Hub Annual Report 2021/2022.

The main points and themes within the presentation included:

- Overview of the Complex Safeguarding Hub;
- Partnership arrangements;
- Governance, accountability and assurance arrangements;
- Performance and outcomes;
- Impact; and
- Priorities 2022/2023.

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

- Grooming via social media;
- Disproportionality in terms of referrals in relation to young people from black and minority backgrounds and that it would be useful to receive an update when more work had been done in relation to this;
- What support was available for families of children who were being exploited by criminal gangs;
- Support for child victims with SEND, in particular from the police; and
- How to increase awareness, for example of the signs to look out for in the exploitation of children and new online threats, including engaging with parents, communities and faith organisations.

The Strategic Lead of the Complex Safeguarding Hub explained that the methods used to target children for exploitation were dynamic and that, in particular since the pandemic, exploitation of children had moved online in relation to both child criminal exploitation (CCE) and child sexual exploitation (CSE). In response to a question about why referrals for CSE were much lower than for CCE, she reported that this kind of exploitation could often be hidden. She reported that very young children often now had devices, that social media and games were used to target children and that work was taking place to raise awareness about these risks. She outlined the support available for families whose children were being exploited by criminal gangs, including Early Help, support from a Social Worker and commissioned early intervention support.

Detective Chief Inspector Ian McNabb from GMP informed Members about support

which would be available for families in relation to CCE from the not-for-profit organisation Catch22. He highlighted some of the challenges for the police in dealing with CCE and the need to look at a range of ways to respond to it, including disruption. In response to the question about children with SEND, he advised that the police had made significant improvements in how it dealt with vulnerable victims and he outlined some of the approaches that could be used, such as finding the best way to communicate with the child, ensuring the child was supported through the process and looking for other evidence. In response to a Member's question about "paedophile hunters", he reported that most cases ended in successful prosecutions, although sometimes these cases did present additional risks for the police in managing the perpetrator and in the prosecution, due to the way the evidence was presented. He advised that a case-by-case assessment was carried out in these situations. In response to the question about the use of social media in the exploitation of children, he advised that a lot of work was taking place on this, including at a regional, national and international level. In response to a question from the Chair about parents who colluded with an abuser, he advised that this would have to be dealt with on a case-by-case basis, working with partners, with the safety of the child underpinning the approach. The Strategic Director of Children and Education Services reported that the safeguarding and welfare of children was the first priority and, while wanting to work with parents, if they were not able to safeguard their child, the Council had a statutory duty to intervene.

The Executive Member for Children's Services recognised the importance of raising awareness of safeguarding, including the evolving risks in relation to social media. He stated that it was important to hear young people's voices and informed Members about a young people-led safeguarding awareness conference which had been organised by Manchester Safeguarding Partnership.

The Strategic Head of Early Help advised that they were utilising some of the successful approaches to community awareness raising which had been used in relation to modern slavery and human trafficking, working with organisations who identified community champions and faith-based leaders. She reported that they were using social media, targeted radio programmes and local groups, in addition to work with foster carers and schools. In response to a question from the Chair, she informed the Committee about place-based work taking place in part of the city on early prevention, working with a range of partners.

Claire McNicholls, Named Nurse (Safeguarding) informed the Committee how, in response to CSE referrals decreasing, the Specialist Nurse and Social Worker had visited hospitals across the city to raise awareness, including promoting the risk tool staff could use to identify exploitation. She also informed Members about the training package on complex safeguarding which had recently been developed.

The Strategic Lead of the Complex Safeguarding Hub outlined a range of work to raise awareness and reported that the Hub gathered information on emerging themes and shared this information.

Decision

To note the report, subject to the above comments.

CYP/22/56 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 and agree the work programme.

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**Manchester City Council
Report for Information**

Report to: Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee – 7 December 2022

Subject: An update on the structural condition surveys for Council-owned Early Years buildings and future works

Report of: Director of Education

Summary

A report went to Executive in June 2021 which approved £3m capital to be spent on priority safety work for Council owned Early Years buildings, many of which are also used to provide daycare for children. This report provides an update on the structural condition surveys for these Council-owned Early Years (EYs) buildings and the development of a priority capital works programme which will lead to the inclusion of these buildings in the Asset Management Programme (AMP). In addition, there is an update on the progress made on reviewing lease arrangements for the private day care providers which occupy these buildings and the ongoing management of the early years estate.

