



Agenda for a meeting of the Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee to be held on Tuesday, 7 June 2016 at 4.30 pm in Ernest Saville Room - City Hall, Bradford
Members of the Committee – Councillors

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| Claire Parr | Church Representative (RC) |
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| Gull Hussain | Parent Governor Representative |

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To:



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.

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- (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 March, 30 March and 12 April 2016 be signed as a correct record (previously circulated).

(Fatima Butt – 01274 432227)



4. **INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS**

(Access to Information Procedure Rules – Part 3B of the Constitution)

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5. **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.

(Fatima Butt – 01274 432227)

B. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY ACTIVITIES

6. **INFORMATION ON 2, 3 AND 4 YEAR OLD EARLY EDUCATION PLACES IN THE DISTRICT**

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The Deputy Director Education, Employment and Skills will submit **Document “A”** which reports on the take up of early education places. Recent expansion of funding for two year olds has meant that free early education places are now available to those children living in the poorest families across the District. Evidence shows that two year olds in good and outstanding Early Years provision see real benefits in terms of their early language skills and physical, social and emotional development. Pre-schools, nurseries, school nurseries and child minders all play a vital role.

The report provides an annual update to the Committee following on from the previous report tabled on 9 June 2015.



Recommended-

That the information in the report be noted.

(Lynn Donohue/Susan Moreau – 01274 439606/431390)

7. RESOLUTION TRACKING 2015/16 11 - 26

The Chair of the Committee will submit **Document “B”** which details the progress made against the resolutions passed by the Committee during the 2015-16 municipal year.

The Committee is asked to comment on areas where resolutions do not appear to have been acted upon or feel insufficient progress has been made.

(Licia Woodhead – 01274 432119)

8. COMMITTEE'S DRAFT WORK PROGRAMME 2016/17 27 - 34

The Chair of the Committee will submit **Document “C”** which presents the Committee’s draft Work Programme for 2016/17.

Recommended-

That the Work Programme 2016/17 continues to be regularly reviewed during the year.

(Licia Woodhead – 01274 432119)

THIS AGENDA AND ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTS HAVE BEEN PRODUCED, WHEREVER POSSIBLE, ON RECYCLED PAPER



Report of the Assistant Director to the meeting of the Children's Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee to be held on 7th June 2016

A

Subject: Information on 2, 3 and 4 year old early education places in the district.

Summary statement:

Evidence is clear that children's early years' experiences shape their development, educational attainment and life chances. Good communication and language skills combined with strong social and emotional skills are essential for children to be effective learners throughout life and achieve their potential.

Take-up of early education places is key to transforming outcomes for children. Recent expansion of funding for two year olds has meant that free early education places are now available to those children living in the poorest families across the district. Evidence shows that two year olds in good and outstanding Early Years provision see real benefits in terms of their early language skills and physical, social and emotional development. Pre-schools, nurseries, school nurseries and childminders all play a vital role.

This report provides an annual update to the Overview and Scrutiny committee following on from the previous report tabled on 9 June 2015.

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Overview & Scrutiny Area:
Children's Services



1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 Evidence is clear that children's early years' experiences shape their development, educational attainment and life chances. Good communication and language skills combined with strong social and emotional skills are essential for children to be effective learners throughout life and achieve their potential.
- 1.2 Take-up of early education places is key to transforming outcomes for children. Recent expansion of funding for two year olds has meant that free early education places are now available to those children living in the poorest families across the district. Evidence shows that two year olds in good and outstanding Early Years provision see real benefits in terms of their early language skills and physical, social and emotional development. Pre-schools, nurseries, school nurseries and childminders all play a vital role.
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2. BACKGROUND

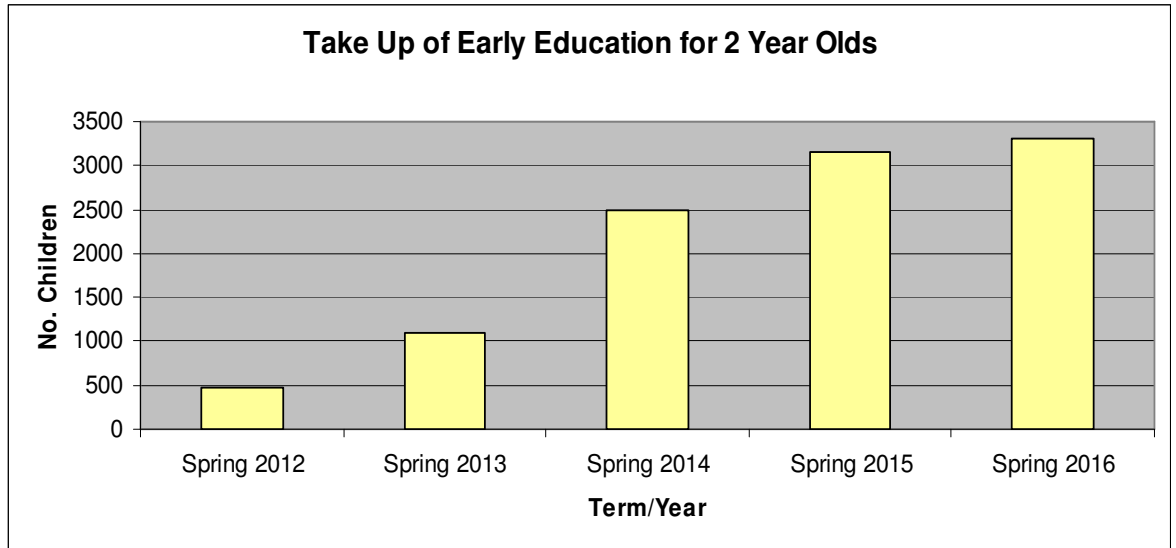
- 2.1 The Childcare Act 2006 requires that local authorities ensure, as far as is reasonably practicable, sufficiency of high quality early education and childcare provision within their area. Bradford's Early Years' Service has a lead role in ensuring the availability of effective, high quality early education and childcare across the District.
- 2.2 Local authorities have a duty to secure early education for disadvantaged two year olds. On 1st January 2016, 4,581 Bradford two year olds were entitled to a funded early education place. The eligibility criteria for a funded two year old place are as follows:
 - Income Support
 - income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)
 - income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
 - Universal Credit
 - tax credits and you have an annual income of under £16,190 before tax
 - the guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
 - support through part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act
 - the Working Tax Credit 4-week run on (the payment you get when you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)

A child can also get free early education and childcare if any of the following apply:

- they are looked after by a local council
- they have a current statement of [special education needs \(SEN\)](#) or an Education, Health and Care (EHC) plan
- they get [Disability Living Allowance](#)
- they have left care under a special guardianship order, child arrangements order or adoption order

The extension of a legal entitlement to children living in low income working families is of particular significance to Bradford. In January 2016 60% of eligible two year old children were from low income working families.

2.3 In spring 2016, 3297 eligible children accessed a funded two year old early education place. This represents 73% take-up of the entitlement, up from 66% in spring 2015. This level of take-up is consistent with national trends.

