

# **Report of the Chair of the Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee to the meeting of the Committee to be held on Tuesday 7 June 2016.**

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**Subject:**

**Resolution Tracking 2015-16**

**Summary statement:**

This report details the progress made against the resolutions passed by the Children's Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee during the 2015-16 municipal year.

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## **1. SUMMARY**

This report details the progress made against the resolutions passed by the Children's Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee during the 2015-16 municipal year.

## **2. BACKGROUND**

At the Overview and Scrutiny Chairs and Deputies meeting held on 17 October 2013, members agreed that a report on Resolution Tracking should be placed on the Work Programme for each Committee at least once a year.

The Overview and Scrutiny team use a database to plan, report and track the work schedules for each committee.

The most commonly used aspect of the database is the 'work programme' which records information such as meeting dates, agenda item, item description and report author.

This work programme report is a standing item on the agendas of this Committee and is also used for information at briefings and departmental Management Team meetings.

## **3. REPORT ISSUES**

Tracking resolutions made by the Committee helps monitor the effectiveness of the Overview and Scrutiny function and improves forward planning. It also allows better feedback to Committee members, the Executive and Council Leadership.

The database can be a powerful planning and tracking tool, as tracking the pathway of recommendations will help the Committee determine whether or not they are adding value to key decisions, bringing about positive change and impacting on service delivery.

Details of the recommendations and progress against them can be found at Appendix 1. Please note that where the outcome refers to "No further action required by the Committee", this could indicate that the resolution was thanking officers for their attendance or reports or that officers have taken the comments of the Committee on board and are progressing them.

## **4. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL**

None

## **5. RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES**

None



## **6. LEGAL APPRAISAL**

None

## **7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

### **7.1 EQUALITY & DIVERSITY**

None

### **7.2 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS**

None

### **7.3 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACTS**

None

### **7.4 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS**

None

### **7.5 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT**

None

### **7.6 TRADE UNION**

None

### **7.7 WARD IMPLICATIONS**

None

## **8. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS**

None

## **9. RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the Committee comments on areas where resolutions do not appear to have been acted upon or feel insufficient progress has been made.

## **10. APPENDICES**

Appendix 1 – Children’s Services O&S Committee Resolution Tracking report



# Democratic Services - Overview and Scrutiny

## Report of All Outcomes for Childrens Services O&S Committee - 2015/16

Agenda item	Resolution	Outcome
<b>Meeting date: Tuesday, 9th June 2015 in City Hall, Bradford</b>		
1 School Backlog Maintenance	1 That the Committee notes the current position with backlog maintenance as detailed in Document "A".	No further outcome required by the Committee
	2 That the Portfolio Holder for Education, Skills and Culture in consultation with the Strategic Director Children's Services work on a Local Investment Plan with a view to leveraging additional funding for the maintenance improvement of the school estate and that the plan be presented to this Committee later in	A briefing note on the issue was circulated to Members in September 2015
2 Early Education and Childcare	1 That officers contact local authorities who have a high percentage of take up of 2 year old early education places to identify methods to encourage further take up of places in the Bradford District.	Further information circulated to Committee members
	2 That officers liaise with Children's Centres to establish reasons for the non take up of places and provide this information to Members of the Committee.	Further information circulated to Committee members
	3 That a progress report be submitted to the Committee in 12 months time.	Added to the Work Programme for 2016-17
3 Workloads of Children's Social Care	1 That the Committee consider further reports in the 2015-16 work programme to ensure the continuation of safe workloads and practice into the future given the current financial climate which includes information/views expressed by Members at the	Added to the Work Programme 2015-16
<b>Meeting date: Thursday, 16th July 2015 in City Hall, Bradford</b>		
1 Changes to Bradford's Fostering Fees and allowances offer to foster carers	1 That it be recommended to the Executive that an ongoing dialogue continues between the Fostering Service and carers that is child focused to keep everyone informed and involved as the service becomes a more flexible resource, this will include a greater role for the Bradford Adoption & Foster Carers Association a member of which will be co-opted onto the Corporate Parenting Panel and the Panel will be	No further action required by the Committee