Recommendations

The Committee is recommended to: -

- Consider and comment upon the update provided in this report.
 - Note the first sites receiving capital investment
 - Note the approach taken to review daycare leases
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Wards Affected: All

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

Improvements to the estate will contribute to the City's carbon neutral targets both directly through improvements to infrastructure and indirectly using contractors from the City's minor works framework who have made carbon neutral pledges.

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion - the impact of the issues addressed in this report in meeting our Public Sector Equality Duty and broader equality commitments

Commitments to improve the sustainability of childcare and early learning settings on City Council premises serve to benefit all families resident in the City but particularly those from Black, Minority and Ethnic communities and families with a child with a disability who often experience the most disadvantage in the childcare market. Strategies to support the sustainability of early learning and childcare opportunities will safeguard valuable and inclusive provision. MCC contracted

nurseries are located within deprived wards and support both children and families living locally and those travelling into the City for employment and training.

Manchester Strategy outcomes	Summary of how this report aligns to the OMS/Contribution to the Strategy
A thriving and sustainable city: supporting a diverse and distinctive economy that creates jobs and opportunities	Early Years childcare is essential to enable families to access employment opportunities.
A highly skilled city: world class and home grown talent sustaining the city's economic success	In addition to enabling parents/carers to access employment and training, this strategy will help to ensure that children are equipped with the skills which they need when they start school.
A progressive and equitable city: making a positive contribution by unlocking the potential of our communities	Early Years SSCC at hubs of the community offering opportunities to access local support when needed.
A liveable and low carbon city: a destination of choice to live, visit, work	Investment in the Early Years estate will reduce carbon emissions and improve the efficiency of buildings from which childcare and early learning opportunities are delivered.
A connected city: world class infrastructure and connectivity to drive growth	Childcare is a vital component of the foundational economy. MCC contracted daycare supports local communities to access childcare where they need it.

Full details are in the body of the report, along with any implications for:

- Equal Opportunities Policy
- Risk Management
- Legal Considerations

Financial Consequences – Revenue

There are pressures on the Early Years budget caused by termination of some tendered daycare leases but this is managed through: strategies to improve the use of vacant buildings and those identified as surplus to requirements.

Under the terms of the current day care leases, costs of shared sites are fully absorbed by the daycare provider. As the Council benefits from the space available and the continuity of service delivery from these sites, it would seem reasonable to contribute to the costs associated with delivery. In the longer term any additional contribution would be funded from renting out EY buildings that are currently vacant. It is estimated that it will take EY services 2 years to achieve this. In the short term the additional contribution will be funded by the existing service budget allocation.

Financial Consequences – Capital

To date £2.5m is committed to 11 sites in Phase 1 and a further £100k on additional surveys required across the estate. The remaining £400k will be committed imminently to address priority works from the remaining EYs sites (Phase 2). Total spend amounting to £3m.

The programme includes, subject to approval, the scoping and design for the next phase safety and statutory compliance responsibilities. A budget of up to £3m (including contingencies) to meet statutory responsibilities in a further fourteen properties is proposed.

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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.

Report to 30 June 2021 Executive Early Years – Tendered Day-care settings

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 This report provides an update on the £3m capital investment in priority works on the Early Years (EYs) estate. There is a total estate of 11 buildings included in phase 1 of this programme, all of which include a private day care provider which has a lease with the Council for use of the building.
- 1.2 This report provides an update on the structural condition surveys for Council-owned Early Years (EYs) buildings and the development of a priority capital works programme which will lead to the inclusion of these buildings in the Asset Management Programme (AMP). In addition, there is an update on the progress made on reviewing lease arrangements for the private day care providers which occupy these buildings and the ongoing management of the early years' estate.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 Manchester benefits from a high quality, mixed economy of childcare provision which supports parents/carers to access employment and training while providing early learning opportunities that prepare children well for primary school. At the time of writing this report, there are 147 group daycare settings and 296 childminders registered with Ofsted, of which 95% are judged to be good or outstanding.
- 2.2 Legislation requires Local Authorities to secure sufficient childcare, as far as is reasonably practicable, for working parents, or parents who are studying or training for employment, for children aged 0-14 (or up to 18 for disabled children). In addition, under Section 6 of the Childcare Act, local authorities are required to shape and support the development of childcare in order to make it flexible, sustainable and responsive to the needs of the community.
- 2.3 In 2013, Manchester City Council (MCC) withdrew from childcare delivery, contracting a number of third-party daycare providers to deliver from MCC children's centres. As a result, the City benefited from an increased number of early learning places. Daycare providers assumed full responsibility for the repair, maintenance and running of the buildings some of which were shared with the Early Years Core Purpose. In these instances, MCC paid a contribution towards the space occupied by EYs 'Core Purpose'. The majority of costs, including those associated with shared spaces (public toilets, reception areas and corridors) fell to the daycare provider. The new arrangements safeguarded and increased high quality childcare and early learning opportunities in some of the most deprived parts in the City. However, between 2015 and 2019, 17 daycare contracts and leases were terminated by daycare partners owing primarily to the challenges and expense of maintaining the buildings.
- 2.4 In 2019, a decline in 2 year old Free Entitlement to early learning (FEE) take up across Greater Manchester (GM) prompted a collaborative effort to increase access to early learning by eligible families. Notwithstanding the impact over the period 2020-21 of Covid-19, in the past 12 months, take up of

