

Agenda for a meeting of the Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee to be held on Wednesday, 12 October 2022 at 4.30 pm in Council Chamber - City Hall, Bradford

Members of the Committee – Councillors

LABOUR	CONSERVATIVE	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	BRADFORD INDEPENDENT GROUP
Alipoor Humphreys Berry Shafiq Thirkill	Winnard Pollard	J Sunderland	Sajawal

Alternates:

LABOUR	CONSERVATIVE	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	BRADFORD INDEPENDENT GROUP
Mukhtar Walsh Parsan Regan	K Green Felstead	Stubbs	Elahi

VOTING CO-OPTED MEMBERS:

Church representative: Joyce Simpson (CE)

Parent Governor Representatives:

Fauzia Raza & ShifaSimab

NON VOTING CO-OPTED MEMBERS: Teacher

Secondary School Representative: Tom Bright

Children's Social Care: Dr Samina Karim

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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/Kanwal Amrez- 07970 413716/07929 070288)

4. REFERRALS TO THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

To consider referrals made to this Committee.

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. CHILDREN'S SERVICES IMPROVEMENT PLAN - OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY 1 - 12

In late 2021 and early 2022, the Secretary of State for Education issued a statutory direction to Bradford Council. This required the Council to work with a central Government appointed Commissioner to set up a Trust to deliver Children's Services in the District.

In the past year, the Council and the Commissioner have worked with local partners to review and strengthen our improvement work. One area of concern, highlighted by the Commissioner, was the overly complex nature of the previous improvement plan. As such the Council and the Commissioner have worked with partners on the Improvement Board and have agreed to a revised Improvement Plan. This sets out, how the district will work together to improve the lives of local children and families and the services that work with them.

To ensure Overview and Scrutiny have proper oversight of the implementation of the plan, it is proposed that officers provide:

- Regular reporting of the Improvement Plan scorecard in line with Overview and Scrutiny timetable.
- Exception reporting of other issues as required.

This approach should provide Overview and Scrutiny with full information and enable it to assess progress and scrutinise the effectiveness of the plan and the Improvement Board. The report of the Strategic director of Children's Services (**Document "H"**) is submitted.

Recommended -

Overview and Scrutiny is recommended to consider and agree the proposed approach, which includes the vision and objectives for arrangements to monitor and evaluate improvements delivered to Children's Services through the Improvement Plan, and the work of the Improvement Board.

(Picklu Roychoudhury -01274 431175)

6. SEND SERVICES UPDATE

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The report of the Strategic Director of Children's Services (**Document "I"**) provides the Overview and Scrutiny Committees with an update on the SEND Inspection and activities relating SEND in the Bradford Local Area.

Recommended -

Members are asked to consider the contents of the report.

(Stu Barratt – 01274 43 41175)

**7. CHILDREN'S SERVICES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
- WORK PROGRAMME 2022/23**

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The report of the Chair of the Children's Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee (**Document "J"**) includes the Children's Service Overview and Scrutiny Committee work programme for 2022/23.

Recommended –

(1) That members consider and comment on the areas of work included in the work programme.

(2) That members consider any detailed scrutiny review that they may wish to conduct.

(Mustansir Butt – 01274 432574)