# Report of All Outcomes for Childrens Services O&S Committee - 2015/16 (continued)

Agenda item	Resolution	Outcome
1 Changes to Bradford's Fostering Fees and allowances offer to foster carers	2 That the Committee requests that the Executive reconsider its position with regard to short term foster carers and the financial uncertainty regarding the nature of short term placements.	Exec 15 September resolved - That the changes outlined in paragraphs 2.2.1 to 2.2.6 of Document "V" be approved - That the ongoing dialogue with foster carers continue to be a priority via face to face meetings with Bradford Adoption and Foster Carers Association. - That ongoing monitoring of the implementation of the changes, by the Overview & Scrutiny Committee, be Added to the Work Programme for 9 December 2015
<b>Meeting date: Tuesday, 21st July 2015 in City Hall, Bradford</b>		
4 School Admissions	1 That a report on the review of admissions procedures be presented to the Children's Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee in October 2015.	Added to the Work Programme for 8 Oct 2015
	2 That a report on school place planning be presented to the Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee before the end of 2015.	Considered on the 9 Dec 2015
5 Young Carers - Children and Families Act	1 That officers and young carers be thanked for their attendance and input.	No further action required by the Committee
	2 That the School Governor's Service be requested to work with Barnados to engage with schools regarding training sessions to raise awareness of the issues surrounding young carers and a report back be provided on those schools that are not engaging.	Clive Linnett met with Kerry McKenna (Barnardos). Assistance the School Governor Service could offer includes working with Barnardo's through the Governor Area Briefings, using Notepad and Briefing Notes as a platform to bring young carers' needs to the attention of governors, working with clerks to raise awareness
	3 That an update report be presented to the Children's Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee in 12	Added to the Work Programme for 2016-17
<b>Meeting date: Wednesday, 2nd September 2015 in City Hall, Bradford</b>		
1 Outdoor Education Centres	1 That the Committee receive an update on progress in six months.	Added to the Work Programme for March 2016
	2 That officers submit an update report to the Schools Forum detailing progress with the outdoor learning	A report was submitted to the schools forum on 21 October 2015.
	3 That the range of marketing activity that has taken place be welcomed and that continued marketing of the centres takes place to maximise their use.	No further action required by the Committee
2 Children's Centres	1 That the information in Document "K" be noted and the lessons learnt from the new delivery arrangements for Children's Centre Services be utilized to avoid any similar issues occurring to future projects.	No further action required by the Committee

## Report of All Outcomes for Childrens Services O&S Committee - 2015/16 (continued)

Agenda item	Resolution	Outcome
3 Ofsted inspection report	1 That an update on the developments following on from the Ofsted inspection be reported to the Committee in 12 months' time.	Added to the Work Programme for 2016-17
<b>Meeting date: Tuesday, 22nd September 2015 in City Hall, Bradford</b>		
1 Safeguarding Annual Report	1 That officers and front line staff be thanked and their work in safeguarding children in the district be	No further action required by the Committee
	2 That all Councillors be written to urging them to attend safeguarding week from 19 October 2015.	Members Support emailed the relevant information to all Members on 1 October.
2 Education Attainment Action Plan update and Prof Woods school improvement review	1 That an update be presented to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee when appropriate on the developments following on from the Professor David Woods report in conjunction with developments from the LA inspection of School Improvement.	Added to the Work Programme for 2015-16
3 Standards Report	1 That the content of Document "O" on the performance of Bradford's Children and Young People in Key Stage tests and exams for 2015 be acknowledged while noting that the results remain disappointing.	No further action required by the Committee
	2 That further reports be provided in January or February 2016 as the Local Authority receives further published data from the Department for Education.	Report presented to Committee 8 March 2016
4 A review of governance arrangements for raising educational attainment	1 That the Committee receive an update on the developments and impact of the Bradford Education Improvement Commissioning Board in 6 months time	Added to the Work Programme for March 2016
<b>Meeting date: Thursday, 8th October 2015 in City Hall, Bradford</b>		
1 Review of School Admissions	1 That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee receive a report in 12 months' time, to demonstrate the impact of the changes and improvements made.	Added to the Work Programme for 2016-17
2 Schools Forum update report	1 That it be noted with concern that only 9% of schools made specific reference to the use of the pupil premium to raise the achievement of looked after children, and that the Schools Forum be requested to draw this to the attention of head teachers and	Raised with Schools Forum 21/10/15
3 Child Sexual Exploitation	1 That all those involved be thanked for their	No further action required by the Committee
	2 That the progress being made in Bradford in relation to CSE be welcomed and acknowledged.	No further action required by the Committee