Free Entitlement to Early Learning for 2 year olds (FEE) in Manchester has averaged 70% which is above the national average. Factors including a falling birth rate, the Covid-19 pandemic and financial pressures on the childcare sector have adversely affected access to early learning opportunities.

- 2.5 Examples of action taken in the past 12 months to increase the take up of free early learning and childcare opportunities has included;
- Commissioning local community groups in Longsight and Cheetham to promote 2 year old FEE to members of the Bangladeshi and Pakistani Communities through established networks and events.
 - Contributing to the development of a GMCA funded communication strategy to promote the 2 year old FEE offer through a network of mosques in addition to the development of social media assets produced in Urdu and Bengali.
 - GM strategy to increase 2 year old FEE take up focusing on an underperforming neighbourhood in each LA. Manchester is already on track to achieve its aim to increase take up in Gorton, Abbey Hey and Levenshulme from 58% to 68%. Strategies to achieve this have included greater promotion of REAL and Stay Play and learn sessions by Outreach workers. Plans to open new daycare at Gorton South (Sacred Heart) Children's Centre in early 2023 will further enhance this situation.
 - From November, the provision of email addresses and contact numbers for families eligible for 2 year old funding will enable additional opportunities to further promote the offer.
 - There have also been drives to increase the take up of Early Years Pupil Premium, Disability Access Fund, Tax Free Childcare and 30 hour free childcare. The aims have been both to extend access to opportunities for families but also to ensure daycare providers are maximising the funding available to them to continue to provide high quality, flexible and accessible childcare and early learning opportunities in the City.
- 2.6 Manchester has passed on the full increase in Government set early years place funding to the sector. However, the increase in funding is not in line with inflation and as such has had limited impact on the rising costs of service delivery which are severely impacting the sustainability of the sector. Daycare settings are struggling to recruit and retain high quality and qualified staff due to the physical and emotional demands of the work compared to the uncompetitive rates of pay available. Settings report high levels of investment in failed recruitment, staff leaving to take up employment in other sectors, particularly retail and experienced staff reluctant to complete Level 3 qualifications where the rewards do not justify the level of responsibilities expected.
- 2.7 Within this context, there are examples of nurseries capping places and reprofiling their staff team, in some cases reducing to term time only provision and making redundancies. A rise in the numbers of children with additional needs identified in the early years has also led to some nurseries beginning to limit admission which in turn puts a strain on other support services and which may impact upon the success of transition to school arrangements.

- 2.8 In June 2021, Executive approved a £3m investment budget to address capital priorities across the Early Years estate as well as a further £0.7m allocation for the Early Years Estate within the City's Asset Management Plan (AMP). It also approved the review of all daycare leases on MCC premises as well as proposals to review the management arrangements of several Early Years buildings.
- 2.9 Financial pressure in the sector has the potential to impact upon the quality and sustainability of daycare delivery. Although Manchester currently has sufficient childcare to meet the needs of children and their families and enjoys high levels of quality provision, supply can fluctuate depending upon Ofsted outcomes and individual business circumstances.
- 2.10 The review of tendered daycare sought to achieve the best use of buildings within the estate. In a few limited instances, buildings have been disposed of to Corporate Estates to support potential new housing initiatives, to provide temporary accommodation for a primary school undergoing major capital works and to provide space for community based services. Individual strategies are being developed around other vacant daycare space in buildings where Early Years Core Purpose is delivered as well as in the remaining few vacant standalone buildings.

