

Democratic Services - Overview and Scrutiny

Report of All Outcomes for Childrens Services O&S Committee - 2017/18

Agenda item	Resolution	Outcome
Meeting date: Wednesday, 26th July 2017 in City Hall, Bradford		
1 Block Contract call off from the White Rose 16-25 years Leaving Care and Vulnerable Young People Accomodation and	1 That it be noted that new block call off contracts from the White Rose 16-25 years Leaving Care and Vulnerable Young People Accommodation and Support Framework, will be set up which will ensure Bradford Council can:- (a) Block purchase beds at a reduced rate. (b) Guarantee 24 beds in the Bradford District to help to ensure that Bradford's young people can be accommodated and remain living locally. (c) Bradford Council to make the required financial commitment during the lifetime of the contract.	No further action required by the Committee
	2 That the Committee requests that the City Solicitor clarifies Contract Standing Orders to determine at what stage contracts over £2 million be presented to Overview and Scrutiny Committee's and the role of Members in considering such contracts.	The City Solicitor will amend this part of the Constitution in the next update report to Governance and Audit
2 Workloads of Children's Social Care	1 That the Committee welcomes the information provided and requests further reports be received during 2017/18 to ensure the continuation of safe workloads and practice into the future given the	Added to the Work Programme for 2017-18
	2 That future reports shall include more information on national and statistical neighbour comparison figures.	No further action required by the Committee
3 Joint Targeted Area Inspection	1 That the outcome of the Joint Targeted Area Inspection of the multi-agency response to abuse and neglect in Bradford Metropolitan District be welcomed and the Committee urges close working relationships with the various partners.	No further action required by the Committee
Meeting date: Wednesday, 27th September 2017 in City Hall, Bradford		
1 Young Carers	1 That the young carers be thanked and complimented on their contribution at the meeting.	No further action required by the Committee
	2 That the Strategic Director Children's Services be requested to work with GPs and develop methods of identifying and referring young carers and report back to the Committee in six months.	The CCGs are working with eMBED (commissioning support) to develop an icon for their system to flag a potential young carer and potential need and to give immediate visibility for all primary care staff accessing the notes. The safeguarding team has also advocated adding that there is a child carer in the family to the safeguarding template of all children in that household.

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1 Young Carers	3 That the governor’s service be requested to invite Barnados Young Carers Group to make a presentation to one of their Governors Forums.	The School Governor Service has worked with Kerry McKenna (Barnardo’s) in a number of ways including: *Publicising the Barnardo’s ‘Young Carers’ initiative through our communication channels to governing boards e.g. Local Authority clerks. (they previously included information in ‘Notepad’ and ‘Briefing Notes’) *Providing Barnardo’s with contact details for chairs of governors * Inviting Barnardo’s to make presentations at the Spring Term 2018 ‘Governor Forum’ events. Kerry Mckenna will attend the Governor Forum meetings in Bradford and Keighley * Offering to assist in targeting specific primary schools Letter sent 25 October 2017
	4 That the Chair of the Committee write to the Secretary of State highlighting the Committee’s concerns regarding the fact that the Children and Families Act 2014 and the Care Act 2014 put responsibility on the Local authority to support young carers but do not assign any powers to carry out this duty, a copy of the letter to be sent to the District’s	
2 Fostering Review	1 That the improvement in enrolment and training of foster carers be welcomed and that an update be presented to the Committee in six months.	To be considered on 11 April 2018
3 Schools Forum	1 That the information provided in Document “G” be	No further action required by the Committee
Meeting date: Wednesday, 11th October 2017 in City Hall, Bradford		
1 Education Standards and School to School Partnership arrangements	1 That the Committee welcomes the improvement in educational standards results and looks forward to receiving a full report in January 2018. 2 That all Members of Council be asked to continue to encourage families in their wards to become more actively engaged with their children’s learning, attendance, health and well being in order to further improve their children’s learning capacity and	Considered on 14 Feb 2018 No further action required by the Committee
2 Child Sexual Exploitation	1 That an update on the progress of the 9 Point Strategic Response to CSE and issues raised at the meeting be submitted to the Committee in 12 months 2 That tailored reports on CSE be provided to Area Committees.	Added to the Work Programme for 2018-19 No further action required by the Committee