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Agenda item	Resolution	Outcome
3 Child Sexual Exploitation	3 That all elected members be encouraged to complete the CSE training which is available and elected members also be encouraged to attend events to raise awareness of CSE and related	The Member Development Manager will contact members to encourage them to complete the elearning. A Safeguarding event was held on 2 Feb 2016.
4 Children's Services Annual Complaints and FOI report for the 12 month period ending 31 March 2015	1 That a further report be received by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee in 12 months time.	Added to the Work Programme for 2016-17
<b>Meeting date: Thursday, 22nd October 2015 in City Hall, Bradford</b>		
1 The Youth Service	1 That the young people be thanked for their attendance and valuable contribution to the meeting	No further action required by the Committee
	2 That the report be welcomed and a progress report be presented to the Committee in early Spring 2016 on the Action Plan, following the Youth Offer Review (with particular reference to how the service was supporting young people in their learning potential).	Added to the Work Programme for 12 April 2016
	3 That the Committee considered the resolution made by the Bradford West Area Committee on 22 July 2015 (detailed in paragraph 3.16 of Document "W") and refers the matter to the Executive for consideration as part of the budget process.	Exec 3 Nov-resolved to consider this as part of the budget setting process
2 Funding and Educational Attainment	1 That the Committee looks forward to a further report on progress the Authority is making in developing a framework for the evaluation of the impact of financial decision making (as referred to in Ofsted's June 2015 inspection report of the Council's arrangements of school improvement).	Added to the Work Programme for 2016-17
3 Managing the Demands of new	1 That the information provided in Document "Y" be	No further action required by the Committee
<b>Meeting date: Tuesday, 10th November 2015 in City Hall, Bradford</b>		
1 Bradford Matters	1 That the Bradford Matters Team be thanked for their presentation.	No further action required by the Committee
2 Schools Forum	1 That the information provided in the update be noted. 2 That the Chair writes to the Districts MP's regarding the concerns of the Committee in relation to the National Funding Formula.	No further action required by the Committee Letter sent to MPs 18/11/15 - Responses received from Imran Hussain/Philip Davies/Kris Hopkins
3 Schools engagement with Road Safety	1 That the Strategic Director, Children's Services be requested to ensure that schools in priority areas (based on child casualty rates) continue to engage with the Road Safety team.	The School Governor service has circulated the Schools Road Safety Training document which was produced by the road Safety Team.

## Report of All Outcomes for Childrens Services O&S Committee - 2015/16 (continued)

Agenda item	Resolution	Outcome
3 Schools engagement with Road Safety	2 That the Strategic Director, Children’s Services be requested to contact all school Governing Bodies to ensure that they engage with the Road Safety Team.	See above
	3 That the Strategic Director, Regeneration be requested to modify the format for presenting road safety activities in schools within the Annual Road Safety Update report to reflect the more realistic 2-year rotation system and priority ward considerations.	No further action required by the Committee
4 Recruitment and Retention	1 That Dr Madine (University of Bradford) be thanked for his attendance and be invited to present his research into engagement/training/resilience of staff to a future	Added to the Work Programme for 10 Feb 2016
	2 That the report (Document “AC”) be welcomed and an update which includes figures for Special Educational Needs Schools and Pupil Referral Units be submitted to the Committee in 12 months time.	Added to the Work Programme for 2016-17