3.0 Main issues

- 3.1 The childcare sector has been severely impacted by a turbulent economic period. At a national level, like other parts of the care sector, childcare has faced labour shortages and increased running costs whilst government set Early Years' place funding rates have not increased in line with rising costs.
- 3.2 Here in Manchester, between 2015 and 2019, daycare tenants gave notice on 17 daycare leases consistently expressing concern over the difficulties of maintaining leased properties. To better understand the properties, during 2020/21, building condition surveys commissioned revealed that significant investment was required in the estate and that maintenance of the estate varied considerably.

4.0 Priority capital spend on the Early Years estate 2022/23

- 4.1 Following approval of the priority capital budget, a task and finish group comprising officers from Early Years, Corporate Estates, Capital Programmes and Education Finance was established. By November 2021, a list of priority sites had been agreed, informed by the 2020/21 condition surveys and childcare sufficiency data for the areas they served. Sites were prioritised where they were in wards showing insufficient childcare and/or early learning opportunities, where investment was critical and where there were specific known building concerns to be addressed.
- 4.2 The 2020/21 building condition surveys provided an in-depth assessment of the range and types of work required across the estate. Capital options were grouped into three categories; Priority 1 - works required to meet Health &

Safety and Statutory Compliance; Priority 2 - works required within 5 years to ensure operational continuity; Priority 3 works which are likely to need completing but not within the next 5 years.

- 4.3 In working within the £3m budget, the focus has been to address the priority Health & Safety/Statutory Compliance works across the settings in most need of investment and supporting childcare sufficiency across the city through progressing Priority 1 works and focussing on 11 sites which were identified as priorities. Detailed designs were completed for each site and organised into work packages which were progressed through Capital Programmes Minor Works Framework.
- 4.4 Work package negotiations to agree timescales and target costs, were completed for individual work packages between April and July 2022. Contractors reported delays in providing some costs because of disruption to the supply chain caused by national and international events. As a result of the changes in the market, target costs, in common with capital works across the sector are proving higher than originally anticipated.
- 4.5 Specialist surveys provide further details of works informing priorities and shaping the planned programme to meet service priorities and statutory compliance across the city. A review of information from the surveys in addition to sufficiency assessments enabled priorities to be adjusted with works at Debdale Community Play Centre prioritised this year with less critical work to Sharston and Sale deferred for the time being. The work programme needs to continue to adjust to further information provided. Contingencies for meeting change within existing approved budgets are included in the programme going forward
- 4.6 Capital works are specific to each site but include work such as alarm and electrical testing/works, replacement roof panels/rooflights, repairs to soft play areas, hot and cold water supply and ventilation. This is not an exhaustive list but gives an indication of the types of works being performed across priority sites.
- 4.7 Between July and the end of September 2022, contracts were completed for the first 4 work packages. Capital works commenced at Gorton South (Sacred Heart) and Old Moat Children's Centres in the week commencing the 3rd October 2022 with other work packages planned to follow sequentially. Work package 5 is expected to have completed procurement by early 2023.
- 4.8 Additionally, in supporting statutory responsibilities, asbestos management reports and fire risk assessments are being commissioned for buildings that require them across the Early Years estate to supplement the condition reports completed in 2020/21. These are expected to be completed before the end of April 2023 subject to contractor capacity.
- 4.9 Phase 1 works will comply with the City's internal carbon specification. It is expected that these capital works will contribute positively to the operational efficiency of the systems in place by ensuring that they are running effectively

and are maintained correctly and that more carbon friendly options will be considered in all situations.

- 4.10 Decarbonisation surveys are currently being completed for several Early Years buildings, the findings of which will further inform any future works. It is also worth noting that the minor works framework requires a commitment from contractors to the City's carbon neutral aims

Table showing the scheduling of priority capital works on EYs buildings;

<i>Work Packages and Sites</i>	<i>Start dates</i>	<i>Expected Completion dates</i>
Work Package 1 Gorton South (Sacred Heart) CC Old Moat CC	3rd October 2022	December 2022
Work Package 2 Boxgrove CC Woodville CC Higher Blackley CC	November 2022	February 2023
Work Package 3 Rusholme CC Burnage CC	End November 2022	March 2023
Work Package 4 Levenshulme CC Winstanley Road CC Woodhouse Park CC	December 2022	April 2023
Work Package 5 Debdale Park CC	March 2023	July 2023

4.11 Priority capital spend forecast for 2022/23

The £3m priority capital expenditure on the Early Years estate is fully committed and is expected to be largely completed within the 2022/23 financial year although there may be some over spill into 2023/24 dependent on risk factors built into the existing programme of work.

