
ENQUIRY GROUP 2

Purpose of Report

1. To gauge Members of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee's views on education and skills in Darlington.

Background

2. The Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) has established six Enquiry Groups to focus on key areas of development for Darlington, the outcomes of which will refresh the Community Strategy. Each Enquiry Group is chaired by a high profile individual, who is independent of the Council, and each group has a specific question to answer. The questions posed by the LSP for the Enquiry Groups are outlined in **Appendix 1**.
3. The Enquiry Groups will be working on these questions and will inform the Sustainable Community Strategy to be in place for 2008. In working on these questions, it is hoped that as many agencies and individuals as possible can be involved and engaged.
4. Like all the questions, that given to Enquiry Group 2 is highly aspirational. The aim of the Enquiry Group 2 meetings is to identify a relatively small number of key issues where action and energy can be focused in the future.

Legal Implications

5. This report has been considered by the Borough Solicitor for legal implications in accordance with the Council's approved procedures. There are no issues which the Borough Solicitor considers need to be brought to the specific attention of Members, other than those highlighted in the report.

Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998

6. The contents of this report have been considered in the context of the requirements placed on the Council by Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, namely, the duty on the Council to exercise its functions with due regard to the likely effect of the exercise of those functions on, and the need to do all that it reasonably can to prevent, crime and disorder in its area. It is not considered that the contents of this report have any such effect.

Recommendation

7. Members are invited to share their views on education and skills in Darlington.

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Background Papers

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

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