

# Agenda for a meeting of the Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee to be held on Tuesday, 12 April 2016 at 4.30 pm in Committee Room 1 - City Hall, Bradford

## Members of the Committee – Councillors

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	BRADFORD INDEPENDENT GROUP
Sykes M Pollard	Engel Peart Shaheen Tait Thirkill	Sunderland	Khan

## Alternates:

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	BRADFORD INDEPENDENT GROUP
Carmody Rickard	Akhtar Bacon Abid Hussain Lee	N Pollard	Collector

## VOTING CO-OPTED MEMBERS:

Sidiq Ali

Claire Parr

Joyce Simpson

Gull Hussain

Parent Governor Representative

Church Representative (RC)

Church Representative (CE)

Parent Governor Representative

## NON VOTING CO-OPTED MEMBERS

Irene Docherty

Kerr Kennedy

Stephen Pickles

Tom Bright

Tina Wildy

Teachers Special School Representative

Voluntary Sector Representative

Teachers Primary Schools Representative

Teachers Secondary School Representative

Health Representative

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## To:



## 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.*

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(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.

Please contact the officer shown below in advance of the meeting if you wish to appeal.

(Fatima Butt - 01274 432227)

#### **4. REFERRALS TO THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

The following referrals have been made to this Committee up to and including the date of publication of this agenda.

The Committee is asked to note the referrals listed above 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.

### **B. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY ACTIVITIES**

#### **5. DELIVERING A NEW YOUTH OFFER FOR BRADFORD DISTRICT 1 - 20**

The report of the Strategic Director – Environment and Sport (**Document “BH”**) proposes a way forward for establishing a new Youth Offer for the Bradford District in response to the recommendations made in the Youth Offer Review report produced in November 2014.

##### **Recommended -**

- (1) That the work undertaken by the Youth Offer Working Group as detailed in Appendix A of Document “BH” be welcomed.**
- (2) That the Committee considers and comments on the proposals and recommendations made by the Youth Offer Working Group in Appendix A to Document “BH”.**

(Jonathan Hayes – 01274 431781)

#### **6. SCHOOL CAPITAL FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENT AND SCHOOL EXPANSION PROGRAMME 2016-2017 21 - 26**

The report of the Director of Children’s Services (**Document “BI”**) details the recent school funding announcements from the Education



Funding Agency (EFA) and also details the school expansion projects the Authority is currently undertaking.

**Recommended -**

**That the Committee notes Document “BI”.**

(Terry Davis – 01274 437170)

**7. EQUALITY ACTION PLAN PROGRESS REPORT**

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This report of the Deputy Director of Education, Employment and Skills (**Document “BJ”**) provides an annual progress update on the Council’s Equality Action Plan (published in 2013), as the Council’s means of meeting its statutory duties.

**Recommended –**

**That the Committee considers what it would like to put in the work programme for the next municipal year on the Equality Action Plan.**

(Alina Khan – 01274 439384)

**8. SCRUTINY OF HOME SCHOOLING - DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE**

On 22 March 2016 Council resolved amongst other things:

To:

- (1) Continue to make safeguarding of every child in the District a priority.
- (2) **Ask that the Children’s Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee to ensure that a comprehensive and robust review of the Council’s approach to elective home education is carried out over the next six months in which the safeguarding of children is central.**
- (3) Request the Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State for Education expressing support for a review of national policy on elective home education which should include support for local authorities and partner agencies in cases where access to children is refused so that they can satisfy themselves that all children’s education and welfare needs are being met.



**In addressing the above resolution from Council, the Committee will be asked to consider the draft Terms of Reference for the proposed scrutiny review of Home Schooling (Document “BK”) to follow.**

(Licia Woodhead – 01274 432119)

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