5.0 Phase 2 Early Years Estate capital priorities 2023/24

- 5.1 Following a similar assessment process, a further fourteen settings have been identified as requiring capital investment to address statutory compliance and health and safety concerns. Of these, four offer daycare alone, seven are shared with the Early Years Core Purpose and three settings can be described as shared sites but do not currently have daycare delivery on site.
- 5.2 None of the fourteen sites are in wards where there is a current childcare sufficiency concern. However, it is recommended that Health & Safety and statutory compliance concerns are addressed at each of the properties.

- 5.3 An understanding of the likely budget required to complete these works will be gathered from the 2020/21 building condition surveys and informed by the more recent costings for the Phase 1 work packages.
- 5.4 A range of individual strategies are being developed for vacant daycare sites/spaces in the Early Years estate. Appendix A shows Early Years sites which are either vacant/closed or shared sites containing vacant daycare space.
- 5.5 Moss Side Children's Centre closed in November following the relocation of the Early Years Core Purpose to St Mary's Primary School and services being delivered remotely across the local area. The daycare provider has entered into a private lease on daycare premises in Hulme starting in November. The Moss Side site will be transferred to MCC's Development Team and options will be explored including the development of affordable housing.

6.0 Review of tendered daycare leases

- 6.1 Following consultation with the daycare providers in areas where there is no longer a childcare sufficiency need, four daycare contracts and leases have been terminated. In two of these instances, the daycare partner has entered into new arrangements to deliver daycare from alternative Early Years premises in an area of identified childcare insufficiency. Please see below for more information;
- Manchester College ceased daycare delivery at both Harpurhey Children's Centre and Moston Children's Centre in July 2022. Early Years officers provided support to the College, staff, and parents/carers to ensure the transfer of all children to alternative, suitable provision and to support staff to access alternative employment.
 - Tiny Tigers ceased daycare delivery at Cheetham Park Children's Centre in July 2022 and is in the process of agreeing terms to deliver daycare at Gorton South Children's Centre. Due to the planned capital works starting in September 2022, the daycare is expected to open at this site in Spring 2023.
 - Georgie Porgies ceased daycare delivery at Moss Side Children's Centre in September 2022. Georgie Porgies have agreed terms to deliver daycare at Woodhouse Park Children's Centre.
- 6.2 Options for each of the four sites vacated in addition to already vacant sites are being developed with Corporate Estates, the Development Team and other Council services.
- 6.3 Lease reviews for the rest of the estate have focused upon those leases which have reached, or are about to reach, their expiry date. Assessments show that some lease arrangements have evolved at site level since their inception. It is proposed that leases are revised and updated to reflect current and future service delivery.

6.4 In light of the financial pressures detailed previously, options are being considered to support daycare providers to maintain high quality and sustainable childcare where they have a daycare contract to deliver in a Council property.

7.0 Conclusion

7.1 Early Years has responded to the challenges being experienced by high quality daycare providers delivering within the Early Years estate by commissioning a suite of condition surveys to assess the condition of the estate. It has successfully secured £3m of capital funding and committed the vast majority of that in a programme to address priority health and safety and statutory compliance concerns at 11 sites. A further 14 sites have been assessed as requiring a programme of work to address similar concerns and costs are being developed.

7.2 Reviews of the management of the Early Years estate has resulted in some daycare leases being terminated and in some instances the relocation of daycare tenants to premises in wards with an identified undersupply.

7.3 Lease reviews are being conducted to ensure best value for both the City Council and our daycare partners as they strive to delivery high quality, accessible services for children and families during a cost-of-living crisis which is severely impacting sustainability.

7.4 Short term investment is required to support the strategy to renegotiate daycare leases and secure the future of high-quality daycare providers within the Early Years estate.

8.0 Recommendations

- Consider and comment upon this report and the update provided
- Note that strategies are being developed to provide short term investment to offset costs arising from daycare lease negotiations.

Appendix - Table of Vacant Early Years buildings/daycare spaces November 2022

Vacant Early Years buildings (site is closed with no services delivered from it).

