



Leicester
City Council

**MEETING OF THE CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND EDUCATION
SCRUTINY COMMISSION**

DATE: TUESDAY, 20 AUGUST 2024

TIME: 5:30 pm

**PLACE: Meeting Room G.01, Ground Floor, City Hall, 115 Charles
Street, Leicester, LE1 1FZ**

Members of the Commission

Councillor Batool (Chair)

Councillor Bonham (Vice-Chair)

Councillors Clarke, Gregg, Karavadra, Mahesh, March and Dr Moore

Co-opted Members (Voting)

Roman Catholic Diocese - one vacancy

Church of England Diocese – one vacancy

Parent Governor Representative Primary Schools – one vacancy

Parent Governor Representative Secondary Schools – one vacancy

Parent Governor Representative Special Schools – one vacancy

Standing Invitees (Non-Voting)

Youth Representatives

Jennifer Day

Laurence Jones

Janet McKenna

Teaching Unions representative

UNISON Branch Secretary

Members of the Commission are invited to attend the above meeting to consider the items of business listed overleaf.

For the Monitoring Officer

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USEFUL ACRONYMS IN RELATION TO OFSTED AND EDUCATION AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES

(updated November 2015)

Acronym	Meaning
APS	Average Point Score: the average attainment of a group of pupils; points are assigned to levels or grades attained on tests.
ASYE	Assessed and Supported Year in Employment
C&YP	Children and Young People
CAMHS	Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service
CFST	Children and Families Support Team
CICC	Children in Care Council
CIN	Children in Need
CLA	Children Looked After
CLASS	City of Leicester Association of Special Schools
COLGA	City of Leicester Governors Association
CPD	Continuing Professional Development
CQC	Care Quality Commission
CYPF	Children Young People and Families Division (Leicester City Council)
CYPP	Children and Young People's Plan
CYPS Scrutiny	Children, Young People and Schools Scrutiny Commission
DAS	Duty and Advice Service
DCS	Director of Children's Services
EAL	English as an Additional Language
EET	Education, Employment and Training
EHA	Early Help Assessment
EHCP	Education Health and Care Plan
EHP	Early Help Partnership
EHSS	Early Help Stay Safe
EIP	Education Improvement Partnership

ELG	Early Learning Goals: aspects measured at the end of the Early Years Foundation Stage Profile
EY	Early Years
EYFS	Early Years Foundation Stage: (0-5); assessed at age 5.
EYFSP	Early Years Foundation Stage Profile
FS	Foundation Stage: nursery and school Reception, ages 3-5; at start of Reception a child is assessed against the new national standard of 'expected' stage of development, then teacher assessment of Foundation Stage Profile areas of learning
FSM	Free School Meals
GCSE	General Certificate of Education
GLD	Good Level of Development
HMCI	Her Majesty's Chief Inspector
HR	Human Resources
ICT	Information, Communication and Technology
IRO	Independent Reviewing Officer
JSNA	Joint Strategic Needs Assessment
KPI	Key Performance Indicator
KS1	Key Stage 1: National Curriculum Years (NCYs) 1 and 2, ages 5-7; assessed at age 7.
KS2	Key Stage 2: NCYs 3, 4, 5, and 6, ages 7-11; assessed at age 11.
KS3	Key Stage 3: NCYs 7, 8 and 9, ages 11-14; no statutory assessment.
KS4	Key Stage 4: NCYs 10 and 11, ages 14-16; assessed at age 16.
KTC	Knowledge Transfer Centre
LA	Local Authority
LADO	Local Authority Designated Officer
LARP	Leicester Access to Resources Panel
LCCIB	Leicester City Council Improvement Board
LCT	Leicester Children's Trust
LDD	Learning Difficulty or Disability
LESP	Leicester Education Strategic Partnership
LLEs	Local Leaders of Education
LP	Leicester Partnership

LPP	Leicester Primary Partnership
LPS	Leicester Partnership School
LSCB	Leicester Safeguarding Children Board
LSOAs	Lower Super Output Areas
MACFA	Multi Agency Case File Audit
NCY	National Curriculum Year
NEET	Not in Education, Employment or Training
NLEs	National Leaders of Education
NLGs	National Leaders of Governance
OFSTED	Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills
PEPs	Personal Education Plans
PI	Performance Indicator
PVI	Private, Voluntary and Independent
QA	Quality Assurance
RAP	Resource Allocation Panel
RI	Requires Improvement
SA	Single Assessment
SALT	Speech and Language Therapy
SCR	Serious Case Review
SEN	Special Educational Needs
SEND	Special Educational Needs and Disabilities
SIMS	Schools Information Management Systems
SLCN	Speech, Language and Communication Needs
SLEs	Specialist Leaders of Education
SMT	Senior Management Team
SRE	Sex and Relationship Education
TBC	To be Confirmed
TFL	Tertiary Federation Leicester
TP	Teenage Pregnancy
UHL	University Hospitals Leicester
WIT	Whatever it Takes
YOS	Youth Offending Service

PUBLIC SESSION

AGENDA

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1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To issue a welcome to those present, and to confirm if there are any apologies for absence.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members are asked to declare any interests they may have in the business to be discussed.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

**Appendix A
(Pages 1 - 12)**

The minutes of the meeting of the Children, Young People, and Education Scrutiny Commission held on 19 June 2024 have been circulated, and Members are asked to confirm them as a correct record.

4. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair is invited to make any announcements as they see fit.

5. QUESTIONS, REPRESENTATIONS, AND STATEMENTS OF CASE

The Monitoring Officer to report on any questions, representations, or statements of case received.

The Monitoring Officer to report on the receipt of any questions, representations or statements of case received in accordance with Council procedures.

A question and a statement has been received by Mr Stephen Ashley.

Stephen Ashley to ask:

“Can the City Council commit to immediate, constructive dialogue in order to give the City's nine adventure playgrounds the best possible chance of moving towards sustainability?”

Mr Stephen Ashley submitted the below statement:

The Adventure Playgrounds, for Scrutiny Committee

The City's adventure playgrounds have a long and proud history of serving generations of Leicester's children and young people. They operate in nine of the most disadvantaged areas and have served communities for over 50 years. Their value as effective grass roots provisions is unquestionable and have been a building block of Leicester social cohesion. The longevity of these projects and the high number of children and young people using them over the decades, results in the overwhelming support we have within the wider community and amongst our professional partners.

Another significant feature of the projects is our extensive age range which, coupled with staff offering support and a sympathetic ear throughout their young lives and often beyond, means that many ex users come back to offer help and support

Amongst our users past and present there is a real sense of pride and passion for respective playgrounds, leading to huge support amongst the city's population.

Anyone who works with communities and particularly with young people will testify that to be effective, you need to build up relationships based on trust and mutual respect. It took many years for our playgrounds to earn the trust and respect that we have.

If the playgrounds do close so much community work will be lost, anything that comes after will effectively be starting from scratch.

We cannot believe that the City council want this outcome. Our projects are more needed now than ever. There is a genuine urgency at present as Committees have already issued redundancy notices for staff.

We understand the financial predicament that the council are in and the playgrounds have had over two decades of standstill budgets so we know all about cutbacks.

We have effectively been looking in three different directions since notification of withdrawal of funding at the end of this financial year – maintaining our

service during the busiest time of year; looking to safeguard committee members over possible liabilities and looking for funding and alternative income streams.

In order for the playgrounds to transition away from council funding we require more time and better tenure of the buildings. We have made a lot of progress in a short amount of time. We have a lot of expertise amongst our staff teams, and we have a team of the best bid writers working for us. What we need is the time for bids to turn around.

We are ever hopeful that the present impasse can be talked through and that together we can find a way that not only secures the playgrounds but allows us to be a springboard to develop a wider usage of the playgrounds to benefit the communities we jointly serve.

We believe this can be achieved by retaining and building a good working relationship with the council.

6. PETITIONS

Any petitions received in accordance with Council procedures will be reported.

7. ADVENTURE PLAYGROUNDS UPDATE

**Appendix B
(Pages 13 - 22)**

The Strategic Director of Social Care and Education has submitted a report to update the commission on the position for each of the nine Play Associations that manage the adventure playgrounds across the city.

Members to note that this report is for information only.

8. FAMILY HUBS AND CHILDREN'S CENTRES

**Appendix C
(Pages 23 - 40)**

The Strategic Director of Social Care and Education and the Strategic Director of Childrens Social Work and Early Help have submitted a report and will headline a presentation on ongoing work within Family Hubs and Children's Centres.

Members to note that this report is for information only.

9. USE OF CAPITAL PROGRAMME IN SCHOOLS

**Appendix D
(Pages 41 - 92)**

The Director of SEND and Education has submitted a report to update the commission on Childrens and Education projects and programmes of work

completed relatively recently by the Capital Projects and Minor Works teams within Estates & Building Services.

10. LEICESTER CITY YOUTH JUSTICE PLAN 2024-25 **Appendix E**
(Pages 93 - 168)

The Director of Childrens Social Work and Early Help submits a report providing a summary of the annual Youth Justice Plan refresh highlighting progress to date and new emerging priorities. The commission is recommended to consider, note and comment on the recommendations as set out in Paragraph 6.

11. WORK PROGRAMME **Appendix F**
(Pages 169 - 172)

Members of the Commission will be asked to consider the work programme and make suggestions for additional items as it considers necessary.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS