

**Agenda for a meeting of the Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee to be held on Tuesday 8 March 2016 at 1630 in the Ernest Saville Room, 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: Tina Wildy  
 Teachers Secondary School Representative: Tom Bright  
 Teachers Primary School Representative: Stephen Pickles  
 Teachers Special School Representative: Irene Docherty  
 Voluntary Sector Representative: 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. 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 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)

#### **4. 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 432227)

#### **5. APPOINTMENT OF VOTING CO-OPTED MEMBER**

(Article 6.7.2 of the Constitution)

The Committee is asked to consider the appointment of the following voting co-opted member for the remainder of the 2015/16 municipal year:

Mr Gull Hussain – Parent Governor Representative.

**Recommended –**

**That it be recommended to Council that Mr Gull Hussain be appointed to the Children’s Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee as a Parent Governor Representative.**

(Jill Bell – 01274 434580)

### **A. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY ACTIVITIES**

#### **6. UPDATED INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS ON THE WORKLOADS OF CHILDREN’S SOCIAL CARE SERVICES**

The report of the Assistant Director (Children’s Specialist Services) (**Document “BB”**) presents the most recent information on the workload of Children’s Social Work Teams and updates Members on key pressures on the service. The workload analysis is based on activity up to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2015.

There have been no significant changes to the overall workloads of social workers, or pressures upon the service since the last report was presented. The report demonstrates that Social Work Services for Children & Young People in the District remain strong, robust and well managed.



## **Recommended -**

**That the Committee consider further reports in the 2015-16 work programme to ensure the continuation of safe workloads and practice into the future given the current financial climate.**

(Di Watherston - 01274 437077)

## **7. UPDATE ON EDUCATIONAL STANDARDS 2015 AND SCHOOL-TO-SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP ARRANGEMENTS**

A report was provided to the Children's Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee on 22 September 2015 outlining the provisional examination and test outcomes for Bradford's children and young people, from summer 2015.

Following an extensive checking process, final results have now been published by the Department for Education (DfE). In the first part of the report of the Strategic Director of Children's Services (**Document "BC"**) information is given on those results that have changed since the publication of the provisional figures and a summary of the detailed analysis of these updated results is also provided.

In the second part of the report, information is provided on the activities that are being undertaken by Bradford's formal school-to-school partnerships and how they are contributing to the improvements to the standards achieved in the District's schools.

## **Recommended**

- (1) That Overview and Scrutiny Committee receive this report on the final validated performance of Bradford's children and young people in Key Stage tests and examinations for 2015.**
- (2) That Overview and Scrutiny Committee receive the update, provided in this report, on the activities that are being undertaken by Bradford's formal school-to-school partnerships and how they are contributing to the improvements to the standards achieved in the District's schools.**

(Judith Kirk - 01274 439255)

## **8. THE BRADFORD EDUCATION AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COMMISSIONING BOARD (BEICB)**

The report of the Director of Children's Services (**Document "BD"**) explains that the Bradford Education and School Improvement Commissioning Board (BEICB) was established in September 2015 to provide a forum to ensure effective collaboration and



joint accountability between the Local Authority, formal School Partnerships, the School Forum and Teaching School Alliances within a self-improving school led system. The board reflects the changing roles of schools and local authorities, providing a vehicle for the commissioning and accountability of effective support. It plays a key role in ensuring that the following principles are achieved:

- Bradford is a school-led system
- All schools need to be good or better
- All schools need to belong to a formal partnership

The aims of the BEICB are:

- to ensure resources are effectively deployed and have an impact on the raising of standards in all key stages across the district
- to identify, discuss and address issues of common concern to ensure value for money and efficiency
- To implement the Bradford commissioning framework in order that schools and settings can access targeted intervention

**Recommended -**

**That Overview and Scrutiny Committee receive this report and consider the development of the BEICB.**

(Judith Kirk - 01274 439255)

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

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

**Recommended -**

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

(Licia Woodhead - 01274 432119)

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