

Agenda for a meeting of the Corporate Parenting Panel to be held on Wednesday 4 March 2015 at 1630 in Committee Room 1, City Hall, Bradford to be reconvened on Wednesday 25 March 2015 at 15.30 in Committee Room 1, City Hall, Bradford

Members of the Committee – Councillors

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT
D Smith	Thirkill (Chair)	Leeming
	Engel	
	Arshad Hussain	

Alternates:

Conservative	Labour	Liberal Democrat
<i>Poulsen</i>	<i>Farley</i>	<i>Reid</i>
	<i>Mohammed</i>	
	<i>Shafiq</i>	

Co-opted Members: Mr J Pickles - West Yorkshire Police
 Mr P Weston - Bradford Achievement Service
 Ms N O'Neill - Bradford NHS
 The Chair of the Children in Care Council

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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. INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

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

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(Sheila Farnhill - 01274 432268)

B. BUSINESS ITEMS

4. INDEPENDENT REVIEWING OFFICER SERVICE – ANNUAL REPORT 2013-14

The Assistant Director, Children's Specialist Services will present a report (**Document "J"**) which examines the work of the Independent Reviewing Officers (IRO's) who review the care plans for all Looked After Children in Bradford. The report presents performance data and demonstrates the robust oversight of care planning in Bradford Metropolitan District Council.

The production of an IRO Annual Report is required under the regulations contained in the IRO Handbook. The report should provide evidence to demonstrate the effectiveness of the reviewing service, examine the quality of the reviews offered to young people and set targets for the development of the service.

Recommended -

- (1) That the work undertaken by the Independent Reviewing Officer Service during the last twelve months be endorsed.**
- (2) That the improved levels of participation of Looked After Children in their reviews aided by the use of Viewpoint, the online consultation tool, be welcomed.**
- (3) That the priorities around quality and service delivery that need to be addressed in 2015 to ensure that the IROs continue to provide a robust challenge to care planning for all children Looked After by the Authority, as set out in Document "J", be endorsed.**

(Frank Hand - 01274 437915)

5. EDUCATION OUTCOMES FOR LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN

The Assistant Director, Children's Specialist Services will submit a report (**Document "K"**) which provides the Panel with comprehensive information regarding the educational outcomes for children and young people in the Bradford district who had been in care for one year or more on 31 March 2014.

The report includes data for attendance, exclusions, special educational needs and 'end of key stage' attainment and draws comparisons with performance levels in previous years, the school population as a whole and some regional and national figures.

Recommended -

That Document "K" be noted and that the actions set out in Paragraph 3 be endorsed.

(Mike Latham - 01274 435777)

6. **WORK PLAN 2014/15**

The Panel's work plan for 2014/15 is submitted (**Document "L"**) for Member's consideration.

(Julie Jenkins – 01274 432904)

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