Building name	Ward	Status
Baguley Park Community Play Centre	Baguley	Corporate Estates (CP) looking to progress as a potential Community Asset Transfer
Belthorne Avenue Children's Centre	Charlestown	Exploring options with other Children's Services' and MCC teams
Delamere Park Community Play Centre	Gorton	Corporate Estates looking to progress as a potential Community Asset Transfer
Hallam Road Children's Centre	Newton Heath	Surplus to Early Years (EYs) requirements, Corporate Estates are considering options for site.
Slade Lane Children's Centre	Longsight	St Agnes' Primary School relocating from January - July 2023 while the school building undergoes capital works. Childcare sufficiency is an issue, but daycare lets have proven unsuccessful to date. Options will be reassessed in Summer 2023.
Moss Side Children's Centre	Moss Side	Core Purpose relocated and services delivered elsewhere across the area. Daycare vacated on 3rd November. This site will be transferred to the Development Team.

Vacant daycare space in Early Years buildings (EYs Core Purpose activities continue to be delivered at these sites).

Building name	Ward	Status
Gorton South Sure Start (Sacred Heart)	Gorton	Heads of terms agreed, lease and contract being prepared. Daycare likely to commence in March 2023 following some refurbishment by new tenant.
Baguley Sure Start Children's Centre	Baguley	CP/EYs exploring options for this space.
Sale Rd Sure Start Children's Centre	Northenden	CP/EYs exploring options for this space.
Sharston Sure Start Children's Centre	Sharston	CP/EYs exploring options for this space.
Harpurhey Children's Centre	Harpurhey	CP/EYs exploring options for this space.
Moston Children's Centre	Moston	CP/EYs exploring options for this space.

**Manchester City Council
Report for Information**

Report to: Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee – 7 December 2022
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.

Wards Affected: All

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Background Documents (available for public inspection):

None

1. Monitoring Previous Recommendations

This section of the report contains recommendations made by the Committee, responses to them, if they will be implemented, and if it will be, how this will be done.

Date	Item	Recommendation	Action	Contact Officer
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 will be incorporated into a future report.	Neil Fairlamb, Strategic Director (Neighbourhoods)
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 has been requested and will be reported back to the Committee via the Overview report.	Neil Fairlamb, Strategic Director (Neighbourhoods)
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 Director (Neighbourhoods)
4 March 2020	CYP/20/16 Improving Children's Outcomes Through Collaboration and	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	A response to this recommendation has been requested and will be reported back to the Committee via the Overview report.	Paul Marshall, Strategic Director of Children and Education Services

Date	Item	Recommendation	Action	Contact Officer
	Working in Partnership in a Locality	Schools will circulate a briefing note on work that is already taking place to address smoking in pregnancy.		
22 July 2020	CYP/20/26 Manchester's Transformation Plan for Children and Young People's Mental Health and Wellbeing	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 of a future Chair of Governors briefing.	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
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
9 February 2022	CYP/22/11 Annual Virtual School Head's Report	To arrange a visit to Wetherby Young Offender Institution and Barton Moss Secure Children's Home, in conjunction with the Communities and Equalities Scrutiny Committee.	These visits are being arranged, in discussion with the Committee Chairs.	Rachel McKeon, Governance and Scrutiny Support Officer

Date	Item	Recommendation	Action	Contact Officer
20 July 2022	CYP/22/36 The impact of COVID-19 on children and young people's mental health and well-being	To request data on the ethnicity and geographical spread of CAMHS referrals, in order to be able to identify any gaps.	A response to this recommendation has been requested and will be circulated to Members.	Al Ford, Director of CAMHS/Rachel McKeon, Governance and Scrutiny Support Officer
9 November 2022	CYP/22/52 Children and Education Services Budget 2023/24	Noting that the Committee is not expecting a further budget report until February 2023, to request that Councillors be kept updated on the financial situation outside of the meetings.	This request has been referred to the Deputy Chief Executive and City Treasurer.	Rachel McKeon, Governance and 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 **28 November 2022** 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:

There are no Key Decisions currently listed within the remit of this Committee

**Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee
Work Programme – December 2022**

Wednesday 7 December 2022, 2pm (Report deadline Monday 28 November 2022)

Item	Purpose	Lead Executive Member	Strategic Director/ Lead Officer	Comments
Youth and Play Commissioning	To receive a report on plans for the commissioning of youth and play provision.	Councillor Bridges	Neil Fairlamb/ Jaffer Hussain	Executive Report
Early Years Buildings	To receive a report on the structural condition surveys for Council-owned Early Years buildings and future works.	Councillor Rahman Councillor Bridges	Richard Munns Amanda Corcoran	To invite the Chair of the Resources and Governance Scrutiny Committee
Post-16 Education	To include sufficiency in the post-16 education sector, the destinations of year 11 leavers and data on young people who are Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET).	Councillor Bridges	Amanda Corcoran	To invite the Chair of the Economy Scrutiny Committee
School Attainment	To receive a report on school attainment.	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	

