

Agenda for a meeting of the Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee to be held on Tuesday 12 January 2016 at 1630 in Committee Room 1, City Hall, Bradford

Members of the Committee - Councillors

Conservative	Labour	Liberal Democrat	Bradford Independents
Sykes (Ch)	Engel	J Sunderland	F Khan
M Pollard (DCh)	Peart		
	Shaheen		
	Tait		
	Thirkill		

Alternates:

<u>Conservative</u>	<u>Labour</u>	<u>Liberal Democrat</u>	<u>Bradford Independents</u>
Carmody	Bacon	N Pollard	Collector
Rickard	Abid Hussain		
	Lee		
	Akhtar		

VOTING CO-OPTED MEMBERS:

Church representatives: Claire Parr (RC), Joyce Simpson (CE)
 Parent Governor Representatives: Mr Sidiq Ali, vacancy

NON VOTING CO-OPTED MEMBERS:

Health Representative elect: Tina Wildy
 Teachers Secondary School Representative: Tom Bright
 Teachers Primary School Representative: Stephen Pickles
 Teachers Special School Representative: Irene Docherty
 Voluntary Sector Representative: Janet Jewitt, Kerr Kennedy

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A. PROCEDURAL ITEMS

1. ALTERNATE MEMBERS (Standing Order 34)

The Interim 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 25 November 2015 be signed as a correct record (previously circulated).



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.

(Jill Bell - 01274 434580)

5. REFERRALS TO THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

To receive referrals that have been made to this Committee after the publication of this agenda.

The Committee is asked to note the referrals 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.

(Jill Bell - 01274 434580)

A. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY ACTIVITIES

6. UPDATE ON THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE POST-OFSTED ACTION PLAN

Bradford Council's Local Authority's arrangements for school improvement were inspected by Ofsted between 15 and 19 June 2015. Following the publication of the report, in the form of a letter, on 21 August an action plan was developed to address the issues raised in the report. The plan was submitted to Ofsted on 28 September and a response was received on 26 October.

The report of the Assistant Director, Education and School Improvement (**Document "AQ"**) provides an update on the work to develop a structured action plan and implement it, the response of Ofsted following their evaluation of the action plan, the further steps that have been taken to address the issues raised, and the next steps to publish the action plan on the Council website.

Recommendation -

Committee Members are requested to consider and note the information provided.

(Judith Kirk - 01274 432438)



7. **SCHOOLS FORUM UPDATE**

Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee has asked for a regular update on the work of the Schools Forum. The Schools Forum has met twice since the last report, on 9 December 2015 and again on the 6 January 2016. The decisions list from the 9 December Schools Forum meeting is attached at Appendix 1 to **Document "AR"**.

At the 6 January meeting, the Forum was asked to make its final recommendations on the allocation of the 2016/17 financial year Schools Budget. The decisions list from this meeting is not available for attachment at the time this report is published. This decisions list will be provided as a late report for the Committee (by email) and a presentation will be given verbally to the Committee on the key recommendations the Schools Forum has made.

A paper outlining the Schools Forum's recommendations will be presented to the Executive on 23 February 2016 as part of the Authority's budget setting process.

Recommendation -

Committee Members are asked to consider and to note the information provided in this update.

(Andrew Redding - 01274 432678)

8. **CHILDREN'S SERVICES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2015-16**

The report of the Chair of Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee (**Document "AS"**) presents the Committee's Work Programme 2015-16.

Recommended -

That the Work Programme 2015-16 continues to be reviewed during the year.

(Licia Woodhead - 01274 432119)

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