

## Agenda for a meeting of the Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee to be held on Wednesday, 7 February 2024 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</u> if 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. 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)

### **4. 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**

### **5. BRADFORD CHILDREN'S SERVICES IMPROVEMENT PLAN 1 - 54**

The CEO of Bradford Children and Families Trust (BCFT) will submit a report (**Document "R"**) that presents a Progress Report on the Improvement Plan detailing the progress made since July up to November 2023 and the next steps of the Bradford Children and Families Trust (BCFT).

**Recommended –**

**The Committee is invited to note this report, the new Improvement Plan and the Quarter 4 Progress Report (see appendices).**

(Ruth Terry - ruth.terry@bradfordcft.org.uk)

### **6. AUDIT FINDINGS RELATING TO THE QUALITY OF SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE 55 - 66**

The Strategic Director of Children's Services will submit a report (**Document "S"**) which provides an update regarding the quality assurance and audit process in the Children and Families Trust, April 2023 to November 2023.

**Recommended –**

**That the next steps are endorsed to continue to support practice improvement.**

(Amandip Johal – 07773 248040)

### **7. CHILDREN'S SERVICES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - WORK PROGRAMME 2023/24 67 - 76**

The report of the Chair of the Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee (**Document "T"**) 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)

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