

## Agenda for a meeting of the Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee to be held on Wednesday, 29 November 2023 at 4.30 pm in Committee Room 1 - City Hall, Bradford

### Members of the Committee – Councillors

LABOUR	CONSERVATIVE	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	BRADFORD INDEPENDENT GROUP
Fricker Mohammed Regan Thirkill Zaman	Davies Pollard	Sunderland	Sajawal

### Alternates:

LABOUR	CONSERVATIVE	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	BRADFORD INDEPENDENT GROUP
Alipoor Berry Humphreys I Hussain Walsh	Birch Felstead	Naylor	Elahi

### VOTING CO-OPTED MEMBERS:

#### Church Representative:

Joyce Simpson

#### Parent Governor Representatives:

Fauzia Raza

#### Parent Governor Representatives:

Shifa Simab

### 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 Director of Legal and Governance 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 must consider their interests, and act according to the following:*

<b>Type of Interest</b>	<b>You must:</b>
<i>Disclosable Pecuniary Interests</i>	<i>Disclose the interest; not participate in the discussion or vote; and leave the meeting <u>unless</u> you have a dispensation.</i>
<i>Other Registrable Interests (Directly Related)</i> <b>OR</b> <i>Non-Registrable Interests (Directly Related)</i>	<i>Disclose the interest; speak on the item <u>only if</u> the public are also allowed to speak but otherwise not participate in the discussion or vote; and leave the meeting <u>unless</u> you have a dispensation.</i>
<i>Other Registrable Interests (Affects)</i> <b>OR</b> <i>Non-Registrable Interests (Affects)</i>	<i>Disclose the interest; remain in the meeting, participate and vote <u>unless</u> the matter affects the financial interest or well-being</i>

*(a) to a greater extent than it affects the financial interests of a majority of inhabitants of the affected ward, and*

*(b) a reasonable member of the public*

*knowing all the facts would believe that it would affect your view of the wider public interest; in which case speak on the item only if the public are also allowed to speak but otherwise not do not participate in the discussion or vote; and leave the meeting unless you have a dispensation.*

- (2) *Disclosable pecuniary interests relate to the Member concerned or their spouse/partner.*
- (3) *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.*
- (4) *Officers must disclose interests in accordance with Council Standing Order 44.*

### **3. MINUTES**

**Recommended –**

**That the minutes of the meetings held on 27 September 2023 and 18 October 2023 be signed as a correct record (previously circulated).**

(Kav Amrez / Louis Kingdom – 07929 070228 / 07890 416570)

### **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.

(Kav Amrez / Louis Kingdom – 07929 070228 / 07890 416570)

## 5. REFERRALS TO THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Any referrals that have been made to this Committee up to and including the date of publication of this agenda will be reported at the meeting.

## B. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY ACTIVITIES

### 6. ANNUAL REPORT FOR CHILDREN LOOKED AFTER AND CARE LEAVERS APRIL 2022 - MARCH 2023 1 - 50

The report of the Director of Nursing and Quality - West Yorkshire Integrated Care Board (Bradford) (**Document “F”**) presents the Annual Report for Children Looked After and Care Leavers April 2022 – March 2023.

The annual report (Appendix 1) has been written by the Designated Doctor for Children Looked after on behalf of the West Yorkshire Integrated Care Board for the period of April 2022 - March 2023.

#### **Recommended –**

**Members are asked to consider the information provided within the report. Members are welcome to ask a question or raise a comment at the meeting to gain clarity or for assurance.**

(Dr Catherine Murray – 01274 237523)

### 7. UPDATE REPORT AND THE NATIONAL INDEPENDENT CHILD PRACTICE REVIEW REPORT PUBLISHED IN MAY 2022 51 - 62

The report of the Office of the Chief Executive (**Document “G”**) provides an update and builds upon the report presented to the Overview & Scrutiny Committee on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2022. The report identifies the progress made against the six local recommendations outlined in the National Independent Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel's review from May 2022. The report highlights not only the advancements made in each area but also instances of improved processes and practices that have emerged during this period of reflection and improvement.

#### **Recommended –**

**The Committee is requested to acknowledge and note the progress against the recommendations.**

(Darren Minton – 01274 434361)

8. **UPDATE ON THE BRADFORD PLACEMENT AND SUFFICIENCY STRATEGY** 63 - 72

The Strategic Director of Children's Services will submit a report (**Document "H"**) which provides an update on the Bradford Placement and Sufficiency Strategy. This update is specifically regarding progress against the red and amber actions in plan presented in March 2023 and particularly regarding fostering and adoption (As per the recommendation and action from Children's Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023 that an update regarding the Placement and Sufficiency Strategy plan be provided and include some detail regarding the in-house Fostering Service and Adoption).

**Recommended –**

**Members are recommended to review and consider this progress update.**

(Paul Sutton – 07974 855292)

9. **YOUNG CARERS** 73 - 86

The Strategic Director of Children's Services will submit a report (**Document "I"**) which provides an annual update, specifically focusing on measures of performance, details of outcomes and improvements delivered, as requested.

**Recommended –**

**That this Children's Overview and Scrutiny Committee receive this paper for information, note the progress and support our jointly commissioned service.**

(Cath Dew – 01274 437949)

10. **SUPPORTING FAMILIES PROGRAMME 2022 - 2025** 87 - 94

The Strategic Director of Children's Services will submit a report (**Document "J"**) which provides an overview of the progress made on Supporting Families Programme since the last report that was tabled and discussed on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

**Recommended –**

**Overview and Scrutiny to receive this paper for information, note the progress and support our Supporting Families Programme.**

(Cath Dew – 01274 437949)

**11. CHILDREN'S SERVICES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 95 - 106**  
**- WORK PROGRAMME 2023/24**

The report of the Chair of the Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee (**Document "K"**) includes the Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee work programme for 2023/24.

**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)