

**CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**  
**12th JANUARY, 2009**

**CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – WORK  
PROGRAMME 2008/09**

**SUMMARY REPORT**

**Purpose of the Report**

1. To consider the Work Programme of this Scrutiny Committee for the Municipal Year 2008/09.

**Summary**

2. The report introduces the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee's Work Programme and Review Groups schedule for the Municipal Year 2008/09.

**Recommendations**

3. It is recommended that Members consider the attached Work Programme and specify any additional areas, which they might wish to include.

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**Director of Corporate Services**

**Background Papers**

No Background papers were used in the preparation of this report.

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S17 Crime and Disorder	This report has no implications for Crime and Disorder.
Health and Well Being	There are no issues relating to Health and Well Being which this report needs to address
Sustainability	There are no issues relating to Sustainability which this report needs to address.
Diversity	There are no issues relating to Diversity which this report needs to address.
Wards Affected	The impact of the report on any individual Ward is considered to be minimal.
Groups Affected	The impact of the report on any Group is considered to be minimal.
Budget and Policy Framework	This report does not represent a change to the budget and policy framework.
Key Decision	This is not a key decision.
Urgent Decision	This is not an urgent decision.

One Darlington: Perfectly Placed	The report contributes to the delivery of the objectives of the Community Strategy in a number of ways through the involvement of local elected members contributing to the Aspiring Darlington Theme Group.
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## MAIN REPORT

### Information and Analysis

4. At the meeting of this Committee held on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2008, the attached Work Programme (**Appendix 1**) was approved for the Municipal Year 2008/09.
5. In addition to the Work Programme for Ordinary and Special Meetings, Members were requested to consider what issues/topics they would like to review/scrutinise during the Municipal Year 2008/09 and also agreed at the 28th April, was the Committee's Review Groups schedule for the Municipal Year 2008/09 (**Appendix 2**).
6. As you may recall at the last meeting held on 3rd November, 2008 Members requested a report be added to the Work Programme an item on the Commissioning and Funding Arrangements for the provision of Education and Training for 14-19 year olds and a Special meeting of this Scrutiny Committee will be arranged at a future date to consider this report.
7. Additions to the Work Programme is a report on Safeguarding Children and the Arrangements in Darlington following a request by officers and approval of the Chair, and the Joint Area Review Final Report.
8. Another addition to the Work Programme is a report on the Strategy for the Development of Young People's Services to consult with this Scrutiny prior to any decisions on policies and practices being made and an invitation to attend this Scrutiny Meeting and comment on the Strategy has been extended to Emily Crister, the Member of Youth Parliament
9. With regard to the final report of the Joint Review of this Scrutiny Committee and the Health and Well Being Scrutiny Committee which was considered at the last meeting of this Committee held on 3rd November, 2008, I can now advise that the Chair of Health and Well Being has been advised of Members recommendations to extend the review to include Secondary and Nursery schools and the mechanisms for the payment of school dinners, including free school dinners, and that this Committee continue to be involved in the review.
10. In addition to the Work Programme, Members are requested to be constantly giving consideration to issues they would like to review during the Municipal Year, and forward their recommendations onto the Monitoring and Co-ordination Group, for discussion with the Council's Corporate Management Team, bearing in mind the changes above to the remit of this Scrutiny Committee.
11. At the last meeting of this Scrutiny held on 3rd November, 2008, Members proposed the establishment of a Task and Finish Review to look at the provision of children's residential

services in Darlington Borough Council Children's Homes and nominations to serve on this Task and Finish Review will be sought at this meeting.

12. In approving the Work Programme, Members have agreed to monitor and consider any additional items for inclusion in the work programme. Cabinet's Forward Plan is included (**Appendix 3**) to assist in determining any further issues for scrutiny.
13. Members are also able to access Cabinet's Forward Plan on the Council's Website to assist them in determining what issues they might wish to include in the Work Programme.