**Meeting date: Wednesday, 25th November 2015 in City Hall, Bradford**

1 The School Governor Service	1 That officers be requested to continue to monitor school websites with regard to the requirement to publish governor details and provide a briefing note for the Committee by March 2016.	Information circulated to Members - 25 Feb 2016
	2 That officers be requested to continue to liaise with schools with a view to ensuring that all schools identify a “young carers lead” before the end of the	The School Governor Service has contacted Barnardos offering Local Authority support
	3 That the Governor’s Service be encouraged to explore opportunities to extend the reach of their	No further action required by the Committee
	4 That the Chair liaise with officers to develop a response to the Department for Education’s future government proposals regarding Governing Bodies.	Clive Linnett to monitor DFE proposals and respond on behalf of the LA as appropriate.
2 Workloads of Children's Social Care	1 That the social workers be thanked for attending the meeting and be commended for their valuable work.	No further action required by the Committee
	2 That the Committee consider further reports in the 2015-16 work programme to ensure the continuation of safe workloads and practice into the future given the current financial climate.	No further action required by the Committee
3 Bradford's Families First Programme	1 That the Committee support and commend the work to deliver ‘a Whole Family Approach’ to deliver improved family outcomes .	No further action required by the Committee



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Agenda item	Resolution	Outcome	
3 Bradford's Families First Programme	2 That the Committee supports the implementation of Bradford's Early Help offer/framework to deliver more effective services, reduce duplication and improve outcomes for families in the district.	No further action required by the Committee	
	3 That the service be thanked for the work that they do with troubled families.	No further action required by the Committee	
<b>Meeting date: Wednesday, 9th December 2015 in City Hall, Bradford</b>			
1 All to play for: a strategy for children's play in Bradford District 2013-2016	1 That the success of the Play Strategy be welcomed.	No further action required by the Committee	
	2 That the Committee looks forward to receiving a report on the refreshed Play Strategy in the new		
2 Changes to Bradford's Fostering Fees and allowances offer to foster carers	1 That the progress being made be noted and officers take on board the comments made by Members in particular the retraining and development of Foster	No further action required by the Committee	
	2 That a further report be submitted to the Committee on the progress made in 1 above.	Added to the Work Programme for 2016-17	
3 The Development and Publication of Bradford's Local Offer	1 That the report be welcomed and a further report be presented to the Committee in the new municipal	Added to the Work Programme for 2016-17	
4 School Place Planning	1 That the Committee requests that the Chief Executive instructs officers to create a clear strategic direction for decisions relating to proposed locations for new schools; this includes using all the information available to the Council including the Core Strategy and Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessments.	Information circulated to Members 14 March 2016	
<b>Meeting date: Tuesday, 15th December 2015 in Leeds City College-Keighley</b>			
1 Industrial Centres of Excellence	1	That officers be thanked for the informative tour of	No
further action required by the Committee	the Industrial Centre of Excellence.		
	2	That the progress made with the development of	No
further action required by the Committee	the Industrial Centres of Excellence (ICE) programme toward both improving the skills and employability of the young people in the District and increasing the role of Bradford businesses in education and training		
	3	That the ICE Boards be supported in their efforts to	No
further action required by the Committee	promote a wide range of career options to all our young people, irrespective of traditional recruitment		
	4	That members promote the ICE programme and its	No
further action required by the Committee	success within their resident, employer and education		

