

**Manchester City Council
Report for Information**

Report to: Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee – 6 December 2023

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
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 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, Strategic Director of Children and Education Services

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		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
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
21 June 2023	CYP/23/25 Update:	To recommend that consideration be given to	A response to this recommendation has been requested and will be reported	Amanda Corcoran, Director of

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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

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 **27 November 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:

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

<p>Take a breath - Residential accommodation (2023/07/06A)</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 sarah.austin@manchester.gov.uk</p>
<p>The Provision of a Manchester Sensory Support Service (2023/07/03A)</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 mike.worsley@manchester.gov.uk</p>
<p>The provision of a contraception & sexual health service for young people (2023/09/27A)</p> <p>To award a contract to a provider to deliver a contraception & 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 marie.earle@manchester.gov.uk</p>

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

Wednesday 6 December 2023, 10 am (Report deadline Friday 24 November 2023)

Item	Purpose	Lead Executive Member	Strategic Director/ Lead Officer	Comments
School Attainment	To receive a report on school attainment. To include information on how schools are progressing with work to address the impact of the pandemic on children's learning.	Councillor Bridges	Amanda Corcoran	
Early Years	To receive a report on Early Years, with a focus on sufficiency and the city's readiness for the forthcoming changes to the free childcare entitlement.	Councillor Bridges	Amanda Corcoran	
Post-16 report	To include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • work to reduce the number of young people who are not in employment, education or training (NEET) • Sufficiency of post-16 education 	Councillor Bridges Councillor Hacking	Amanda Corcoran	See December 2022 minutes Invite Chair of the Economy and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee
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 10 January 2024, 10 am (Report deadline Thursday 28 December 2023)

Item	Purpose	Lead Executive Member	Strategic Director/ Lead Officer	Comments
Annual Adoption Report	To receive the annual adoption report.	Councillor Bridges	Paul Marshall	
Annual Fostering Report	To receive the annual fostering report.	Councillor Bridges	Paul Marshall	
Virtual School Report	To receive a report on the Virtual School.	Councillor Bridges	Amanda Corcoran/ Jane Johnson	
Overview Report		-	Rachel McKeon	

Wednesday 7 February 2024, 10 am (Report deadline Friday 26 January 2024)

Item	Purpose	Lead Executive Member	Strategic Director/ Lead Officer	Comments
Revenue Budget Update	To receive a report on the financial challenge facing the Council, the latest forecast position, and the next steps.	Cllr Akbar (Finance and Resources)	Carol Culley Tom Wilkinson	
Children and Education	Consideration of the final 2024/25 budget proposals that will go onto February Budget Executive and Scrutiny and March	Councillor Bridges	Carol Culley Tom	

Services 2024/25	Council.		Wilkinson Paul Marshall	
Leaving Care Provision	To receive a report focusing on capacity and responding to the needs of care leavers.	Councillor Bridges	Paul Marshall	
Overview Report		-	Rachel McKeon	

Items To Be Scheduled

Item	Purpose	Executive Member	Strategic Director/ Lead Officer	Comments
Manchester Sensory Support Service Commission	To receive an update report at a future meeting.	Councillor Bridges	Amanda Corcoran	January 2024 (to be confirmed) 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 Councillor Rawlins	Amanda Corcoran	Invite Chair of the Environment, Climate Change and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Committee
Independent Review of	To receive a report on the Independent Review of Children's Social Care.	Councillor Bridges	Paul Marshall	

Children's Social Care				
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 2020 - 2024	To receive an annual report on the progress of this work.	Councillor Bridges	Paul Marshall	See November 2020 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	
Personal Social Health and Economic (PSHE) Education	To receive a report on PSHE education in schools.	Councillor Bridges	Amanda Corcoran	
Road Safety Around Schools	To consider a report on road safety around schools.	Councillor Rawlins Councillor Bridges	Kevin Gillham Amanda Corcoran	To be confirmed 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

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