

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
Wednesday, 29th June 2022 at City Hall, Bradford.			
Chair's briefing 09/06/22. Report deadline 16/06/22.			
1) Serious Case Review Findings.	Representatives from Bradford Council, the Police and Health to be in attendance.	Darren Minton.	Request from Children's Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee members.
2) Draft 2022-23 Work Programme.	The proposed areas of work to be considered in this municipal year.	Mustansir Butt.	Includes recommendations that the Committee made in the last municipal year.
Wednesday, 13th July 2022 at City Hall, Bradford.			
Chair's briefing 24/06/22. Report deadline 30/06/22.			
1) Transition to the Bradford Children's Company.		Joanne Hyde/Chris Chapman/Marium Haque.	Member request.
2) Work Programme.	There is a need to regularly review the work programme, in order to prioritise and manage the work.	Mustansir Butt.	
Wednesday, 28th September 2022 at City Hall, Bradford.			
Chair's briefing 07/09/22. Report deadline 15/09/22.			
1) Co-opted member - Shifa Simab.		Mustansir Butt.	

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Wednesday, 28th September 2022 at City Hall, Bradford.			
Chair's briefing 07/09/22. Report deadline 15/09/22.			
2) Establishing the Children's Trust. Children's Services Overview & Scrutiny	(1) disappointed in relation to the representatives of PWC not in attendance at the meeting.	Members of the Committee were Chapman/Marium Haque/Eleanor Brazil/Steve Walker.	Joanne Hyde/Chris Committee recommendation from Wednesday 13 July 2022.
	(2) This Committee requests that a further progress report be presented to the Committee in September 2022.		
	(3) That the Contract between the Council and Children's Trust be presented to this Committee, prior to it being finalised.		
	(4) The Committee requests that the most appropriate representatives from Bradford Council and PWC attend the meeting in September 2022, along with the Children's Services Commissioner and Associate Commissioner.		
3) Draft Terms of Reference - Scutiny review of Child Poverty.		Mustansir Butt.	Council resolution from its meeting on Tuesday 15 March 2022, during their discussions relating to supporting children and families to thrive post pandemic.
4) Work Planning.	There is a need to regularly review the work programme, in order to prioritise and manage the work.	Mustansir Butt.	
Wednesday, 12th October 2022 at City Hall, Bradford.			
Chair's briefing 21/09/22. Report deadline 29/09/22.			
1) Monitoring of the Children's Services Improvement Plan.	Focusing specifically on Priority 2 of the plan - Caseloads across all	Marium Haque/Picklu Roychoudhary.	Children's Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee recommendation from Social Work Teams. Wednesday 23
March 2022.			

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Wednesday, 12th October 2022 at City Hall, Bradford.			
Chair's briefing 21/09/22. Report deadline 29/09/22.			
2) OFSTED Inspection of SEND.		Niall Devlin/Ali Jan Haider.	Member Request and Children's Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee recommendfation from Wednesday 29 June 2022.
3) Work Planning.	There is a need to regularly review the work programme, in order to prioritise and manage the work.	Mustansir Butt.	
Wednesday, 2nd November 2022 at Remote Virtual Meeting.			
1) Elective Home Education Scrutiny Review.	Informal remote information gatehring session with parents, whose children are being educated at home.	Mustansir Butt	
Wednesday, 16th November 2022 at Remote Virtual Meeting.			
1) Child Poverty Scrutiny Review.	Informal remote information gathering session - setting the scene.	Mustansir Butt.	
Wednesday, 14th December 2022 at City Hall, Bradford.			
Chair's briefing 23/11/22. Report deadline 01/12/22.			
1) Establishing the Bradford Children and Families Trust.		Joanne Hyde/Marium Haque/Steve Walker/Eleanor Brazil/Chris Chapman/Sarah Phipps.	Children's Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee recommendation from Wednesday 28 September 2022.
2) Annual Looked after Children.		Michelle Turner/Cath Murray/James Drury.	Children's Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee recommendation from Wednesday 15 December 2021.
3) Work Planning.	There is a need to regularly review the work programme, in order to prioritise and manage the work.	Mustansir Butt.	