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Agenda item	Resolution	Outcome
1 Industrial Centres of Excellence	5 That officers continue to encourage employers to offer more work experience placements.	No further action required by the Committee
2 16-19 Education Work Programme for March 2016	1	That the Committee receive a report on the
to the Work Programme for 2016-17	2	That the partnership work taking place in relation to
further action required by the Committee	3	That the Education, Employment and Skills Team
	Bradford Review of post-16 before the end of the participation post-16 be commended and that the Committee receive a report on the development of arrangements for an Information Advice & Guidance (IAG) service to meet Council and partners' statutory work with partners to implement the good practice from the "NEET-free Keighley" approach in other geographical NEET hotspots.	Added to the Added No

**Meeting date: Tuesday, 12th January 2016 in City Hall, Bradford**

1 Ofsted Action Plan	1 That Nick Hudson, Ofsted Regional Director, be thanked for his attendance and his comments be	No further action required by the Committee
	2 That educational attainment becomes a standing item on the Committee work programme, reporting approximately four times a year, with attendance from school partnerships, headteachers, Trade Unions, Ofsted, Academy Chains and the Regional Schools Commissioner to be scheduled.	Added to the Work Programme for 2016-17
	3 That the Strategic Director Children's Services be requested to develop a means of reporting on categorisation of schools	AWAITING RESPONSE
2 Schools Forum update	1 That the information provided in the update contained in Document "AR" be noted.	No further action required by the Committee

**Meeting date: Wednesday, 27th January 2016 in City Hall, Bradford**

1 Better Start Bradford Programme	1 That the information provided in the report (Document "AT") be welcomed and a further progress report be presented to the Committee in 12 months	Added to the Work Programme for 2016-7
2 Bradford and District Learning Hub	1 That the Committee supports the Hub Senior Steering Group in identifying and Securing continuation funding for a range of initiatives and projects being delivered by the hub to operate beyond December 2016 (when the initial grant from the Esmée Fairbairn Foundation comes to an end).	No further action required by the Committee



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Agenda item	Resolution	Outcome
2 Bradford and District Learning Hub	2 That evidence of community based activity relating to the literacy hub be circulated to Members of the	The evaluation report was circulated to members on
	3 That the Education and School Improvement Service provides the District's schools with contact details for professional story tellers and published authors/poets who are able to attend schools and speak with the	A list of recommended authors will be disseminated as a flyer to all Bradford schools as an insert in the upcoming circulation of creative writing resource produced for
3 The Children's Trust	1 That it be requested that the final governance structure, responsibility for key performance indicators and the priorities in the Children and Young People Plan, along with the Membership of the Children's Trust be circulated to this Committee in March 2016.	The report will be available in June / July 2016
	2 That the Strategic Director Children's Services be requested to consider revising the target in the School Improvement Plan that "all children will attend a good school by 2018", as the view of this Committee is that this target can not be fully realised.	AWAITING RESPONSE
<b>Meeting date: Wednesday, 10th February 2016 in St.Edmunds Childrens Centre</b>		
1 Engagement, Resilience and Well being of Teaching Staff in the Bradford District	1 That Dr Madine be thanked for his detailed presentation and his findings be welcomed.	No further action for the Committee
	2 That a Multi Academy Trust be invited to attend a future meeting of the Committee to share best practice on recruitment and retention and to discuss the findings of Dr Madine's research.	Added to the Work Programme for 2016-17
	3 That officers from Children's Services disseminate Dr Madine's research to as many education bodies as possible, including the School Governor Service.	The report was added to Bradford Schools On-line website with a request that it be shared with all
2 Teaching Schools	1 That the report be welcomed and the Teaching Schools be congratulated for the work being	No further action required by the Committee
	2 That the Strategic Director, Children's Services considers how the Council can promote an increase in the number and subject matter of courses provided for returning teachers.	AWAITING RESPONSE
3 Contract over £2m - Connexions Service	1 That the report and the option to undertake the tendering exercise for the Connexions contract be	No further action required by the Committee
<b>Meeting date: Tuesday, 8th March 2016 in City Hall, Bradford</b>		
1 Workloads of Children's Social Care	1 That Document "BB" be welcomed and the social workers be thanked for attending and for their contribution to the meeting.	No further action required by the Committee

