

Agenda for a meeting of the Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee to be held on Wednesday, 18 July 2018 at 4.30 pm in Reception Room 1 - City Hall, Bradford

Members of the Committee – Councillors

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	BRADFORD GROUP	INDEPENDENT
Gibbons (Ch) M Pollard (DCh)	Engel Arshad Hussain Khan Mullaney Peart	Ward	Sajawal	

Alternates:

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	BRADFORD GROUP	INDEPENDENT
Hargreaves Senior	Bacon Firth Mir Thirkill Wood	Humphreys		

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 14 February and 11 April 2018 be signed as a correct record (previously circulated).

(Fatima Butt/Jill Bell – 01274 432227/4580)

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.

(Jill Bell - 01274 434580)

5. REFERRALS TO THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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.

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 2018/2019 municipal year:

NON VOTING CO-OPTED MEMBERS:

Health Representative: vacancy

Teachers Secondary School Representative: Tom Bright

Teachers Primary School Representative: vacancy

Teachers Special School Representative: Irene Docherty

Voluntary Sector Representative: Kerr Kennedy

(Jill Bell - 01274 434580)

B. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY ACTIVITIES

7. JOSEPH NUTTER'S FOUNDATION

The Committee will receive a verbal presentation on the work of the Foundation from the Chair of the Foundation, Sir James Hill.

8. **WORKLOADS OF CHILDREN'S SOCIAL CARE SERVICES - UPDATE**

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The report of the Strategic Director of Children's Services (**Document "A"**) 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 2018.

There has been a further slight rise to the overall workloads of social workers, and pressures upon the service since the last report was presented.

Recommended -

That the Committee consider further reports in the 2018-19 work programme to ensure the continuation of safe workloads and practice into the future given the current financial climate.

(Di Drury – 01274 437077)

9. **PROCUREMENT OF A NEW PURCHASING SYSTEM ARRANGEMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF ACCOMMODATION AND SUPPORT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE LEAVING CARE AND VULNERABLE YOUNG PEOPLE**

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Children's Services are undertaking a procurement exercise to put in place new commissioning arrangements for the purchase of Accommodation and Support for Young People Leaving Care and Vulnerable Young People. This will establish a purchasing system that will name Bradford, Calderdale and Wakefield Councils as participating authorities.

The new arrangement is required as the existing regional framework ends in December 2018 and regional arrangements for purchase of this type of provision will no longer be in place.

The Contract Standing Orders identify the following requirement:

4.6 Before inviting tenders or quotations, the Authorised Officer must:

4.6.1 for contracts with a total estimated contract value in excess of £2m, report details to the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee using the standard Committee report template.

The report of the Strategic Director of Children's Services (**Document "B"**) therefore, sets out the details of the provision to be procured to inform Children's Overview and Scrutiny Committee of the intended process.

Recommended –

That the Committee note the contents of Document “B”.

(Mary Brittle - 01274 432633)

10. COMMITTEE'S DRAFT WORK PROGRAMME 2018-19 27 - 30

The report of the Chair of the Children’s Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee (**Document “C”**) presents the Committee’s Draft Work Programme 2018-19.

Recommended -

- (1) That the Committee agrees the Work Programme**
- (2) That the Work programme 2018-19 continues to be regularly reviewed during the year.**

(Licia Woodhead – 01274 432119)