



Leicester
City Council

MEETING OF THE CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND EDUCATION SCRUTINY COMMISSION

DATE: WEDNESDAY, 18 JUNE 2025

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 Barnes, Cole, Gregg, Dr Moore, Singh Sangha and Westley

Co-opted Members (Voting)

Dr Joycelin Eze-Okubuiro

Parent Governor Representative

Standing Invitees (Non-Voting)

Young People's Council Representatives

Jennifer Day

Teaching Unions representative

Janet McKenna

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
ESFA	Education Skills and Funding Agency
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
YPC	Young People's Council

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 - 22)**

The minutes of the meeting of the Children, Young People, and Education Scrutiny Commission held on 8th April 2025 and 22nd May 2025 have been circulated, and Members are asked to confirm them as a correct record.

4. MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMISSION 2025/26

The Membership of the Commission will be confirmed and noted.

CHAIR	Councillor Misbah Batool
VICE CHAIR	Councillor Stephen Bonham
	Councillor George Cole
	Councillor Lynn Moore
	Councillor Mohinder Singh Sangha
	Councillor Charleigh Barnes
	Councillor Paul Westley
	Councillor Mick Gregg
CO-OPTED MEMBER	Joycelin Eze-Okubuiro (Parent Governor – Primary Schools)

**5. DATES OF MEETINGS FOR THE COMMISSION
2025/26**

Members will be asked to note the meeting dates of the commission for 2025-26:

18 June 2025
19 August 2025
28 October 2025
20 January 2026
3 March 2026
14 April 2026

6. TERMS OF REFERENCE

**Appendix B
(Pages 23 - 24)**

The Commission will be asked to note the Terms of Reference.

7. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**8. QUESTIONS, REPRESENTATIONS AND
STATEMENTS OF CASE**

Dr Nizamuddin Patel asks:

1. Ofsted's latest report for children's services states LCC 'requires improvement' in every area. Whereas our neighbouring council Leicestershire County Council has received 'outstanding' in all areas bar one. Is your department planning on working with the county to share good practices to improve LCC children's services?

2. Ofsted have stated that the overall effectiveness of the department has declined since its last inspection in 2021. It also notes that there is not enough challenge from managers or that they 'were not sufficiently sighted on issues'. Have senior leaders considered 'open door' policy for any level of their staff to speak with them openly?

3. Further to this, will senior leaders consider emailing/contacting parents and other professionals involved with children's social service on a regular basis with a simple feedback form/questionnaire to gauge an understanding of how well the service is currently operating and if there can be any improvements to the service?

4. There is a national shortage of skilled social workers. I understand council

has plans of international recruitment. However, what perks or additional benefits do LCC give domestic social workers which will entice them to continue working with LCC?

5. From exit interviews with social workers leaving LCC, what are the 3 most common reasons of them leaving? Can this be mitigated?

9. PETITIONS

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

10. INTRODUCTION TO CYPE SCRUTINY COMMISSION **Appendix C** **(Pages 25 - 32)**

The Lead Scrutiny Directors of the Commission to outline the service areas that form part of the commission.

11. FAMILIES FIRST PROGRAMME **Appendix D** **(Pages 33 - 36)**

The Strategic Director of Social Care and Education and the Director of Children's Social Work and Early Help will give a presentation to the Commission outlining the vision for the development of services in Leicester in response to the governments reforms to children's social care known as the Families First programme

12. SOCIAL CARE AND EDUCATION PERFORMANCE DASHBOARD **Appendix E** **(Pages 37 - 42)**

The Strategic Director of Social Care and Education submits a report to the performance dashboard that will be provided quarterly as means of overseeing performance and identifying areas for further scrutiny.

13. CHILDREN'S SOCIAL CARE, EARLY HELP AND PREVENTION IMPROVEMENT PLAN **Appendix F** **(Pages 43 - 64)**

The Director of Children's Social Work and Early Help submits a report on the Children's Social Care, Early Help and Prevention Improvement Plan.

14. WORK PROGRAMME **Appendix G** **(Pages 65 - 68)**

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

15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

