

Agenda for a meeting of the Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee to be held on Wednesday, 21 November 2018 at 4.30 pm in Committee Room 1 - City Hall, Bradford

Members of the Committee – Councillors

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	BRADFORD INDEPENDENT GROUP
Gibbons M Pollard	Engel Arshad Hussain S Khan Mullaney Peart	Ward	Sajawal

Alternates:

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

VOTING CO-OPTED MEMBERS:

Sidiq Ali
Claire Parr
Joyce Simpson

Parent Governor Representative
Church Representative (RC)
Church Representative (CE)

NON VOTING CO-OPTED MEMBERS

Kerr Kennedy
Tom Bright
Irene Docherty

Voluntary Sector Representative
Teachers Secondary School Representative
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 10 October 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.

(Fatima Butt - 01274 432227)

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 VOTING CO-OPTED MEMBER

(Article 6.7.2 of the Constitution)

The Committee is asked to confirm and recommend to Council the appointment of the following voting co-opted representative for the 2018/2019 municipal year:

Mrs Shain Wells – Parent Governor Representative

(Fatima Butt - 01274 432227)

B. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY ACTIVITIES

7. RAISING STANDARDS - SUMMARY OF KEY STAGE 4 OUTCOMES AND EXAMPLES OF SUCCESSFUL PRACTICES USED TO IMPROVE STANDARDS ACROSS THE DISTRICT

The Strategic Director, Children's Services will submit **Document "K"** which provides a summary of performance for Key Stage 4 students (16 year olds) attending Bradford's secondary schools.

The report also acknowledges and celebrates some of the successful strategies used by the Local Authority and schools to raise standards.

Recommended-

That the report be noted.

(Mariam Haque – 01274 431078)

8. POST 16 PROVISION UPDATE

Post-16 education and training locally and nationally continues to undergo significant change. The Council with the support, participation and cooperation of a range of key partners led a local review of post-16 provision within the District (concluding in 2016) to ensure that there was a sustainable, high quality offer that delivered the best outcomes for young people no matter where they start. The partnership continues to work to deliver the “joint approach to post-16” focussing on the pattern of delivery of academic provision in the District that was agreed through the Review.

The Strategic Director, Children’s Services will submit **Document “L”** which provides an update on progress with the implementation of the agreed approach and the latest post-16 participation, performance and progression data.

Recommended-

- (1) That the contents of the report and progress made to date in implementing new arrangements for the delivery of post-16 provision in the District be noted.**
- (2) That the engagement of a broad range of partners from education and business to further develop the post-16 agenda and partnerships in Bradford be welcomed.**

(Matt Findull – 01274 439572)

9. PUPIL REFERRAL UNITS

Local Authorities are responsible for arranging suitable full-time education for permanently excluded pupils, and for other pupils who - because of illness or other reasons - would not receive suitable education without such provision. Full-time education for excluded pupils must begin no later than the sixth day of the exclusion. Local Authority maintained provision for this purpose is known as a Pupil Referral Unit.

The Strategic Director, Children’s Services will submit **Document “M”** which provides information about the Pupil Referral Units in Bradford.

Recommended-

That an update report on the progress of the District Pupil Referral Unit be presented to the Committee by April 2019.

(Mariam Haque – 01274 439255)

10. THE BRADFORD EDUCATION COVENANT

Previous Reference: Minute 35 (2017/18)

The Strategic Director, Children's Services will submit **Document "N"** which provides a summary of the progress of the Education Covenant since the last report in December 2017 with a focus on the continued development of the core offer, youth voice, stakeholder's involvement in determining the priorities for this academic year, school engagement and impact.

Recommended-

- (1) That the progress of the work on the Education Covenant be acknowledged.**
- (2) That the work of community partners in delivering work with Bradford children and young people undertaken as part of the Covenant be commended.**
- (3) That members of the Committee continue to promote the Education Covenant in their networks.**
- (4) That members acknowledge the priorities for this academic year as established through consultation with community partners:**
 - Engaging parents and carers in the Education Covenant and building an offer to support them and their children.**
 - Building a 'cultural' covenant that encourages families to engage and take part in the wonderful local cultural offers that we have in the district.**

(Jenny Cryer – 01274 432438)

11. CHILDREN'S SERVICES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2018-19

The report of the Chair of the Children's Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee (**Document "O"**) presents the Committee's Work Programme 2018-19.

Recommended -

That the Work programme 2018-19 continues to be regularly reviewed during the year.

(Licia Woodhead – 01274 432119)