

Democratic Services - Overview and Scrutiny

Childrens Services O&S Committee

Scrutiny Lead: Mustansir Butt tel - 43 2574

Work Programme

Agenda Items	Description	Report Author	Comments
Thursday, 29th July 2021 at City Hall, Bradford.			
Chair's briefing 30/06/21. Report deadline 15/07/21.			
1) Ofsted inspection of LACS - Improvement		Mark Douglas/Irfan Alam/Stuart Smith.	
2) Work Planning.	There is a need to regularly review the work programme, in order to prioritise and manage the work.	Mustansir Butt	Also including Resolution Tracking.
Wednesday, 22nd September 2021 at City Hall, Bradford.			
Chair's briefing 01/09/21. Report deadline 09/09/21.			
1) Ofsted inspection of LACS - Improvement.	To also include Vital Signs, as recommended by the Committee on Thursday 29 July 2021.	Mark Douglas/Irfan Alam.	
2) Workforce development aspect of the Children's Services Improvement Programme.		Mark Douglas/Irfan Alam/Claire Threpleton.	Children's Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee recommendation from Wednesday 11 March 2021. Deferred from Children's Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee from Wednesday 7 April 2021.
3) School organisation including, school expansion programme, education capital funding and academy conversations.	That a report be presented to the Committee in 12 months, which also includes a breakdown of capital and ethnic mix of schools.	Marium Haque.	Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny recommendation from Wednesday 5 August 2020.
4) Work Planning.	There is a need to regularly review the work programme, in order to prioritise and manage the work.	Mustansir Butt.	
Wednesday, 6th October 2021 at City Hall, Bradford.			
1) Child Sexual Exploitation Child Thematic Safeguarding Practice Review.		Lawrence Bone/Jane Booth/Darren Minton.	Children's Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee recommendation from Thursday 29 July 2021.

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Wednesday, 6th October 2021 at City Hall, Bradford.			
2) Valley View Home Closure/Bradfords Care Homes.		Mark Douglas/Irfan Alam.	Children's Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee recommendation from Thusrady 29 July 2021.
3) Work Planning.	There is a need to regularlry review the work programme, in order to prioritise and manage the work.	Mustansir Butt.	
Wednesday, 13th October 2021 at Remote Virtual Meeting.			
1) Scrutiny Review - Alternative School Provision.	Interim report back.	Mustansir Butt.	
Wednesday, 17th November 2021 at City Hall, Bradford. Chair's briefing 28/10/21. Report deadline 04/11/21.			
1) Troubled Families Programme.		Chad Thompson.	Children's Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee recommendation from Wednesday 6 January 2021. Deferred from Wednesday 7 April 2021 meeting.
2) Mental Health issues relating to Children's Social Care.		Irfan Alam/Sasha Bhatt/Ali Jan Haider/Joanne Toobey	Councillor request. Was due to be considered at the meeting on Wednesday 20 October 2021, but postponed due to Officer request.
3) Work Planning.	There is a need to regularlry review the work programme, in order to prioritise and manage the work.	Mustansir Butt.	
Wednesday, 15th December 2021 at City Hall, Bradford. Chair's briefing 25/11/21. Report deadline 02/12/21.			
1) Improvement Plan.		Marium Haque.	Children's Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee Recommendation from Wednesday 22 September 2021.
2) Child Sexual Exploitation Thematic Review 2021	To focus on the Work undertaken to date and progress against the review recommendations. To also include Bradford Partnership Annual Report.	Darren Minton/Jane Booth.	Children's Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee Recommendation from Wednesday 6 October 2021.

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Wednesday, 15th December 2021 at City Hall, Bradford.			
Chair's briefing 25/11/21. Report deadline 02/12/21.			
3) Annual Report for Looked After Children.		Irfan Alam.	Children's Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee recommendation from Wednesday 22 September 2021.
4) Youth Offending Team.		Lisa Brett/Sarah Griffin.	Children's Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee recommendation from Wednesday 6 January 2021. Deferred from Wednesday 7 April 2021 meeting.
5) In-house Fostering Service.	Demand/supply/quality/sufficiency/recruitment.	David Johnston.	Request from Childrens Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee Chair and Deputy Chair. Deferred from meeting in November 2021.
6) Sufficiency Strategy.		David Johnston.	Children's Services Overview & Scrutiny Recommendation from Wednesday 6 October 2021.
7) Review of the School Appeals process.		Guy Close.	Children's Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee recommendation from Thursday 11 March 2021.
8) Work Planning.	There is a need to regularly review the work programme, in order to prioritise and manage the work.	Mustansir Butt.	
Wednesday, 19th January 2022 at City Hall, Bradford.			
Chair's briefing 23/12/21. Report deadline 06/01/22.			
1) Ofsted inspection of LACS - Improvement		Irfan Alam.	
2) Residential Children's Homes & Related Issues	To focus on the actions being taken to improve the Children's Residential Homes, be presented to this Committee. Also the findings from the external review of the quality of provision across each of the Children's homes.	David Johnston.	Children's Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee recommendation from Wednesday 6 October 2021.

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Wednesday, 19th January 2022 at City Hall, Bradford.			
Chair's briefing 23/12/21. Report deadline 06/01/22.			
3) Budget for Children's Services.		Marium Haque.	Children's Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee recommendation from Wednesday 3 February 2021.
4) Educational Standards - Early Years to Key Stage 4.	Future reports to contain details of key areas of improvement and actions being taken to continue to address them, focusing on the approaches being taken to improve Bradford Council's ranking in this area.	Marium Haque.	Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee recommendation from Wednesday 15 January 2020.
5) Corporate Parenting Strategy.		David Johnston.	Children's Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee request from Wednesday 6 October 2021.
6) Work Planning.	There is a need to regularly review the work programme, in order to prioritise and manage the work.	Mustansir Butt.	
Wednesday, 9th February 2022 at City Hall, Bradford.			
Chair's briefing 19/01/22. Report deadline 27/01/22.			
1) Audit findings relating to the quality of Social Work Practice.		David Johnstone.	Children's Services Overview & Scrutiny Recommendation from Wednesday 11 March 2021.
2) Raising Attainment Strategy.	That the Raising Attainment Strategy to be presented to this Committee in the New Year.	Marium Haque.	Children's Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee recommendation from Wednesday 2 December 2020.
3) Workforce Development - Children's Services.	Committee requested that a more detailed report be presented, which also specifically focuses on the activities being undertaken and the progress being made on increasing and reducing the number of agency workers.	Claire Threpalton/ Irfan Alam.	Children's Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee recommendation from Wednesday 22 September 2021.
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Wednesday, 23rd March 2022 at City Hall, Bradford.			
Chair's briefing 03/03/22. Report deadline 10/03/22.			
1) Special Educational Needs and Disability Reforms.	That a further report be presented to the Committee in January 2021also focusing on compliance.	Marium Haque.	Children's Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee recommendation from Wednesday 2 September 2020.
2) Young Carers.	Specifiacly focusing on performance targets and standards.	Cath Dew.	Children's Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee recommendation from Wednesday 11 March 2021.
3) Work Planning.	There is a need to regularlry review the work programme, in order to prioritise and manage the work.	Mustansir Butt.	