

**Agenda for a meeting of the Children's Services
Overview and Scrutiny Committee to be held on
Wednesday, 9 March 2022 at 4.30 pm in Committee
Room 1 - 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. 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 – (07970) 413716)

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. PURCHASE OF ACCOMMODATION AND SUPPORT FOR BRADFORD YOUNG PEOPLE LEAVING CARE AND VULNERABLE YOUNG PEOPLE (16-25 YEARS) 1 - 14

The Strategic Director of Children's Services will present a report (**Document V**) on a procurement exercise to put in place a new framework arrangement for the purchase of accommodation and support for Bradford young people leaving care and vulnerable young people (16-25 years).

Recommended – That the contents of Document V be noted.

(Mary Ryan – (01274) 432633)

6. EDUCATIONAL STANDARDS - EARLY YEARS TO KEY STAGE 4 15 - 20

The Strategic Director of Children's Services will present a report on the attainment outcomes for the academic year 2020/21 (**Document W**)

Recommended – This report is for information only.

(Sue Lowndes – (01274) 432623)

7. SUFFICIENCY STRATEGY TO INCLUDE IN-HOUSE FOSTERING AND ADOPTION 21 - 30

The Strategic Director of Children's Services will present a report (**Document X**) on the Bradford Sufficiency Strategy which details how Bradford City Council intends to meet the 'Sufficiency Duty' 1 set out in Section 22G of the Children Act 1989.

It sets out the Council's vision and approach to meeting its

responsibilities to provide secure, safe and appropriate accommodation to children in need, children in care and care leavers over the next three years

Recommended – That the Committee note the contents of the Sufficiency Strategy or alternatively offer feedback that can further strengthen the strategy.

(Philip Segurola – (01274) 431266)

8. CHILDREN'S SERVICES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - WORK PROGRAMME 2021/22 31 - 44

The report of the Chair of the Children's Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee (**Document Z**) 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.

(Mustansir Butt – (01274) 432574)

9. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

Recommended – That the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the item relating to Residential Children's Homes & Related Issues Document Y on the grounds that it is likely in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if they were present, exempt information within Paragraph 8 (information which is likely to identify an individual) of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), would be disclosed and it is considered that, in all the circumstances, the public interest in excluding public access to the relevant part of the proceedings outweighs the interest in publication of the report.

10. RESIDENTIAL CHILDREN'S HOMES AND RELATED ISSUES

The report of the Strategic Director of Children's Services (**NFP Document Y**) contains the findings from the external review of the quality of provision across the Council's children's homes.

Recommended – Members are asked to consider the report and recommendations.

(Philip Segurola – (01274) 431867)