

**City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council
Children’s Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

Child Poverty - Scrutiny Review

DRAFT - Terms of Reference

See Part 3E paragraphs 2.1 to 2.11 of the Constitution of the Council.

Background

At its meeting on Tuesday 15 March 2022, during the discussions relating to supporting children and families to thrive post pandemic, Council agreed that the Children’s Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee should undertake a scrutiny review of Child Poverty across the District.

Key Lines of Enquiry

The key lines of enquiry for this scrutiny review are to:

- Understand the level and map the extent of Child Poverty that exists within the Bradford District.
- Examine current policy and strategy, in addressing child poverty across the District.
- Evaluate Bradford Council’s and partners approach to tackling Child Poverty.

Methodology

The committee will receive and consider a variety of evidence/information provided by a range of interested parties. The Committee may adopt one or more of the following methods to collect evidence/information:

- relevant documents;
- relevant data;
- written submissions from, or meetings with interested parties;
- interview key and relevant personnel;
- undertake relevant visits.

Indicative list of interested parties

An indicative list of interested parties is provided below. This is not definitive or exclusive and can be developed as the scrutiny progresses.

Organisation / Department	Contact
Bradford Council Executive Portfolio Holder.	Cllr Imran Khan. Cllr Sue Duffy.
Bradford Council.	Marium Haque – Children’s Services. Bradford Council’s Anti-Poverty Group.

Organisation / Department	Contact
Local/Regional/National Organisations.	Save the Children. Joseph Rowntree Foundation. The Trussell Trust. Child Poverty Action Group. The Children's Society.

Indicative Timetable

Date	Milestone
Wednesday 28 September 2022, 4.30pm, Council Chamber, City Hall.	DRAFT Terms of Reference to be presented to the Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee – for discussion and approval.
TBC.	Information gathering session – Setting the scene, Strategy/Policy and extent of child poverty across the District.:
TBC.	Information gathering session – Bradford Council Officers/Anti-Poverty Group.
TBC.	Information gathering session – Local/Regional and National organisations.
TBC.	Draft Scrutiny Review findings and recommendations to be presented to the Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee.