

Agenda for a meeting of the Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee to be held on Wednesday, 20 March 2019 at 4.30 pm in Committee Room 1 - City Hall, Bradford

Members of the Committee – Councillors

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

Alternates:

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

VOTING CO-OPTED MEMBERS:

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| Sidiq Ali | Parent Governor Representative |
| Claire Parr | Church Representative (RC) |
| Joyce Simpson | Church Representative (CE) |
| Shain Wells | Parent Governor Representative |

NON VOTING CO-OPTED MEMBERS

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| 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 23 January 2019 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.

B. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY ACTIVITIES

6. **PROGRESS UPDATE FOLLOWING THE OFSTED INSPECTION OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES CHILDREN'S SERVICES (ILAC)**

Previous Reference: Minute 46 (2018/19)

The Strategic Director, Children's Services will submit **Document "AD"** which provides the Committee with a progress update in respect of improvements identified within the Improvement Plan following the recent OFSTED inspection September 2018 and subsequent DFE notice to improve issued on the 4 December 2018.

More specifically the report will focus on changes and improvements within Workstream 2 of the Improvement Plan – Partnerships namely:

- The Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH)
- Front Door Service

In addition, the report will provide the Committee with a general update relating to:

- The structure and governance around the Improvement Board including Improvement Plan, and

- OFSTED's first monitoring visit.

Appendix 1, Feedback from the Monitoring Visit, will be circulated to Members of the Committee and made available on the Council's website as soon as it has been finalised.

Recommended-

That the contents of the report be noted.

(Catherine Knowles – 01274 434335)

7. CHILDREN'S SERVICES PERFORMANCE OUTTURN REPORT

The Interim Strategic Director Children's Services will submit **Document "AE"** which provides a current position summary of key Children's Services performance indicators. The indicators in the report have been benchmarked against the England and Yorkshire & Humber averages.

Recommended-

That the report be considered.

(Phil Witcherley/ Laura Copley – 01274 431872)

8. PROGRESS OF THE FOSTERING SERVICE

The Strategic Director, Children's Services will submit **Document "AF"** which provides an update on the progress and development of the Fostering Service.

Recommended-

That the significant developments in the Fostering Service be noted.

(David Byrom – 01274 432904)