



Bristol Scrutiny 2017/18

Scoping of Scrutiny Topics

Title

Children's Centres

1.Reasons for Undertaking this Work

Main reasons for undertaking the piece of work (and any Background information if relevant)

- Fluid situation at present, public consultation to commence in the autumn, scrutiny activity to start late September/early October
- Budget pressures
- Increasing need and increased costs for procurement/provision

Background Information:

- The Mayor's Vision
- Strategic Plan
- Previous Scrutiny

Key question that you are seeking to answer

Tbc

Main objectives/main areas of investigation

Tbc

Draft Terms of Reference and possible outcomes

Tbc

2.Member Involvement

Members involved

Cllr Keen, Cllr Massey
Longer term membership to be agreed at OSMB

Key Executive Member

Cllr Godwin, Children and Young People
Cllr Hiscott, Education and Skills

Other Executive
Member Portfolios
covered, if any

Cllr Craig, Deputy Mayor – Communities (Public Health, Public Transport,
Libraries, Parks) (ref: Children Centres as Early Help and Council Assets)
Cllr Cheney Deputy Mayor – Finance, Governance and Performance (ref:
Strategic Commissioning children's services)

3. Officer Support

Lead Directorate
Officer(s)

Paul Jacobs, Service Director – Education and Skills
Sally Jaeckle, Service Manager - Early Years

Policy Advisor

Louise deCordova

List of possible internal
and external
witnesses/contributors
and key information
required

Key Partners and Stakeholders:

Bristol City Council Staff Early Help Teams etc.
Voluntary Sector Partners
Health Providers
Service users
Equality Groups

Data:

Statistical Neighbours
Budget information

Future LGIU Briefings:

- The potential for developing the capacity and diversity of children's social care services in England
- SEND inspection outcome letters – Part 1
- Children and Social Work Act 2017
- Peer Support and Children and Young People's Mental Health
- Prospects for Education, Early Years, Children's Care Services and Further Education and Skills

Time Frame

Suggested	Post September/early October start

Decision-making/path
for recommendations:

Recommendations from investigation to be agreed and adopted by OSM Board
(date tbc)
Recommendations to Executive (Mayor/Cabinet) (date tbc)
Depending on nature of recommendations may need to go to FC (date tbc)

Costs

Specific costs identified

None at present

Date: July 2017