

# **Agenda for a meeting of the Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee to be held on Tuesday, 27 February 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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## **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.

### **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. 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)

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

The following referrals 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 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**

#### **5. YOUTH VOICE**

Representatives of young people who attend programmes run by the Youth Service will give Members a verbal presentation on how they feel “Youth Voice” and their engagement with the democratic process could be increased.

(Heather Wilson – 01274 431781)

#### **6. B POSITIVE PATHWAYS**

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In January 2017 Bradford was awarded £3.2 million over 2 years from the Department for Education Innovation Fund. There are 3 elements to the award:

- 1) Reducing the number of children in care through stronger edge of care work.
- 2) Improving our ability to provide high levels of care within our residential homes through embedding a therapeutic “PACE” approach.
- 3) Setting up two “mockingbird” hubs to improve support to foster carers working with children with more complex needs.

After consultation with the Children in Care Council, the programme was named B Positive Pathways. The Strategic Director Children’s Services will submit **Document “AE”** which provides a progress report on this programme.

**Recommended –**

**That the contents of Document “AE” and progress of B Positive Pathways be noted.**

(Jim Hopkinson - 01274 432904)

**7. BRADFORD OPPORTUNITY AREA**

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Bradford is one of the Education Secretary’s 12 Opportunity Areas (OAs) - these are social mobility ‘coldspots’ each receiving a share of £72 million to improve opportunities for young people in this community.

Bradford’s share of the investment is £6m and will total £11.5m. This will include £5.5m for the Essential Life Skills funding over two years to enable children and young people aged 5 -18 years old to participate in regular extra-curricular activities. Children and young people will be able to participate in extra-curricular activities such as sports, volunteering and social action projects.

The new Delivery Plan includes investing in literacy projects, careers education and advice and additional support for vulnerable young people across the city, as well as boosting career development for school leaders and teachers in Bradford.

The Strategic Director Children’s Services will submit **Document “AF”** which provides information on the Bradford Opportunity Area Delivery Plan which has been developed in partnership with the Local Authority, local schools, employers, and the voluntary and health sector. Young people have been consulted and will be engaged in the delivery of this programme.

**Recommended –**

**That the Delivery Plan be noted.**

(Kathryn Loftus – 01274 434590)

**8. CHILDREN’S SERVICES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2017-18**

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The report of the Chair of the Children’s Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee (**Document “AG”**) 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)