

**Agenda for a meeting of the Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee to be held on Wednesday, 10 April 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:

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

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. 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 consider referrals made to this Committee.

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. PROGRESS UPDATE FOLLOWING THE OFSTED INSPECTION OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES CHILDREN'S SERVICES (ILAC) - IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE** 1 - 8

The report of the Interim Strategic Director of children's Services (**Document "AG"**) will provide the Committee with a progress update in respect of improvements identified within the Ofsted Improvement Plan, namely:

Improving the quality of social work practice across the service areas (Theme 1 being Front Door)

**Recommended -**

**That this Committee note the contents of Document "AG".**

(Anne Chester-Walsh - 01274 432904)

#### **6. SCHOOL EXPANSION PROGRAMME, EDUCATION CAPITAL FUNDING, AND ACADEMY CONVERSIONS** 9 - 14

The report of the Interim Strategic Director of Children's Services (**Document "AH"**) updates the Committee on a number of key areas related to school organisation in the Bradford District.

**Recommended -**

**That the Committee notes Document "AH".**

(Mariam Haque - 01274 431078)

## **7. LOCAL CULTURAL EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP**

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The report of the Interim Strategic Director of Children's Services (**Document "AI"**) provides an overview of the work of the Local Cultural Education Partnership (LCEP), its governance, membership and ambitions in developing a cultural offer for our young people in the District.

### **Recommended -**

- (1) That the Committee acknowledge the progress of the work of the Local Cultural Education Partnership (LCEP).**
- (2) That the Committee comment on the work of the LCEP members and partners in delivering this work for the benefit of our children and young people.**
- (3) That members of the Committee be requested to promote the work of the LCEP through their networks.**
- (4) That members acknowledge the actions proposed in the action plan.**

## **8. DISTRICT PUPIL REFERRAL UNIT**

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District PRU was first established as a virtual school in 2008 and it opened on a fixed site at Anerley Street in September 2014. It was inspected in March 2017 and judged to be Inadequate and placed into Special Measures. The report of the Interim Strategic Director of Children's Services (**Document "AJ"**) outlines the progress made since the previous report to the Committee in November 2018.

### **Recommended -**

**That a further update on the progress of the academisation of District PRU be presented to the Committee in September 2019.**

(Mariam Haque – 01274 439255)