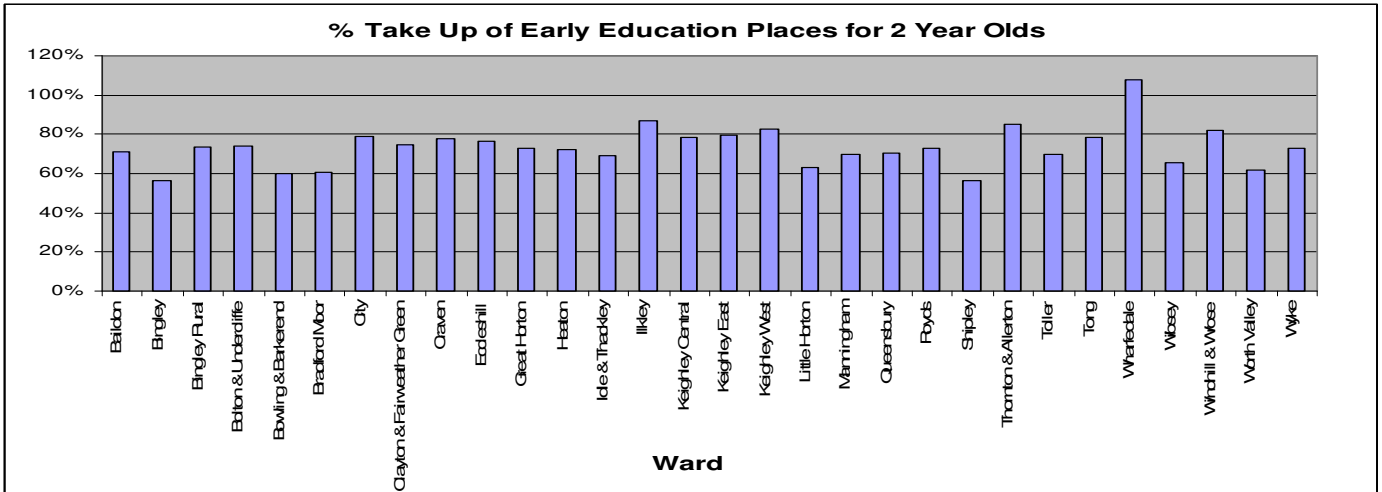


The target take-up rate for autumn 2016 is 80%. Although we aim to for all eligible children to access their entitlement, it remains to be seen just what the eventual maximum take-up rate will be. Analysis of the reasons given by parents for not taking up a funded place remains inconclusive. Training is being delivered to Children’s Centre outreach staff on how to maximise the take up of these funded places and overcome, in some instances, the reluctance of a small number of parents to take up the offer; feedback from these parents cites that their child is too young or they want them to remain at home with themselves or extended family (approximately 6-8% of parents contacted).

96% of children are currently accessing their entitlement in provision which is graded good or outstanding by Ofsted. It is important that children access high quality provision if they are to benefit educationally.

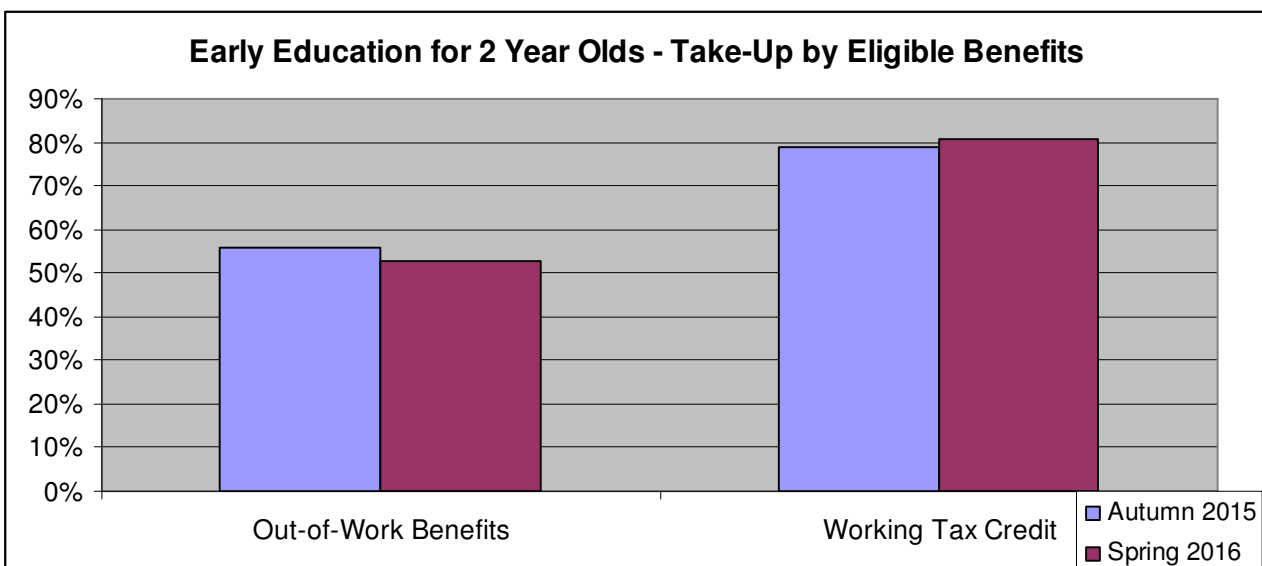
The Early Years’ Service, in line with the statutory guidance 2014, withdraws funding from settings which are graded “inadequate” by Ofsted and restricts delivery to settings graded “requires improvement” to those areas where there would otherwise be a shortage of capacity. Any setting graded less than good by Ofsted is required to participate in the Local Authority quality improvement programme aimed at securing a “Good” grade at re-inspection.

2.4 There remain significant differences in take-up rates by ward. The lowest areas are being targeted for more intensive marketing and outreach work by both the children’s centres staff and the Families Information Service.



There has been a significant capital development programme to create additional capacity in areas with a shortage of places. This work is now largely complete, although there remain two capital projects in the pipeline, one in the Tong ward at Bierley Life Centre and one at Cophorne Primary School which is in the City ward, these developments will ensure capacity of places and will support take up rates.

Across the Bradford District 40% of children eligible for a 2 year old place are in families claiming out-of-work benefits. Outreach work contacting the parents focusses in the first instance on these families and they are also being invited to two year old Birthday Parties across the District (see below).



Over the last two years a comprehensive marketing campaign has taken place across the Bradford District to promote Early Education Places for 2, 3 and 4 year olds. This has included:

- corporate branding with free leaflets, outdoor and indoor banners and posters provided to childcare providers, children’s centres and schools – with materials also in Urdu, Polish and Slovak and messages targeted specifically at those communities.

- face-to-face events (taster sessions at play events, Oastler Market, stands in supermarkets, soft play areas, community centres, partner organisation events etc.);
- adverts – on buses/stops, radio adverts, plasma screens, bus tickets and Argos tickets;
- printed media – articles in the press and on council media;
- on-line presence – bradford.gov, Facebook / Twitter;
- targeted marketing initiatives via grants to childcare providers.

