

Agenda for a meeting of the Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee to be held on Wednesday, 26 September 2018 at 4.30 pm in Committee 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 S 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

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 18 July 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.

B. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY ACTIVITIES

6. BRADFORD OPPORTUNITY AREA

In January 2018, the Secretary of State for Education published the delivery plan for the Bradford Opportunity Area. The plan was developed by the local partnership board. The board brings together local education providers, voluntary sector education and community organisations, employers, Department for Education (DfE) and Bradford Council. The board is led by the independent chair, Anne-Marie Canning MBE, Director of Social Mobility and Student Success at Kings College, London.

The Strategic Director, Children's Services will present **Document "D"** which reports on the Bradford Plan and its four priorities for action over the next two years and subsequent targets for improvement.

The report confirms activity and investment to date, underway, and programmed for the next academic year and beyond. Highlights include: £1.5m for school improvement in at least 25 underperforming schools, with 4 schools already receiving support; just under £1m to establish and run a Centre of Applied Educational Research, leading work to overcome health barriers to learning; and a new £480,000 investment on parental engagement in children's learning.

Recommended-

That the progress be noted.

(Kathryn Loftus – 01274 434590)

7. SCHOOLS FORUM UPDATE

The Committee has asked for regular updates to be provided on the work of the Schools Forum.

The Strategic Director, Children's Services will submit **Document "E"** which reports that the last update was presented to the Committee on 11 April 2018. The Schools Forum had met three times since, most recently on the 19 September 2018 and section 3 of the report provides further details on the most prominent matter of National Funding Formula as well as updates on items of interest to the Committee.

Recommended-

That the information provided in the update (Document "E") be noted.

(Andrew Redding – 01274 432678)

8. UPDATE ON FAMILY HUBS PREVENTION AND EARLY HELP IMPLEMENTATION

On the 3 April 2018, the Executive agreed to implement the Family Hubs model for delivering prevention and early help to babies, children and young people from October 2018.

The Strategic Director Children's Services will submit **Document "F"** which provides an update on implementation since April 2018 with a specific focus on area based planning.

Recommended-

That the report (Document "F") and progress to date be noted.

(Jim Hopkinson – 01274 432904)

9. COMMITTEE'S WORK PROGRAMME 2018-19

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