Wednesday 11 January 2023, 2pm (Report deadline Friday 30 December 2022)

Item	Purpose	Lead Executive Member	Strategic Director/ Lead Officer	Comments
Ofsted Update	To receive an update on progress in response to the Ofsted Inspection of Local Authorities Children's Services (ILACS) of Manchester's Children's Services.	Councillor Bridges	Paul Marshall	
Our Year	To receive an update on Our Year, including the transition to 2023 and the journey to becoming a UNICEF UK Child-Friendly City.	Councillor Bridges	Paul Marshall	
School Governance	To receive an update on school governance.	Councillor Bridges	Amanda Corcoran/ Ruth Bradbury	
Overview Report		-	Rachel McKeon	

Wednesday 8 February 2023, 2pm (Report deadline Monday 30 January 2023)

Item	Purpose	Lead Executive Member	Strategic Director/ Lead Officer	Comments
2023/24 Budget Report	Consideration of the final 2023/24 budget proposals that will go onto February Budget Executive and Scrutiny and March Council.	Councillor Akbar Councillor Bridges	Carol Culley/ Paul Marshall	
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

SEND Annual Report	To receive the SEND Annual Report.	Councillor Bridges	Amanda Corcoran	
Overview Report		-	Rachel McKeon	

Wednesday 8 March 2023, 2pm (Report deadline Monday 27 February 2023)

Item	Purpose	Lead Executive Member	Strategic Director/ Lead Officer	Comments
Overview Report		-	Rachel McKeon	

Items To Be Scheduled

Item	Purpose	Executive Member	Strategic Director/ Lead Officer	Comments
Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Green paper	To receive a report on the SEND Green Paper.	Councillor Bridges	Amanda Corcoran	
Locality work with Manchester Local Care Organisation (MLCO)	To receive a report on locality work with MLCO.	Councillor Bridges Councillor T Robinson	Paul Marshall	
Children and Young People's Plan 2020 -	To receive an annual report on the progress of this work.	Councillor Bridges	Paul Marshall	See November 2020 minutes

2024				
Lyndene	To receive a further report on Lyndene in 12 months' time.	Councillor Bridges	Paul Marshall	See March 2021 minutes
Update on wellbeing and mental health and support for schools and settings and education for children unable to attend school due to ill health	To receive a further report on this and to invite a representative from CAMHS to this meeting.	Councillor Bridges Councillor Midgley	Paul Marshall	See September 2021 minutes
Youth and Play	To receive a further report on Youth and Play commissioning arrangements at an appropriate time.	Councillor Bridges	Fiona Worrall/Neil Fairlamb	See October 2021 minutes
Adoption	To receive a report on adoption which includes what difference the move to Adoption Counts has made in providing stable adoption placements for Our Children and what happens when an adoption breaks down.	Councillor Bridges	Paul Marshall	See November 2021 minutes
Pupil Referral Unit (PRU) and Alternative Provision	To receive an update report in approximately 12 months' time.	Councillor Bridges	Amanda Corcoran	See December 2021 minutes
Elective Home Education (EHE)	To receive a report on EHE. To include up-to-date figures on children who are not in school, including those whose parents have chosen EHE, with a breakdown by areas of the city.	Councillor Bridges	Amanda Corcoran	See January 2022 and October 2022 minutes
School Attendance and Attainment	To receive regular reports regarding attainment and attendance.	Councillor Bridges	Amanda Corcoran	
Health Visiting	To consider health visiting at a future	Councillor	Paul Marshall	See March 2022 minutes.

	meeting.	Bridges Councillor Midgley		
Manchester Sensory Support Service Commission	To receive an update report at a future meeting.	Councillor Bridges	Amanda Corcoran	See March 2022 minutes.
Personal Social Health and Economic (PSHE) Education	To receive a report on PSHE education in schools.	Councillor Bridges	Amanda Corcoran	
Thriving Babies and Care	To receive a report on thriving babies and care. To include information on fetal alcohol syndrome.	Councillor Bridges	Paul Marshall/Sean McKendrick	See July 2022 minutes