

Agenda for a meeting of the Corporate Parenting Panel to be held on Monday, 20 January 2020 at 4.30 pm in Committee Room 1 - City Hall, Bradford

Members of the Committee – Councillors

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Group

Bradford Education

Sue Lowndes

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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.

(Jill Bell – 01274 434580)

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.*

(Jill Bell – 01274 434580)

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

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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)

B. BUSINESS ITEMS

4. THROUGH CARE 1 - 6

The report of the Strategic Director of Children's Services (**Document "N"**) is to provide an update to the panel on developments in respect of the Leaving Well 'app' a pathway planning tool for care leavers.

Recommended -

That the views of the Corporate Parenting Panel are sought.

(Emma Collingwood – 01274 37123)

5. CHILDREN'S RIGHTS & ADVOCACY SERVICES 7 - 16

The Strategic Director of Children's Services will present a report (**Document "O"**) that provides an overview regarding the independent advocacy service that enables children and young people to be supported and heard in matters that affect them.

Recommended -

- (1) That it be noted that National Youth Advocacy Service (NYAS) complete an annual report with more detail regarding ethnicity and age range for each of the areas that they are commissioned to provide a service for. It has been agreed that this will be included in the data that they provide on a quarterly basis. This will help enhance the understanding of how well our services support and enable children.**
- (2) That the recommendations in appendix 1 to Document "O" be considered and a further report be provided to the panel with an update regarding progress against the actions identified.**

(Amandip Johal – 01274 431620)

**6. CHILDRENS PARTICIPATION REPORT - DECEMBER 2019
VIEWPOINT - WHAT ARE YOUNG PEOPLE TELLING US?**

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The Strategic Director of Children's Services will present a report (**Document "P"**) on the importance and different types of child participation within children looked after reviews. There is specific emphasis on the use of viewpoint as a tool for child participation with Bradford's children.

The report explains how viewpoint fits in with other types of participation as well as covering performance of completed questionnaires and what Bradford children are telling us through the use of viewpoint.

The report also includes information on Bradford's viewpoint user-group, its functioning and findings.

Recommended -

- (1) That the quartly reports available from Viewpoint are reviewed and discussed within the Viewpoint User group but are also shared with frontline service for discussion and review to help social workers to understand the experiences of children and young people.**
- (2) That reports from Viewpoint be used to inform training.**
- (3) That as part of the improvement work, the following be considered –**
 - Completion and quality of lifestory work – how are children engaged in this work and the impact this has in terms of supporting children to understand their experiences.**
 - Indicators for what will make children feel settled and safe in placement – understanding the quality of placements through auditing and feedback from children through an adapted questionnaire.**
 - Improving communication within the placement and with the social worker – work with the fostering and residential services and the Children In care Teams (after restructure) to understand some of the challenges for children to develop positive relationships with carers and social workers and how to navigate some of the barriers to improve better and improved communications.**

- **Improved links between educations and Children’s Services to support an understanding of what education experiences are like for children as well as what support is available to help with homework.**
- **Ensure that carers and children are aware of the leisure offer from Bradford Council.**

(Imran Cheema – 01274 434530)

7. PLACEMENT SUFFICIENCY

Looked After numbers in Bradford have risen to 1,257 since October 2018 this rise has inevitably put pressure on ensuring sufficiency of placements.

Bradford has 500 in house Foster Careers which are full with no placements available. Bradford also has 11 in house Children’s homes and again these settings are full. This requires Bradford to purchase placements from the market from both independent fostering agencies and residential home providers. In the Bradford precedent spend for 2019-20 is currently £19 million.

The Temporary Peripatetic Head of Service will provide a verbal update for the Panel on the current data on placements, the risk and issues this poses and the actions that will be taken to address this issue.

(Mark Trinder – 01274

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8. WORK PLAN 2019/2020

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The Panel’s Work Plan for 2019/20 is submitted for Member’s consideration (**Document “Q”**).