

Agenda for a meeting of the Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee to be held on Wednesday, 26 July 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	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

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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 14 March and 11 April 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

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 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.

6. APPOINTMENT OF NON-VOTING CO-OPTED MEMBERS

(Article 6.7.2 of the Constitution)

The Committee is asked to confirm and recommend to Council the appointment of the following non-voting co-opted representatives for the 2017/2018 municipal year:

NON VOTING CO-OPTED MEMBERS:

Health Representative: Tina Wildy

Teachers Secondary School Representative: Tom Bright

Teachers Primary School Representative: vacancy

Teachers Special School Representative: Irene Docherty

Voluntary Sector Representative: Kerr Kennedy

(Fatima Butt – 01274 432227)

B. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY ACTIVITIES

7. **Block contract call-off from the White Rose 16-25 years Leaving Care and Vulnerable Young People Accommodation and Support Framework, provided in accommodation situated within the Bradford & District boundary** 1 - 6

The Director of Children's Services will present a report (**Document "A"**) regarding two block contracts called off from the White Rose 16+ Framework Agreement in order to give Bradford Council more control over the provision of accommodation and support to young people 16+ and those leaving the care system. It is intended that the contracts will be commissioned at a lower weekly cost than the current weekly average framework spot price.

Recommended –

- (1) **That it be noted that new block call off contracts from the White Rose 16-25 years Leaving Care and Vulnerable Young People Accommodation and Support Framework, will be set up which will ensure Bradford Council can:-**
- (a) **Block purchase beds at a reduced rate.**
 - (b) **Guarantee 24 beds in the Bradford District to help to ensure that Bradford's young people can be accommodated and remain living locally.**
 - (c) **Bradford Council to make the required financial commitment during the lifetime of the contract.**

(David Byrom – 01274 432986)

8. **Updated Information for Members on the Workloads of Children's Social Care Services** 7 - 28

The report of the Deputy Director (Social Care) (**Document "B"**) 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 31st March 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. Outcomes of the Joint Targeted Area Inspection (JTAI) of the multi-agency response to abuse and neglect in Bradford Metropolitan District 29 - 74

Between 27 February and 3 March 2017, Ofsted, the Care Quality Commission (CQC), HMI Constabulary (HMIC) and HMI Probation (HMI Prob) undertook a joint inspection of the multi-agency response to abuse and neglect in Bradford. This inspection included a specific (“Deep Dive”) focus on our response to children living with domestic abuse.

The report of the Director of Children’s Services (**Document “C” – appendix 2 to follow**) summarises the outcome of the inspection and its implications for the district. The report outlines the strengths which the inspectors noted across the partnership and in relation to social care, and describes the partnerships plans to address the areas for development which were identified.

Recommended -

That the Committee notes the outcome of the inspection.

(Nick Simpson – 01274 439360)

10. Children’s Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee Draft Work Programme 2017-18 75 - 82

The report of the Chair of the Children’s Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee (**Document “D”**) presents the Committee’s draft Work Programme 2017-18.

Recommended -

That the Work Programme 2017-18 continues to be regularly reviewed during the year.

(Licia Woodhead – 01274 432119)