

Report of the Strategic Director to the meeting of Bradford West Area Committee to be held on Wednesday 28th March 2018

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Subject:

CHILDREN'S SERVICES WORK IN BRADFORD WEST

Summary statement:

This report provides a summary of the volume of work undertaken locally related to children, young people and families. It will address education attainments and attendance, poverty levels, information about looked after children and other key issues.

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1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 The 0 – 17 year old population of the Bradford West Area is **34531** which constitutes some **24.5%** of the child population of the district as a whole. These figures can be used to put into context the information which follows.
- 1.2 This report provides a summary of the volume of work undertaken locally related to children, young people and families. It will address education attainments and attendance, poverty levels, information about looked after children and other key issues.
- 1.3 This report is the first of what is intended to be an annual overview of the work of children's services and its outcomes across each of the 5 Areas of the district.
- 1.4 Feedback and comments from committee members are welcomed. We would hope to ensure, going forward, that the issues and outcomes reported are of relevance to each area and are presented in a usable format.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 Bradford West Education context

- 2.1.1 In total there are some **52** settings in the Bradford West area which provide either pre-school input or education to children and young people of compulsory school age.

Overall, Bradford West has **46%** of its educational settings under local authority control compared with **59%** for the district as a whole.

The local authority is responsible for:

- All **4** Nursery Schools.
- **18** of the **36** Primary Schools.
- **1** of the **8** Secondary Schools and
- **1** of the **2** Special Schools.

...These are detailed in Appendix 1.

Overall, **71.2%** of Bradford West schools were rated "Good" or better at their last Ofsted inspection, slightly higher than the district average of **68.5%**.

There are **26554** children on school rolls in Bradford West. This figure has risen **21%** over a 9 year period compared to an overall **16.5%** rise in the district over the same period.

In the past 12 months, some **3480** children and young people have taken up or left school places in the middle of the term. (a net decrease of **14** pupils over the year) This represents about **33%** of the mid-term churn across the district. As Bradford



West has just **24.6%** of the districts educational settings, this suggests a relatively unstable school population.

2.1.2 Bradford West Education Outcomes

- Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS): **63.5%** of children are achieving a good level of development (a **17.6%** improvement over 5 years) which is, however, still below the **69%** average for the district as a whole, and the national average of **70.7%**

- Primary: Key Stage 2: **56.7%** of pupils achieve the expected standard in reading, writing and mathematics (Up **13.4%** since 2016) which is slightly below the **58%** average for the district as a whole and the national average of **61%**

- Secondary: Key Stage 4: At The average GCSE “Attainment 8” score per pupil is **43.2%** (Which is down **1.0%** since 2016) However, this is still slightly above the **42.5%** average for the district as a whole, but below the national average of **46.3%**

- Secondary: Key Stage 4: At **0.21**, The average GCSE “Progress 8” score per pupil has improved in Bradford West since 2016. As a district we are one of the most improved local authorities for this attainment measure. The national picture across all state funded schools varies from **-0.17** to **0.00**.

- Post 16: Key Stage 5: Attainment data is not collected at pupil level, but at school level, “**C-**”, is the average grade achieved by pupils at Bradford West schools which is broadly in line with the average for the rest of the district, and just below national average which varies from “B” to “D” across all schools and colleges.

- **3.4%** of Bradford West young people aged 16 / 17 are not in Education, Employment, or Training (NEET). This is a relatively positive figure compared to the **7.9%** average nationally. However, within the Bradford district, Bradford West young people make up some **29.4%** of the total NEET figure for this age group.

2.3 Poverty levels:

40% of children in the Bradford West Area are living in low income families. However, this situation varies across the wards from **38%** in Manningham 94th from highest in the district) to **29%** in Thornton and Allerton (15th of the 30 Wards in the district)

55% of working age people in Bradford West are in employment. This figure varies again from **35%** in Manningham (The lowest in the district) to **60%** in Thornton and Allerton (13th from lowest in the district)

2.4 CSE numbers



Statistics have been excluded from this report as a full report on CSE in Bradford West is to be presented at this meeting.

2.5 Early Help

Prevention and Early Help services in the district are the subject of a wide ranging review and public consultation. There is no data yet available for the number of children / young people and families who are in receipt of a Targeted Early Help intervention. This will become available as we fully implement the restructured service and begin to fully utilise the “Early Help” module of the Liquidlogic Childrens System (LCS).

One of Sharon Hobson or Sue Walker , Targeted Early Help Managers for Bradford West have been invited to attend the meeting and present an overview of work in this area.

Bradford’s “Families First” initiative is or has been involved with some **507** families in Bradford West, some **20%** of the district total. **222** families are currently being supported in this way which makes up **19%** of the district total.

2.6 Missing and attendance

152 children in the Bradford West area had an episode of missing from home during 2017.

There are **530** children known to be missing from education in Bradford West, comprising some **20%** of the district total. The definition of “Missing Education” covers a number of different circumstances which makes direct comparison difficult.

...Across the district:

- About **56%** of these children are resident in Bradford but not on a school roll.
- About **36.5%** have been taken off a school roll and have yet to appear on the roll of another school.
- **7%** have been removed from a school roll due to “Extended Leave”

School attendance in Bradford West is currently @ **94.1%** over the past year which is slightly less than the district average of 93.9%. However, only **2.09%** of sessions were missed due to unauthorised absence, compared to a district average of 2.14%

2.7 Numbers of LAC/CIN/CP and number of referrals and assessment

Caroline Wood, Childrens Social Work Service Manager, has been invited to attend the meeting and present an overview of work in this area.

