



Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Board (2)

Time and Date

2.00 pm on Thursday, 19th September, 2019

Place

Committee Room 3 - Council House

Public Business

1. **Apologies and Substitutions**
2. **Declarations of Interests**
3. **Minutes** (Pages 3 - 6)
 - a) To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 18th July, 2019
 - b) Matters Arising
4. **Special Educational Need and Disability (SEND) Update** (Pages 7 - 8)
Briefing Note of the Deputy Chief Executive (People)
5. **Education Performance** (Pages 9 - 20)
Briefing Note of the Deputy Chief Executive (People)
6. **Work Programme** (Pages 21 - 24)
Briefing Note of the Scrutiny Co-ordinator
7. **Any Other Business**
Any other items of business which the Chair decides to take as matters of urgency because of the special circumstances involved.

Private Business

Nil

Martin Yardley, Executive Director, Place, Council House Coventry

Wednesday, 11 September 2019

Notes: 1) The person to contact about the agenda and documents for this meeting is Michelle Rose, Governance Services, Council House, Coventry, telephone 7683 3111, alternatively information about this meeting can be obtained from the following web link: <http://moderngov.coventry.gov.uk>

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3) Scrutiny Board Members who have an interest in any report to this meeting, but who are not Members of this Scrutiny Board, have been invited to notify the Chair by 12 noon on the day before the meeting that they wish to speak on a particular item. The Member must indicate to the Chair their reason for wishing to speak and the issue(s) they wish to raise.

Membership: Councillors P Akhtar, B Kaur, L Kelly, J Lepoidevin, G Lloyd, P Male, K Sandhu (Chair), R Thay and C Thomas

Co-opted Members: Mrs S Hanson and Mrs K Jones

By Invitation: Councillors K Maton, P Seaman and B Gittins

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Coventry City Council
Minutes of the Meeting of Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Board (2)
held at 10.00 am on Thursday, 18 July 2019

Present:

Members: Councillor K Sandhu (Chair)
Councillor R Ali (substitute for Councillor P Akhtar)
Councillor B Kaur
Councillor L Kelly
Councillor J Lepoidevin
Councillor G Lloyd
Councillor E Ruane (substitute for Councillor C Thomas)

Co-Opted Members: Mrs S Hanson
Mrs K Jones

Cabinet Member: Councillor P Seaman (Cabinet Member for Children and Young People)

Employees (by Directorate):

People J Gregg
Place G Holmes, M Rose

Apologies: Councillor P Akhtar
Councillor C Thomas
Councillor K Maton
Councillor B Gittins

Public Business

6. Declarations of Interests

There were no disclosable pecuniary interests.

7. Minutes

The minutes of the meetings held on 21st March, 2019 and 20th June, 2019 were approved.

Further to minute 3/19 'Introduction to Children's Services and the Education and Skills Service' the Board noted that

- the work programme had been updated
- information had been circulated regarding the youth provision discussion in March and data for Looked After Children
- Exploitation had been referred to Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

8. Children's Services Improvement

The Scrutiny Board considered a Briefing Note of the Deputy Chief Executive (People) which provided an update on the progress with Children's Services

Improvement which had been reported to the Continuous Improvement Executive Group on 23rd May, 2019. The next Continuous Improvement Executive Group will be held on 12th August, 2019.

The report noted that Ofsted re-inspected Children's Services on 6th -30th March 2017, the outcome of the inspection was published on 13th June 2017, Children's Services were judged as "requires improvement to be good". Services for Children were no longer inadequate. The Department for Education (DfE) removed Children's Services from intervention on 13 June 2017, the service was no longer subject to an improvement notice. Supervision and support had been provided by the DfE up to June 2018.

A report on the future arrangements for continuing and sustaining improvements in Coventry was presented by the Independent Chair and the Director of Children's Services at Improvement Board on 3 October 2018. It was agreed that the Children's Services Improvement Board be replaced by a Continuous Improvement Executive Group to retain political and corporate oversight of Children's Services Continuous Improvement. The Group would ensure tighter focus on continuous improvement and Ofsted preparation. The impact of performance would be managed and monitored by the group. This was an interim measure before returning to business as usual in accordance with the revised arrangements for Children's Safeguarding, and subject to satisfactory inspection by September 2020. At this time the Executive Group would cease and oversight transferred to the revised Safeguarding Partnership and monitored as business as usual. Board members fully supported the revised arrangements and membership of the group.

