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**CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE –  
WORK PROGRAMME 2011/12**

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**SUMMARY REPORT**

**Purpose of the Report**

1. To consider the work programme items scheduled to be considered by this Scrutiny Committee during the current Municipal Year; to consider any additional areas which Members would like to suggest should be added to the previously approved work programme; and to approve terms of reference for an additional piece of work agreed at the last meeting of this Scrutiny Committee.

**Summary**

2. Members will recall that, at previous meetings of this Scrutiny Committee, discussions have been held and agreement reached on areas where this Scrutiny Committee would like to focus its work over the current Municipal Year.
3. In addition, at the last meeting of this Scrutiny Committee held on 9<sup>th</sup> January, 2012, Members agreed to add an item onto its work programme in relation to the monitoring of the recommendations from the Safeguarding Children Inspection and a draft terms of reference for that piece of work is appended.

**Recommendations**

4. It is recommended that : -
  - (a) Members note the current status of the Work Programme; and
  - (b) consider the draft Terms of Reference for the work in relation to the monitoring of the recommendations from the recent Safeguarding Children Inspection.

**Paul Wildsmith,  
Director of Resources**

**Background Papers**

There were no background papers used in the preparation of this report.

S17 Crime and Disorder	This report has no implications for Crime and Disorder
Health and Well Being	This report has no direct implications to the Health and Well Being of residents of Darlington.
Carbon Impact	There are no issues 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 individual 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 Sustainable Community Strategy in a number of ways through the involvement of Members in contributing to the delivery of the five themes.
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

5. For Members information, it has been previously agreed that a number of topics be included on the Work Programme of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee and Terms of Reference have been approved. The status of each of those areas is detailed in the table below :-

ITEM	PURPOSE	STATUS
Looked After Children and the Role of the Corporate Parenting Panel	To examine Looked After Children and the role of the Corporate Parenting Panel	On the agenda for this meeting
Behaviour Strategy for Key Stage 1 and 2 and Key Stage 3 and 4.	To look at the Behaviour Strategy for Key Stage 1 and 2 and Key Stage 3 and 4.	To be programmed
Child Poverty and Vulnerable Children	To examine Child Poverty and Vulnerable Children.	To be programmed
Children and Families Early Intervention Review	To examine Children and Families Early Intervention.	On going
Attendance at Key Stage 1 and Reception Review Group	To examine attendance at Key Stage 1 and Reception in the local schools.	Final report of the Review Group presented to this meeting.
Participation in Education and Training to 18 years Review	To examine the new legislation and the impact locally.	To be programmed
Medium Term Financial Plan	To contribute and challenge the Medium Term Financial Plan and assist with the	Work completed and recommendations forwarded to Special

	implementation and development of the required savings.	Efficiency and Resources Scrutiny Committee (26 <sup>th</sup> January, 2012).
Safeguarding Children Inspection – Monitoring of recommendations	To monitor the performance against the targets contained in the Action Plan developed as a result of the recommendations made by Ofsted following the recent Safeguarding Children Inspection	On the agenda for this meeting

### **Additional Work Programme Item – Terms of Reference**

6. Following a recommendation from the Monitoring and Co-ordination Group at its meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> January, 2012, Members will recall that, at this meeting of this Scrutiny Committee held on the same date, it was agreed to undertake monitoring of the recommendations from the Safeguarding Children Inspection which had recently been undertaken. A draft terms of reference for this piece of work has subsequently been developed (**Appendix 1**) and Members are requested to consider and approve this document. Members will see that there is a report in relation to this item elsewhere on this agenda.

### **Forward Plan**

7. Members are also requested to consider Cabinet’s Forward Plan, which is available on the Council’s website, to assist in determining any further items which they might wish to include on their Work Programme.