During 2017, Childrens Social Care in Bradford West received:



8820 "Contacts"	(21% of the district total)
1665 of which potentially required a service.	(25.3% of the district total)
2624 "Need Assessments"	(24% of the district total)
848 "Section 47 Assessments" – Child potentially at risk of harm	(25.4% of the district total)

And there were:

284 children with a "Child in Need Plan"	(23.6% of the district total)
129 with a "Child Protection Plan"	(24.2% of the district total)
217 children "Looked after" by the local authority	(22.2% of the district total)

...This in the context of the **24.5%** of the districts child population who live in Bradford West.

3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 It is intended to present this report on an annual basis at or around Easter. This will ensure that finalised education attainment results are available

4. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL

- 4.1 Not applicable.

5. RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

- 5.1 Not applicable.

6. LEGAL APPRAISAL

- 6.1 The Local Authority has statutory duties to ensure that efficient education is available to meet the needs of the population of the area; ensure that its education functions are exercised with a view to promoting high standards ensuring fair access to opportunity for education and learning, and promote the fulfilment of learning potential; and secure that the provision of sufficient schools for providing primary and secondary education are available for its area.
- 6.2 Where a school is failing to provide adequate education it can be eligible for intervention by the Local Authority or the Secretary of State under the Education and Inspections Act 2006. A "coasting school" will be eligible for intervention when the new section 60B of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 comes into force. The term "coasting school" will be defined in future regulations. Local Authorities must have regard to the Schools Causing Concern statutory guidance. The guidance details the role of Local Authorities in delivering school improvement for maintained schools and academies. It also includes guidance on "coasting schools". If a school satisfies the definition of being a coasting school, the Regional Schools Commissioners will consider what interventions or actions are necessary to



bring about sufficient improvement in those schools.

7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

7.1 EQUALITY & DIVERSITY

7.1.1 Not applicable.

8. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

8.1 None.

9. OPTIONS

9.1 Not applicable.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

10.1 That the Bradford West Area Committee receives this report for information.

11. APPENDICES

11.1 Schools in the Bradford West Area

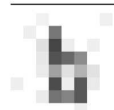
12. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

12.1 None



Appendix 1: Schools in the Bradford West Area: (M= LA Maintained; A= Academy)

School Name	School Type Description	Control	Ward
Abbey Green Nursery School and Children's Centre	Nursery	M	Manningham
Atlas Community Primary School	Primary	A	Manningham
Beckfoot Allerton Primary Academy	Primary	A	Thornton and Allerton
Beckfoot Heaton Primary Academy	Primary	A	Heaton
Beckfoot Thornton Academy	Secondary	A	Thornton and Allerton
Beckfoot Upper Heaton	Secondary	A	Heaton
Belle Vue Girls' School	Secondary	A	Heaton
Bradford Girls' Grammar School	Through	F	Toller
Chellow Heights Special School	Special	M	Heaton
Clayton St John CofE Primary School	Primary	A	Clayton and Fairweather Green
Clayton Village Primary School	Primary	M	Clayton and Fairweather Green
Copthorne Primary School	Primary	A	City
Cottingley Village Primary School	Primary	M	Heaton
Crossley Hall Primary School	Primary	M	Clayton and Fairweather Green
Dixons Allerton Academy	Through	A	Clayton and Fairweather Green
Dixons Manningham Academy	Primary	A	Manningham
Dixons McMillan Academy	Secondary	F	City
Dixons Music Primary	Primary	F	City
Dixons Trinity Academy	Secondary	F	City
Farnham Primary School	Primary	M	City
Frizinghall Primary School	Primary	M	Heaton
Girlington Primary School	Primary	M	Toller
Green Lane Primary School	Primary	A	Manningham
Heaton St Barnabas' CofE Aided Primary School	Primary	M	Heaton
High Park School	Special	A	Heaton
Horton Grange Primary School	Primary	A	City
Iqra Academy Education Trust	Primary	A	Manningham
Keelham Primary School	Primary	M	Thornton and Allerton
Ley Top Primary School	Primary	M	Thornton and Allerton
Lilycroft Nursery School	Nursery	M	Toller
Lilycroft Primary School	Primary	A	Toller
Lister Primary School	Primary	M	Toller
Margaret McMillan Primary School	Primary	A	Toller
Midland Road Nursery School and Children Centre	Nursery	M	Manningham
Miriam Lord Community Primary School	Primary	M	Manningham



Oasis Academy Lister Park	Secondary	A	Manningham
One In A Million Free School	Secondary	F	Manningham
Princeville Primary School	Primary	M	City
Rainbow Primary School	Primary	F	City
Sandy Lane Primary School	Primary	M	Thornton and Allerton
St Anthony's Catholic Primary School (Clayton)	Primary	M	Clayton and Fairweather Green
St Bede's and St Joseph's Catholic College	Secondary	M	Heaton
St Cuthbert and The First Martyrs' Catholic Primary School	Primary	M	Toller
St Edmund's Nursery & Children's Centre	Nursery	M	Toller
St Joseph's Catholic Primary School (Bradford)	Primary	M	City
St Matthew's Catholic Primary School	Primary	M	Thornton and Allerton
St Philip's CofE Primary School	Primary	A	Toller
St William's Catholic Primary School	Primary	M	City
The Academy At St. James	Primary	A	Thornton and Allerton
Thornton Primary School	Primary	A	Thornton and Allerton
Westbourne Primary School	Primary	A	Manningham
Whetley Primary Academy	Primary	A	Manningham

