

**Manchester City Council
Report for Information**

Report to: Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee – 12 January 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, Head of Parks, Leisure, Events and Youth
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, Head of Parks, Leisure, Events and Youth
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.	Ghyll Head Outdoor Education and Activity Centre partially reopened in July 2021 following the delivery of the capital investment programme which developed the facilities to a modern standard. Despite the uncertainty surrounding COVID there has been a healthy return to site from Manchester schools, youth groups and community organisations. During the Summer, the We Love MCR Charity worked in partnership with the	Neil Fairlamb, Head of Parks, Leisure, Events and Youth

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			<p>council to exclusively take over the site to host Manchester at risk families with complex needs to experience a therapeutic short break family course. Families were identified and referred through the Early Help Team and Barnardo's. Many of the families that attended had never left the city and the short break is a crucial part to succeed and grow as individuals and families, strengthening their relationship as a family unit and increasing their trust for one another, working together to achieve their goals. Feedback from the families is incredibly powerful. GLL intend to extend this offer and introduce an activity pass next summer which will give free access for the families to attend localised outdoor activity in Manchester at venues such as Debdale Outdoor Centre and the Indoor BMX track at the HSBC UK National Cycling Centre.</p> <p>Meetings have also taken place with the Manchester Leaving Care Service to strengthen opportunities for Young Carers and Looked After Children. GLL have pledged their support to contribute towards this workstream to ensure as many people can benefit from the Ghyll</p>	

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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.	<p>A Strategic Advisory Board was established in March 2021 to provide the appropriate oversight and governance arrangements to ensure the centre delivers to Manchester schools, youth groups, community organisations and residents. The Board meets quarterly, core membership includes MCC Commercial Lead (Chair), MCC education Lead, MCC Youth Strategy and Engagement Lead, MCRactive Facilities Contract Manager, Manchester Outdoor Education Trust (MOET - former Friends of Ghyll Head) and an Elected Member.</p> <p>Following a visit from Local Members in October a number of Members have pledged their support for Ghyll Head. They have agreed to work with the management team and the Strategic Advisory Board to identify projects that may need funding, donations or volunteer hours and will reach out to the Manchester Business Community for support.</p>	Neil Fairlamb, Head of Parks, Leisure, Events and Youth
6 November 2019	CYP/19/48 Youth and Play Services - Young	To request that clear information on the availability of toilet facilities, for example, in park cafes, be included on	A response to this recommendation has been requested and will be reported back to the Committee via the Overview report.	Neil Fairlamb, Head of Parks, Leisure, Events and Youth

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	Manchester	signage in parks.		
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 has been requested and 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 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	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

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		the city and the sustainability of impacts.		
8 December 2021	CYP/21/61 COVID-19 Update	To request that guidance for secondary schools on testing and staggered starts for the next term be circulated to the Committee.	A response to this recommendation has been requested and will be circulated to Members.	Amanda Corcoran, Director of Education

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 **31 December 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 - Tendered Daycare Settings (2021/07/16B)</p> <p>The approval of capital expenditure to support the continued provision of high-quality Early Years settings across the City.</p>	<p>City Treasurer (Deputy Chief Executive)</p>	<p>Not before 16th Aug 2021</p>		<p>Checkpoint 4 Business Case</p>	<p>Amanda Corcoran, Director of Education a.corcoran@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>	
<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>	<p>Strategic Director - Children and Education Services</p>	<p>Not before 22nd Aug 2020</p>		<p>Report and Recommendation</p>	<p>Sarah Austin sarah.austin@manchester.gov.uk</p>
<p>Adoption Counts - Regional Adoption Agency (2021/09/30A)</p> <p>To agree the TUPE of 11 staff</p>	<p>Executive</p>	<p>17 Nov 2021</p>		<p>Report to Executive</p>	<p>Sean McKendrick s.mckendrick@manchester.gov.uk</p>

