



Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee

Date: Wednesday, 8 November 2023

Time: 10.00 am

Venue: Council Chamber, Level 2, Town Hall Extension

Everyone is welcome to attend this committee meeting.

There will be a private meeting for Committee Members only at 9.30 am in the Council Antechamber.

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Membership of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee

Councillors –

Reid (Chair), N Ali, Alijah, Amin, Bano, Bell, Fletcher, Gartside, Hewitson, Judge, Lovecy, Ludford, Marsh, McHale, Muse, Nunney, Sadler and Sharif Mahamed

Co-opted Members -

Mr G Cleworth, Miss S Iltaf, Ms K McDaid, Canon Susie Mapledoram, Mrs J Miles, Ms L Smith and Mr Yacob Yonis

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 13 October 2023.

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5. The impact of COVID-19 on children and young people's mental health and well-being

Report of the Director of CAMHS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services)

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This report builds on the report to Scrutiny Committee on 20 July 2022 and provides an update on the exploration of the impact of COVID-19 on children and young people's mental health and well-being. Within this paper evidence suggested that children and young people's mental health and wellbeing has been substantially impacted during the pandemic, which has resulted in higher prevalence, demand and acuity (complexity) for CAMHS.

6. Manchester - Child Friendly City

Report of the Strategic Director (Children and Education Services)

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Our Child Friendly Journey follows the success of 2022 'Our Year'. 'Our Year' started a movement and was a catalyst for a change in behaviour, to make sure children and young people are at the heart of everything we do in Manchester. We always wanted this commitment to be long-lasting and one more thing that sets Manchester apart.

Manchester is working with UNICEF UK's Child Friendly Cities and Communities programme to put children's rights into practice. The programme aims to create communities where all children, whether they are living in care, using a children's centre, playscheme, youth centre or visiting their local library, have a meaningful say, and truly benefit from, the local decisions, services and spaces that shape their lives.

Committee members will have the benefit of an animated presentation, which will provide an overview of the emerging themes throughout our Discovery phase.

7. **LADO Annual Report 2022 - 2023** Pages
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Report of the Strategic Director (Children and Education Services)

The annual report provides an overview and analysis of the work of the LADO (Local Authority Designated Officer) in the management of allegations against adults who work with children in a paid or voluntary capacity in Manchester, for the period 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022. This includes how effective the safeguarding partnership is in discharging its statutory responsibilities. The report considers the learning and development over the last twelve months and sets priorities for 2023-2024 against this.

8. **Revenue Budget Update 2024/25** Pages
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Report of the Deputy Chief Executive and City Treasurer

The Council is forecasting an estimated budget shortfall of £46m in 2024/25, £86m in 2025/26, and £105m by 2026/27. After the application of approved and planned savings, and the use of c£17m smoothing reserves in each of the three years, this gap reduces to £1.6m in 2024/25, £30m in 2025/26 and £49m by 2026/27. This position assumes that the savings approved as part of the Medium-Term Financial Strategy in February 2023 of £36.2m over three years are delivered.

This report provides a high-level overview of the updated budget position. Each scrutiny committee is invited to consider the current proposed changes which are within its remit and to make recommendations to the Executive before it agrees to the final budget proposals in February 2024.

- 8a. **Children and Education Services Budget 2024/25** Pages
75 - 104
Report of the Strategic Director (Children and Education Services)

This report sets out the priorities for the services in the remit of this committee and details the initial revenue budget changes proposed

by officers. Each scrutiny committee is invited to consider the current proposed changes which are within its remit and to make recommendations to the Executive before it agrees to the final budget proposals in February 2024.

9. Overview Report

Report of the Governance and Scrutiny Support Unit

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

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 – Canon Susie Mapledoram
- Representative of the Diocese of Salford – Mrs Julie Miles
- Parent governor representative – Mr Yacob Yonis
- 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

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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