

**Manchester City Council  
Report for Information**

**Report to:** Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee – 8 November 2023

**Subject:** Overview Report

**Report of:** Governance and Scrutiny Support Unit

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**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

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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  |
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| 9 October 2019  | CYP/19/39<br>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,<br>Strategic Director<br>(Neighbourhoods)                         |
| 6 November 2019 | CYP/19/48<br>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,<br>Strategic Director<br>(Neighbourhoods)                         |
| 4 March 2020    | CYP/20/16<br>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                               | A response to this recommendation has been requested and will be reported back to the Committee via the Overview report. | Paul Marshall,<br>Strategic Director<br>of Children and<br>Education<br>Services |

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|                 |   | smoking in pregnancy.  |  |   |
| 22 July 2020    | CYP/20/26<br>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<br>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<br>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   |
| 20 July 2022    | CYP/22/36<br>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 |
| 21 June 2023    | CYP/23/25<br>Update:  | To recommend that consideration be given to  | A response to this recommendation has been requested and will be reported  | Amanda Corcoran, Director of  |

| Date            | Item   | Recommendation   | Action   | Contact Officer                                      |
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|                 | Education Climate Change Action Plan 2022-24   | partnering schools with allotments and parks.  | back to the Committee via the Overview report.   | Education  |
| 13 October 2023 | CYP/23/41 Urgent Business – Joint targeted area inspection (JTAI) of the multi-agency response to serious youth violence | That the findings of the JTAI will be considered by the relevant scrutiny committee. | This will be considered at the meeting of the Communities and Equalities Scrutiny Committee on 9 January 2024. | Charlotte Lynch, Governance and Scrutiny Team Leader |

## 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 **30 October 2023** 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:**

| <b>Subject / Decision</b>  | <b>Decision Maker</b>                                | <b>Decision Due Date</b> | <b>Consultation</b> | <b>Background documents</b> | <b>Officer Contact</b>   |
|--|--|--------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| <p><b>Block Contract for the Provision of New Arrivals Hub for Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children (Age 16+) (2023/06/08A)</b></p> <p>The appointment of Provider for New Arrivals Hub for Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children (Age 16+)</p>   | Strategic Director - Children and Education Services | Not before 8th Jul 2023  |                     | Report and recommendation   | Sarah Austin, Strategic Lead - Commissioning<br>sarah.austin@manchester.gov.uk |
| <p><b>Block Contract for the Provision of Supported Accommodation for Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children (Age 16+) (2023/06/08B)</b></p> <p>The appointment of Provider for the Provision of Supported Accommodation for Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children (Age 16+) up to 40 units</p> | Strategic Director - Children and Education Services | Not before 8th Jul 2023  |                     | Report and recommendation   | Sarah Austin, Strategic Lead - Commissioning<br>sarah.austin@manchester.gov.uk |

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| <p><b>Take a breath - Residential accommodation (2023/07/06A)</b></p> <p>To implement a residential accommodation model to support hospital discharge and prevent hospital admission for children and young people.</p>     | <p>Strategic Director - Children and Education Services</p> | <p>Not before 6th Aug 2023</p>  |  | <p>Report and Recommendations</p> | <p>Sarah Austin, Strategic Lead - Commissioning<br/>sarah.austin@manchester.gov.uk</p> |
| <p><b>The Provision of a Manchester Sensory Support Service (2023/07/03A)</b></p> <p>The appointment of Provider for the Provision of a Manchester Sensory Support Service</p>  | <p>Strategic Director - Children and Education Services</p> | <p>Not before 3rd Aug 2023</p>  |  | <p>Report and Recommendation</p>  | <p>Mike Worsley, Procurement Manager<br/>mike.worsley@manchester.gov.uk</p>            |
| <p><b>The provision of a contraception &amp; sexual health service for young people (2023/09/27A)</b></p> <p>To award a contract to a provider to deliver a contraception &amp; sexual health service for young people.</p> | <p>Director of Public Health</p>                            | <p>Not before 27th Oct 2023</p> |  | <p>Contract Report</p>            | <p>Marie Earle, Strategic Commissioning Manager<br/>marie.earle@manchester.gov.uk</p>  |

**Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee  
Work Programme – November 2023**

**Wednesday 8 November 2023, 10 am (Report deadline Friday 27 October 2023)**

| <b>Item</b>                                      | <b>Purpose</b>   | <b>Lead Executive Member</b>                | <b>Strategic Director/ Lead Officer</b>                  | <b>Comments</b>            |
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| Update on mental health and wellbeing            | To receive an update report on mental health and wellbeing, including support for schools and settings, and to invite a representative from Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) to this meeting.                                   | Councillor Bridges<br>Councillor T Robinson | Paul Marshall/<br>Al Ford (CAMHS)/<br>Vicky Smith (MICP) | See September 2021 minutes |
| Child-Friendly City Update                       | To receive an update on Manchester's work towards becoming a UNICEF UK Child-Friendly City, to include how staff are enabled to begin to understand and empathise with young people's lived experience, regarding race and equality and diversity. | Councillor Bridges                          | Paul Marshall/<br>Ruth Denton                            |                            |
| Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) report | To receive the annual report of the LADO.  | Councillor Bridges                          | Paul Marshall/<br>Kate Rose                              |                            |
| Revenue Budget Update                            | To receive a report on the financial challenge facing the Council, the latest forecast position, and the next steps.   | Cllr Akbar                                  | Carol Culley<br>Tom Wilkinson                            |                            |
| Children and Education Services 2024/25          | To receive a report which sets out the priorities for the services in the remit of this Committee and details the initial revenue budget changes proposed by officers.   | Councillor Bridges                          | Carol Culley<br>Tom Wilkinson<br>Paul                    |                            |

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| Budget Proposals |  |   | Marshall Vandhna Kohli |  |
| 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 6 December 2023, 10 am (Report deadline Friday 24 November 2023)**

| <b>Item</b>             | <b>Purpose</b>  | <b>Lead Executive Member</b>             | <b>Strategic Director/ Lead Officer</b> | <b>Comments</b>   |
|-------------------------|---|--|---|---|
| Early Years Sufficiency | To receive a report on Early Years sufficiency.   | Councillor Bridges                       | Amanda Corcoran                         |   |
| School Places           | To receive an update on school admissions.  | Councillor Bridges                       | Amanda Corcoran                         |   |
| School Attainment       | To receive a report on school attainment.   | Councillor Bridges                       | Amanda Corcoran                         |   |
| Post-16 report          | To include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>work to reduce the number of young people who are not in employment, education or training (NEET)</li> <li>Sufficiency of post-16 education</li> </ul> | Councillor Bridges<br>Councillor Hacking | Amanda Corcoran                         | Invite Chair of the Economy and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee |
| Overview Report         |   | -  | Rachel McKeon                           |   |



## Items To Be Scheduled

| Item  | Purpose   | Executive Member                         | Strategic Director/<br>Lead Officer | Comments  |
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| Manchester Sensory Support Service Commission | To receive an update report at a future meeting.  | Councillor Bridges                       | Amanda Corcoran                     | January 2024 (to be confirmed)<br>See March 2022 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   |
| School Streets                                | To receive a report on School Streets.  | Councillor Bridges<br>Councillor Rawlins | Amanda Corcoran                     | Invite Chair of the Environment, Climate Change and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Committee |
| Independent Review of Children's Social Care  | To receive a report on the Independent Review of Children's Social Care.  | Councillor Bridges                       | Paul Marshall                       |   |
| Domestic Abuse and Children                   | To receive a report on the impact of domestic abuse on children and the Safe and Together programme.  | Councillor Bridges                       | Paul Marshall                       | See March 2023 minutes  |
| Children and Young People's Plan              | To receive an annual report on the progress of this work.   | Councillor Bridges                       | Paul Marshall                       | See November 2020 minutes   |

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| 2020 - 2024  |  |  |                                  |  |
| 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                  |  |
| Personal Social Health and Economic (PSHE) Education | To receive a report on PSHE education in schools.  | Councillor Bridges                       | Amanda Corcoran                  |  |
| Post-16 EET Strategic Plan 2022-25                   | To receive a more detailed report, including utilising social value, changes in the number of places available at Manchester College, whether Manchester Adult Education Service (MAES) can be utilised more and information from the sufficiency report looking across the Greater Manchester area. | Councillor Bridges                       | Amanda Corcoran                  | See December 2022 minutes                    |
| Attainment   | To request a more detailed report on how schools are progressing with work to address the impact of the pandemic on children's learning.   | Councillor Bridges                       | Amanda Corcoran                  | See December 2022 minutes                    |
| Road Safety Around Schools                           | To consider a report on road safety around schools.  | Councillor Rawlins<br>Councillor Bridges | Kevin Gillham<br>Amanda Corcoran | To be confirmed<br>See January 2023 minutes. |
| Early Years and Health Visiting Service              | To receive a further report at an appropriate time.  | Councillor Bridges                       | Paul Marshall                    | See May 2023 minutes.                        |
| Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated                        | To receive an update at a future meeting.  | Councillor Bridges                       | Amanda Corcoran                  | See September 2023 minutes                   |

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| Concrete (RAAC) in Schools |   |                    |               |  |
| Youth Justice              | To receive a further report on Youth Justice. | Councillor Bridges | Paul Marshall |  |