In the last few months as the universal message has become widespread, the focus has shifted to engage with those families who are harder-to-reach. This targeted marketing is taking the form of events (e.g. 2 year old birthday parties involving all childcare providers in an area working together to show the type of activities a typical session would involve) in specific communities particularly in areas of lower than average uptake, more intensive work with partners (e.g. Health, Job Centre Plus, Better Start Bradford, local organisations, the Looked After Children Team) and outreach work in the community at times more convenient to families.

A marketing grant is also being offered to children's centres which can demonstrate their impact on increasing the uptake of places including additional capacity to enhance their outreach with workers with relevant community language skills, resources to support the events / birthday parties, case studies showing success stories of children from certain communities accessing a place.

Other strategies include:

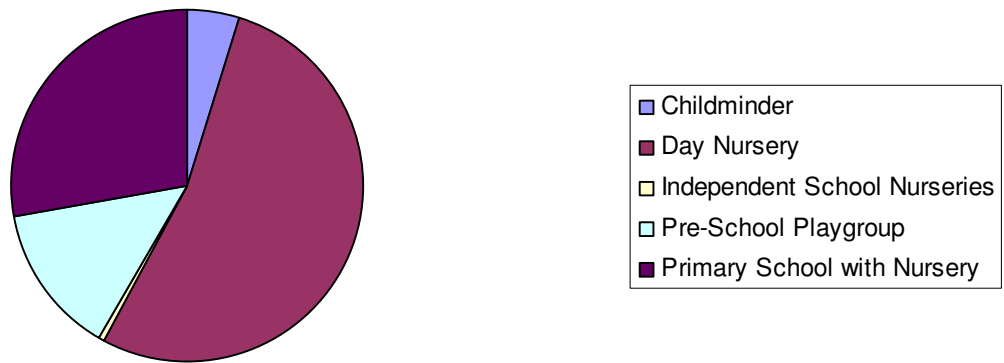
- Every children's centre has a link Families Information Services team member who supports them to further develop and monitor their take-up plan, is the key contact for any outreach support, promotes and supports events at the centre, ensuring they have all the up-to-date marketing materials etc. It is important that all centres continue with this universal marketing as there are always new parents to reach as their child approaches the age of eligibility.
- More intensive support for those centres in areas of low uptake.

These strategies should contribute to improving take up of the early education places.

The impact of the marketing initiatives and the barriers families cite for not wanting to take up a place are monitored on a regular basis in order to influence and inform strategy.

- 2.5 Although the majority of children access provision at a private or voluntary (PVI) setting, 908 children (28%) accessed a funded two year old place in a school or nursery school in spring 2016. This is likely to increase when three further schools open provision in the summer term 2016.

**Take-Up of 2Y Early Education Places by Provider Type
Spring 2016**



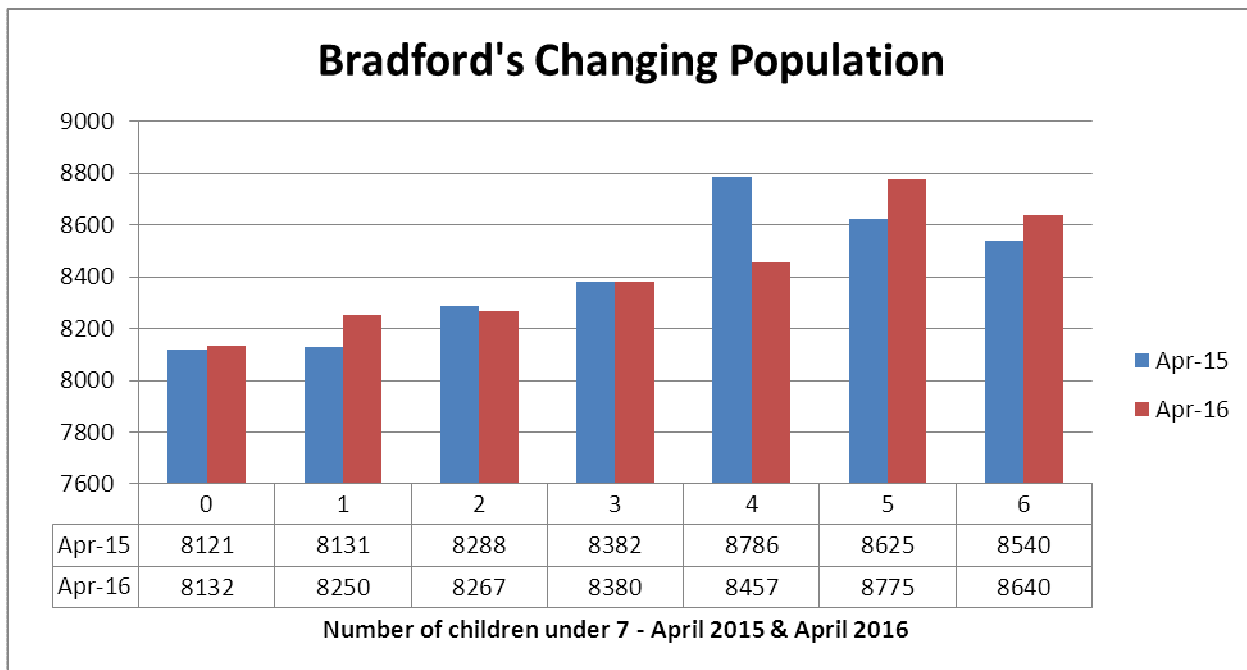
All children are entitled to 15 hours a week of funded early education from the term after their third birthday. The vast majority of children go on to access a full-time school place when they enter a Reception class. In spring 2016, 92% of 3 year olds and 95% of 4 year olds were accessing funded early education. National figures are not yet available to make comparisons.

- 2.6 There has been an increase in the take-up of 3 year old places since 2013. This has been driven by the introduction of the new two year old entitlement, the majority of which is delivered by the PVI sector.

Take up of early education	3 year olds maintained provision	3 year olds PVI Sector	4 year olds maintained provision	4 year olds PVI Sector
Spring 2013	59%	29%	84%	9%
Spring 2014	59%	31%	83%	10%
Spring 2015	60%	35%	87%	11%
Spring 2016	58%	35%	85%	10%

Although the school sector has largely maintained its share of delivery of 3 and 4 year old early education, occupancy of some school nursery classes has been affected by a reduction in the size of the age cohort over the past five years. Early Years are closely monitoring the situation and supporting schools wishing to look at options to reconfigure their provision including offering the funded hours flexibly to better meet the needs of their families and/or offering paid for childcare services.

- 2.7 A marked year-on-year decline in the number of three year olds was reported in June 2015. Although birth rates are notoriously difficult to predict, it seems, for the time-being at least that the size of the early education age cohorts has settled at a lower rate.



The extent to which this lower population level may lead to surplus capacity in early education places is unclear. The government is currently consulting on plans to introduce a new entitlement for up to 15 hours a week of funded childcare for 3 and 4 year old children of working parents from September 2017 (see 3.1). Any spare capacity in the system arising from the reduction in the numbers of 3 and 4 year old children will help to support implementation of this new entitlement.

3 OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

3.1 Extension of funded entitlement for working families

Currently, all three and four-year olds in England are entitled to 570 hours of free early education or childcare a year, which works out as 15 hours each week for 38 weeks of the year. Proposals to extend this entitlement to up to 30 hours a week from 2017 were outlined in the Queen's Speech on 27th May 2015.

