

**Agenda for a meeting of the Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee to be held on Wednesday, 15 December 2021 at 4.30 pm in Council Chamber, City Hall - City Hall, Bradford**

**Members of the Committee – Councillors**

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

**Alternates:**

LABOUR	CONSERVATIVE	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	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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**To:**

## **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 6 October and 22 September 2021 be signed as a correct record (previously circulated).**

(Jill Bell – 01274 434580)

#### **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.

(Jill Bell - 01274 434580)

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

To consider referrals 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 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**

#### **6. ANNUAL REPORT FOR CHILDREN LOOKED AFTER AND CARE LEAVERS APRIL 2020 - MARCH 2021**

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The report of the Designated Team for Looked After Children - Bradford District and Craven Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) (**Document “M”**) provides a summary statement on the first annual report for Children Looked After and Care Leavers to include background, content – successes and challenges - and future focus.

**Recommended -**

**(1) Members are asked to consider the information provided within the report.**

**(2) Members are welcome to ask a question or raise a comment at the meeting to gain clarity or for assurance.**

(Dr Kate Ward - 07985378532)

**7. PROTECTING VULNERABLE CHILDREN & ADULTS AT RISK OF EXPLOITATION**

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The report of the Chief Executive (**Document “N”**) provides an update on the contemporary strategic response to all forms of exploitation of children and adults at risk of exploitation and how partners from The Bradford Partnership – Working together to safeguard children and the Bradford Safeguarding Adults Board work to drive continuous improvement and to hold agencies to account for their work on this subject. This report also outlines the challenges presented to the partnership following the global pandemic – Covid 19 and the current update on progress made to the Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) Thematic Review recommendations published on July 27, 2021.

Appendix D – Is exempt under paragraph 7 (Crime Prevention) Schedule 12 of the Local Government Act 1972

**Recommended -**

- (1) The Children`s Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee is invited to note the report**
- (2) The Children`s Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee commit to working closely with partners to Continue to raise awareness of exploitation of both adult and children**
- (3) The Children`s Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee commit to working closely with partners to deliver on the actions within the developmental action plan and progressing the extensive wider work presently on going in Bradford.**
- (4) A further report to be presented in 12 months**

(Darren Minton/Jane Booth – 01274 434361)

**8. OFSTED MONITORING VISIT CHILDREN'S SERVICES IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

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The Strategic Director of Children’s Services will present a report (**Document “O”**) following Ofsted’s Inspection of Children’s Social Care Services from the 17 to 28 September 2018, the sixth of a series of Monitoring Visits took place on the 7 to 8 September 2021.

The focus of the Monitoring Visit was around Children in Care and Residential Services.

The findings were published by Ofsted on 22 October 2021.

The report includes as an appendix the Children’s Services Improvement Plan.

**Recommended**

**The Committee is asked to note the contents of the letter from Ofsted.**

(Mariam Haque - 01274 431266)

**9. YOUTH JUSTICE SERVICE**

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This report of the Strategic Director of Children's Services (**Document "P"**) provides an update on highlights from the Youth Justice Service since the HMIP Inspection during September & October 2019. Including focus on areas of progress, action in the next period and areas of concern and potential concern.

**Recommended -**

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

(Sarah Griffin – 01274 43436098 / Mob 07973814052)

**10. CHILDREN'S SERVICES OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE-  
WORK PROGRAMME 2021-22**

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The of the Chair of the Children's Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee (**Document "Q"**) includes the Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee 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.**
- (3) That members comment and approve the amended Terms of Reference for the Elective Home Education Scrutiny Review.**

(Mustansir Butt – 01274 432574)