

Agenda for a meeting of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee to be held on Thursday, 2 February 2017 at 5.30 pm in Committee Room 1 - City Hall, Bradford

Members of the Committee – Councillors

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	THE INDEPENDENTS
BM Smith Rickard Cooke	Warburton Green Arshad Hussain Watson Bacon	J Sunderland	Naylor

Alternates:

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	THE INDEPENDENTS
Mallinson Townend M Pollard	Greenwood T Hussain Thirkill Jamil Shaheen	Ward	Hawkesworth

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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 5 and 11 January 2017 be signed as a correct record (previously circulated).

(Yusuf Patel – 01274 434579)



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.

(Yusuf Patel – 01274 434579)

5. **REFERRALS TO THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

No referrals were made at the time of the publication of this agenda.

B. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY ACTIVITIES

6. **QTR 3 FINANCIAL POSITION STATEMENT FOR 2016-17**

The report of the Director of Corporate Services (**Document “AK” – Report to Follow**) provides Members with an overview of the forecast financial position of the Council for 2016-17.

It examines the latest spend against revenue and capital budgets and forecasts the financial position at the year end. It states the Council's current balances and reserves and forecasts school balances for the year.

The report will also be considered by the Executive at its meeting on 7 February 2017.

Recommended –

That the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee review and comment on the QTR 3 Financial Position Statement.

(Andrew Cross – 01274 436823)



7. BRADFORD POVERTY SCRUTINY REVIEW AND CORPORATE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS PROGRESS REPORT

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The Strategic Director Place will submit a report (**Document “AL”**) which provides a progress update on implementation of the recommendations made by Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the 29 June 2016 and Executive on the 19 July 2016, that followed the Bradford Poverty Scrutiny Review.

Recommended –

That Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

- (1) Accept the progress made to date against the recommendations of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the 29 June 2016 and Executive on the 19 July 2016.**
- (2) Suggest other actions the Committee believes the Council and or its partners should or could be taking to make a positive impact against poverty in the District.**

(Helen Johnston - 01274 434401)

8. DISCRETIONARY PAYMENTS

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The Assistant Director Revenues, Benefits and Payroll will submit a report (**Document “AM”**) which provides an update on the support provided by the Council, to financially vulnerable residents, through the Discretionary Housing Payments (DHP) scheme and the Assisted Purchase Scheme (APS) during the period 1 April 2016 to 31 December 2016

Recommended –

That the Committee;

- (1) Note the contents of this report and the work that has taken place on both Discretionary Housing Payments and Local Welfare Support.**
- (2) Offer a view on how any future DHP scheme might look in the context of linking it to helping the young and most vulnerable in the District and the Chief Executives forthcoming report to Executive.**
- (3) Provide a view on what any future Local Welfare Support Scheme should look like in view of the limited take up of the current scheme.**

(Paul Bland - 01274 437874)



9. CORPORATE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - WORK PROGRAMME 2016/17 41 - 54

The Chair of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee will submit a report (**Document “AN”**) which sets out the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee work programme for 2016/17.

Recommended –

- (1) That members consider and comment on the areas of work included in the work programme.**
- (2) That members consider any detailed scrutiny reviews that they may wish to conduct.**

(Mustansir Butt – 01274 432574)

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