

## Agenda for a meeting of the Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee to be held on Wednesday, 11 April 2018 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 February and 14 March 2018 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**

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 any referrals 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**

Previous Reference: Minute 43 (2017/18)

Members are reminded that the Committee asked for regular updates to be provided on the work of the Schools Forum.

In accordance with the above the Strategic Director, Children's Services will submit **Document "AL"** which reports that the Schools Forum has met once (14 March 2018) since the Committee's last update and the report provides progress since that meeting.

**Recommended-**

**That the update provided in Document "AL" be noted.**

(Andrew Redding – 01274 432678)

**7. SCHOOL EXPANSION PROGRAMME, EDUCATION CAPITAL FUNDING AND ACADEMY CONVERSIONS**

The Strategic Director, Children's Services will submit **Document "AM"** which updates the Committee on a number of key areas relating to school organisation in the Bradford District and includes school expansions, Education Capital Funding and academy conversions.

**Recommended-**

**That the report be noted.**

(Judith Kirk -01274 431078)

**8. PROGRESS OF THE FOSTERING SERVICE**

The Strategic Director, Children's Services will submit **Document "AN"** which provides an update on the progress and development of the Fostering Service and the changes introduced since the appointment of the new Service Manager on 23 October 2017.

**Recommended-**

**That the significant developments in the Fostering Service including areas that were not necessarily addressed in the Fostering Review, due to restrictions on time and the size of the service be noted.**

(Jim Hopkinson – 01274 432904)

**9. RESOLUTION TRACKING**

The Chair of the Committee will submit **Document "AO"** which details the progress made against the resolutions passed by this Committee during the 2017/18 municipal year.

**The Committee is asked to comment on areas where resolutions do not appear to have been acted upon or feel insufficient progress has been made.**

(Licia Woodhead – 01274 432119)