

# Agenda for a meeting of the Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee to be held on Tuesday, 6 September 2016 at 4.30 pm in Committee Room 1 - City Hall, Bradford

## Members of the Committee – Councillors

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	INDEPENDENT
D Smith (Chair) M Pollard (DChair)	Engel Mullaney Peart Shaheen Tait	Ward	Sajawal

## Alternates:

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT
Carmody Rickard	Akhtar Bacon Abid Hussain Thirkill	J Sunderland

## VOTING CO-OPTED MEMBERS:

Sidiq Ali	Parent Governor Representative
Claire Parr	Church Representative (RC)
Joyce Simpson	Church Representative (CE)
Gull Hussain	Parent Governor Representative

## NON VOTING CO-OPTED MEMBERS

Kerr Kennedy	Voluntary Sector Representative
Stephen Pickles	Teachers Primary Schools Representative
Tom Bright	Teachers Secondary School Representative
Tina Wildy	Health Representative

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## To:



## A. PROCEDURAL ITEMS

### 1. ALTERNATE MEMBERS (Standing Order 34)

The City Solicitor will report the names of alternate Members who are attending the meeting in place of appointed Members.

### 2. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

(Members Code of Conduct - Part 4A of the Constitution)

To receive disclosures of interests from members and co-opted members on matters to be considered at the meeting. The disclosure must include the nature of the interest.

An interest must also be disclosed in the meeting when it becomes apparent to the member during the meeting.

*Notes:*

- (1) *Members may remain in the meeting and take part fully in discussion and voting unless the interest is a disclosable pecuniary interest or an interest which the Member feels would call into question their compliance with the wider principles set out in the Code of Conduct. Disclosable pecuniary interests relate to the Member concerned or their spouse/partner.*
- (2) *Members in arrears of Council Tax by more than two months must not vote in decisions on, or which might affect, budget calculations, and must disclose at the meeting that this restriction applies to them. A failure to comply with these requirements is a criminal offence under section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.*
- (3) *Members are also welcome to disclose interests which are not disclosable pecuniary interests but which they consider should be made in the interest of clarity.*
- (4) *Officers must disclose interests in accordance with Council Standing Order 44.*

### 3. INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

(Access to Information Procedure Rules – Part 3B of the Constitution)

Reports and background papers for agenda items may be inspected by contacting the person shown after each agenda item. Certain reports and background papers may be restricted.



Any request to remove the restriction on a report or background paper should be made to the relevant Strategic Director or Assistant Director whose name is shown on the front page of the report.

If that request is refused, there is a right of appeal to this meeting.

Please contact the officer shown below in advance of the meeting if you wish to appeal.

(Fatima Butt – 01274 432227)

#### **4. REFERRALS TO THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

Any referrals that have been made to this Committee up to and including the date of publication of this agenda will be reported at the meeting.

### **B. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY ACTIVITY**

#### **5. ARRANGEMENTS BY THE COUNCIL AND ITS PARTNERS TO TACKLE CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION** 1 - 30

The Strategic Director Children's Services will submit **Document "I"** which provides an update to the report presented to the Committee on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2015 and subsequently to the District's Area Committees regarding the issue of child sexual exploitation (CSE). It sets out the arrangements that have been put in place, and which continue to develop, to safeguard children from CSE.

##### **Recommended-**

**(1) That contents of the report be noted.**

**(2) That a further report be presented in to the Committee in 12 months time.**

(Paul Hill – 01274 434361)

#### **6. UPDATED INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS ON THE WORKLOADS OF CHILDREN'S SOCIAL CARE SERVICES** 31 - 50

The Deputy Director (Children's Social Care) will submit **Document "J"** which presents information on the workload of Children's Social Work Teams and updates Members on key pressures on the service. The workload analysis is based on activity up to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016.



There have been a slight change to the overall workloads of social workers, and pressures upon the service since the last report was presented. The report demonstrates that Social Work Services for Children & Young People in the District remain strong, robust and well managed.

**Recommended-**

**That the Committee consider further reports in the 2016-17 work programme to ensure the continuation of safe workloads and practice into the future given the current financial climate.**

(Di Watherston/Cat Moss – 01274 437077)

**7. REVIEW OF POST-16 EDUCATION IN BRADFORD**

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The Strategic Director, Children's Services will submit **Document "K"** which reports that this is a period of significant change for post-16 education and training locally and nationally and the Council with the support, participation and cooperation of a range of key partners has led a local review of post-16 provision within the District to ensure that we have a sustainable, high quality offer that delivers the best outcomes for our young no matter where they start.

**Recommended-**

- (1) That the Committee note the contents of the report and work with partners to promote and deliver the actions set out in section 9 and specifically 9.1 of Document "K".**
- (2) That the Committee support the Council with the engagement of a broad range of partners from education and business with the development of the post-16 agenda and partnerships in Bradford.**

(Philip Hunter – 01274 439575)

**8. UPDATE ON THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE POST-OFSTED ACTION PLAN**

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Bradford Council's Local Authority's arrangements for school improvement were inspected by Ofsted between 15 and 19 June 2015. Following the publication of the report, in the form of a letter, on 21 August, an action plan was developed to address the issues raised in the report. The plan was submitted to Ofsted on 28 September and a response was received on 26 October. This led to some minor revisions to the final plan.



The Deputy Director, Education, Employment and Skills will submit **Document “L”** which provides an update on the continued delivery of the action plan throughout the academic year 2015/16, and the next steps in revising the plan. Information on the post-Ofsted Action Plan was previously provided to the Children’s Services O&S meeting on 12 January 2016.

**Recommended-**

**That the information provided be considered and noted.**

(Judith Kirk – 01274 439255)

**9. CHILDREN’S SERVICES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2016/17 73 - 80**

The Chair of the Committee will submit the Children’s Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme for 2016/17 (**Document “M”**).

**Recommended-**

**That the 2016/17 Work Programme continues to be regularly reviewed during the year.**

(Licia Woodhead – 01274 432119)

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