

Agenda for a meeting of the Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee to be held on Wednesday, 9 February 2022 at 4.30 pm in 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 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 meetings held on 17 November and 15 December 2021 be signed as a correct record (previously circulated).

(Jill Bell – 01274 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.

(Jill Bell - 01274 434580)

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

To receive 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 listed above 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. **OVERVIEW OF THE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT ASPECTS OF THE IMPROVEMENT JOURNEY IN CHILDREN'S SERVICES**

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The report of the Strategic Director of Children's Services (**Document "R"**) updates the Committee on Workforce Data and Improvement Progress in Children's Services.

Recommended –

That the Committee reviews, discusses and notes Document "R".

(Anne Lloyd – 01274 437335)

7. **QUALITY ASSURANCE AND AUDIT IN CHILDREN'S SOCIAL CARE SUMMARY**

The Strategic Director Children's Services will present **Document "S"** which provides a Quality Assurance Highlight Report on the Findings of the Monthly Case File Audits for the period October, November & December 2021.

Recommended -

That the report is received by the Committee for oversight and comment.

(Amandip Johal – 01274 431620)

8. RAISING ATTAINMENT STRATEGY 9 - 16

The report of the Strategic Director of Children’s Services (**Document “T”**) provides an update on the Raising Attainment Strategy. It updates the status of work to date along with the approach to be taken for further development.

Recommended -

Members are asked to accept the reports and note the progress of the Raising Attainment Strategy implementation.

(Sue Lowndes – 01274 432623)

9. CHILDREN'S SERVICES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - WORK PROGRAMME 2021/22 17 - 28

The report of the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (**Document “U”**) 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)