

Agenda for a meeting of the Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee to be held on Wednesday, 7 December 2016 at 4.30 pm in Committee Room 1 - 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	INDEPENDENT
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

NON VOTING CO-OPTED MEMBERS

Kerr Kennedy	Voluntary Sector Representative
Stephen Pickles	Teachers Primary Schools Representative
Tom Bright	Teachers Secondary School Representative
Tina Wildy	Health 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 meetings held on 12 October and 1 November 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)

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 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

To consider referrals made to this Committee up to and including the date of publication of this agenda.

The Committee is asked to note the referrals listed above 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.

B. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY ACTIVITIES

6. DEVELOPMENT AND PUBLICATION OF BRADFORD'S LOCAL OFFER

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The Children and Families Act (2014) placed a requirement on all local authorities to publish a Local Offer with effect from 1 September 2014. The Local Offer provides information on services across Education, Health and Social Care for children and young people who are aged 0 - 25 years and have special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND). The Local Offer includes local provision and provision outside of the area that is likely to be used including regional and national specialist provision.

The purpose of the Local Offer is to provide clear, comprehensive and accessible information about the available services and how families can access them. The aim is to make provision more responsive to local needs and aspirations by directly involving disabled children and young people and those with special educational needs, their parents



and service providers in its development and review.

There is a statutory requirement for the local authority to publish an annual report relating to the feedback received through the Local Offer. The report must be published by 31st August in each calendar year.

The report of the Strategic Director of Children's Services (**Document "X"**) on the development and publication of Bradford's Local Offer is submitted.

Recommended -

The Committee is asked to note the contents of this report.

(Jenni Leary - 01274 439538)

7. UPDATED INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS ON THE WORKLOADS OF CHILDREN'S SOCIAL CARE SERVICES 75 - 90

The report of the Deputy Director (Children's Social Care) (**Document "Y"**) presents the most recent information on the workload of Children's Social Work Teams and updates Members on key pressures on the service. The workload analysis is based on activity up to 30th September 2016.

There has been a slight change to the overall workloads of social workers, and pressures upon the service since the last report was presented. The report demonstrates that Social Work Services for Children & Young People in the District remain strong, robust and well managed.

Recommended -

That the Committee consider further reports in the 2016-17 work programme to ensure the continuation of safe workloads and practice into the future given the current financial climate.

(Di Watherston - 01274 437077)

8. CHILDREN MISSING FROM CARE 91 - 116

The report of the Deputy Director (Children's Social Care) (**Document "Z"**) highlights the work being undertaken in Bradford to prevent children being missing from care the actions taken to protect young people when they do go missing and the provision that is in place to meet their needs.



Recommended -

- (1) That the work being undertaken to safeguard looked after children who go missing in Bradford be endorsed.
- (2) That the Multi-Agency Strategy to safeguard children who go missing be supported and reported to elected members on a yearly basis.

(David Byrom - 01274 437077)

9. CHILDREN'S SERVICES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2016-17 117 - 122

The report of the Chair of Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee (**Document "AA"**) presents the Committee's Work Programme 2016-17.

Recommended –

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

(Licia Woodhead - 01274 432119)

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