

# **Agenda for a meeting of the Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee to be held on Wednesday, 13 December 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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## **To:**

## **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.*

## **A. PROCEDURAL ITEMS**

## **3. MINUTES**

**Recommended –**

**That the minutes of the meeting held on 11 October 2017 be signed as a correct record (previously circulated).**

(Fatima Butt – 01274 432227)

#### **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.

(Fatima Butt - 01274 432227)

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

The Committee is asked to note any referrals that have been made up to and including the date of publication of this agenda 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. THE BRADFORD EDUCATION COVENANT**

The Education Covenant is a District-wide collaboration composed of public, business, schools, colleges, higher education, non-profit, community, and parents. It serves as a catalyst for organising community efforts and resources around a shared vision: all Bradford's children and young people will travel a safe, healthy, and successful educational path from cradle to career.

The Strategic Director, Children's Services will submit **Document "Q"** which provides a summary of the progress that has been made in implementing the Education Covenant to increasing the level of support, time and investment from the local community, whether voluntary organisations, businesses, or parents, in children and young people.

**Recommended-**

**(1) That the report be considered and the progress made be welcomed.**

- (2) That the work of community partners in delivering work with Bradford children and young people undertaken as part of the Covenant be commended.
- (3) That as part of their roles Committee Members promote the Education Covenant.

(Jenny Cryer – 01274 434333)

## **7. CHILDREN MISSING FROM CARE**

The Deputy Director, Children's Social Care will submit **Document "R"** which 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 welcomed.
- (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 432986)

## **8. SCHOOL ADMISSIONS**

The Strategic Director, Children's Services will submit **Document "S"** which details the annual admissions to schools process, the current position with annual admissions, appeals and in year applications. The report provides an update on the progress the Admissions Team have made with the programme of change over the last 12 months and will outline changes of the forthcoming year.

### **Recommended-**

- (1) That the Committee notes the current position with Admissions.
- (2) That the Strategic Director Children's Services reminds all schools, regardless of status, their requirement to be compliant with the Code of Practice regarding consultation of their admission policy every seven years and to comply with the requirement to send their policy, every year to the Local Authority by the deadline of 15<sup>th</sup> March.

- (3) That the Strategic Director ensures that all new educational establishments comply with the Code and their admissions policies compliment the policies of the current educational establishments already in operation within Bradford.
- (4) That the Strategic Director considers the role of the BACs (Behaviour and Achievement Collaborative) and how it aligns with the Fair Access Protocol to ensure the legal rights of parents are met.

(Rachel Phillips – 01274 439215)

**9. PURCHASE OF INDEPENDENT FOSTERING AGENCY PLACEMENTS UNDER THE REGIONAL WHITE ROSE FRAMEWORK PROCURED BY LEEDS CITY COUNCIL**

The Yorkshire & Humber regional commissioning arrangement for placements is through The White Rose group. In June 2011 the Association of West Yorkshire CEO's directed officers to collaborate to achieve savings in the purchase of external placements. The local authorities of Bradford, Calderdale, Leeds, Kirklees, Wakefield and Doncaster agreed to join this collaborative approach. The membership of this group has increased to include local authorities from across the region; there are currently 14 local authorities involved. The overall aim of the project was to deliver a contractual basis for each Local Authority to purchase IFA (Independent Fostering Agency) and Residential Care placements from Framework Agreements in line with the demand for LAC (Looked After Children) placements. Leeds City Council led the overall procurement of regional Framework agreements.

**Document "T"** reports on the decision by the Strategic Director, Children's Services to utilise the regional White Rose framework in order to purchase placements with Independent Fostering Agencies for looked after children. A new framework will be advertised by Leeds City Council, in order to replace the current framework that ends on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018.

**Recommended-**

**That the Committee note the decision of the Strategic Director of Children's Services, that CBMDC is named as a purchasing organisation in the IFA framework advertised by Leeds City council, and that. Children's Services purchase IFA placements from this framework, utilising a competitive process where placement requirements are advertised to all providers on the framework and the placement that best meets need is purchased.**

(Mary Brittle – 01274 432633)

**10. CHILDREN'S SERVICES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE  
WORK PROGRAMME 2017/18**

The report of the Chair of Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee (**Document "U"**) 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)