



City of Westminster September 2016 Cabinet Member Update

Meeting: *Children Sport & Leisure Policy and Scrutiny Committee*
Date: *Prepared in September 2016 based on information as at 31st August 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]. This will be done by ensuring 100% of referrals, in relation to CSE, are collaboratively investigated by Westminster and Police.

- At 30th April 2016, twelve cases remained open in Westminster, all of which have had joint investigations with police. The Multi-Agency Sexual Exploitation (MASE) panel has revised its terms of reference, as to improve case monitoring.

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

- Since April 2016, 33 cases have been referred for early intervention, initial assessment or child protection intervention in relation to FGM. This includes women who are seen at clinics or tracked to see if social work intervention is needed. There are ongoing discussions with partners, regarding individual cases, to raise profile of FGM amongst professionals.

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. To achieve this, we will ensure that 80% of the identified young people are engaging in one to one and/or group work sessions. We will also increase positive questionnaire responses to self-esteem, confidence and feeling safe, to 50%.

- Increased support will be given to ten Westminster young people, identified as victims or witnesses of crime and who are being educated at Tri-borough alternative provision schools (Beechcroft, Latimer or The Bridge).
- Since April 2016, 15 Westminster young people, educated at Tri-borough alternative provision schools, have been identified as victims and/or witnesses of crime. All of the young people identified have engaged in both 1-to-1 and group sessions. Nine of the young people (60%) have already reported an increase in self-esteem, confidence and feeling safe, while those who have not are continuing to be worked with.

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

- Based on 2016 provisional data and the introduction of the new SATs, Westminster expects to perform above the national average. Projected final results are expected to be 58%, which is above the national rate of 53%.

	2013	2014	2015	2016 <i>(new national method of reporting)</i>
Westminster LA	79%	86%	84%	56% <i>(58% projected final result.)</i>
National	76%	79%	80%	53%

1.5 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.

- Following the introduction of the new national GCSE grading structure, the 2016 Attainment 8 target is: **5.5** and the Progress 8 target is: **0.4**. Both targets are above expected to be above the national average.
- 2016 provisional figures are just short of target for attainment 8, however the current figure is subject to change. In comparison to the previous measure (percentage 5+ A*-C including English and mathematics), provisional figures show a 5% improvement on 2015 (73%).

	2013	2014	2015	2016 <i>(new national method of reporting)</i>	
				Attainment 8 score	Progress 8 measure
Westminster LA	70%	68%	68%	54.9 <i>(provisional)</i>	No calculation currently available
National	59%	53%	54%		
Inner London	63%	60%	60%		

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

- Recently published Public Health data indicates that 70% of eligible 2 year olds, in Westminster, received a developmental review. This is below the 75% target for the year and compares unfavourably to the 2014/15 outturn of 73.8%. The 2015-16 Annual statistics are due to be published in October 2016 and an update for this pledge will be reported at the end of October 2016.

1.7 Improve school readiness:

- **We will ensure there are sufficient and flexible two year old places to meet demand from eligible families, increasing the availability of childcare places by 10% to 550 places by March 2017.**
- **We will actively market the targeted 2 year offer to increase the take up of places against the national expectation (70%).**
- **We will ensure 95% of children in care settings, at age 2 years old, have an integrated review.**
- Capacity building continues to grow; the places pending at Bayswater Children's Centre are planned to increase once their remaining capital works have been completed. As part of the further repurposing of children's centres, the Early Help Service are exploring options for 2 year old delivery at Westbourne and Queensway Children's Centre's. Opportunities with other schools are still being explored.

- Since April 2016, 415 out of 591 (70%) eligible children received a 2-2½ year review, by the age of 2½ years. Contractually, CLCH are commissioned to meet the 75% target for the 2 year check. As a result, CLCH have a range of actions underway to improve reporting on 2 year checks, which includes ensuring the review is in line with Local Authority requirements. At the end of the Summer Term, 144 of the 2 year olds in Westminster nurseries (65%) had an integrated review.

1.8 We will strengthen preventative support within the universal offer, by increasing access to classes during the antenatal period, with 50% attendance of those invited.

- Pilot classes from March/April 2016 were rolled out across Westminster from June 2016 and this has led to an incremental increase in numbers attending the universal offer. Since April 2016, 39 parents have attended Antenatal classes.

1.9 We will reduce the numbers of young people in Westminster, in school years 12, 13 and 14, whose education status is 'not known.' The target will be set at 10% (375 young people) or below.

- Comparing the months of May, June and July for the rate of young people whose education status was 'not known', there has been a reduction of -1% between the three month average for the two years. Overall, numbers have reduced by 33, when comparing July 2015 and July 2016. The most recent published national rates indicate that Westminster continues to be above the London and national rates, although the gap has reduced.

'Not known'	Academic Age 16 -18 (year 12-14)					
	2016-17			2015-16		
	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	May-15	Jun-15	Jul-15
Westminster	10.7%	10.6%	11.1%	12.5%	12.1%	12.2%
Number of young people	395	392	410	458	441	443
LONDON	7.4%	7.2%	7.6%	7.5%	6.9%	8.1%
ENGLAND	6.6%	6.3%	7.0%	7.1%	7.3%	13.2%

- Comparing the rates of NEET at July 2015 (2.7%) and July 2016 (2%), there has been a reduction of 23 young people. Also, the July 2016 rate is below both the London and national rates.
- The DfE have confirmed that local authorities, from September 2016, will no longer be required to track young people of academic age 18. Local Authorities will only be required to include information about young people up to the end of the academic year, in which they have their 18th birthday (academic age 16 and 17).