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<p>Manchester Creative Media Arts Academy Completion Works (2021/10/11A)</p> <p>The approval of capital expenditure for completion of works outstanding at Manchester Creative Media Arts Academy.</p>	<p>City Treasurer (Deputy Chief Executive)</p>	<p>Not before 11th Nov 2021</p>		<p>Checkpoint 4 Business Case</p>	<p>Amanda Corcoran, Director of Education a.corcoran@manchester.gov.uk</p>
<p>Contract for The Provision of a SaLT (Speech and Language Therapy) Service (2021/10/14A)</p>	<p>Strategic Director - Children and Education Services</p>	<p>Not before 14th Nov 2021</p>		<p>Report and recommendation</p>	<p>Mike Worsley mike.worsley@manchester.gov.uk</p>
<p>Contract for the Provision of: TC724 - Missing from Care Service & Return Interviews (2021/11/04A)</p> <p>The appointment of a Provider to deliver the Missing from Care Service & Return Interviews.</p> <p>The Missing from Care commissioned service will provide a statutory independent return interview service for children and young people who go missing from care. The service will contribute to the delivery of the complex</p>	<p>Strategic Director - Children and Education Services</p>	<p>Not before 4th Dec 2021</p>		<p>Report and recommendation</p>	<p>Julie Heslop julie.heslop@manchester.gov.uk</p>

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safeguarding strategy which identifies key areas of work required to take place in order to meet the core objective of reducing the number of young people who go missing and those who go missing regularly in the city.					
<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 – January 2022**

Wednesday 12 January 2022, 2.00 pm (Report deadline Thursday 30 December 2021)

Item	Purpose	Executive Member	Strategic Director / Lead Officer	Comments
Climate Change and Schools	To include road safety and air quality around schools.	Councillor Bridges Councillor Rawlins	Amanda Corcoran	Invite the Chair of the Environment and Climate Change Scrutiny Committee
COVID-19 Update	To receive a verbal update.	Councillor Bridges	Paul Marshall/Amanda Corcoran	
Year of the Child	To receive an update on work relating to the Year of the Child in 2022.	Councillor Bridges	Paul Marshall	
Quality of Practice	To receive a report on quality of practice in social work.	Councillor Bridges	Paul Marshall	
Independent Reviewing Officer (IRO) Report	To receive the IRO Report.	Councillor Bridges	Paul Marshall	
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 9 February 2022, 2.00 pm (Report deadline Friday 28 January 2022)

Item	Purpose	Executive Member	Strategic Director / Lead Officer	Comments
Budget proposals 2022/23 - update	Consideration of the final budget proposals that will go onto February Budget Executive and Scrutiny and March Council.	Councillor Craig Councillor Bridges	Carol Culley/Paul Marshall/Amanda Corcoran	
Homeless Families	To receive a report on Homeless Families, in particular families being placed outside of the city and the impact of this.	Councillor Rahman Councillor Bridges	David Ashmore/ Mohamed Hussein/Paul Marshall	See November 2021 minutes
The Role of GMP Engagement Officers in Manchester Schools	To receive a report on the role of GMP Engagement Officers in Manchester schools.	Councillor Bridges	Amanda Corcoran	
COVID-19 Update	To receive a further update.	Councillor Bridges	Paul Marshall/Amanda Corcoran	
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	To receive an annual report on the	Councillor	Paul Marshall	See November 2020

People's Plan 2020 - 2024	progress of this work.	Bridges		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
School dinners and healthy well-balanced meals	To receive a report on school dinners and healthy well-balanced meals for the children.	Councillor Bridges	Amanda Corcoran	
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
Sex and Relationship Education	To receive a report on Sex and Relationship Education in schools, including how child sexual exploitation and child criminal exploitation are addressed through this.	Councillor Bridges	Amanda Corcoran	See October 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
Home School Transport	To receive a report on Home School Transport.	Councillor Bridges	Amanda Corcoran	See November 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