

Agenda for a meeting of the Governance and Audit Committee to be held on Friday 26 February 2016 at 1100 in Committee Room 1, City Hall, Bradford

Members of the Committee – Councillors

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR	THE INDEPENDENTS
Eaton	L Smith (Ch)	Naylor
	Thornton (DCh)	
	Swallow	

Alternates:

<i>Conservative</i>	<i>Labour</i>	<i>The Independents</i>
Ellis	Farley	Hawkesworth
	K Hussain	

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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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(Fatima Butt - 01274 432227)



B. BUSINESS ITEMS

4. DISTRICT PLAN DEVELOPMENT

The Assistant Director, Policy, Programmes and Change will submit **Document “AK”** which provides a summary of the approach taken in the development of the District Plan and seeks member input at the drafting stage. The District Plan will identify how partner organisations across the district will contribute to the delivery of the shared outcomes.

That Members, as part of the District Plan consultation, provide their views on the questions listed in Section 3.3 of Document “AK”, and any other considerations they would like to share.

(Kathryn Jones – 01274 433664)

5. LOCAL GOVERNMENT OMBUDSMAN – REVIEW OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMPLAINTS 2014/15

The Interim Assistant Director of Policy, Programmes and Change will submit **Document “AL”** which reports on the Annual Review Letter from the Local Government Ombudsman, it summarises the number of complaints and investigations undertaken by the Ombudsman for the year ended 31 March 2015 and compares Bradford’s performance against that of other local authorities.

Recommended-

That the Governance and Audit Committee takes assurance from the result of the Local Government Ombudsman’s Annual Review of Local Government Complaints 2014/15, that the Authorities complaints process is overall satisfactory.

(Irina Arcas – 01274 435269)

6. CHILDREN’S SERVICES GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT

Previous Reference: Minute 58 (2014/15)

Members are reminded that this Committee at its meeting held on 23 January 2015 considered a report on the Annual Governance Statement, Members resolved amongst other things:

“That in relation to the governance challenge on Management of Ofsted Outcomes (detailed in Appendix 1 to Document “AD”) the Committee requests a comprehensive report outlining the governance structures supporting Children’s Services to better understand the governance framework and how different groups and elements relate to each other”.

In accordance with the above the Strategic Director Children’s Services will submit **Document “AM”** which informs the Committee about the Children’s Services performance framework, its governance and external inspection framework.



Recommended-

That the report be received for information.

(Linda Mason – 01274 439255)

