

Agenda for a meeting of the Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee to be held on Wednesday, 13 February 2019 at 4.30 pm in Committee Room 1 - City Hall, Bradford

Members of the Committee – Councillors

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

Alternates:

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

VOTING CO-OPTED MEMBERS:

Shain Wells
Sidiq Ali
Claire Parr
Joyce Simpson

Parent Governor Representative
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. 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)

4. 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 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. OFSTED INSPECTION OF LOCAL AUTHORITY CHILDREN'S SERVICES (ILACS)

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The report of the Interim Strategic Director of Children's Services (**Document "Y"**) provides updated information about the Council's response to the published OFSTED ILACS judgement with a focus on the Theme Four: Improving the Front Door and MASH arrangements.

Recommended –

- (1) The Committee notes the continuing risks, issues and challenge.**
- (2) That the next meeting of the Committee continues the scrutiny of the Front Door in advance of the Ofsted monitoring visit.**
- (3) A summary outcome of the key findings arising from the Peer Review of the Front Door is brought to the next Committee.**
- (4) The Committee request that for their next meeting, data and audit information is available on theme four (front door and MASH) to enable a deep dive focus to take place.**

(Jenny Cryer – 01274 432438)

6. YOUNG CARERS

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The report of the Interim Strategic Director of Children's Services (**Document "Z"**) provides an annual update on plans to meet the needs of Young Carers within the Bradford district, including the recent re-tender of the service. The work of the Young Carers service is guided by a Memorandum of Understanding 2010, refreshed in February 2014 and 2017 and a Framework of Good Practice. Previous reports have been presented, the last one was in September 2017.

Recommended –

- (1) That Overview and Scrutiny to receive Document "Z" for information, note the progress and support continued development in the jointly commissioned service.**
- (2) That reports continue to be received from the service.**

(Cath Dew – 01274 437949)

7. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD FOR 2017/18

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The report of the Interim Strategic Director of Children's Services (**Document "AA"**) provides a summary of the Annual Report of the Safeguarding Children Board to accompany the full report which is provided as an appendix. The report provides a summary of priorities and achievements of the Board in 2017/18, as well as the annual summary of the Child Death Overview Panel.

Recommended –

That Document "AA" be noted and a further report provided in 12 months

(Mark Griffin – 01274 434361)

8. SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITY REFORMS

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The Interim Strategic Director Children's Services will submit **Document "AB" which includes a Not For Publication Appendix 1)** which provides an overview of the developments and progress in respect of the delivery of the SEND reforms.

Recommended –

- (1) That the Committee note and comment on the contents of the report (Document "AB") and the strength of the draft SEND Action Plan against the areas for rapid improvement.**

- (2) **That the draft SEND Action Plan be referred to the Executive together with any recommendations for approval.**

(Mariam Haque – 01274 431078)

9. **CHILDREN'S OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME 2018-19** 109 –

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The report of the Chair of the Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee (**Document "AC"**) 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)