

**Manchester City Council
Report for Information**

Report to: Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee – 15 January 2025

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 2024	CYP/24/47 Young Carers Strategy	To recommend a Greater Manchester Framework for Young Carers. To recommend that faith groups be engaged with in relation to Young Carers. To request a list of the 20% of schools which do not yet have a Young Carers' Champion and that Members who are School Governors should raise this with their schools.	A response to these recommendations will be circulated to Members by email.	Maureen Howell, SEND Engagement & Young Carers Lead

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 **6 January 2025** 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>Project Skyline, GMCA Childrens Sufficiency proposal (2024/08/09A)</p> <p>Decision to enter into a GMCA children looked after sufficiency project alongside GM local authorities.</p>	Executive	11 Sep 2024		Report to Executive	Sarah Austin, Strategic Lead - Commissioning sarah.austin@manchester.gov.uk
<p>The Management and Operation of a Take a Breath Children's Home (2024/09/26A)</p> <p>The appointment of Provider for The Management and Operation of a Take a Breath Children's Home.</p>	Strategic Director - Children and Education Services	Not before 26th Oct 2024		Report & Recommendation	Sarah Austin, Strategic Lead - Commissioning sarah.austin@manchester.gov.uk

Contract for provision of School Health services (2024/12/23E) To award a contract for the provision of School Health services in Manchester.	Director of Public Health	Not before 23rd Jan 2025		Reort and recommendations	Marie Earle, Strategic Commissioning Manager marie.earle@manchester.gov.uk
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Work Programme – January 2025

Wednesday 15 January 2025, 10 am (Report deadline Friday 3 January 2025)

Item	Purpose	Lead Executive Member	Strategic Director/ Lead Officer	Comments
School Attainment	To receive school attainment outcomes for 2024.	Cllr Reid	Amanda Corcoran	
School Inclusion	To receive a report on school inclusion, the use of permanent exclusions and Alternative Provision.	Cllr Reid	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 12 February 2025, 10 am (Report deadline Friday 31 January 2025)

Item	Purpose	Lead Executive Member	Strategic Director/ Lead Officer	Comments
Budget Reports	To receive a report outlining the budget position for 2025/26 and progress in reaching a balanced budget, including savings and investment options.	Councillor Akbar	Tom Wilkinson	
Manchester Safeguarding Partnership	To receive the Annual Report of the Manchester Safeguarding Partnership.	Councillor Reid	Sean McKendrick	To be confirmed.
Revised Practice Model	To receive a report on the revised practice model for Children's Services. To also include an update on the	Councillor Reid	Sean McKendrick	To be confirmed.

	Children's and Education Workforce.			
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Wednesday 5 March 2025, 10 am (Report deadline Friday 21 February 2025)

Item	Purpose	Lead Executive Member	Strategic Director/ Lead Officer	Comments
Child Friendly City	To receive an update on the work to become a Child Friendly City.	Cllr Reid	Sean McKendrick Amanda Corcoran	To be confirmed. Executive Report
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. To also include information on how families are engaged with.	Councillor Reid	Amanda Corcoran	To be confirmed. See January 2022 and October 2022 minutes
School Place Planning	To receive a report on School Place Planning.	Councillor Reid	Amanda Corcoran	To be confirmed. Executive Report
Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND)	To receive the SEND Annual Report.	Councillor Reid	Amanda Corcoran	To be confirmed. See February 2024 minutes
Supplementary Schools	To receive a report on supplementary schools.	Councillor Reid	Amanda Corcoran	To be confirmed.
Overview Report		-	Rachel McKeon	

Items To Be Scheduled

Item	Purpose	Executive Member	Strategic Director/ Lead Officer	Comments
SEND Joint Commissioning Strategy	To receive a report on the SEND Joint Commissioning Strategy.	Cllr Reid	Sean McKendrick	
Thriving Families Programme	To receive an update report at a future meeting, in order to scrutinise the impact of the service, and a further report once it has been rolled out across all Localities	Councillor Reid	Sean McKendrick	May 2025 (to be confirmed) See September 2024 minutes
Youth Investment Fund	To receive an update at an appropriate time.	Councillor Reid	Neil Fairlamb/ John Rooney	See May 2024 minutes
Child Friendly City	To receive an update on work to become a Child Friendly City, to include how children and young people are influencing the delivery of services.	Councillor Reid	Sean McKendrick	
Child Poverty	To receive a report on work to mitigate child poverty, including information on the School Poverty Toolkit.	Councillor Reid	Sean McKendrick Amanda Corcoran	
School Attendance and Attainment	To receive regular reports regarding attainment and attendance. To include information on how successful the back-to-school bus has been, feedback from the Biannual Attendance Conference and next steps.	Councillor Reid	Amanda Corcoran	See July 2024 minutes
Healthy Schools Programme	To receive a report on the Healthy Schools Programme, including Personal Social Health and Economic (PSHE) education in schools.	Councillor Reid	Amanda Corcoran	

Early Years and the COVID-19 pandemic	To consider a report on Early Years development and the progress of the cohort of young children affected by the pandemic. To also include Health Visiting and sufficiency of Early Years places.	Councillor Reid	Amanda Corcoran	See May 2023, January 2024 and February 2024 minutes
Children Social Care National Framework	To receive a report on the Children Social Care National Framework and its implications.	Councillor Reid	Sean McKendrick	See February 2024 and June 2024 minutes
Children's Services Workforce Development Strategy	To receive a report on the Children's Services Workforce Development Strategy.	Councillor Reid	Sean McKendrick	See February 2024 minutes Invite the Chair of the Resources and Governance Scrutiny Committee
The Impact of Domestic Abuse on Children and the Departmental Response to This	To receive an update at an appropriate time, including on work with schools.	Councillor Reid	Sean McKendrick	See June 2024 minutes Invite the Chair of the Communities and Equalities Scrutiny Committee
Making Manchester Fairer Children's Kickstarter Scheme	To receive a further update on this work at an appropriate time (2025/26 municipal year).	Councillor Reid	Amanda Corcoran	See October 2024 minutes
Improving Early Writing programme	To receive an update at an appropriate time.	Councillor Reid	Amanda Corcoran	See October 2024 minutes