

Agenda for a meeting of the Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee to be held on Wednesday, 17 January 2018 at 4.30 pm in Committee Room 1 - City Hall, Bradford

Members of the Committee – Councillors

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT AND INDEPENDENT	INDEPENDENT
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Alternates:

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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 meetings held on 22 November and 13 December 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)

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If that request is refused, there is a right of appeal to this meeting.

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(Jill Bell - 01274 434580)

5. REFERRALS TO THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

To receive 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. SCHOOLS FORUM UPDATE

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Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee has asked for regular updates on the work of Bradford's Schools Forum.

The last update was presented to the Committee on 22 November 2017. The Schools Forum has met twice since on 6 December 2017 and 10 January 2018. The decisions lists from these meetings are attached at Appendices 1 and 2 to the report of the Director of Children's Services (**Document "V"**). Due to the timing for publication of this report Appendix 2 will be circulated to Members following its initial publication and further key messages on will be reported verbally directly to the meeting.

The Schools Forum has made its recommendations on the allocation of the 2018/19 Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) on 10 January. These recommendations will be presented to the Executive and then to full Council for final decisions on 22 February 2018.

Recommended -

Committee Members are asked to consider and to note the information provided in Document “V”.

(Andrew Redding – 01274 432678)

7. RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION OF TEACHERS IN THE BRADFORD DISTRICT

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The shortage of teachers is a continuing challenge for the education sector in England, particularly in certain subjects and regions. Bradford has no more nor less an issue than the national picture. However, Bradford has been the first local authority to commission a designated post to address these concerns at a district level. This model is now being replicated in other authorities due the publicly acknowledged success of the Bradford campaign to date.

The report of the Director of Children’s Services (**Document “W”**) will advise members how the Recruitment & Retention Strategy Manager is addressing the key issues, progress to date and next steps as the project comes to an end in August 18.

Recommended -

That the Committee comments on Document “W”.

(Judith Kirk – 01274 439255)

8. CHILDREN’S SERVICES BUDGET PROPOSALS

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The report of the Director of Children’s Services (**Document “X”**) provides information on the Children’s Services budget proposals for 2018-19 and 2019-20.

Recommended -

That the Children’s Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee note the details of the budget saving proposals for 2018-19 and 2019-20.

(Michael Jameson – 01274 431266)

9. **PREVENTION AND EARLY HELP - A PROPOSED NEW MODEL TO SUPPORT FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES FOR THE FUTURE, INCLUDING PROPOSED CHANGES TO HOW WE PROVIDE THE CHILDREN'S CENTRE CORE OFFER ACROSS THE DISTRICT** 35 - 98

The report of the Director of Children's Services (**Document "Y"**) highlights the progress the Council and partners have made in bringing together existing arrangements for early help and early years services.

The Council is facing unprecedented pressure on its budgets whilst the demand and costs for services are rising. Government cuts mean that the resources we will have to spend on Prevention and Early Help will reduce by £13.3m or more than one third, from £37.1m in 2016/17 to £23.8m in 2020. These cuts are in addition to the ones the Council has already had to make. It means that from 2010 to 2020, the overall funding the Council has available will have halved whilst demand and costs are increasing.

We will only ensure babies, children and young people have a great start and better life chances if we draw on the energy, experience and effort of the whole system, particularly the strengths and assets within families themselves and local communities.

The report outlines the need for proposed changes to how we deliver services in order to ensure we target resources at a time of increasing demand to avoid a detrimental impact on outcomes to children. We cannot continue to deliver services in the way we do now with this level of government cuts. The focus will be on a proposed partnership approach which is more targeted to improve outcomes and reduce inequalities for children and young people across the District.

On the 7 November 2017, Executive was asked to approve a period of consultation on a proposed new Prevention and Early Help delivery model. Committee is asked to consider and comment on the report as part of formal consultation.

Recommended -

- (1) That Committee notes formal consultation is underway from 15 November 2017 until 12 February 2018 with all interested parties as outlined in Appendix 12. This has included reports to Area Committees**
- (2) Consider and comment on the report**
- (3) Note that Executive will receive a further report in April 2018 following formal consultation**

(Judith Kirk – 01274 431078)

**10. CHILDREN'S SERVICES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 99 - 102
WORK PROGRAMME 2017-18**

The report of the Chair (**Document "Z"**) 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)

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