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Meeting date: Wednesday, 22nd November 2017 in City Hall, Bradford		
3 Workloads of Children's Social Care	1 That while the Committee acknowledges the strengths of management structures, dedication of social workers and the current safe workloads, it recognises the on going pressures and asks for an update at the meeting on 14 March 2018.	No further action required by the Committee
2 Youth Voice	1 That the work undertaken by the Youth Sector in terms of Youth Voice be welcomed.	No further action required by the Committee
	2 That young people be invited to report to the meeting on 14 February 2018 on ways they feel that the Committee can involve Youth Voice in the Committee reports and meetings.	Considered on 27 Feb 2018
	3 That the Committee receive a further update in respect of the work of Youth Voice in 12 months time.	Added to the Work Programme for Nov 2018
1 Schools Forum	1 That the information provided in the update contained in Document "L" be noted.	No further action required by the Committee
Meeting date: Tuesday, 28th November 2017 in City Hall, Bradford		
1 Young People's Mental Health	1 That the young people be thanked for their excellent contribution to the meeting.	No further action required by the Committee
	2 That the Committee recognises the progress made in meeting the emotional and mental wellbeing needs of young people through the delivery of the Future in Mind transformation plan.	No further action required by the Committee
	3 That as part of their roles Committee Members support and promote the work to improve emotional and mental wellbeing of young people.	No further action required by the Committee
	4 That the success of the Buddying Scheme be welcomed and that officers be requested to explore the possibility of extending the "Buddying Period" beyond the current 12 weeks.	No response
	5 That the Committee request that the Children's Trust Board invites the young people to present a report to them in the near future around bullying.	This will be on the agenda for the next meeting of the Children;s Trust on 10 May,
	6 That young people be invited to a joint meeting of the Committee in six months time.	Added to the Work Programme for Sep 2018
2 Neurodiversity Strategy	1 That the contents of the report be noted.	No further action required by the Committee

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2 Neurodiversity Strategy	2 That the Health and Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee consider the Autism and other Neurodiversity Strategy item within 12 months and request the attendance of the Autism Partnership at	No further action required by the Committee
3 Better Start Bradford	1 That the Committee welcomes the information provided in the report, and the commitment to improving outcomes and reducing inequalities for all young children through evidence based early intervention and prevention, to ensure all children	No further action required by the Committee
Meeting date: Wednesday, 13th December 2017 in City Hall, Bradford		
2 Children Missing from Home and Care	1 That the work being undertaken to safeguard looked after children who go missing in Bradford be	No further action required by the Committee
	2 That the Multi-Agency Strategy to safeguard children who go missing be supported and reported to the Committee on a yearly basis.	Aded to the Work Programme for Dec 2018
3 School Admissions update	1 That the Committee notes the current position with Admissions.	No further action required by the Committee
	2 That the Strategic Director Children's Services be requested to remind all schools, regardless of status, their requirement to be compliant with the Code of Practice regarding consultation of their admission policy every seven years and to comply with the requirement to send their policy, every year to the Local Authority by the deadline of 15th March.	No further action required by the Committee
	3 That the Strategic Director be requested to ensure that all new educational establishments comply with the Code and their admissions policies compliment the policies of the current educational establishments already in operation within Bradford.	There are two new mainstream Free schools due to open in September 2019 and the admissions policies are in the process of being agreed with the Local Authority and the Education and Skills Funding Agency.
	4 That the Strategic Director be requested to consider the role of the BACs (Behaviour and Achievement Collaborative) and how it aligns with the Fair Access Protocol to ensure the legal rights of parents are met.	The strategic Lead for Admissions is working with the BAC Chairs and the FAP Chairs to look at the best way forward and ensure that the legal rights of parents are upheld, children are safeguarded and schools continue to be consulted on any changes.
1 Education Covenant	1 That the progress that has been made in implementing the Education Covenant be welcomed.	No further action required by the Committee
	2 That the work of community partners in delivering work with Bradford children and young people undertaken as part of the Covenant be commended.	No further action required by the Committee