The Leader of the Council and the Chief Executive continued to give public commitment that Children's Services remained a key priority for the Council. This included prioritising funding for Children's Services to maintain its capacity to improve. The Council, alongside partner organisations continued a relentless focus on securing improvements in services for children, young people and families to ensure they were safeguarded and achieve positive outcomes.

Ofsted's revised framework included focused visits to local authorities who were judged to be 'requires improvement' the first visit was held on 30-31 January 2018. The visit focused on the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH). The letter confirming the outcome of the visit was published on 22 February 2018. The Ofsted Annual Conversation with regional representatives was undertaken each year, this took place on 14th February 2019. The meeting was part of a broader meeting covering education and early years. A further focused visit was held on 26-27 February 2019. The visit focused on permanency planning and achieving permanency. The letter confirming the outcome of the visit was published on 21st March 2019. The next standard Inspection of Children's Services was likely to be between September 2019 and September 2020.

The report also contained information about

- Children's Services redesign
- Achieving for children – coaching and workshops
- Workforce
- Performance
- Sustaining continuous improvement

The Board questioned the Cabinet Member and officers on the following:

- The level of information and data provided in the report in order for the Board to scrutinise improvement progress
- governance of the new Continuous Improvement Executive Group
- the 83% retention of staff
- permanence
- preparation for Ofsted
- coaching of strategic operational leads
- quality of practice workshops
- current performance
- key performance indicators and a balance between setting aspirational targets and realistic achievable targets

The Scrutiny Board were pleased that the number of agency workers had significantly reduced.

The Cabinet Member for Children and Young People discussed the trajectory of improvements, the challenges to the service and how people were now attracted to work in Coventry and happy to remain at the Council which had been visible at recruitment events.

RESOLVED that the Scrutiny Board noted the briefing note and requested that further consideration be given to:

1. **The levels of information and data provided to Scrutiny in future Improvement reports**
2. **Scrutiny Board 2 representation on the Continuous Improvement Board**

9. **Work Programme**

The Scrutiny Board considered the Work Programme and noted that since publication it had been updated to include Improvement Board reports back and a Task and Finish group report back.

The Board discussed potential additional items to be considered for the work programme including:

- Children missing and performance of unregulated children's homes
- Children missing from education
- Secure provision for children who have been arrested and not bailed
- Voluntary sector and partnerships to be included in the discussion regarding CSE and Knife Crime
- Task and Finish Group on Partnership Working in Children's Services

RESOLVED that consideration be given to the work programme containing items discussed.

10. **Any Other Business**

There were no other items of business

(Meeting closed at 11.25 am)



Briefing note

To: Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Board (2)
Date: 19th September 2019

Subject: SEND Update

1 Purpose of the Note

- 1.1 To update Scrutiny Board 2 on Coventry Local Area preparation for a SEND Local Area inspection.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 The Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Board are recommended to:
- 1) Consider the content of the briefing note
 - 2) Identify any recommendations to the Cabinet Member for Education and Skills

3 Information/Background

- 3.1 In 2016, the Government commissioned OfSTED (Office for Standards in Education) and the CQC (Care Quality Commission) to conduct a five-year cycle of joint inspections, to monitor the progress of local areas in implementing the SEND reforms. The new statutory duties for education, health and care were set out in the Children and Families Act 2014. The first cycle of inspections is nearing completion. The final inspections will happen no later than the Spring Term 2021.
- 3.2 The aim is to "hold local areas to account and champion the rights of children and young people". In particular, the local area health, social and education services are required to work together to:
- publish a 'local offer' setting out the support and provision in the area for children and young adults with special educational needs or disabilities (or both)
 - provide accessible information to children and young people, as well as parents and carers, about the services and support available in the local area
 - work with children and young people, their parents and carers, and service providers to make sure that any special needs or disabilities (or both) are identified as early as possible
 - assess (in co-operation with children and young people and their parents and carers) the needs of children and young people with special educational needs or disabilities (or both) who may need an education, health and social care plan (EHCP)
 - produce an EHCP for all children and young people who are assessed as needing one (all relevant agencies should cooperate to do this and involve the children and young people and their parents and carers)
 - provide children and young people with the support agreed in their EHCP, and regularly review their plans

