

**Agenda for a meeting of the Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee to be held on Wednesday, 22 September 2021 at 4.30 pm in the Banqueting Hall - City Hall, Bradford**

**Members of the Committee – Councillors**

LABOUR	CONSERVATIVE	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	BRADFORD INDEPENDENT GROUP
Alipoor Choudhry Humphreys Jamil Mohammed	Winnard (Ch) Pollard (DCh)	Stubbs	Sajawal

**Alternates:**

LABOUR	CONSERVATIVE	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT AND INDEPENDENT GROUP	BRADFORD INDEPENDENT GROUP
Firth H Khan Mir Wood	K Green Felstead	Knox	

VOTING CO-OPTED MEMBERS:

Joyce Simpson

Fauzia Raza

Church Representative (CE)

Parent Governor Representative

NON VOTING CO-OPTED MEMBERS

Tom Bright

Dr Samina Karim

Teachers Secondary School Representative

Children's Social Care 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 29 July 2021 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.

(Mustansir 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.

#### 6. **B. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY ACTIVITIES**

#### 7. **CHILDREN'S SERVICES IMPROVEMENT JOURNEY**

The Strategic Director, Children's Services will submit **Document "C"** which provides an update on highlights from the Children's Services Improvement Plan and focuses on areas of progress, action in the next period and areas of concern and potential concern.

**Recommended-**

**That the contents of the report (Document "C") and the progress being made be noted.**

(Irfan Alam – 01274 432904)

#### 8. **OVERVIEW OF THE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT ASPECTS OF THE IMPROVEMENT JOURNEY IN CHILDREN'S SERVICES**

The Strategic Director, Children's Services will submit **Document "D"** which updates the Committee on key aspects relating to the workforce in Children's Services in the last quarter.

**Recommended-**

**That the Committee reviews, discusses and notes the details in the report (Document “D”).**

(Claire Threapleton - 07715 374667)

**9. SCHOOL ORGANISATION: SCHOOL EXPANSION PROGRAMME, EDUCATION CAPITAL FUNDING, ACADEMY CONVERSIONS**

The Strategic Director, Children’s Services will submit **Document “E”** which updates the committee on a number of key areas relating to School Organisation across the Bradford District.

**Recommended-**

**That the report (Document “E”) be noted.**

(Mariam Haque – 01274 431078)

**10. CHILDREN’S SERVICES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2021-22** 1 - 10

The report of the Chair of the Children’s Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee (**Document “F”**) presents the Committee’s Work Programme for 2021-22.

**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)