Bradford LA has also been identified as an Early Implementer Innovator for the 30 hours and has to use all reasonable endeavours to achieve the following objectives:

- Explore the extent to which the new entitlement incentivises work, particularly focussing on female working patterns
- Quantify the anticipated impact on the childcare market, by provider type and geographic area
- Test the impact of the entitlement on working patterns in areas of low and part-time female employment by developing flexible school-based provision
- Develop communications plan to support parents to take informed decisions around work-life balance acknowledging their role as primary carer and educator
- Share the learning experience of being an Early Innovator with relevant stakeholders, including other local authorities through local/regional/national and virtual networks. Develop case studies and tool kit materials for use by other local authorities.

3.2 Children's Centre review and procurement

Following a thorough procurement process for the contracts to manage these clusters, the Council has awarded the BD5 cluster to the charity Barnardo's and the East Bradford Cluster to Action for Children Services Ltd. We are now working closely with both organisations to ensure there is a smooth transition of services.

The Council did not receive a bid for Bradford South cluster that met the requirements that were set out in the tender. The Council is now putting in place arrangements to bring that cluster in-house so that we can continue to deliver the services families need.

Services are being delivered differently from sites across seven areas of the district. Each area contains a cluster of delivery sites and will:

- Have a team of experienced staff to provide services
- Take account of local community needs
- Ensure that parents have a strong voice

Four of the seven areas are already in operation and the remaining three clusters will come into operation in August 2016. The seven clusters, the sites they contain and who runs them are as follows:

Keighley cluster

Run by Bradford Council, the Cluster is made up of five sites: Highfield, Low Fold, Treetops, Daisy Chain and Rainbow.

Lister Park cluster

Run by Midland Road Nursery School and Children's Centre, the cluster is made up of the following sites: Abbey Green; Farcliffe/Lilycroft; Frizinghall, Midland Road; and Heaton.

West Bradford cluster

Run by St Edmunds Nursery School and Children's Centre the cluster is made up of the following sites: Allerton; Crossley Hall; Thornton; Farnham/Grange; Lidget Green; Princeville; and St Edmunds.

Airedale and Wharfedale cluster

Run by Strong Close Nursery School and Children's Centre the cluster is made up of the following sites: Baildon; Little Lane (Ilkley); Menston & Burley; Owlet; Bingley Rural; Hirst Wood; Strong Close; and Trinity 5 Rise.

BD5 cluster

Will be run by the charity Barnardo's. The cluster contains the following sites: Burnett Fields Children Centre; Canterbury Centre's Children and Woodroyd Children's Centre.

East Bradford cluster

Will be run by Action for Children Services Ltd. The cluster contains the following sites:

Barkerend Children's Centre; Communityworks; Fagley Children's Centre; Gateway Children's Centre; Mortimer House Children's Centre; Parkland Children's Centre.

South Bradford cluster

Will be run by Bradford Council. The cluster contains the following sites: Bierley Children's Centre; Holme Wood Children's Centre; Reevy Hill Children's Centre; Tyersal Children's Centre; Victoria Hall Children's Centre; Woodside Children's Centre; Wyke Children's Centre.

At some of these sites, children's centre services are delivered on a part-time basis and so the sites have limited opening. These sites are:

Frizinghall; Thornton; Bingley Rural; Bingley Trinity 5 Rise; Menston and Burley; Little lane Ilkley; Baildon; Haworth Treetops; and Victoria Hall

Services available

The early years offer is available to all families. This offer includes:

- The Family Links antenatal programme: an 8 week course for pregnant women and their partners to prepare for the birth and parenthood
- Introductory children's centre visits with breastfeeding support
- A home safety visit at 3 – 4 months
- Weaning advice
- Early language development session (6 months of age)
- Developmental movement and play session
- Early language development session (18 months)
- A development review at two-and-a-half years
- Access to a free early education place in the term after their child's third birthday
- Free Book Start packs
- Access to information through the Families Information Service

Further additional support will be provided for families who qualify for it, such as two-year-old early education places.

4. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL

- 4.1 Bradford Early Years has been awarded £150k funding from the Department for Education (DfE) to test early implementation of the proposed new entitlement to 15 hours of funded childcare for working parents. An expression of interest for capital funding has been submitted to the DfE. Although there may be a shortage of capacity in some areas, the challenge is not as significant as it was in respect of the two year old early education entitlement, which required 31 major capital developments to address the lack of capacity in disadvantaged areas.

5. LEGAL APPRAISAL

- 5.1 From April 16 the process to lower the age limited of a school by up to two years reverts back to the formal statutory process for voluntary, foundation, community and community special schools (DfE Making 'prescribed alterations' to maintained schools – April 2016). Academies must follow the business case process set out in the guidance 'Making significant changes to an open academy'.

6. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

None.

7. OPTIONS

Not applicable.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1 That the information in this report be noted

9. APPENDICES

9.1 None.

10. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

None.

Report of the Chair of the Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee to the meeting of the Committee to be held on Tuesday 7 June 2016.

B

Subject:

Resolution Tracking 2015-16

Summary statement:

This report details the progress made against the resolutions passed by the Children's Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee during the 2015-16 municipal year.

Cllr Dale Smith
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1. SUMMARY

This report details the progress made against the resolutions passed by the Children's Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee during the 2015-16 municipal year.

2. BACKGROUND

At the Overview and Scrutiny Chairs and Deputies meeting held on 17 October 2013, members agreed that a report on Resolution Tracking should be placed on the Work Programme for each Committee at least once a year.

The Overview and Scrutiny team use a database to plan, report and track the work schedules for each committee.

The most commonly used aspect of the database is the 'work programme' which records information such as meeting dates, agenda item, item description and report author.

This work programme report is a standing item on the agendas of this Committee and is also used for information at briefings and departmental Management Team meetings.

3. REPORT ISSUES

Tracking resolutions made by the Committee helps monitor the effectiveness of the Overview and Scrutiny function and improves forward planning. It also allows better feedback to Committee members, the Executive and Council Leadership.

The database can be a powerful planning and tracking tool, as tracking the pathway of recommendations will help the Committee determine whether or not they are adding value to key decisions, bringing about positive change and impacting on service delivery.

Details of the recommendations and progress against them can be found at Appendix 1. Please note that where the outcome refers to "No further action required by the Committee", this could indicate that the resolution was thanking officers for their attendance or reports or that officers have taken the comments of the Committee on board and are progressing them.

4. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL

None

5. RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

None



6. LEGAL APPRAISAL

None

7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

7.1 EQUALITY & DIVERSITY

None

7.2 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

None

7.3 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACTS

None

7.4 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

None

7.5 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

None

7.6 TRADE UNION

None

7.7 WARD IMPLICATIONS

None

8. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

None

9. RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Committee comments on areas where resolutions do not appear to have been acted upon or feel insufficient progress has been made.

10. APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Children’s Services O&S Committee Resolution Tracking report



Democratic Services - Overview and Scrutiny

Report of All Outcomes for Childrens Services O&S Committee - 2015/16

Agenda item	Resolution	Outcome
Meeting date: Tuesday, 9th June 2015 in City Hall, Bradford		
1 School Backlog Maintenance	1 That the Committee notes the current position with backlog maintenance as detailed in Document "A".	No further outcome required by the Committee
	2 That the Portfolio Holder for Education, Skills and Culture in consultation with the Strategic Director Children's Services work on a Local Investment Plan with a view to leveraging additional funding for the maintenance improvement of the school estate and that the plan be presented to this Committee later in	A briefing note on the issue was circulated to Members in September 2015
2 Early Education and Childcare	1 That officers contact local authorities who have a high percentage of take up of 2 year old early education places to identify methods to encourage further take up of places in the Bradford District.	Further information circulated to Committee members
	2 That officers liaise with Children's Centres to establish reasons for the non take up of places and provide this information to Members of the Committee.	Further information circulated to Committee members
	3 That a progress report be submitted to the Committee in 12 months time.	Added to the Work Programme for 2016-17
3 Workloads of Children's Social Care	1 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 which includes information/views expressed by Members at the	Added to the Work Programme 2015-16
Meeting date: Thursday, 16th July 2015 in City Hall, Bradford		
1 Changes to Bradford's Fostering Fees and allowances offer to foster carers	1 That it be recommended to the Executive that an ongoing dialogue continues between the Fostering Service and carers that is child focused to keep everyone informed and involved as the service becomes a more flexible resource, this will include a greater role for the Bradford Adoption & Foster Carers Association a member of which will be co-opted onto the Corporate Parenting Panel and the Panel will be	No further action required by the Committee

Report of All Outcomes for Childrens Services O&S Committee - 2015/16 (continued)

Agenda item	Resolution	Outcome
1 Changes to Bradford's Fostering Fees and allowances offer to foster carers	2 That the Committee requests that the Executive reconsider its position with regard to short term foster carers and the financial uncertainty regarding the nature of short term placements.	Exec 15 September resolved - That the changes outlined in paragraphs 2.2.1 to 2.2.6 of Document "V" be approved - That the ongoing dialogue with foster carers continue to be a priority via face to face meetings with Bradford Adoption and Foster Carers Association. - That ongoing monitoring of the implementation of the changes, by the Overview & Scrutiny Committee, be Added to the Work Programme for 9 December 2015
Meeting date: Tuesday, 21st July 2015 in City Hall, Bradford		
4 School Admissions	1 That a report on the review of admissions procedures be presented to the Children's Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee in October 2015. 2 That a report on school place planning be presented to the Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee before the end of 2015.	Added to the Work Programme for 8 Oct 2015 Considered on the 9 Dec 2015
5 Young Carers - Children and Families Act	1 That officers and young carers be thanked for their attendance and input. 2 That the School Governor's Service be requested to work with Barnados to engage with schools regarding training sessions to raise awareness of the issues surrounding young carers and a report back be provided on those schools that are not engaging. 3 That an update report be presented to the Children's Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee in 12	No further action required by the Committee Clive Linnett met with Kerry McKenna (Barnardos). Assistance the School Governor Service could offer includes working with Barnardo's through the Governor Area Briefings, using Notepad and Briefing Notes as a platform to bring young carers' needs to the attention of governors, working with clerks to raise awareness Added to the Work Programme for 2016-17
Meeting date: Wednesday, 2nd September 2015 in City Hall, Bradford		
1 Outdoor Education Centres	1 That the Committee receive an update on progress in six months. 2 That officers submit an update report to the Schools Forum detailing progress with the outdoor learning 3 That the range of marketing activity that has taken place be welcomed and that continued marketing of the centres takes place to maximise their use.	Added to the Work Programme for March 2016 A report was submitted to the schools forum on 21 October 2015. No further action required by the Committee
2 Children's Centres	1 That the information in Document "K" be noted and the lessons learnt from the new delivery arrangements for Children's Centre Services be utilized to avoid any similar issues occurring to future projects.	No further action required by the Committee

Report of All Outcomes for Childrens Services O&S Committee - 2015/16 (continued)

Agenda item	Resolution	Outcome
3 Ofsted inspection report	1 That an update on the developments following on from the Ofsted inspection be reported to the Committee in 12 months' time.	Added to the Work Programme for 2016-17
Meeting date: Tuesday, 22nd September 2015 in City Hall, Bradford		
1 Safeguarding Annual Report	1 That officers and front line staff be thanked and their work in safeguarding children in the district be	No further action required by the Committee
	2 That all Councillors be written to urging them to attend safeguarding week from 19 October 2015.	Members Support emailed the relevant information to all Members on 1 October.
2 Education Attainment Action Plan update and Prof Woods school improvement review	1 That an update be presented to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee when appropriate on the developments following on from the Professor David Woods report in conjunction with developments from the LA inspection of School Improvement.	Added to the Work Programme for 2015-16
3 Standards Report	1 That the content of Document "O" on the performance of Bradford's Children and Young People in Key Stage tests and exams for 2015 be acknowledged while noting that the results remain disappointing.	No further action required by the Committee
	2 That further reports be provided in January or February 2016 as the Local Authority receives further published data from the Department for Education.	Report presented to Committee 8 March 2016
4 A review of governance arrangements for raising educational attainment	1 That the Committee receive an update on the developments and impact of the Bradford Education Improvement Commissioning Board in 6 months time	Added to the Work Programme for March 2016
Meeting date: Thursday, 8th October 2015 in City Hall, Bradford		
1 Review of School Admissions	1 That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee receive a report in 12 months' time, to demonstrate the impact of the changes and improvements made.	Added to the Work Programme for 2016-17
2 Schools Forum update report	1 That it be noted with concern that only 9% of schools made specific reference to the use of the pupil premium to raise the achievement of looked after children, and that the Schools Forum be requested to draw this to the attention of head teachers and	Raised with Schools Forum 21/10/15
3 Child Sexual Exploitation	1 That all those involved be thanked for their	No further action required by the Committee
	2 That the progress being made in Bradford in relation to CSE be welcomed and acknowledged.	No further action required by the Committee

Report of All Outcomes for Childrens Services O&S Committee - 2015/16 (continued)

