

Agenda for a meeting of the Corporate Parenting Panel to be held on Wednesday 11 November 2015 at 1630 in Committee Room 4, City Hall, Bradford

Members of the Committee – Councillors

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT
D Smith	Thirkill (Chair)	Leeming
	Engel	
	Tait	

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>	

Co-opted Members: J Pickles - West Yorkshire Police
L Donohue - Bradford Achievement Service
N O'Neill - Bradford NHS
The Chair of the Children in Care Council

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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 meeting held on 8 July 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.



Any request to remove the restriction on a report or background paper should be made to the relevant Strategic 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.

(Sheila Farnhill - 01274 432268)

B. BUSINESS ITEMS

5. EDUCATIONAL OUTCOMES FOR LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN

The Assistant Director, Children's Specialist Services will submit a report (**Document "E"**) which provides the Panel with a summary of attainment statistics for looked after pupils for the academic year 2014/2015, using data as at October 2015, and information on the use of Pupil Premium Plus (PPP) to support looked after children. The information includes a breakdown of the figures in respect of ethnicity and location to constituency level.

Recommended -

- (1) That the Panel supports the continued deployment of Pupil Premium Plus by the Virtual School in response to looked after pupils' needs, irrespective of location or heritage, and to ensure an impact across the District.**
- (2) That the Assistant Director, Children's Specialist Services be requested to ensure that the Virtual School has the necessary resources to address the changing nature of the looked after cohort in terms of staffing, expertise and resources.**

(Michael Latham – 01274 435777)

6. VIRTUAL SCHOOL

Previous references: Minutes 22 and 30 (2014/15)

A report will be presented by the Assistant Director, Children's Specialist Services (**Document "F"**) in respect of the work of the authority's 'Virtual School', which aims to promote achievement, raise attainment and ensure equality of opportunity to enhance the life chances of all looked after children, wherever they live.

The report explains that the Virtual School has expanded to ensure that the Pupil Premium Plus funding impacts on the progress and attainment of the district's looked after children and young people. It includes information on the appointments made to date, future intentions and, in response to a request from this Panel, particular reference is made to the work being undertaken with care and education colleagues to improve the attendance of young people in residential care settings.

(Michael Latham – 01274 435777)



7. COMPLAINTS RAISED BY LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

A report will be submitted by the Assistant Director – Children’s Specialist Services (**Document “G”**) which summarises the issues raised by looked after children who have used the statutory complaints procedures to seek redress for their concerns. The report relates to complaints in the period 1 April 2014 to 31 March 2015.

Members are asked to note the contents of Document “G” and to consider whether they wish to seek further information about any of the issues raised.

(Irina Arcas - 01274 435269)

8. WORK PLAN 2015/16

The Panel’s work plan for 2015/16 is submitted (**Document “H”**) for Member’s consideration.

(Gani Martins – 01274 432904)

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