

Agenda for a meeting of the Corporate Parenting Panel to be held on Wednesday 8 July 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	
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Alternates:

<i>Conservative</i>	<i>Labour</i>	<i>Liberal Democrat</i>
<i>M Pollard</i>	<i>Akhtar</i>	<i>N Pollard</i>
	<i>Shaheen</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 4 and 25 March and 22 April 2015 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.

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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. CO-OPTION OF MEMBERS TO THE PANEL

The Committee is asked to consider the appointment of non-voting co-opted members for the 2014-15 municipal year.

Recommended –

That it be recommended to the Regulatory and Appeals Committee that the appointment of non-voting co-opted members to the Panel, for the remainder of the 2015/2016 municipal year, be confirmed as set out below:-

- **Mr J Pickles - West Yorkshire Police**
- **Lynn Donohue - Bradford Achievement Service**
- **Ms N O'Neill - Bradford NHS**
- **The Chair of the Children in Care Council**

(Sheila Farnhill - 01274 432268)

6. CORPORATE PARENTING RESPONSIBILITIES

The Assistant Director, Children's Specialist Services will give a presentation to the Panel on the role of the Corporate Parent in the Bradford district.

(Julie Jenkins – 01274 432904)

7. CHILDREN'S HOMES REGULATIONS AND QUALITY STANDARDS GUIDE

The Assistant Director, Children's Specialist Services will present a report (**Document "A"**) which highlights changes to Children's Homes (England) Regulations 2015, including the Quality Standards Guide and the Inspection Framework for Ofsted, which came into force on the 1st April 2015.

The report sets out the process for the independent monitoring of Children's Homes (under Regulation 44) and highlights the role of Elected Members in visits to Residential Homes.

Recommended -

That the Assistant Director, Children's Specialist Services be asked to:

- (i) Arrange workshops to inform Members of the statutory requirement for the independent monitoring of the Authority's residential homes (under Regulation 44 of the Children's Homes Regulations) and their corporate parenting role.**
- (ii) Facilitate the participation of each Member of the Panel in three announced monitoring visits of residential and respite homes per year.**

(Julie Jenkins – 01274 432904)

8. WORK PLAN 2015/16

The Panel's work plan for the forthcoming municipal year is submitted (**Document "B"**) for Member's consideration.

(Julie Jenkins – 01274 432904)

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