Agenda item	Resolution	Outcome
3 Child Sexual Exploitation	3 That all elected members be encouraged to complete the CSE training which is available and elected members also be encouraged to attend events to raise awareness of CSE and related	The Member Development Manager will contact members to encourage them to complete the elearning. A Safeguarding event was held on 2 Feb 2016.
4 Children's Services Annual Complaints and FOI report for the 12 month period ending 31 March 2015	1 That a further report be received by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee in 12 months time.	Added to the Work Programme for 2016-17
Meeting date: Thursday, 22nd October 2015 in City Hall, Bradford		
1 The Youth Service	1 That the young people be thanked for their attendance and valuable contribution to the meeting	No further action required by the Committee
	2 That the report be welcomed and a progress report be presented to the Committee in early Spring 2016 on the Action Plan, following the Youth Offer Review (with particular reference to how the service was supporting young people in their learning potential).	Added to the Work Programme for 12 April 2016
	3 That the Committee considered the resolution made by the Bradford West Area Committee on 22 July 2015 (detailed in paragraph 3.16 of Document "W") and refers the matter to the Executive for consideration as part of the budget process.	Exec 3 Nov-resolved to consider this as part of the budget setting process
2 Funding and Educational Attainment	1 That the Committee looks forward to a further report on progress the Authority is making in developing a framework for the evaluation of the impact of financial decision making (as referred to in Ofsted's June 2015 inspection report of the Council's arrangements of school improvement).	Added to the Work Programme for 2016-17
3 Managing the Demands of new	1 That the information provided in Document "Y" be	No further action required by the Committee
Meeting date: Tuesday, 10th November 2015 in City Hall, Bradford		
1 Bradford Matters	1 That the Bradford Matters Team be thanked for their presentation.	No further action required by the Committee
2 Schools Forum	1 That the information provided in the update be noted. 2 That the Chair writes to the Districts MP's regarding the concerns of the Committee in relation to the National Funding Formula.	No further action required by the Committee Letter sent to MPs 18/11/15 - Responses received from Imran Hussain/Philip Davies/Kris Hopkins
3 Schools engagement with Road Safety	1 That the Strategic Director, Children's Services be requested to ensure that schools in priority areas (based on child casualty rates) continue to engage with the Road Safety team.	The School Governor service has circulated the Schools Road Safety Training document which was produced by the road Safety Team.

Report of All Outcomes for Childrens Services O&S Committee - 2015/16 (continued)

Agenda item	Resolution	Outcome
3 Schools engagement with Road Safety	2 That the Strategic Director, Children's Services be requested to contact all school Governing Bodies to ensure that they engage with the Road Safety Team.	See above
	3 That the Strategic Director, Regeneration be requested to modify the format for presenting road safety activities in schools within the Annual Road Safety Update report to reflect the more realistic 2-year rotation system and priority ward considerations.	No further action required by the Committee
4 Recruitment and Retention	1 That Dr Madine (University of Bradford) be thanked for his attendance and be invited to present his research into engagement/training/resilience of staff to a future	Added to the Work Programme for 10 Feb 2016
	2 That the report (Document "AC") be welcomed and an update which includes figures for Special Educational Needs Schools and Pupil Referral Units be submitted to the Committee in 12 months time.	Added to the Work Programme for 2016-17

Meeting date: Wednesday, 25th November 2015 in City Hall, Bradford

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1 The School Governor Service	1 That officers be requested to continue to monitor school websites with regard to the requirement to publish governor details and provide a briefing note for the Committee by March 2016.	Information circulated to Members - 25 Feb 2016
	2 That officers be requested to continue to liaise with schools with a view to ensuring that all schools identify a "young carers lead" before the end of the	The School Governor Service has contacted Barnardos offering Local Authority support
	3 That the Governor's Service be encouraged to explore opportunities to extend the reach of their	No further action required by the Committee
	4 That the Chair liaise with officers to develop a response to the Department for Education's future government proposals regarding Governing Bodies.	Clive Linnett to monitor DFE proposals and respond on behalf of the LA as appropriate.
2 Workloads of Children's Social Care	1 That the social workers be thanked for attending the meeting and be commended for their valuable work.	No further action required by the Committee
	2 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.	No further action required by the Committee
3 Bradford's Families First Programme	1 That the Committee support and commend the work to deliver 'a Whole Family Approach' to deliver improved family outcomes .	No further action required by the Committee

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Agenda item	Resolution	Outcome
3 Bradford's Families First Programme	2 That the Committee supports the implementation of Bradford's Early Help offer/framework to deliver more effective services, reduce duplication and improve outcomes for families in the district.	No further action required by the Committee
	3 That the service be thanked for the work that they do with troubled families.	No further action required by the Committee
Meeting date: Wednesday, 9th December 2015 in City Hall, Bradford		
1 All to play for: a strategy for children's play in Bradford District 2013-2016	1 That the success of the Play Strategy be welcomed.	No further action required by the Committee
	2 That the Committee looks forward to receiving a report on the refreshed Play Strategy in the new	
2 Changes to Bradford's Fostering Fees and allowances offer to foster carers	1 That the progress being made be noted and officers take on board the comments made by Members in particular the retraining and development of Foster	No further action required by the Committee
	2 That a further report be submitted to the Committee on the progress made in 1 above.	Added to the Work Programme for 2016-17
3 The Development and Publication of Bradford's Local Offer	1 That the report be welcomed and a further report be presented to the Committee in the new municipal	Added to the Work Programme for 2016-17
4 School Place Planning	1 That the Committee requests that the Chief Executive instructs officers to create a clear strategic direction for decisions relating to proposed locations for new schools; this includes using all the information available to the Council including the Core Strategy and Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessments.	Information circulated to Members 14 March 2016
Meeting date: Tuesday, 15th December 2015 in Leeds City College-Keighley		
1 Industrial Centres of Excellence further action required by the Committee	1	That officers be thanked for the informative tour of
	2	the Industrial Centre of Excellence.
further action required by the Committee	2	That the progress made with the development of
	3	the Industrial Centres of Excellence (ICE) programme toward both improving the skills and employability of the young people in the District and increasing the role of Bradford businesses in education and training
further action required by the Committee	3	That the ICE Boards be supported in their efforts to
	4	promote a wide range of career options to all our young people, irrespective of traditional recruitment
further action required by the Committee	4	That members promote the ICE programme and its
		success within their resident, employer and education

networks.

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Agenda item	Resolution	Outcome
1 Industrial Centres of Excellence	5 That officers continue to encourage employers to offer more work experience placements.	No further action required by the Committee
2 16-19 Education Work Programme for March 2016	1	That the Committee receive a report on the
to the Work Programme for 2016-17	2 Bradford Review of post-16 before the end of the	That the partnership work taking place in relation to
further action required by the Committee	3 participation post-16 be commended and that the Committee receive a report on the development of arrangements for an Information Advice & Guidance (IAG) service to meet Council and partners' statutory work with partners to implement the good practice from the "NEET-free Keighley" approach in other geographical NEET hotspots.	That the Education, Employment and Skills Team

Meeting date: Tuesday, 12th January 2016 in City Hall, Bradford

Page 21	1 Ofsted Action Plan	1 That Nick Hudson, Ofsted Regional Director, be thanked for his attendance and his comments be	No further action required by the Committee
		2 That educational attainment becomes a standing item on the Committee work programme, reporting approximately four times a year, with attendance from school partnerships, headteachers, Trade Unions, Ofsted, Academy Chains and the Regional Schools Commissioner to be scheduled.	Added to the Work Programme for 2016-17
		3 That the Strategic Director Children's Services be requested to develop a means of reporting on categorisation of schools	AWAITING RESPONSE
2 Schools Forum update	1 That the information provided in the update contained in Document "AR" be noted.	No further action required by the Committee	

Meeting date: Wednesday, 27th January 2016 in City Hall, Bradford

1 Better Start Bradford Programme	1 That the information provided in the report (Document "AT") be welcomed and a further progress report be presented to the Committee in 12 months	Added to the Work Programme for 2016-7
2 Bradford and District Learning Hub	1 That the Committee supports the Hub Senior Steering Group in identifying and Securing continuation funding for a range of initiatives and projects being delivered by the hub to operate beyond December 2016 (when the initial grant from the Esmée Fairbairn Foundation comes to an end).	No further action required by the Committee