4 The National Landscape:

- 4.1 As at September 2019, 96 of the 152 inspections had been completed and reports published. Forty-eight inspections concluded that a statement of written action (STOWA) was required. This means that the inspectors have found “significant areas of weakness in the local areas practice” in 50% of local areas overall.
- 4.2 In 2018/19 a total of 30 inspections took place. 21 of which (70%) required a STOWA.
- 4.3 There are 14 Local Areas across the West Midlands region. Of the 10 inspections conducted so far, six have resulted in a STOWA. One Local Area (Sandwell) has been re-visited’ and it was confirmed that adequate progress had been made and a STOWA was no-longer required. There are four remaining local areas across the West Midlands awaiting inspection: Coventry, Shropshire, Warwickshire and Wolverhampton. These will be conducted one per term between Autumn 2019 and Spring 2021. The Local Area will receive 5 days notice, of the 5 day inspection.
- 4.4 Over the course of the 5-day inspection, inspectors will meet managers and leaders from the area’s education, health and social care services and look at young people’s case files. They will review the support provided by the local area for some individual children and young people to better understand how well the local area meets its responsibilities overall. They will also visit early years settings, schools, further education providers and specialist services.
- 4.5 Further information on the inspection framework is available at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/local-area-send-inspection-framework> . Examples of outcome letters can be found at: <https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/>

5 Coventry preparation:

- 5.1 Working with partners across the Local Area, Coventry remains focused on the continuous improvement of the key statutory areas, specifically the identification of children and young people with SEN (age 0 to 25) across the City; the quality of assessment, the impact of provision and ultimately outcomes in adulthood. Children and young people have told us that they want to enjoy an ‘ordinary life’ which in adulthood includes having full access to community activities, positive relationships and meaningful paid employment. These principles underpin the SEND strategy ‘Lifting the Cloud of Limitation’.
- 5.2 Coventry Local Area has reviewed last years integrated education, health and care self-evaluation for 2019/20, setting out evidenced progress, strengths and areas for further development. The joint self-evaluation continues to focus on the three inspection questions: How well do we identify need, meet need and improve outcomes. The self-evaluation is informed by a comprehensive dataset.
- 5.3 Partners have ensured that when Coventry receive notification of the inspection, all required documentation is available to share with the inspectors and that a logistics and communication plan is in place, evidencing strong governance and partnerships between education, health, social care, Coventry Parent Carer Forum and the young people’s shadow board.

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Coventry City Council

Briefing note

To: Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Board (2)

Date: 19th September

Subject: Education Performance

1 Purpose of the Note

- 1.1 To share unvalidated data on school performance with the Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Board

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 The Education and Children's Scrutiny Board (2) are recommended to:
- 1) Note the content of the presentation at Appendix 1
 - 2) Identify any further recommendations to the Cabinet Member for Education
 - 3) Receive a further report in February 2020 on the validated data

3 Information/Background

- 3.1 Members are requested to consider the presentation at Appendix 1 which covers the following information
- DfE Publication Timetable
 - 2018-19 Headline Achievements
 - Ofsted Profile
 - EYFS and Primary
 - Key Stage 4 and 16-18
 - 2019-20 Emerging Priorities

Appendix 1: Education Performance

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Scrutiny Board 2



Education Performance Monday 19 September 2019

Kirston Nelson
Director of Education and Skills

Coventry City Education Partnership

As champions of children:

- Successful partnership working enables children, young people and adults to access high quality education and learning, develop resilience, make positive life choices and contribute to a vibrant Coventry city.
- Lift the cloud of limitation for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disability and enable their entitlement to an ordinary life.



