

Agenda for a meeting of the Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee to be held Remotely on Wednesday, 4 November 2020 at 4.30 pm

Members of the Committee – Councillors

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

Alternates:

LABOUR	CONSERVATIVE	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT AND INDEPENDENT GROUP	BRADFORD INDEPENDENT GROUP
Firth Jamil H Khan Mir Wood	K Green Goodall	Griffiths	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

Notes:

- Please note that, under the current circumstances only Members and Alternates on the Committee will receive paper copies of the agenda, however the agenda and reports can be viewed on the Councils agenda and minutes website five clear working days in advance of the meeting.
 - **The meeting will be held remotely, Members and officers in advance of the meeting will be sent via email, instructions and a link on how to join the meeting remotely.**
 - A webcast of the meeting will be available to view live on the Council's website at <https://bradford.public-i.tv/core/portal/home> and later as a recording.
 - Approximately 30 minutes before the start time of the meeting the Governance Officer will set up the electronic conference arrangements initially in private and bring into the conference facility the Members and officers so that any issues can be raised before the start of the meeting. The officers presenting the reports at the meeting will have been advised by the Governance Officer of their

participation and will be brought into the electronic meeting at the appropriate time.

- Members should be on their own when attending remotely and ensure that any confidential papers are not visible via the technology used.
- Any Councillors or members of the public who wish to make a contribution at the meeting are asked to email jill.bell@bradford.gov.uk/fatima.butt@bradford.gov.uk by **10.30 on Friday 30 October 2020** and request to do so. In advance of the meeting those requesting to participate will be advised if their proposed contribution can be facilitated and those participants that can be will be provided with details how to electronically access the meeting. Councillors and members of the public with queries regarding making representations to the meeting please email JillBell/Fatima Butt.

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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 5 August and 2 September 2020 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.

(Mustansir Butt – 01274 432574)

B. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY ACTIVITIES

6. CHILDREN'S SERVICES IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME

The Director of Children's Services will submit **Document "AH"** which reports on the Vital Signs report requested by this Committee on 7 October 2020. The Vital Signs report is a Children's Social Care performance report which enables leaders and members of the Improvement Board understand and interpret the key trends in children's social care performance.

Recommended-

That the contents of the report and the progress being made be noted.

(Irfan Alam – 01274 432904)

7. EDUCATION COVID RECOVERY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME

The Director of Children's Services will submit **Document "AI"** which provides an update on the work that forms part of the Education Covid Recovery Improvement Programme. It updates the status of work to date along with the approach to be taken for further development.

Recommended-

That the contents of the report be noted and the delivery of the Education Covid Recovery Improvement Programme be supported.

(Mariam Haque – 01274 431078)

8. WORKING TOGETHER TO SAFEGUARD CHILDREN - THE BRADFORD PARTNERSHIP - ANNUAL REPORT 2019/2020

The Chief Executive will submit **Document "AJ"** which reports on the Annual Report of the Bradford Partnership a the body set up by the three safeguarding partners in the district, the Local Authority, West Yorkshire Police and combined Clinical Commissioning Groups to provide scrutiny to safeguarding activities and responses by all relevant agencies in the Bradford District.

The Annual Report covers a period when the Bradford Safeguarding Children Board (BSCB) ceased to exist and the new partnership arrangements came into force and reflects this transition. The report outlines the work of the safeguarding partners across the Bradford District to promote the safeguarding and welfare of children and young people; provides an overview of the issues facing children and young people across the Bradford District including those with specific vulnerabilities; reports on the quality of services that are provided by agencies within Bradford and the results of both local and national inspections of services.

Recommended-

That the contents of the report be noted.

(Lawrence Bone – 01274 435927)

9. CHILDREN'S AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S MENTAL HEALTH - UPDATE

The report of the Joint Mental Health Commissioner **Document "AK"** provides the committee with an update on progress made to review and improve mental health support for children and young people since the last report in February 2020.

Recommended-

The committee is asked to note the outcomes of the system wide review and subsequent work undertaken to improve mental health support in Bradford.

(Sasha Bhat – 01274 737537)

10. SICKNESS ABSENCE AND RECRUITMENT IN CHILDREN'S SOCIAL CARE

The Director of Children's Services will submit **Document "AL"** which provides an overview of sickness absence and reasons for this in the period April 2019 to August 2020 with predominant focus on the social work employee group. The report also provides an overview of recruitment activity and plans.

The views of the Committee are invited around the content of this report and a timeframe around frequency of updates.

(Richard Fawcett – 01274 436041)

11. CHILDREN'S SERVICES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2020/21

The report of the Chair of the Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee (**Document "AM"**) includes the Committee's work programme for 2020/21.

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)