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Wednesday, 18th January 2023 at City Hall, Bradford.			
Chair's briefing 21/12/22. Report deadline 05/01/23.			
1) Audit findings relating to the quality of Social Work Practice.	To focus on areas that require actions being taken to address the areas of practice that currently, most often are shown to require improvement or are inadequate.	Amandip Johal/David Johnstone.	Children's Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee recommendation from Wednesday 9th February 2022.
2) SEND Services.	That the progress against the Written Statements of Action, (WSOA), Improvement Plan, be presented to this Committee at its meeting on Wednesday 18 January 2023.	Marium Haque/Niall Devlin.	Children's Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee recommendation from Wednesday 12 October 2022.
Wednesday, 1st February 2023 at City Hall, Bradford.			
Chair's briefing 11/01/23. Report deadline 19/01/23.			
1) Raising Attainment Strategy.	Demonstrates key outcomes, with Emphasis on key outcomes, with particular emphasis on Wednesday 9th February 2022. Attainment Strategy.	Marium Haque/Sue Lowndes.	Children's Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee recommendation from the delivery of the Raising
2) Educational Standards - Early Years to Key Stage 4.	To focus on:	Marium Haque/Sue	Children's Services Overview & Scrutiny Lowndes. Committee recommendation from - More up-to-date data; Wednesday 9th
March 2022.	- Approaches being used to improve educational attainment across the District.		
3) Work Planning.	There is a need to regularly review the work programme, in order to prioritise and manage the work.	Mustansir Butt.	
Wednesday, 15th February 2023 at City Hall, Bradford.			
Chair's briefing 25/01/23. Report deadline 02/02/23.			
1) Mental Health Issues relating to Children's Social Care.	Report to include the targetting of improved timelines of autism assessments and diagnosis.	Ali Jan Haider/David Sims/Christina Hollaway/Kristain Farnell.	Children's Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee recommendation from Wednesday 17 November 2021.

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Wednesday, 15th February 2023 at City Hall, Bradford.			
Chair's briefing 25/01/23. Report deadline 02/02/23.			
2) Findings from the review into children's health assessment caseloads.		Michelle Holgate/Dawn Lee.	
3) Exploitation Annual Report.	To also include, the review into the existing CSE and development of the Multi-Agency Exploitation Hub - Children's Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee recommendation from Wednesday 15 December 2021. .	Darren Minton.	Children's Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee recommendation from Wednesday 15 December 2021.
4) Work Planning.	There is a need to regularly review the work programme, in order to prioritise and manage the work.	Mustansir Butt.	
Wednesday, 1st March 2023 at City Hall, Bradford.			
Chair's briefing 08/03/23. Report deadline 16/03/23.			
1) Findings from OFSTED inspection.		Marium Haque	Member request.
2) Monitoring the Children's Services Improvement Plan.	(1) This Committee requests that the new and detailed improvement plan be presented to the Committee in November 2022. (2) The Committee requests that the outcomes delivered for the Children's Services Improvement Plan, from September 2021 to March 2022,	Marium Haque/Picklu Roychoudhary.	Children's Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee recommendation from Wednesday 12 October 2022.
Wednesday, 15th March 2023 at City Hall, Bradford.			
Chair's briefing 22/02/23. Report deadline 02/03/23.			
1) Serious Case Review Findings - National Action Plan.	Progress against the review recommendations, together with examples of some positive outcomes.	Darren Minton/Michelle Turner/David Johnston/Richard Padwell.	Children's Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee recommendation from Wednesday 30 June 2022.
2) Establishing the Bradford Children's and Families Trust.	Further progress report, prior to the Trust going live.	Joanne Hyde/Marium Haque/Stev Walker/Eleanor Brazil/Sarah Phipps.	Children's Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee recommendation from Wednesday 14 December 2022.

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Wednesday, 15th March 2023 at City Hall, Bradford.			
Chair's briefing 22/02/23. Report deadline 02/03/23.			
3) Workforce Development - Children's Services. Children's Services Overview & Scrutiny	To focus specifically focus on: -The effectiveness of the new recruitment campaign; - Retention of staff; - Progress on training and growing our own staff; - The exact breakdown of workforce establishment for social workers and the level of vacancies at each grade level.		Marium Haque/Anne Lloyd. Committee recommendation from Wednesday 9th February 2022.
4) Young Carers.	To also include measures of performance and details of outcomes and improvements delivered.	Cath Dew.	Children's Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee recommendation from Wednesday 23rd March 2022
5) Sufficiency Strategy, to also include In-house Fostering Service and Adoptions.		Piklu Roychoudhary.	Children's Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee recommendation from Wednesday 9 March 2022.
6) Bradford District Children and Young People Plan.		Kate Welsh/Niall Devlin/Helen Johnston/Jenny Cryer.	
7) Work Planning.	There is a need to regularly review the work programme, in order to prioritise and manage the work.	Mustansir Butt.	