Children and Young People and their families at the heart of everything we do

Strength in partnership – cultural change from client to co-deliverers

Open and transparent

Collective moral purpose and accountability

Co-design and production

High quality demand-led services

High quality, committed work force with relevant skill set

Efficient & effective, value for money, outcome driven

DfE Publication timetable

Appendix 1

For the academic year ending July 2019, the DfE plan to publish school and college performance tables to the following timetable:

Month	Results/data
October 2019	Provisional key stage 4 results (headline measures only, state-funded schools only)
December 2019	Key stage 2 results
January 2020	Revised key stage 4 results 16 to 18 results for some measures
March 2020	16 to 18 results for remaining measures

2018-19 HEADLINE ACHIEVEMENTS

- **Coventry's Ofsted profile:** the proportion of pupils attending good/outstanding schools remains above national
- **Early Years:** Continued to narrow the gap with national for EYFS and Year 1 phonics maintained
- **Primary:** Improvement in KS2 Writing and Maths at both expected and greater depth
- **Secondary:** Upward trend for KS4 English and improvement in higher grades at A Level
- **Post-16 participation:** Coventry NEET rate remains below national

Ofsted Profile

Appendix 1

Proportion of pupils attending good or outstanding provision (June 2019)			
Phase	%	Statistical neighbours (SN)	National
Early Years <small>(as of 31 August 2018)</small>	94%	Below SN at 95%	Below National at 95%
Primary	95%	Above SN at 85%	Above National at 87%
Secondary	84%	Above SN at 76%	Above National at 80%
Special	100%	Above SN at 93%	Above National at 93%
Overall	91%	Above SN at 81%	Above National at 85%

EYFS and Primary

Appendix 1

Successes

- Early Years Good Level of Development (GLD) improved at a faster rate than national for the second consecutive year
- Year 1 phonics results maintained and gap for children with an EHCP narrowed significantly
- Improvements at a faster rate than national for almost all KS1 subjects at both expected standard and greater depth
- Improvements at a faster rate than national in KS2 Writing at expected standard and Writing and Maths at greater depth
- Improvements at a faster rate than national in KS2 Writing and Maths **progress**
- KS2 upward trend and at a faster rate than national in combined Reading, Writing and Maths for SEN support and children with an EHCP

Emerging priorities

- Continue to improve Early Years GLD so that it is in line with national
- Increase the proportion of children achieving expected standard in Reading by the end of KS2
- **SEND** – continued focus on narrowing the gap to national for:
 - all children with SEND at Early Years
 - children with an EHCP in Reading, Writing and Maths at KS2
 - children with an EHCP in Reading at KS1

Key Stage 4 and 16-18

Appendix 1

Successes

- Improvements in the following KS4 indicators:
 - English and maths combined strong pass (grades 5-9)
 - English strong pass (grades 5-9)
 - English standard pass (grades 4-9)
- Improved performance in high grades (A*-A and A*-B) at A level
- Improved pass rate in vocational qualifications
- 16-17 year old NEET rate below (better than) national at 5.4%

Emerging priorities

- Continue to improve Attainment 8 and Progress 8 so that they are in line with national
- Improve outcomes in GCSE maths strong pass and standard pass
- Continue to improve progress in maths and English by the end of 16-18 (GCSE resits)
- Continue to focus on improving outcomes for pupils receiving SEN support

Education Improvement and Standards 0-19

2019-20 EMERGING PRIORITIES

- Continue to improve our Ofsted profile
- Improve Early Years and primary achievement so that it is in line with or above national
- Improve secondary achievement so that it is in line with or above national
- SEND – continue to focus on improving provision for children and young people receiving SEND support or with an EHCP so that outcomes are in line with or above national

Thank you

Any Questions?

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Please see page 2 onwards for background to items

20th June 2019
Introduction to the Education and Skills Service Introduction to Children's Services
18th July 2019
Children's Services Improvement – Continuous Improvement Board report
19th September 2019
SEND update Education Performance
3rd October 2019
Adoption Annual Report Children's Services Continuous Improvement Board report – 12 August
28th November 2019 9th January 2020
Early Help Hubs Library Review Children's Services Continuous Improvement Board report 22 October and 19 December
13th February 2020
Children Missing Education School Performance Information – validated data
19th March 2020
Retention of Social Workers – progress on recommendations Children's Services Continuous Improvement Board report 25 February
2nd April 2020 Date to be decided
Education, Sport, and Participation Strategy Secure Provision Serious Case Review Early Years/ school readiness Children's Service Executive Group CAMHS Post 16 transition and NEETS One Strategic Plan Partnership working Task and Finish Group Unregulated Children's Homes