Report of All Outcomes for Childrens Services O&S Committee - 2015/16 (continued)

Agenda item	Resolution	Outcome
2 Bradford and District Learning Hub	2 That evidence of community based activity relating to the literacy hub be circulated to Members of the	The evaluation report was circulated to members on
	3 That the Education and School Improvement Service provides the District's schools with contact details for professional story tellers and published authors/poets who are able to attend schools and speak with the	A list of recommended authors will be disseminated as a flyer to all Bradford schools as an insert in the upcoming circulation of creative writing resource produced for
3 The Children's Trust	1 That it be requested that the final governance structure, responsibility for key performance indicators and the priorities in the Children and Young People Plan, along with the Membership of the Children's Trust be circulated to this Committee in March 2016.	The report will be available in June / July 2016
	2 That the Strategic Director Children's Services be requested to consider revising the target in the School Improvement Plan that "all children will attend a good school by 2018", as the view of this Committee is that this target can not be fully realised.	AWAITING RESPONSE

Meeting date: Wednesday, 10th February 2016 in St.Edmunds Childrens Centre

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1 Engagement, Resilience and Well being of Teaching Staff in the Bradford District	1 That Dr Madine be thanked for his detailed presentation and his findings be welcomed.	No further action for the Committee
	2 That a Multi Academy Trust be invited to attend a future meeting of the Committee to share best practice on recruitment and retention and to discuss the findings of Dr Madine's research.	Added to the Work Programme for 2016-17
	3 That officers from Children's Services disseminate Dr Madine's research to as many education bodies as possible, including the School Governor Service.	The report was added to Bradford Schools On-line website with a request that it be shared with all
2 Teaching Schools	1 That the report be welcomed and the Teaching Schools be congratulated for the work being	No further action required by the Committee
	2 That the Strategic Director, Children's Services considers how the Council can promote an increase in the number and subject matter of courses provided for returning teachers.	AWAITING RESPONSE
3 Contract over £2m - Connexions Service	1 That the report and the option to undertake the tendering exercise for the Connexions contract be	No further action required by the Committee

Meeting date: Tuesday, 8th March 2016 in City Hall, Bradford

1 Workloads of Children's Social Care	1 That Document "BB" be welcomed and the social workers be thanked for attending and for their contribution to the meeting.	No further action required by the Committee
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Report of All Outcomes for Childrens Services O&S Committee - 2015/16 (continued)

Agenda item	Resolution	Outcome
1 Workloads of Children's Social Care	2 That the Committee continue to receive further reports in the new municipal year to ensure the continuation of safe workloads and practice.	Added to the Work Programme for 2016-17
2 Update on Education Standards 2015 and School to School Partnership	1 That the contents of Document "BC" be noted with some concern, but the fact that measures are in place to accelerate rates of improvement be welcomed	No further action required by the Committee
3 Bradford Education and School Improvement Commissioning Board	1 That Document "BD" be welcomed and that the impact of the commissioned work referred to in paragraph 3.4 be reported to this Committee	Added to the Work Programme for 2016-17
Meeting date: Wednesday, 30th March 2016 in City Hall, Bradford		
2 Outdoor Education Centres	1 That the positive progress of Ingleborough Hall and Buckden House following the refurbishment at the centres be welcomed.	No further action required by the Committee
	2 That the progress of building works at Nell Bank be welcomed and the Committee looks forward to its completion.	No further action required by the Committee
	3 That a report be taken to the Schools Forum on the Outdoor Education Centres containing overall details of the capital expenditure programme and that Officers are requested to liaise with the Schools Forum to jointly determine the scope of that	A report was presented to Schools Forum on 18 May
	4 That the Outdoor Project Board be urged to maintain the differentiation between the Outdoor Centre offers to ensure the widest possible educational opportunities be given to the young people of the	No further action required by the Committee
3 Cultural Education	1 That the report on the cultural and creative education of Bradford's pupils as part of their broad and balanced curriculum (Document "BG") be received.	No further action required by the Committee
	2 That the continued work of the Music and Arts Service, its partners and Bradford schools to ensure that every child receives a meaningful cultural and creative curriculum offer be supported.	No further action required by the Committee
	3 That the Governors Service writes to all schools explaining the value of cultural education which can lead to improved outcomes for young people.	AWAITING RESPONSE
	4 That a report be submitted to the Schools Forum which informs the Forum on the value of cultural education and a creative curriculum and its positive impact on improved outcomes for young people.	AWAITING RESPONSE

Report of All Outcomes for Childrens Services O&S Committee - 2015/16 (continued)

Agenda item	Resolution	Outcome
1 Referral to the Committee	1 That recommendations (1 and 2) highlighted below from Council on 22 March 2016 be included on the Overview & Scrutiny Committee's work programme.	Added to the Work Programme for 2016-17
Meeting date: Tuesday, 12th April 2016 in City Hall, Bradford		
1 Delivering a new Youth Offer for Bradford District	1 That the report be welcomed and the young people and volunteers be thanked for their significant contribution to the meeting.	No further action required by the Committee
	2 That a joint meeting be held with this Committee and the Health and Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider young people's mental health issues and that young people be invited to attend that	Added to the Work Programme for 2016-17
	3 That a progress report on the new Youth Offer be submitted to the Committee in 12 months time.	Added to the Work Programme for 2016-17
	4 That the Service encourages young peoples voices to continue to be heard in influencing the provision of Youth Services.	No further action required by the Committee
2 School Capital Funding Announcement and school expansion programme	1 That officers and the Education, Skills and Culture Portfolio Holder be thanked for their efforts in securing the Basic Need Funding.	No further action required by the Committee
	2 That the positive debate with government to pursue capital funding needs for Bradford be encouraged.	No further action required by the Committee
3 Equality Action Plan - Progress Report	1 That the report be noted.	No further action required by the Committee
4 Draft Terms of Reference - Scrutiny of Home Educated Children	1 That the draft Terms of Reference for the Scrutiny of Home Educated Children be agreed.	No further action required by the Committee

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Report of the Chair of Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee to the meeting of the Committee to be held on Tuesday 7 June 2016.

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Subject:

Subject: Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee Draft Work Programme 2016-17

Summary statement:

This report presents the Committee's draft Work Programme 2016-17

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1. SUMMARY

1.1 This report presents the Committee's draft Work Programme 2016-17.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 Each Overview and Scrutiny Committee is required by the Constitution of the Council to prepare a work programme (Part 3E – Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules, Para 1.1).

3. REPORT ISSUES

3.1 **Appendix 1** of this report presents the draft Work Programme 2016-17. It lists issues and topics that have been carried forward from the 2015-16 Municipal Year.

3.2 **Work planning cycle**

Best practice published by the Centre for Public Scrutiny suggests that 'work programming should be a continuous process'. It is important to regularly review work programmes so that important or urgent issues that come up during the year are able to be scrutinised. In addition, at a time of limited resources, it should also be possible to remove projects which have become less relevant or timely. For this reason, it is proposed that the Committee's work programme be regularly reviewed by Members throughout the municipal year.

