

Agenda for a meeting of the Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee to be held remotely on Thursday, 11 March 2021 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	Winnard Pollard	Ward	Sajawal

Alternates:

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

VOTING CO-OPTED MEMBERS:

Joyce Simpson
Kathrine Haskett

Church Representative (CE)
Parent

NON VOTING CO-OPTED MEMBERS

Kerr Kennedy
Tom Bright
Dr Samina Karim

Voluntary Sector Representative
Teachers Secondary School Representative
Children's Social Care 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 am on Tuesday 9 March 2021** 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 Jill Bell/Fatima Butt.

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1. A. PROCEDURAL ITEMS

2. 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.

3. 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.*

4. MINUTES

Recommended –

That the minutes of the meeting held on 6 January 2021 be signed as a correct record (previously circulated).

(Fatima Butt/Jill Bell – 01274 432227/4580)

5. 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 43580)

6. REFERRALS TO THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

The Committee is asked to note the referrals made to the Committee 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

7. CHILDREN'S SERVICES IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME

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The purpose of the report of the Strategic Director Children's Services (Document "AX") is to provide members with an outcome following the Ofsted Assurance Visit which took place from the 15th to 17th December 2020 and to appraise members with the Vital Signs report.

Recommended -

That this Committee notes the contents of this report and the progress being made.

(Irfan Alam - 01274 432904)

8. QUALITY ASSURANCE AND AUDIT IN CHILDREN'S SOCIAL CARE

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The report of the Strategic Director of Children's Services (**Document "AY"**) provides an overview of the quality assurance and audit process in Children's Services.

Recommended -

That the Committee is respectfully recommended to note the changes to the QA and Audit team and support the ongoing work to strengthen this service.

(Amandip Johal – 01274 431620)

9. YOUNG CARERS

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The report of the Director of Children's Services (**Document "AZ"**) provides a requested update on the Scrutiny Committee recommendations made on 2nd September 2020, which were due on 6th January 2021 but deferred until 11th March 2021.

- (a) The success rate in getting Young Carers back to school following the Covid restrictions.
- (b) The success of the re-launch of the E-learning system.
- (c) The numbers of children who have become Young Carers as a result of COVID19 and how they are being supported.

The Young Carers Service is a commissioned service which meets the Council's statutory duty to provide an assessment for Young Carers, as well as providing other resources following assessment.

Recommended -

- (1) Overview and Scrutiny to receive this paper for information, note the progress and support continued development in our jointly commissioned service.**
- (2) To continue to receive annual reports from the service and that these are scheduled annually for June, to report on a full year of activity.**

(Cath Dew - 01274 437949)

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

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The report of the Chair of the Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee (**Document "BA"**) includes the Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee 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 43274)

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