Date	Title	Detail	Cabinet Member/ Lead Officer
20th June 2019	Introduction to the Education and Skills Service	An overview of the services provided to enable Members to identify work programme items for the coming year	Kirston Nelson Cllr Maton
	Introduction to Children's Services	An overview of services provided to enable Members to identify work programme items for the coming year	John Gregg Cllr Seaman
18th July 2019	Children's Services Improvement – Continuous Improvement Board report	An updated improvement plan for next period reported to the Continuous Improvement Board from 23 rd May 19 – identifying actions across the 3 priority areas – the report will set the scene for the year and identify other issues for the Board.	John Gregg Cllr Seaman
19th September 2019	SEND update	An overview of the joint inspection with Ofsted and CQC of services for children with special educational needs and disabilities.	Kirston Nelson Jeanette Essex Cllr Maton
	Education Performance	A summary of initial results from 2018/19	Kirston Nelson Cllr Maton
3rd October 2019	Adoption Annual Report	As requested at their meeting on 21 st June to provide a further progress report, along with some facts and figures on the current position with adoption	Paul Smith Cllr Seaman
	Children's Services Continuous Improvement Board report – 12 August	To report on the information presented to the Children's Services Continuous Improvement Board report at their meeting on the 12 th August	
28th November 2019			
9th January 2020	Early Help Hubs	To cover the recommendations made at the meeting on 14 th February 2019 – the dashboard to include those over 19 using the service	John Gregg/ Rebecca Wilshire

SB2 Work Programme 2019-20

Date	Title	Detail	Cabinet Member/ Lead Officer
	Library Review	Members requested to consider a report to the Cabinet Member 3 months after implementation on lone working in libraries	Peter Barnett
	Children's Services Continuous Improvement Board report 22 October and 19 December	To report on the information presented to the Children's Services Continuous Improvement Board report at their meetings on the 22 October and 19 December	
13th February 2020	Children Missing Education	To include children excluded, at risk of exclusion and home schooled	Kirston Nelson Cllr Maton
	School Performance Information – validated data	A report on school performance data using validated data, including LAC and vulnerable groups, as well as gender analysis	Sara Mills Kirston Nelson Cllr Maton
19th March 2020	Retention of Social Workers – progress on recommendations	Following up on progress on the recommendations from the T&F group on retention of social workers made by SB2 29 th March 2018	John Gregg Lee Pardy-McLaughlin Cllr Seaman
	Children's Services Continuous Improvement Board report 25 February	To report on the information presented to the Children's Services Continuous Improvement Board report at their meeting on the 25 February	
2nd April 2020			
Date to be decided	Education, Sport, and Participation Strategy	Following their meeting on 6 th September 2018, Members requested further information on the draft strategy	Sarah Mills Cllr Maton
	Secure Provision	To look in more detail at the provision of secure placements and custody for young people across the region including those arrested and not bailed.	John Gregg
	Serious Case Review	To consider progress on recommendations from a recent SCR	Rebekah Eaves

Date	Title	Detail	Cabinet Member/ Lead Officer
	Early Years/ school readiness	Linked to the item above – how both education and early help hubs are supporting school readiness	Kirston Nelson/ John Gregg
	Children’s Service Executive Group	Regular progress reports to be received by the Board after every Executive Group meeting	John Gregg
	CAMHS	A 12 month follow up report on progress requested at the meeting on 4 th April 2019 as a joint meeting with SB5	John Gregg
	Post 16 transition and NEETS	To look at higher and further education destinations, support to NEETS and	Kirston Nelson Cllr Maton
	One Strategic Plan	To consider any Cabinet Reports on the One Strategic Plan	Kirston Nelson Cllr Maton
	Criminal Exploitation of Children (Gangs and Knife Crime) Youth Offending Service/Youth Justice Support for Ofsted	To look at partnership work on preventing violent crime, including police panels, education, children’s services, public health, police and schools	Key partners Cllr Maton
	Partnership working Task and Finish Group	To look at more detail at how partners are working together on to protect children and young people	Cllr Sandhu John Gregg External partners
	Unregulated Children's Homes		