

Agenda for a meeting of the Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee to be held on Wednesday, 15 February 2023 at 4.30 pm in Council Chamber - City Hall, Bradford

Members of the Committee – Councillors

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| Alipoor Humphreys Berry Shafiq Thirkill | Winnard Pollard | J Sunderland | Sajawal |

Alternates:

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| Mukhtar Walsh Johnson Regan | K Green Felstead | Stubbs | Elahi |

VOTING CO-OPTED MEMBERS:

Church representative:

Joyce Simpson (CE)

Parent Governor Representatives:

Fauzia Raza & Shifa Simab

NON VOTING CO-OPTED MEMBERS:

Teacher Secondary School Representative

Tom Bright

Children's Social Care: Dr Samina Karim

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A. PROCEDURAL ITEMS

1. ALTERNATE MEMBERS (Standing Order 34)

The Director of Legal and Governance 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 must consider their interests, and act according to the following:*

| Type of Interest | You must: |
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| <i>Disclosable Pecuniary Interests</i> | <i>Disclose the interest; not participate in the discussion or vote; and leave the meeting <u>unless</u> you have a dispensation.</i> |
| <i>Other Registrable Interests (Directly Related)</i> OR <i>Non-Registrable Interests (Directly Related)</i> | <i>Disclose the interest; speak on the item <u>only</u> if the public are also allowed to speak but otherwise not participate in the discussion or vote; and leave the meeting <u>unless</u> you have a dispensation.</i> |
| <i>Other Registrable Interests (Affects)</i> OR <i>Non-Registrable Interests (Affects)</i> | <i>Disclose the interest; remain in the meeting participate and vote <u>unless</u> the matter affects the financial interest or well-being (a) to a greater extent than it affects the financial interests of a majority of inhabitants of the affected ward, and (b) a reasonable member of the public knowing all the facts would believe that it would affect your view of the wider public interest; in which case speak on the item <u>only</u> if the public are also allowed to speak but otherwise not do not participate in the discussion or vote; and leave the meeting</i> |

unless you have a dispensation.

- (2) *Disclosable pecuniary interests relate to the Member concerned or their spouse/partner.*
- (3) *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.*
- (4) *Officers must disclose interests in accordance with Council Standing Order 44.*

3. MINUTES

Recommended –

That the minutes of the meeting held on 18 January 2023 be signed as a correct record.

(Kanwal Amrez/Farzana Mughal – 07929 070228/07811504164)

4. 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.

(Kanwal Amrez/Farzana Mughal – 07929 070228/07811504164)

5. REFERRALS TO THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

The following referrals have been made to this Committee up to and including the date of publication of this agenda.

The Committee is asked to note the referrals listed above and decide how it wishes to proceed, for example by incorporating the item into the work programme, requesting that it be subject to more detailed examination, or refer it to an appropriate Working Group/Committee.

B. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY ACTIVITIES

6. MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES RELATING TO CHILDREN'S SOCIAL CARE

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The Director of Integrated Health and Care will submit a report (**Document "S"**) which provides an overview of the current autism and ADHD assessment services for children and young people and describes the increased investment into the autism and ADHD service. The paper also highlights the challenges that exist in terms of meeting increasing demand for assessments across Bradford district and Craven and the impact on our waiting lists.

The paper outlines the current work to address the special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) Written Statement of Action (WSOA) requirements of improving the service offer for children and young people with autism and/or ADHD.

The paper describes the aims of the on-going deep dive into autism and ADHD currently taking place across the West Yorkshire ICS footprint.

The paper also outlines elements of the *Digitally Acting Together As One* (DATA 1) research programme that is being undertaken in the Bradford district.

Recommended –

- **That Members of the Committee note the content of this report and recognise the continuing challenges faced by the assessment and diagnostic services despite the increased financial investment;**
- **That Members of the Committee note and support the work currently being undertaken to develop an action plan to address the requirements of the SEND WSOA and the work being done to closely involve children and young people, their families and carers;**
- **That Members of the Committee note the work being undertaken across WY ICB and to receive further updates as this work develops;**

- **That Members of the Committee note the development of the *Digitally Acting Together as One* programme and to receive further updates at a future meeting. The Committee to recognise that this digital project could lead to a further increase in referrals for assessment.**

(Ruth Shaw - 07976 0530407)

7. EXPLOITATION ANNUAL REPORT

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The Assistant Director Office of the Chief Executive presents a report (**Document “T”**) which provides an annual update on the information to be presented to the Overview and Scrutiny (Children) regarding the issue of exploitation. It focuses on the strategic partnership response to all forms of child and adult exploitation and how partners from the Bradford District Safeguarding Children Partnership, and the Bradford Safeguarding Adults Board work to drive improvements across the district and hold agencies to account for their work in their area.

Recommended –

- That Members of Children’s Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee note the report;**
- That the Children’s Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee commit to working closely with partners to continue to raise awareness of exploitation of both adult and children;**
- That the Overview and Scrutiny committee are provided with an update report by the partnership in 12 months’ time.**

(Darren Minton – 01274 434361)

8. CHILDREN’S SERVICES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - WORK PROGRAMME 2022/2023

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The report of the Chair of the Children’s Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee (**Document “U”**) includes the Children’s Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee work programme for 2022/23.

Recommended –

- That Members consider and comment on areas of work included in the work programme.**
- That Members consider any detailed scrutiny reviews that they may wish to conduct.**

(Mustansir Butt – 01274 432574)

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