



Meeting: *Children Sport & Leisure Policy and Scrutiny Committee*
Date: *Prepared in May 2016 based on information as at 30th April 2016.*
Title: *City for All, Children and Young People Progress Report*
Report of: *Councillor Chalkley, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People*

1 City for All Priorities

1.1 We will improve our approach to joint safeguarding with the Police in relation to Child Sexual Exploitation [CSE] by ensuring 100% of referrals in relation to CSE are jointly investigated by Westminster and Police.

- At 30th April 2016, nine cases remained open in Westminster and all of these have had a joint investigation with police. The Multi-Agency Sexual Exploitation (MASE) panel has revised its terms of reference to improve case monitoring and focus on perpetrators.

1.2 We will improve safeguarding actions by Children's Services, Health and Police in relation to FGM.

- At 30th April 2016, 65 cases have been referred for early intervention, statutory assessment or child protection intervention in relation to FGM. This includes women who are seen at clinic and being tracked to see if social work intervention is needed. The project has been able to demonstrate its effectiveness in safeguarding girls from FGM and has therefore received a further six months funding from the DfE.

1.3 We will improve the life chances of children and young people in Westminster by intervening as soon as children show signs of not reaching their full potential or getting into trouble.

- This will be achieved by increasing support to 10 Westminster young people identified victims or witnesses of crime who are being educated at Tri-borough alternative provision schools (Beechcroft, Latimer or The Bridge).

1.4 Ensuring that 80% of the identified young people engaging in one to one and/or group work sessions increasing their positive questionnaire responses to self-esteem, confidence and feeling safe to 50%.

- This is a new City for All Pledge for 2016-17 and the first progress update on the measures will be reported at the end of July.

1.5 We will increase the proportion of children across all Westminster Primary Schools who reach the expected national standard in Reading, Writing and Mathematics, and be above the national averages, as measured by the new Standard Attainment Tests and Assessments [SATs].

- For 2015 the Primary school Key Stage 2 L4+ final results were 84%, down slightly from 86% in 2014, but still above the national average of 80%.

	2013	2014	2015
Westminster LA	79%	86%	84%
National	76%	79%	80%

- Following the introduction of the new national method of reporting Standard Attainment Tests and Assessments [SATs], Westminster's target is to be above the national percentage of pupils at the new expected standard and above in reading, writing and mathematics at Key Stage 2 results. An update on this pledge will be reported at the end of August.

1.6 We will work with and challenge the City's schools to exceed GCSE pass rates of 2015 and to be above the new National average.

- For 2015 the GCSE pass rates showed that 68% of Westminster pupils achieved 5 grade A*-C GCSEs, including English and Mathematics. Westminster's results place it as the tenth highest performing local authority nationally and the highest in inner London.

	2013	2014	2015
Westminster LA	70%	68%	68%
National	59%	53%	54%
Inner London	63%	60%	60%

1.7 We will ensure vulnerable children in the early years get the Best Start in Life by implementing the Early Help Strategy, so they receive multi-agency support at the right time, ensuring that 75% of 2 year olds in Westminster will receive a developmental review.

- The most recently published Public Health data for 2015-16 quarter three indicates that 70% of eligible 2 year olds in Westminster received a developmental review. This is below the 75% target for the year and just below the 2014/15 outturn of 73.8%. The 2015-16 Annual statistics are due to be published in October 2016 alongside 2016-17 quarter one.

1.8 We will ensure there are sufficient and flexible two year old places to meet demand from eligible families. To increase availability of childcare places by 10% to 550 places by March 2017. We will actively market the targeted 2 year offer to increase take up of places against the national expectation of 70% take-up. We will ensure 95% of Children in childcare settings at age 2 years old have an integrated review.

- Take-up of targeted 2 year old places decreased to 37% as of February 2016, this is due to larger numbers of children blocking current capacity and a large number of pending applications at the time the data was submitted. During 2015-16, 32 places have become available at Essendine and Paddington Green Children's Centre and 24 places at Micky Star Children's Centre.

New places have also been provided through private nursery provision during spring 2016. The completion of the remaining capital works will see an increase in the available places at Bayswater Children's Centre. As part of the wider drive to increase the availability of childcare places the Early Help Service are exploring options at Westbourne and Queensway Children's Centres, as well as looking at potential opportunities with schools. A comprehensive marketing campaign is now in place and is being delivered through Family Lives in conjunction with children's centres.

1.9 We will strengthen preventative support within the universal offer by increasing access in the antenatal period with 50% attendance of those invited to baby steps and the universal offer.

- Further to the pilot provision of Antenatal classes in March and April 2016 classes are being rolled out across Westminster from June 2016. It is hoped that the provision of Antenatal classes throughout Westminster will increase the number of people attending the universal offer. An update on attendance will be available in July 2016.

1.10 We will reduce the numbers of young people resident in Westminster in school years 12, 13 and 14 whose education status is 'not known' to 10% (375 young people) or below.

- There has been an average reduction of 2% from February – April 2016 when comparing the rate of young people whose education status was 'not known' to the same period in 2015. The most recently published rates indicate that Westminster continues to experience higher rates than the London and national average, although the gap has reduced.

