

Agenda for a meeting of the Corporate Parenting Panel to be held on Wednesday 22 April 2015 at 1630 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:

<i>Conservative</i>	<i>Labour</i>	<i>Liberal Democrat</i>
<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. **MINUTES**

Recommended –

That the minutes of the meeting held on 14 January 2015 be signed as a correct record.

4. **INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS**

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

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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.

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(Sheila Farnhill - 01274 432268)

B. BUSINESS ITEMS

5. CHILDREN MISSING FROM CARE 2014-2015

The Assistant Director, Children's Specialist Services will present a report (**Document "M"**) which considers the data available and the performance of the system in responding to children who run away or go missing from care.

The report makes reference to the National Guidance for Local Authorities in responding to missing children, which was updated and re-issued in January 2014 and which defines the roles and responsibilities of the agencies active in this field of work.

Recommended -

- (1) That the work being undertaken by the multi-agency team to safeguard children going missing in Bradford be endorsed.**
- (2) That the multi-agency team be requested to organise a specific event during Children's Safeguarding Week to highlight the risks around going missing in Bradford.**
- (3) That the multi-agency team be involved in updating the e-learning package on missing children, in the light of updated guidance and the new Missing Protocol.**
- (4) That the multi-agency team be requested to continue to analyse samples from the Missing Return and to ensure that any learning points are disseminated to Children's Services.**

(Frank Hand – 01274 437915)

6. EMOTIONAL WELLBEING SUPPORT FOR LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN

Previous references: Minute14 (2013/14) and 6 (2014/15)

Members will recall that, at the meeting of the Panel held on 10 September 2014, they had considered a report in relation to Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) for Looked After Children.

Further to discussion the Panel had requested, amongst other things, that the Assistant Director - Children's Specialist Services submit a further report on support to Looked After Children with mental health difficulties to a future meeting of the Panel and that the report include information in respect of the 'trusted adult' model that was being developed.

Document "N" is therefore submitted for Members' consideration.

Members are asked to note the report and consider whether they wish to seek further information in respect of the issues raised.

(Cath Dew - 01274 437949)

7. **WORK PLAN 2014/15**

Members are asked to give consideration to the matters that they would wish to see included within the Panel's Work Plan for 2015/16.

Standard items or matters already listed for future consideration are as follows:

- Appointment of Co-opted Members.
- Performance report on the Outcomes for Looked After Children and the Judgements for Children's Homes by Ofsted.
- Annual reports in respect of:
 - Educational Outcomes (to include a breakdown in the figures in respect of ethnicity and location (to Constituency level))
 - Complaints (to include an update in respect of the implementation of the recommendations contained in Document "C" (Minute 10, 19/11/14 refers)).
 - Independent Reviewing Officer Service.
- Further report on the Single Point of Contact for the Leaving Care Service for young people who are not in education, employment or training (Minute 17, 14/1/15 refers).
- Progress report in relation to the Policy on the Adoption and Fostering of Sibling Groups six months after implementation (Minute 18, 14/1/15 refers).
- Further report once the additional staffing within the Virtual School is in place, to include an update in respect of the work being undertaken to improve the attendance of young people in residential care (25/3/15).

(Julie Jenkins – 01274 432904)

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