

Agenda for a meeting of the Corporate Parenting Panel to be held on Wednesday 13 January 2016 at 1630 in Committee Room 1, 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 9 September 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. ADOPTION AND FOSTERING OF SIBLING GROUPS

Previous references: Minutes 7 and 18 (2014/15)

The Assistant Director (Children's Specialist Services) will present a report (**Document "I"**) which updates Members on the work being undertaken in respect of the development of a policy on the adoption and fostering of sibling groups who are in the care of the Local Authority, further to the Panel's request at the meeting held on 14 January 2015.

Recommended –

That the progress made in respect of the development of a Policy on the Adoption and Fostering of Sibling Groups be noted.

(Patsy Burrows – 01274 434349)
(Mary Brudenell – 01274 437343)

6. EMOTIONAL AND MENTAL WELLBEING OF LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN

Previous references: Minutes 14 (2013/14), 6 and 28 (2014/15)

Members will recall that the Panel received reports, in September 2014 and April 2015, in relation to Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) for Looked After Children.

In response to requests by the Panel at that time, a report will now be submitted by the Assistant Director (Children's Specialist Services) (**Document "J"**) which provides an update on the work being undertaken in this area.

Members are asked to note the report and to consider whether they wish to seek further information about the issues raised therein.

(Cath Dew - 01274 437949)

7. JOURNEY TO EXCELLENCE

The Assistant Director (Children's Specialist Services) will give a presentation on 'Journey to Excellence' which is a multi agency change programme led by Children's Services. The aim is to transform the approach to family support and the provision of care for children and young people within the Bradford District.

An outline of the programme will be given together with details of proposals for the participation of looked after children linked to corporate parenting.

(Gani Martins – 01274 432904)

8. WORK PLAN 2015/16

The Panel's work plan for 2015/16 is submitted (**Document "K"**) for Member's consideration.

(Gani Martins – 01274 432904)

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