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1 Education Covenant	3 That as part of their roles Committee Members agree to promote the Education Covenant.	No further action required by the Committee
4 Purchase of Independent Fostering Agency placements under the regional White Rose framework procured by Leeds City Council - £2M contract	1 That the Committee note the decision of the Strategic Director of Children's Services, that CBMDC is named as a purchasing organisation in the IFA framework advertised by Leeds City Council, and that Children's Services purchase IFA placements from this framework, utilising a competitive process where placement requirements are advertised to all providers on the framework and the placement that	No further action required by the Committee
Meeting date: Wednesday, 17th January 2018 in City Hall, Bradford		
1 Schools Forum	1 That the information provided in Document "V" be received and noted.	No further action required by the Committee
2 Recruitment and retention of Teachers	1 That the Council be congratulated on the vision and implementation of the recruitment and retention of teachers programme. 2 That the continuation of the project be recommended to the Executive and the opportunity for it to become a traded service be investigated.	No further action required by the Committee On 6 Feb 2018 the Exec stated "the programme would be monitored, progress evaluated and consideration be given to how the opportunity area can support future
3 Children's Services Budget Proposals	1 That the financial constraints faced by the Council be recognised and the additional funding secured for specific initiatives be welcomed. 2 That staff be thanked for their work to improve outcomes for individuals in the last 12 months.	No further action required by the Committee No further action required by the Committee
4 Early Help	1 That it be noted formal consultation is underway from 15 November 2017 until 12 February 2018 with all interested parties as outlined in Appendix 12. This has included reports to Area Committees 2 That the concerns raised at the meeting and the portfolio holder and officer responses be noted. 3 That it be noted that Executive will receive a further report in April 2018 following formal consultation. 4 That it be requested that the summary of the KPMG report (Transforming Early Years and Early Help Opportunities 2020) be circulated to members of the	No further action required by the Committee No further action required by the Committee No further action required by the Committee Document circulated to the Committee on 24 Jan 18

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Meeting date: Wednesday, 14th February 2018 in City Hall, Bradford		
1 Children's Centres	<p>1 That the Executive be requested to take account of the views expressed by the Committee in respect of the future of the Children's Centre Clusters as follows:</p> <p>(a) The Committee recognises the imperative for meaningful contact and assessment of the needs of children and their families at their house door and therefore the need for an appropriate number of frontline workers.</p> <p>(b) The model should be applied flexibly across the district.</p> <p>(c) Further consideration should be given to the implications of the retention and cost of under used buildings.</p> <p>(d) Further consideration should be given to the alternative model put forward by the Nursery Schools.</p> <p>(e) The Committee calls for greater co-operation between partners to link IT systems and improve the pathway of referrals.</p> <p>(f) The Committee recognises and expresses thanks for the commitment and skills of those supporting our</p>	No further action required by the Committee
	2 That the Chair lobby the Government, on behalf of the Committee, to review its funding proposals which clearly have a detrimental impact upon those children and families in greatest need and the areas of greatest deprivation.	Letter sent to the Sec of State for Education on 14/3/18
2 Education Standards and school to school partnerships	<p>1 That the report on the performance of Bradford's Children and Young People in Key Stage tests for 2017 (Document "AB"), which highlights the improvement in attainment for Bradford's young</p> <p>2 That all Elected Members be requested to continue to encourage families in their wards to become more actively engaged with their children's learning and attendance in order to further improve their children's learning capacity and resilience.</p>	No further action required by the Committee
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3 SEND Transformation 0-25	1 That Document "AC" be noted.	No further action required by the Committee
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1 Youth Voice	1 That the Committee support that a pilot of the Youth Voice Instagram framework be run, on the proviso that the account is set up as "Private" with strict	No further action required by the Committee

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1 Youth Voice	2 That the Committee requests that as part of the pilot scheme, report authors provide a synopsis of their report for use on the Youth Voice Instagram account.	The pilot will start in the new municipal year
	3 That representatives of "Youth Voice" attend the relevant meeting to present the comments from the Instagram account.	No further action required by the Committee
2 B Positive Pathways	1 That the Committee welcomes the report and looks forward to receiving an update on the B Positive Pathways programme with details of the cost savings	Added to the Work Programme for 2018-19
3 Opportunity Area	1 That the Committee welcomes this exciting initiative and requests an update report in 6 months and members of the Opportunity Area Partnership Board be invited to that meeting along with Damon Boxer, the Delivery Lead for the Bradford Opportunity Area	Added to the Work Programme for Sept 2018
Meeting date: Wednesday, 14th March 2018 in City Hall, Bradford		
1 Workloads of Children's Social Care	1 That the Committee considers further reports on workloads of Children's Social Care Services in the 2018-19 Work Programme.	Added to the Work Programme for 2018-19
	2 That the results of the annual staff survey be included in the first report of each Municipal year.	No further action required by the Committee
	3 That the current staff survey be circulated to all members of the Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee.	Information circulated to the Committee on 22/3/18
2 Children's Safeguarding Board Annual	1 That officers be thanked for the report and further annual reports of the Safeguarding Children Board be considered by the Committee	Added to the Work Programme for 2018-19
3 Neglect	1 That Document "AJ" be noted and a further update on the progress of the response to neglect be presented to the Committee in 12 months time.	Added to the Work Programme for March 2019