Not known	Feb-15	Mar-15	Apr-15	Feb-16	Mar-16	Apr-16
Westminster	13.5%	13.1%	12.6%	11.0%	10.3%	10.6%
Number of young people	498	484	462	407	380	394
LONDON	7.4%	6.9%	7.0%	7.4%	7.1%	Awaiting publication
ENGLAND	6.9%	6.5%	6.7%	6%	6.0%	Awaiting publication

- Further work is being commissioned to tackle and reduce the number of 16-18 year old 'not knowns'. Once identified, it is likely that a high proportion of them will in fact be NEET, thus increasing the NEET figure shown in the table below.
- Comparing the rates of NEET at April 2015 (2.95%) and April 2016 (2%), there has been a reduction of 29 young people and the 2016 rate is below both the London and national rates.

NEET	Feb-15	Mar-15	Apr-15	Feb-16	Mar-16	Apr-16
Westminster	2.95%	2.89%	2.95%	1.87%	1.93%	2.0%
Number of young people	95	93	95	62	64	66
LONDON	1.6%	1.7%	1.8%	3.20%	3.3%	Awaiting publication
ENGLAND	2.5%	2.6%	2.7%	4.3%	4.3%	Awaiting publication

- 1.11 We will create a Young Westminster Foundation (YWF) to allow businesses and individuals to play a part in providing services for young people in the borough.**
- The YWF will be established as an independent charity. The founding trustees were confirmed in May 2016 and recruitment of a CEO is underway with an anticipated start date of October 2016. Financial support has been secured from the John Lyon's Charity and additional support is being provided by businesses and other stakeholders. Targets and leads for business engagement will be agreed and identified with the WCC Economy Team.
- 1.12 Phase 2 TF programme: 17% (385) of families achieve significant and sustained improvement against their qualifying criteria.**
- WCC has identified and commenced work with 1,535 families as part of the second phase of the Troubled Families programme. The families identified represent 68% of the total number of families WCC expect to work with during the first five years of the programme. The first opportunity to claim Payments by Results will close in October 2016.
- 1.13 Young Carers: Number of newly identified young carers referred to the Westminster Access team for assessment.**
- From 1 February 2016, all newly identified young carers are referred to the Access Team for assessment. The first update on the number of newly identified young carers receiving an early help assessment will be available at the end of June 2016.
- 1.14 We will reduce the number of resident adolescents needing to come into care**
- 23 adolescents aged 14 to 17 were taken into care in 2015 -16 (excluding UASC status or remand) which was a reduction from 2014-15 which saw 28 adolescents taken into care. Since April 2016 there have been no 14 to 17 year olds taken into care. This reduction has been achieved by considering alternatives to remand for young offenders; developing a range of interventions linked to the 'Focus On Practice' initiative to support families and providing robust rehabilitation home support packages.
- 1.15 Parental Employability Programme: We will encourage parents to attend all sessions and encourage 80% of the original cohort to complete the course.**
- In addition to the overall programme, extra support is being provided to twenty-four parents from each group, twelve from Queens Park Children Centre and twelve from Church Street Children Centre. This additional support is to ensure that at least 80% of participants are successful in accessing employment, apprenticeship, volunteering or further training.
- 1.16 We will support looked after children, of working age where the council is the corporate parent, into stable economic secure adult life. We will ensure 75% of Care Leavers are in Education, Employment and Training [EET], 50% more care leavers participate in Apprenticeships and at least 95% of care leavers are in suitable accommodation.**
- A monthly Transitions Panel tracks and monitors young people who are Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET). Each young person is referred to an EET Advisor who works with them to develop an Action Plan. The Virtual School provides a number of specific EET programmes including weekly support sessions designed to help young people into Education, Employment or Training. A Tri-borough work experience programme has been developed by the Virtual School and Education Business Partnership and was launched in January 2016.

1.17 We will train fifteen young people with special educational needs to enable them to travel to and from school independently.

- To date nine young people have received training and now travel to and from school independently. This progress means that the service is on track to meet this year's target of 15 and exceed last year's total of 10.

1.18 Twenty-five young people with special educational needs statements will transfer to EHC plans.

- The Department for Education has produced a revised transfer review plan for local authorities to deliver between 2016 and 2018. The revised plan has been produced in response to difficulties had by Local Authorities in delivering the original programme. SEN practices and processes continue to be developed in order to achieve continued improvement. It is expected that the target of 25 young people will be met this year.

1.19 We will ensure that children continue to have a choice of nutritious school meals which achieve and maintain all legislative and contract standards. Managing and monitoring meal take up for free, paid and Universal free school meals initiative.

- 2016-17 targets are as follows:
 - Free school meals - 88% of eligible children in Nursery and KS2
 - Paid school meals – 55% of children in Nursery and KS2
 - Overall take up of the school lunch within the WCC central contract – 70%
 - Overall take up of universal infant free school meals – 87%

1.20 New approaches to foster carer recruitment to increase numbers of foster carers recruited to 25 by September 2016.

- Cornerstone, a social enterprise organisation, has been commissioned to undertake marketing and recruitment for foster carers. A new website was launched in October 2015 and Cornerstone is working with the Fostering Service to develop new approaches to fostering for sibling groups and children with complex needs. To date six households have been approved and twelve are currently under assessment. In total there has been 236 enquires compared to 153 in 2014/15.