

Agenda for a meeting of the Corporate Parenting Panel to be held on Wednesday 9 March 2016 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 11 November 2015 be signed as a correct record.

4. 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.

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

(Sheila Farnhill - 01274 432268)

B. BUSINESS ITEMS

5. INDEPENDENT REVIEWING OFFICER SERVICE

The Assistant Director, Children's Specialist Services will present a report (**Document "L"**) which examines the work of the Independent Reviewing Officers (IROs) who review the care plans for all Bradford's Looked After Children, for the period 1 April 2015 to 31 December 2015. The report presents performance data and demonstrates the robust oversight of care planning in the Bradford district.

The report explains that the production of an IRO Annual Report is required under the regulations contained in the IRO Handbook. The report should provide evidence to demonstrate the effectiveness of the reviewing service, examine the quality of the reviews offered to young people and set targets for the development of the service.

Recommended –

- (1) That the work undertaken by the Independent Reviewing Officer (IRO) Service and its ongoing role in providing robust and challenging reviews of all Care Plans be noted.**
- (2) That the improvements over the past 9 months in terms of children's participation, the continued improvement in timeliness and the successful introduction of a quality assurance process for the service be noted.**
- (3) That the Service's work plan for 2016/17 be endorsed.**

The Panel is also asked to consider adjusting the timing of the IRO Service's annual report within its Work Plan so that the material can be considered in May when full year figures are available.

(Frank Hand - 01274 437915)

6. **LEAVING CARE SERVICE - SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT UPDATE**

Previous reference: Minute 17 (2014/15)

At the meeting of the Panel held on 14 January 2015, Members considered a report of the Assistant Director – Children’s Specialist Services about the issues and developments in respect of employment, education, training opportunities and support for care leavers, including the progress made in respect of apprenticeships and Higher Education. The Panel had resolved, amongst other things:

‘That the Assistant Director – Children’s Specialist Services be asked to submit a further report to the Panel, in six months time, to update Members on any progress made in respect of the provision of a single point of contact for the Leaving Care Service for young people who are not in education, employment or training, to include any suggestions of how the Panel might support this provision.’

The Assistant Director – Children’s Specialist Services will now present a report to update the Panel on this issue (**Document “M”**).

The Panel is asked to consider and note the contents of Document “M”.

(Vaughan Chapman - 01274 436760)

7. **WORK PLAN 2015/16**

The Panel’s Work Plan for the remainder of the municipal year 2015/16 is submitted (**Document “N”**), for Member’s consideration.

(Gani Martins – 01274 432904)

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