

## Agenda for a meeting of the Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee to be held on Wednesday, 22 November 2017 at 4.30 pm in Committee Room 1 - City Hall, Bradford

### Members of the Committee – Councillors

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

### Alternates:

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT AND INDEPENDENT
Rickard Riaz	Akhtar Bacon Abid Hussain Thirkill Sharp	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
Tom Bright	Teachers Secondary School Representative
Irene Docherty	Teachers Special School 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 27 September 2017 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 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. **SCHOOLS FORUM UPDATE**

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The Committee has asked for regular updates to be provided on the work of the Schools Forum.

The last update was presented to the Committee on 27 September 2017. The Schools Forum has met once since on 18 October 2017. The decisions list from this meeting is attached at Appendix 1 to the report of the Director of Children's Services (**Document "L"**).

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

(Andrew Redding - 01274 432678)

#### 7. **YOUTH VOICE IN THE DISTRICT**

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The report of the Director of Children's Services (**Document "M"**) informs the Committee of work to deliver the Bradford Youth Voice

Strategy. The Strategy is led by the Council's Commissioner for Youth Provisions, coordinated through the Youth offer working Group and delivered by a range of statutory and non statutory organisations across the district. The report provides examples that contribute to the delivery of the strategy, demonstrating the diversity of the work undertaken by a wide number of organisations within the partnership. The strategy includes youth voice work within communities; for specific groups of young people (e.g. the work with transgender young people); work to influence strategy and policy, and the district wider Youth Survey and Takeover Day.

**Recommended -**

- (1) That the work undertaken by the Youth Sector in terms of Youth Voice is welcomed.**
- (2) That the Committee commits to formalising Youth Voice arrangements in respect of Overview and Scrutiny work going forward, recognising the need for the districts diverse range of young people to be properly represented.**
- (3) That the Committee provides critical challenge and commitment to hearing youth voice in terms of other reports presented to this committee.**
- (4) That the Committee receives a further update in respect of the work in 12 months time.**

(Heather Wilson - 01274 431781)

**8. UPDATED INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS ON THE WORKLOADS OF CHILDREN'S SOCIAL CARE SERVICES** 61 - 82

The report of the Strategic Director of Children's Services (**Document "N"**) 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 30<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

There has been a slight rise 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 2017-18 work programme to ensure the continuation of safe workloads and practice into the future given the current financial climate.**

(Di Drury – 01274 437077)

9. **THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW LA COMMISSIONED SOCIAL, EMOTIONAL AND MENTAL HEALTH (SEMH) FREE SCHOOL IN BRADFORD** 83 - 94

The Strategic Director of Children's Services will present a report (**Document "O"**) on the establishment of a new SEMH Free School in Bradford that will create a flexible, centralised facility which acts as an assessment centre with co-located specialised education, health and care services. It will also act as a regional facility offering placements for children and young people from our neighbouring local authorities.

Bradford Local Authority was amongst 230 expressions of interest to establish an Local Authority Commissioned SEND Free School. The bid was successful and Bradford is now one of 19 projects that have been accepted onto the Free School Programme. The authority is now moving forward to deliver a Joint Services Residential/Day School for children and young people aged 10-19 years of age with complex social emotional and mental health needs. The timeframe for opening of the new school is September 2020.

**Recommended -**

**That the Committee is asked to note the contents of this report.**

(Judith Kirk – 01274 439610)

10. **CHILDREN'S SERVICES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2017-18** 95 - 100

The report of the Chair of the Children's Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee (**Document "P"**) presents the Committee's Work Programme 2017-18.

**Recommended -**

**That the Work Programme continues to be regularly reviewed during the year.**

(Licia Woodhead – 01274 432119)