

Agenda for a meeting of the Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee to be held on Tuesday, 26 July 2016 at 4.30 pm in Ernest Saville Room - City Hall, Bradford

Members of the Committee – Councillors

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	INDEPENDENT
D Smith M Pollard	Engel Mullaney Peart Shaheen Tait	Ward	Sajawal

Alternates:

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT
Carmody Rickard	Akhtar Bacon Abid Hussain Thirkill	J Sunderland

VOTING CO-OPTED MEMBERS:

Sidiq Ali	Parent Governor Representative
Claire Parr	Church Representative (RC)
Joyce Simpson	Church Representative (CE)
Gull Hussain	Parent Governor Representative

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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 7 June 2016 be signed as a correct record (previously circulated).

(Jill Bell – 01274 434580)



4. 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)

5. REFERRALS TO THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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The attached referral has been made to this Committee up to and including the date of publication of this agenda.

The Committee is asked to note the referral 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.

6. APPOINTMENT OF NON-VOTING CO-OPTED MEMBERS

(Article 6.7.2 of the Constitution)

The Committee is asked to confirm and recommend to Council the appointment of the following non-voting co-opted representatives for the 2016/2017 municipal year:

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: vacancy

Voluntary Sector Representative: Kerr Kennedy

(Jill Bell – 01274 434580)



B. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY ACTIVITIES

7. YOUNG CARERS

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The report of the Assistant Director (Children's Specialist Services) (**Document "D"**) provides an annual update on plans to meet the needs of Young Carers, within the Bradford District, following the implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding 2010, refreshed in Feb 2014, July 22nd 2014, April 2015 and 21st July 2015.

Recommended -

That the Committee comment on the progress and target setting of the Action Plan.

(Cath Dew - 01274 437949)

8. SCHOOLS FORUM UPDATE

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The Director of Children's Services will present **Document "E"** in response to the request of the Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee to receive a regular update on the work of the Schools Forum.

Recommendation -

Committee Members are asked to consider and to note the information provided in the update contained in Document "E".

(Andrew Redding – 01274 432678)

9. THE CHANGING EDUCATIONAL LANDSCAPE

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The Deputy Director of Children's Services will present **Document "F"** on the 'Educational Excellence Everywhere' White Paper which was published in March 2016 and sets out this Government's ambitions for the future of education and the approach they will take to realise this ambition. The title 'educational excellence' articulates the twin ambitions of the Government: to champion excellence and set high aspirations for all children so that outcomes are not dependent on affluence or geography. The paper accelerates the Government's ambition for all schools to be removed from LA control, becoming academies by 2022.

Recommended -

That Document "F" be received and the implications of the White Paper considered.

(Judith Kirk – 01274 439255)



10. ELECTIVE HOME EDUCATION AND THE EDUCATION SAFEGUARDING HUB

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Safeguarding children across the District is our highest priority with the Director of Children's Services having a legal responsibility for the safeguarding of children. In order to meet this responsibility there is a requirement to have information about children who are unknown to statutory agencies so that their well-being can be assured. Once identified missing children and children not on the roll of a school need to have a swift response to ensure their well-being. The Deputy Director of Children's Services will present a report (**Document "G"**) on the establishment of the Education Safeguarding Hub (ESH)

Recommended –

- (1) That the limited powers of the Authority to intervene in cases whereby parents elect to home educate their child (ren) is noted.**
- (2) That it be noted that the establishment of the Education Safeguarding Hub is a key vehicle in ensuring and promoting the wellbeing of children who are not attending any registered provision.**

(Judith Kirk – 01274 43 1078)

11. BLOCK CONTRACT CALL-OFF FROM THE WHITE ROSE LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN RESIDENTIAL FRAMEWORK IN BRADFORD & DISTRICT AREA

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The Deputy Director of Children's Specialist Services will present a report (**Document "H" which contains a Not for Publication appendix**) on a plan to block buy a number of residential children's homes beds from the existing White Rose Framework to provide better outcomes for looked after young people in Bradford. By undertaking this young people stay in the Bradford area and this will provide a more cost effective result for the Council.

Recommended -

That the Children's Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee note the contents of Document "H".

(Jim Hopkinson/David Byrom – 01274 43 2904/2896)

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