NEET	Academic Age 16 -18 (year 12-14)					
	2016-17			2015-16		
	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	May-15	Jun-15	Jul-15
Westminster	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.9%	2.9%	2.7%
Number of young people	66	66	66	95	95	89
LONDON	3.4%	3.4%	3.5%	3.6%	3.6%	3.8%
ENGLAND	4.4%	4.5%	4.6%	4.8%	4.9%	5.4%

1.10 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.

- This will be achieved by establishing the Foundation as an independent charity, which is registered with the Charity Commission. The founding trustees were confirmed in May 2016. The Charity Application was submitted in July 2016 and CEO recruitment is underway, with an anticipated start date of November 2016. Business, Young People and other stakeholders are involved in supporting the Foundation with financial support secured from John Lyon's Charity. The target is to recruit twenty-five organisations into membership and seventy-five Businesses, who are to be introduced through the WCC Economy Team.

1.11 Phase 2 Troubled Families programme: 17% (385) of families achieve significant and sustained improvement against their qualifying criteria.

- For Phase 2 of the Troubled Families programme, the Local Authority has identified and commenced work with 1535 families (68% of the 5 year cohort), with a year one target of 385 families. The first opportunity to claim Payments By Results will close in October 2016. A progress update on this pledge will be reported at the end of October 2016.

1.12 Young Carers: Number of newly identified young carers referred to the Westminster Access team for assessment.

- From 1 February 2016, newly identified young carers are referred to the Access Team for assessment. Since April 2016, all five newly identified young carers have received early help intervention.

1.13 We will reduce the number of resident adolescents needing to come into care

- In 2015-16, 23 Westminster adolescents, aged 14 to 17 years (excluding UASC status or remand), needed to come into care. This has seen a reduction from the 28 adolescents at year end in 2014-15. Since April 2016, 8 Westminster resident adolescents, aged 14 to 17 years (excluding UASC status or remand), have needed to come into care.
- There are a number of actions underway to achieve this indicator, such as; examining alternatives to remand for young offenders, the development of interventions linked to the 'Focus On Practice' initiative and the development of robust rehabilitation home support packages.

1.14 Parental Employability Programme: We will encourage parents to attend all sessions and encourage 80% of the original cohort to complete the course

- Currently, there is a focus on twenty-four parents per cohort; twelve from Queens Park Children Centre and twelve from Church Street Children Centre. This is to ensure 80% of the cohort has access to employment, apprenticeships, volunteering opportunities or further training.
- The first cohort (57 learners) completed the first ten weeks of the programme in early July and the majority will be continuing the programme in September. Two learners from Queens Park Children Centre and one learner from Portman Children Centre have progressed to a main site Level 1 qualification course. Further updates will be provided at the end of the autumn term.

1.15 We will support looked after children, of working age and where the council is the corporate parent, into secure adult life. We will ensure: 75% of Care Leavers are in Education, Employment and Training [EET], 50% of Care Leavers participate in Apprenticeships and at least 95% of Care Leavers are in suitable accommodation.

- At the end of July 2016, 57% of care leavers were in Education, Employment and Training [EET] and 74% of care leavers were in suitable accommodation. Young people who are Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET), are tracked and monitored through a monthly Transitions Panel. A Tri-borough work experience programme has also been launched (January 2016), this has been developed by the Virtual School and Education Business Partnership.

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

- To date, nine young people were enabled to travel to and from school independently. This performance means that the service is on track to meet this year's target and exceed last years' performance (10). Updates for this pledge are based on the academic school year; the next progress update will be reported at the end of the autumn term.

1.17 We will transfer 25 young people, with special educational needs statements, to EHC plans.

- During the first year of delivery under the new legislation, all local authorities have reported difficulties in delivering the transfer review programme. These difficulties have been recognised by the DfE and this is reflected in their recent efforts to the review process. In response to DfE amendments, a revised transfer review plan is to be delivered between now and 2018. In addition, the SEN Service continues to develop its practice and processes to achieve improved performance. The target of 25 for 2016-17 represents an increase on last year and is expected to be achievable. Since April 2016, there have been 23 children transfers to EHC plans and these have been completed.

1.18 We will ensure that children continue to have a choice of nutritious school meals, which achieve and maintain all legislative standards.

- In 2016-17, Westminster will aim for 88% take up of free school meals by eligible children in Nursery and KS2. We will also aim for 55% take up of Paid school meals in Nursery and KS2. For overall take up of school lunches, within the WCC central contract, the target is set at 70% and 87% for the overall take up of universal infant free school meals. At the end of the summer term, the overall take up of the school lunch, within the WCC central contract, was 76%. This is above the 70% target and is encouraging for the new contract.

1.19 We will be more creative in our approach to foster carer recruitment and increase the number of foster carers recruited to 25, by September 2016.

- The Commissioning Service entered into a partnership arrangement in October 2015 with Cornerstone, a social enterprise organization, to undertake targeted marketing and recruitment for foster carers. This will aim to increase foster carer numbers by September 2016. Cornerstone is now actively working with the Fostering Service to develop new approaches to recruitment; particularly for sibling groups and children with more complex needs. Since October 2015, a new website has been launched, six households have been approved and twelve households are currently under assessment. The number of enquiries for the duration of the project is up at 236, compared to 153 at the same time in 2014/15.