

Agenda for a meeting of the Corporate Parenting Panel to be held on Wednesday 19 November 2014 at 1630 in Committee Room 1, City Hall, Bradford

Members of the Committee – Councillors

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT
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	Engel	
	Arshad Hussain	

Alternates:

<i>Conservative</i>	<i>Labour</i>	<i>Liberal Democrat</i>
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	<i>Mohammed</i>	
	<i>Shafiq</i>	

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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. MINUTES

Recommended –

That the minutes of the meetings held on 10 September 2014 be signed as a correct record.

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 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.

(Sheila Farnhill - 01274 432268)

B. BUSINESS ITEMS

5. REVIEW OF THE COMPLAINTS PROCESS BY THE CHILDREN IN CARE COUNCIL

Previous reference: Minute 24 (2013/14)

Members will recall that the annual report in respect of complaints made by looked after children and young people in 2012-13 was presented to the Corporate Parenting Panel on 5 March 2014. During the meeting the representative of the Children in Care Council (CICC) raised some issues about the complaints process and it was agreed:

“(2) That the Quality Assurance Manager and the Complaints, Freedom of Information and Data Protection Manager be requested to review the complaints process, in consultation with the Children in Care Council, to ensure that it is fit for purpose, including consideration of any suggestions for improvement and an assessment of how Looked After Children are made aware of the ways in which they are able to submit feedback, either positive or negative.”

The Complaints Manager and the Quality Assurance Manager attended the CICC on 18 June 2014 and the report of the Assistant Director (Children’s Specialist Services) (**Document “C”**) summarises the issues raised and the resultant recommendations.

Members are asked to note Document “C” and consider whether they wish to accept the recommendations set out in paragraph 3.5.

(Irina Arcas - 01274 435269)

6. COMPLAINTS RAISED BY LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

A report will be submitted by the Assistant Director – Children’s Specialist Services (**Document “D”**) which summarises the issues raised by looked after children who have used the statutory complaints procedures to seek redress for their concerns. The report relates to complaints in the period 1 April 2013 to 30 March 2014.

Members are asked to note the contents of Document “D” and to consider whether they wish to seek further information about any of the issues raised.

(Irina Arcas - 01274 435269)

**7. SAFEGUARDING LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN
AT RISK OF SEXUAL EXPLOITATION**

The publication of the Jay report into historical abuse in Rotherham has led to widespread media, social and public interest in child sexual exploitation.

The Assistant Director – Children’s Specialist Services will present a report (**Document “E”**) which provides assurance to Members in respect of the arrangements in place in the Bradford district to safeguard young people.

Recommended -

That the Assistant Director – Children’s Specialist Services continue to work within the allocated budget and utilising partnership working to enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of service provision in relation to child sexual exploitation.

(Paul Hill – 01274 434361)
(David Byrom – 01274 432986)

8. WORK PLAN 2014/15

The Panel’s work plan for 2014/15 is submitted (**Document “F”**) for Member’s consideration.

(Julie Jenkins – 01274 432904)

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