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

SUMMARY REPORT

Purpose of the Report

1. To note the areas of work to be considered by this Scrutiny Committee for the remainder of the Municipal Year 2011/12; and to advise Members of proposals in relation to the scrutiny of the Medium Term Financial Plan.

Summary

2. The Work Programme of this Scrutiny Committee was originally considered on 5th September, 2011 and at the last meeting held on 31st October, 2011 the terms of reference for each of the proposed topic areas were approved. Members are now requested to reconsider that programme to accommodate any further issues in relation to the Medium Term Financial Plan.

Recommendations

3. It is recommended that Members note the current status of the Work Programme.

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Director of Resources**

Background Papers

There were no background papers 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 | 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

Terms of Reference

4. At the last meeting of this Scrutiny Committee held on 31st October, 2011, Members agreed that the following topics be included on their previously approved work programme and the Terms of References for each of the areas was approved.

| ITEM | PURPOSE | STATUS |
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| Looked After Children and the Role of the Corporate Parenting Panel | To examine Looked After Children and the role of the Corporate Parenting Panel | To be programmed |
| 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 |

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| 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 the agenda for this meeting |
| Attendance at Key Stage 1 and Reception Review Group | To examine attendance at Key Stage 1 and Reception in the local schools. | On going |
| 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 implementation and development of the required savings. | On the agenda for this meeting |

Medium Term Financial Plan

5. Members will also be aware that Cabinet have requested views on the proposals contained within the Medium Term Financial Plan and it has been suggested that all Scrutiny Committees be involved in the consultation process and that work be undertaken to scrutinise the proposals through Task and Finish Review Groups. The first meeting of this Review Group, to which all Members of this Scrutiny Committee were invited to attend, was held on 28th November, 2011 and Members discussed the terms of reference and considered the proposals. Recommendations will be forwarded to the special meeting of Efficiency and Resources Scrutiny Committee for submission to Cabinet.

Forward Plan

6. 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.