

## Agenda for a meeting of the Corporate Parenting Panel to be held on Wednesday, 13 September 2017 at 4.30 pm in Committee Room 1 - City Hall, Bradford

### Members of the Committee – Councillors

| CONSERVATIVE | LABOUR                    | LIBERAL DEMOCRAT<br>AND INDEPENDENT |
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| D Smith      | Thirkill<br>Engel<br>Tait | N Pollard                           |

### Alternates:

| CONSERVATIVE | LABOUR                     | LIBERAL DEMOCRAT<br>AND INDEPENDENT |
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### NON VOTING CO-OPTED MEMBERS

Chair of Children in Care Council

Ali Jan Haider

Bradford District Clinical Commissioning  
Group

Inspector Kevin Taylor

West Yorkshire Police

Yasmin Umarji

Bradford Education

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### To:

## **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.

(Sheila Farnhill – 01274 432268)

### **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.*

(Sheila Farnhill – 01274 432268)

### **3. 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.

(Sheila Farnhill - 01274 432268)

## **B. BUSINESS ITEMS**

### **4. THE CHILDREN IN CARE COUNCIL 1 - 10**

The Deputy Director (Children's Social Care) will present a report (**Document "D"**) which outlines the role of the Children in Care Council, the legislative background to its establishment, how it is supported by officers and the aims and outcomes for the young people involved, for Member's information.

**Recommended –**

**That Document "D" be noted.**

(Mick Nolan - 01274 436760)

### **5. IMPROVING SUPPORT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN CARE/CARE LEAVERS 11 - 44**

Previous reference: Minute 28 (2016/17)

Members may recall that, at the meeting of the Panel held on 8 March 2017, a report was submitted by the Deputy Director (Children's Social Care) which set out the findings and recommendations arising from a review of the support for young people in care/care leavers undertaken by members of Bradford Council's Future Leaders Programme (FLP) 2016.

Amongst other things, the Panel had resolved:

*"(3) That the Deputy Director (Children's Social Care) submit a progress report in six months time to allow the Panel to monitor the implementation of the recommendations."*

The Deputy Director will therefore submit **Document "E"**, which summarises to activities undertaken to date and proposed future action, for Member's consideration.

**Recommended –**

**That the proposals set out in Document "E" be endorsed.**

(Sarah King – 01274 432259)  
(Diane Cokewright – 01274 439236)

## 6. OUTCOMES FOR LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN

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A report will be presented by the Deputy Director (Children's Social Care) (**Document "F"**) which provides the Panel with comprehensive information regarding the outcomes for looked after children in the Bradford district.

The report comprises a summary of the information known about looked after children in Bradford as at 31 March 2017 and draws on the same data used to provide statistical returns to the Department for Education (DfE) (all figures being provisional as the DfE will publish the final figures in March 2018). It draws comparisons with performance levels at 31 March 2016 and to the first National Statistical Release for 2015-16.

**Recommended –**

**That Document "F" be noted.**

(David Byrom – 01274 432986)

## 7. CARE LEAVERS AND COUNCIL TAX

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The report of the Deputy Director (Children's Social Care) (**Document "G"**) informs the Panel that, further to a report by the Children's Society, local authorities are being challenged by the Children's Commissioner for England to review and consider their corporate parenting duties and powers to consider exemptions for care leavers from Council Tax contributions.

**The views of the Panel on the options set out in Document "G" are requested.**

**Recommended –**

**That the Executive be recommended to incorporate the proposal in the budget planning for 2018/19 with a view to implementing any exemption from 1 April 2018.**

(Emma Collingwood – 01274 437123)

## 8. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

The Panel is asked to consider whether any part of the item relating to the Annual Report on Complaints should be considered in the absence of the public and, if so, approve the following recommendation:

**“That the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of part of the item relating to the Annual Report on Complaints on the grounds that if they were present, exempt information within Paragraphs 1 (Information relating to an individual) and 2 (information identifying an individual) of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) would be disclosed and it is considered that, in all the circumstances the public interest in applying these exemptions outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information. The Panel may need to consider the specific personal circumstances of any particular case and it is in the overriding public interest that a young person who has made a complaint should have a right to confidentiality of process.”**

**9. COMPLAINTS - ANNUAL REPORT**

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A report will be presented by the Deputy Director – Children’s Social Care (**Document “H”**) which summarises the issues raised by looked after children and young people who have used the statutory complaints procedures to seek redress for their concerns. The report relates to the period 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017.

**Members are asked to note the contents of Document “H” and to consider whether they wish to seek further information in respect of any of the issues raised.**

(Irina Arcas – 01274 435269)

**10. WORKPLAN 2017/18**

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The Panel’s Work Plan for 2017/18 is submitted (**Document “I”**) for Member’s consideration.

(Jim Hopkinson – 01274 432904)