

# Agenda for a meeting of the Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee to be held on Tuesday, 24 January 2017 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
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 meeting held on 15 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 receive referrals that have been made to this Committee up to and including the date of publication of this agenda.

The Committee will be 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. **BRADFORD SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD ANNUAL REPORT AND BUSINESS PLAN**

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Bradford Safeguarding Children Board (BSCB) has produced an annual report covering the period April 2015 to March 2016. The report of the Director of children's Services (**Document "AB"**) sets out the context of partnership work to safeguard children in the Bradford District, outlines the key areas of work and the key challenges and successes. The report also contains information about the governance, resources and accountability of the Board.

**Recommended -**

**That the Committee read and note the attached Annual Report of the Bradford Safeguarding Children Board.**

(Jenny Cryer - 01274 434333)



7. RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION OF TEACHERS IN THE BRADFORD DISTRICT 123 - 136

There is a national issue with regards to the recruitment and retention of teachers across all sectors. This is acknowledged by all teaching unions, professional bodies and schools. In May 2016, the House of Commons Public Accounts Committee criticised the DfE's attempts to recruit teachers and stated in a report that the Department had no plan for how to meet its ITT recruitment targets and did not understand "the difficult reality that many schools face in recruiting teachers".

Bradford has been the first local authority to commission a designated post to address these concerns at a district level. This model has now been replicated in other authorities such as Walsall and Lincolnshire.

The report of the Director of Children's Services (Document "AC") will explain how the Recruitment & Retention Strategy Manager is addressing the key issues, progress to date and next steps.

**Recommended –**

**That the report be noted.**

(Judith Kirk – 01274 439255)

8. SCHOOLS FORUM UPDATE 137 - 148

Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee has asked for a regular update on the work of the Schools Forum. The Director of children's Services will present an update (**Document "AD"**)

**Recommended -**

**Committee Members are asked to consider and to note the information provided in this update.**

(Andrew Redding – 01274 432678)

9. CHILDREN'S SERVICES BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS 149 - 172

The report of the Director of Children's Services (**Document "AE"**) provides information on the Children Services 2017-18 and 2018-19 budget proposals.



**Recommended –**

**The Children’s Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee to note the details of the budget saving proposals for 2017-18 and 2018-19.**

(Michael Jameson – 01274 431266)

- 10. CHILDREN'S SERVICES OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME** 173 - 178

The report of the Chair of the Children’s Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee (**Document “AF”**) 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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