## Report of All Outcomes for Childrens Services O&S Committee - 2015/16 (continued)

Agenda item	Resolution	Outcome
1 Workloads of Children's Social Care	2 That the Committee continue to receive further reports in the new municipal year to ensure the continuation of safe workloads and practice.	Added to the Work Programme for 2016-17
2 Update on Education Standards 2015 and School to School Partnership	1 That the contents of Document "BC" be noted with some concern, but the fact that measures are in place to accelerate rates of improvement be welcomed	No further action required by the Committee
3 Bradford Education and School Improvement Commissioning Board	1 That Document "BD" be welcomed and that the impact of the commissioned work referred to in paragraph 3.4 be reported to this Committee	Added to the Work Programme for 2016-17

### Meeting date: Wednesday, 30th March 2016 in City Hall, Bradford

2 Outdoor Education Centres	1 That the positive progress of Ingleborough Hall and Buckden House following the refurbishment at the centres be welcomed.	No further action required by the Committee
	2 That the progress of building works at Nell Bank be welcomed and the Committee looks forward to its completion.	No further action required by the Committee
	3 That a report be taken to the Schools Forum on the Outdoor Education Centres containing overall details of the capital expenditure programme and that Officers are requested to liaise with the Schools Forum to jointly determine the scope of that	A report was presented to Schools Forum on 18 May
	4 That the Outdoor Project Board be urged to maintain the differentiation between the Outdoor Centre offers to ensure the widest possible educational opportunities be given to the young people of the	No further action required by the Committee
3 Cultural Education	1 That the report on the cultural and creative education of Bradford's pupils as part of their broad and balanced curriculum (Document "BG") be received.	No further action required by the Committee
	2 That the continued work of the Music and Arts Service, its partners and Bradford schools to ensure that every child receives a meaningful cultural and creative curriculum offer be supported.	No further action required by the Committee
	3 That the Governors Service writes to all schools explaining the value of cultural education which can lead to improved outcomes for young people.	AWAITING RESPONSE
	4 That a report be submitted to the Schools Forum which informs the Forum on the value of cultural education and a creative curriculum and its positive impact on improved outcomes for young people.	AWAITING RESPONSE

# Report of All Outcomes for Childrens Services O&S Committee - 2015/16 (continued)

Agenda item	Resolution	Outcome
1 Referral to the Committee	1 That recommendations (1 and 2) highlighted below from Council on 22 March 2016 be included on the Overview & Scrutiny Committee's work programme.	Added to the Work Programme for 2016-17
<b>Meeting date: Tuesday, 12th April 2016 in City Hall, Bradford</b>		
1 Delivering a new Youth Offer for Bradford District	1 That the report be welcomed and the young people and volunteers be thanked for their significant contribution to the meeting.	No further action required by the Committee
	2 That a joint meeting be held with this Committee and the Health and Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider young people's mental health issues and that young people be invited to attend that	Added to the Work Programme for 2016-17
	3 That a progress report on the new Youth Offer be submitted to the Committee in 12 months time.	Added to the Work Programme for 2016-17
	4 That the Service encourages young peoples voices to continue to be heard in influencing the provision of Youth Services.	No further action required by the Committee
2 School Capital Funding Announcement and school expansion programme	1 That officers and the Education, Skills and Culture Portfolio Holder be thanked for their efforts in securing the Basic Need Funding.	No further action required by the Committee
	2 That the positive debate with government to pursue capital funding needs for Bradford be encouraged.	No further action required by the Committee
3 Equality Action Plan - Progress Report	1 That the report be noted.	No further action required by the Committee
4 Draft Terms of Reference - Scrutiny of Home Educated Children	1 That the draft Terms of Reference for the Scrutiny of Home Educated Children be agreed.	No further action required by the Committee