Members may wish to amend the current work programme (Appendix 1) and / or comment on the proposed work planning cycle set out above.

Also attached for information at Appendix 2 is the Terms of Reference for the detailed scrutiny of "Home Educated Children" which was agreed at the meeting of the Committee held on 12 April 2016.

4. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL

None

5. RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

None

6. LEGAL APPRAISAL

None

7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS



7.1 EQUALITY & DIVERSITY

None

7.2 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

None

7.3 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACTS

None

7.4 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

None

7.5 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

None

7.6 TRADE UNION

None

7.7 WARD IMPLICATIONS

None

8. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

None

9. RECOMMENDATIONS

9.1 That the Work Programme 2016-17 continues to be regularly reviewed during the year.

10. APPENDICES

10.1 Appendix 1 – Children’s Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee draft Work Programme 2016-17

10.2 Appendix 2 – Terms of Reference – Home Educated Children



Democratic Services - Overview and Scrutiny

Childrens Services O&S Committee

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Work Programme 2016/17

Description

Report

Agenda

Tuesday, 26th July 2016 at City Hall, Bradford.

Chair's briefing 11/07/2016. Secretariat deadline 14/07/2016.

- 1) Young Carers
- 2) Schools Forum Update
- 3) Post 16 Review
- 4) Changing Landscape of Education Services: Identifying Roles and Responsibilities

The Committee will receive an update report on the work with Young Carers.

Jim Hopkinson

The Committee will receive an update on the work of the Schools Forum.

Andrew Redding

The Committee will receive a report on the Post 16 review

Jenny Cryer

The Committee will receive a report considering what the implications of recent policies might have on the district.

Michael Jameson

Tuesday, 6th September 2016 at City Hall, Bradford.

Chair's briefing 18/08/2016. Secretariat deadline 24/08/2016.

- 1) The development and publication of Bradford's local offer.
- 2) Ofsted Inspection report
- 3) Workloads of Children's Social Care
- 4) Child Sexual Exploitation

That an update report be presented in the new municipal year.

The Committee will receive an update on the developments following on from the Ofsted inspection.

Judith Kirk

The Committee will receive a report on the workloads of Children's Social Care Services.

Jim Hopkinson

The Committee will receive a report on the work being undertaken to combat Child Sexual Exploitation.

Jim Hopkinson

Wednesday, 12th October 2016 at City Hall, Bradford.

Chair's briefing 26/09/2016. Secretariat deadline 29/09/2016.

- 1) Schools Forum Update
- 2) Children's Centres
- 3) Children Missing from Home and Care
- 4) Education Standards and School to School Partnership arrangements

The Committee will receive an update on the work of the Schools Forum.

Andrew Redding

The Committee will consider an update report on the current position regarding Children's Centres.

The Committee will receive a report detailing numbers of children missing from home and care and work being undertaken to address this.

Jim Hopkinson

The Committee will receive a report on Educational Standards 2016 - Early Years to Key Stage 4.

Judith Kirk

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Work Programme 2016/17

Description

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Agenda

Tuesday, 1st November 2016 at City Hall, Bradford.

Chair's briefing 17/10/2016. Secretariat deadline 20/10/2016.

- 1) Schools Forum Update
- 2) Review of School Admissions
- 3) Annual Safeguarding report

The Committee will receive an update on the work of the Schools Forum.

Andrew Redding

The Committee will receive a report which demonstrates the impact of the changes and improvements made to the School Admissions procedure.

Judith Kirk

The Committee will receive the Annual Safeguarding report

Jim Hopkinson

Wednesday, 7th December 2016 at City Hall, Bradford.

Chair's briefing 21/11/2016. Secretariat deadline 24/11/2016.

- 1) Workloads of Children's Social Care
- 2) Recruitment and Retention of Teachers

The Committee will receive a report on the workloads of Children's Social Care Services.

Jim Hopkinson

The Committee will receive an update report which includes figures for Special Educational Needs Schools and Pupil Referral Units.

Sarah Rawnsley

Tuesday, 24th January 2017 at City Hall, Bradford.

Chair's briefing 09/01/2017. Secretariat deadline 12/01/2017.

- 1) Schools Forum Update
- 2) Better Start Bradford

The Committee will receive an update on the work of the Schools Forum.

Andrew Redding

The Committee will receive a progress report on the work of the Better Start Programme.

Michaela Howell / Shirley Brierley

Tuesday, 14th February 2017 at City Hall, Bradford.

Chair's briefing 30/01/2017. Secretariat deadline 02/02/2017.

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Tuesday, 14th March 2017 at City Hall, Bradford.

Chair's briefing 27/02/2017. Secretariat deadline 02/03/2017.

- 1) Standards Report
- 2) Workloads of Children's Social Care

The Committee will receive a report on the workloads of Children's Social Care Services.

Judith Kirk
Jim Hopkinson

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The Committee will receive an update on the work of the Schools Forum.

The Committee will receive a progress report on the Youth Offer.

Report

Andrew Redding

Ian Day / Heather Wilson

Agenda

Tuesday, 11th April 2017 at City Hall, Bradford.

Chair's briefing 27/03/2017. Secretariat deadline 30/03/2017.

1) Schools Forum Update

2) Youth Offer

CHILDREN'S SERVICES OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Scrutiny of Home Educated Children in the Bradford District

Terms of Reference

See Part 3E paragraphs 2.1-2.11 of the Council Constitution

1. Background

In December 2015 Sir Michael Wilshaw, Head of Ofsted warned the safety and well-being of hundreds of children could be at risk by their education in unregistered schools illegally operating in several parts of England.

Earlier this year, a senior delegation from Ofsted met with Council officers and members of the Executive. Ofsted raised some legitimate concerns, but also made some general statements regarding home educated children in the District.

At its meeting on 22 March 2016 the Council resolved to:

“Ask the Children’s Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee to ensure that a comprehensive and robust review of the Council’s approach to elective home education is carried out over the next six months in which the safeguarding of children is central”.

2. Key Lines of Enquiry

The key lines of enquiry for this scrutiny review are as follows:

- An understanding of the Council’s approach to identifying children not registered at school
- How does the Council minimise the risk of children missing education
- Understanding why some parents / carers choose home education
- How the Council can ensure the safeguarding of children outside the “regular” school system

3. Methodology

The Committee will receive and consider a variety of evidence/ information provided by a range of interested parties. The Committee may adopt one or more of the following methods to collect evidence/ information:

- Request specific briefing materials and/or reports from officers of the Council;
- Invite written evidence from other interested parties;
- Commission specific research and consider any subsequent findings;
- Hold open meetings at which members of the public or interested organisations can present their views and evidence;
- Hold “Committee hearings” i.e. meetings in public, with specific interested parties invited to give a brief presentation (with a previously submitted written submission), followed by questioning by the Committee;

4. List of Interested Parties

An indicative list of interested parties is provided below. This is not definitive or exclusive and can be developed as the scrutiny progresses.

- Department for Education
- Ofsted
- Children’s Services Department
- Private Tutors / schools
- Teachers
- Young People
- Trade Unions
- Parents
- Governors
- Portfolio Holder
- Telegraph & Argus

5. Indicative Timetable

Dates of meetings – to be arranged