

## Agenda for a meeting of the Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee to be held on Wednesday, 6 October 2021 at 4.30 pm in Council Chamber, City Hall - City Hall, Bradford

### Members of the Committee – Councillors

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

### Alternates:

LABOUR	CONSERVATIVE
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### 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. 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/Jill Bell - 01274 01274 432227/434580)

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

The following 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**

#### **5. Child Sexual Exploitation Thematic Review 2021**

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The Chief Executive will submit a report (**Document “G” which contains Not For Publication Appendix C**) on the CSE Thematic Review was commissioned in 2019 by the Bradford Safeguarding Children Board, subsequently replaced by the Bradford Partnership – Working Together to Safeguard Children. The three statutory partners of the Partnership are the Council, Police and Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and also a number of key agencies, designated as “relevant agencies” are also members. It has an independent chair and scrutineer- Jane Booth.

The review was commissioned in accordance with governmental guidance in force at the time and focuses on the response of the agencies in Bradford to Child Sexual Exploitation. Five specific cases formed the basis of the review, two non-recent cases of CSE which have already been in the public domain and the media and three more recent cases. The review also includes a review of three more recent cases. It was led by an independent author Clare Hyde MBE. The review looks in detail at the experiences of five children. It spans a 20-year period from 2001 through a range of political administrations and officers. No individuals are named- the report focuses on children and learning.

The review was published on the 27<sup>th</sup> of July 2021

#### **Recommended -**

- (1) The Committee is invited to note the report**
- (2) That Committee receive a full report in November on current work in relation to exploitation of both children and adults and that this includes updated details of work in relation to the CSE actions in the Thematic review.**

- (3) **That the 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**

(Darren Minton - 01274 434361)

**6. Residential Children's Homes & Related Issues** 137 -  
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The report of the Strategic Director of Children's Services (**Document "H"**) provides an update regarding the current situation regarding the Children's Residential homes in Bradford and related issues.

**Recommended that the report be noted.**

(Mariam Haque – 01274 432955)

**7. Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee - Work Programme 2021/22** 143 -  
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The report of the Chair of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee (**Document "I"**) includes the Children's Services Overview & 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.**

(Mustansir Butt – 01274 432574)