

**Agenda for a meeting of the Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee to be held on Wednesday, 29 January 2020 at 4.30 pm in Committee Room 1 - City Hall, Bradford**

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**Members of the Committee – Councillors**

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

**Alternates:**

LABOUR	CONSERVATIVE	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT AND INDEPENDENT GROUP	BRADFORD INDEPENDENT GROUP
Choudhry Firth Jamil H Khan Wood	K Green Goodall		Khadim Hussain

VOTING CO-OPTED MEMBERS:

Claire Parr	Church Representative (RC)
Joyce Simpson	Church Representative (CE)
Kathrine Haskett	Parent
Fauzia Raza	Parent

NON VOTING CO-OPTED MEMBERS

Kerr Kennedy	Voluntary Sector Representative
Tom Bright	Teachers Secondary 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.

(Fatima Butt - 01274 432227)

#### **4. REFERRALS TO THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

To consider 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. PROTECTING CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS AT RISK OF EXPLOITATION**

The Manager of Bradford Safeguarding Children Board will submit **Document “P”** which provides an update and builds on the report presented to the Committee on the 10<sup>th</sup> October 2018 and subsequently to the District’s Area Committees regarding the issue of Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE). It now focuses on the Strategic Response to all forms of exploitation in Children and Adults and how partners from the Working Together to Safeguard Children – the Bradford Partnership and the Bradford Safeguarding Adults Board work to drive improvements across the District and to hold agencies to account for their work in their area. The report also outlines the emergence of other complex safeguarding themes and outlines how partners are effectively collaborating and focussing upon the protection of vulnerable Children and Adults.

#### **Recommended-**

- (1) That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee is invited to consider the contents of the report (Document “P”).**
- (2) That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee receive a further update on the progress of the response to exploitation in 12 months time.**

- (3) That Partners seek further funding opportunities from Government funding streams to enable the continuation of service provision as outlined in the report.
- (4) That the report is a call to action for all partners to recognise exploitation in its widest sense and continue to provide a coordinated safeguarding response to children and vulnerable adults.
- (5) That subsequent reports be provided to Area Committees.

(Mark Griffin – 01274 434361)

## 6. SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITY REFORMS

The Strategic Director, Children's Services will submit **Document "Q"** which provides an overview to the Committee of the developments and progress made on the delivery of the SEND Reforms and the current risks and areas for development pending the imminent SEND Local Area Inspection.

**Recommended-**

**That the Committee consider the contents of the report and make recommendations at the meeting.**

(Mariam Haque – 01274 431078)

## 7. POST 16 PROVISION UPDATE

The Strategic Director, Children's Services will submit **Document "R"** which provides an update on post-16 provision in the District, progress with the implementation of the post-16 review and the impact on participation and outcomes.

**Recommended-**

**That the Committee consider the contents of the report and progress made to date in implementing new arrangements for the delivery of post-16 provision in the District.**

(Matt Findull – 01274 439572)

## 8. CHILDREN'S SERVICES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - WORK PROGRAMME 2019/20

The report of the Chair of the Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee (**Document "S"**) includes the Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme for 2019/20.

**Recommended –**

- (1) That members consider and comment on the areas of work included in the work programme.**
- (2) That members consider any detailed scrutiny reviews that they may wish to conduct.**

(Mustansir Butt – 01274 432574)