

**CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
20TH SEPTEMBER, 2010**

**CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – WORK
PROGRAMME 2010/11**

SUMMARY REPORT

Purpose of the Report

1. To consider the Work Programme of this Scrutiny Committee for the Municipal Year 2010/11.

Summary

2. The report introduces the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee's Work Programme and Review Groups schedule for the Municipal Year 2010/11.

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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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.
Efficiency	The Work Programmes are integral to scrutinising and monitoring services efficiently (and effectively), however this report does not identify specific efficiency savings.

MAIN REPORT

Information and Analysis

4. At the meeting of this Committee held on 26th April, 2010 the attached Work Programme (**Appendix 1**) was approved for the Municipal Year 2010/11.
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 2010/11 and also considered the Committee's Review Groups schedule for the Municipal Year 2010/11 (**Appendix 2**).
6. 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. At the last meeting a suggestion was made to undertake a task and finish review on school transition for disabled children and children with learning difficulties and this proposal will be taken to the next meeting of Monitoring and Co-ordination Group for approval.

Members have also previously expressed an interest in undertaking a review of the provision of children's residential services in Darlington and as such a report appears on the agenda for this meeting and Members may wish to consider undertaking such a review

following the report.

7. 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.
8. 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.
9. Members will be aware that this Scrutiny Committee established a Review Group to examine Multi Use Games Areas and community use some time ago. Investigations on the Review Group were put on hold when Members were advised that there was work ongoing to produce a guidance document to support schools and make any of their facilities, including MUGA's, accessible to the community. An update on the guidance document now appears on the agenda for this meeting. Members may feel that the evidence now provided will be sufficient to draw to a close the Review.
10. At the request of the Chair, a report also appears on this agenda on the Darlington's EOTAS (Education Other Than at School) Services.