
**CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE –
WORK PROGRAMME**

SUMMARY REPORT

Purpose of the Report

1. To consider the work programme items scheduled to be considered by this Scrutiny Committee and 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 the meeting of this Scrutiny Committee held on 31st October, 2011, a discussion was held and agreement reached on areas which this Scrutiny Committee would like to focus its work and work has been and is currently being, undertaken in relation to some of those areas and works is still due to commence on others.
3. Members are now requested to consider the current status of the work programme and suggest any further areas of work which Scrutiny would like to undertake.

Recommendations

4. It is recommended that :
 - (a) Members note the current status of the Work Programme; and
 - (b) Approve the submitted Terms of References (**Appendix 1 and 2**).

**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 implications to the address Health and Well Being of residents of Darlington, through scrutinising the services provided by the NHS Trusts.
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 delivery of the objectives of the Community Strategy in a number of ways through the involvement of local elected members contributing to the Healthy 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

Work Programme

5. A key role of Scrutiny is to ensure that the programme is able to deliver the service improvement and the budget savings necessary and Members need to take this into account when considering their Work Programmes and ensure that any work focuses on delivering outcomes rather than service delivery.

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	Meetings on 2 nd April and 11 th July 2012. Final report on the agenda for this meeting.
Behaviour Attendance Partnership	To examine the Behaviour Attendance Partnership.	Report to Scrutiny on 5 th November, 2012.
Child Poverty and Vulnerable Children	To examine Child Poverty and Vulnerable Children.	Report to Scrutiny on 7 th January, 2013.
Children and Families Early Intervention Review Group	To examine Children and Families Early Intervention.	Final report to Scrutiny on 23 rd April, 2012. Six month review agreed. Update report to Scrutiny on 5 th November, 2012.
Attendance at Key Stage 1 and Reception Review Group	To examine attendance at Key Stage 1 and Reception in the local schools.	Final report to Scrutiny on 27 th February, 2012. Completed. Action Plan Update on 18 th June, 2012. Further update report to Scrutiny on 7 th January, 2013.
Participation in Education and Training to 18 years Review	To examine the new legislation and the impact locally.	Report to Scrutiny on 7 th January, 2013.
Medium Term Financial Plan	To contribute and challenge	Final report to

	the Medium Term Financial Plan and assist with the implementation and development of the required savings.	Scrutiny on 9 th January, 2012.
Safeguarding and Looked After Services Inspection Action Plan	To monitor the performance against the targets contained in the Action Plan development as a result of the recommendations made by Ofsted following the Safeguarding/Looked After Children Inspection.	On the agenda for this meeting.
Ethnic Groups Interaction with Children and Young People Services	To examine how the various ethnic groups in the borough interact with the services for Children and Young People.	Progress Report to Scrutiny on 5 th November, 2012.
School Organisation Plan	To give consideration to the draft School Organisation Plan.	On the agenda for this meeting.
Darlington Safeguarding Children's Board	To examine how children and young people in Darlington are kept safe and feel safe within their homes, schools and communities.	A report will be submitted to the meeting held on 4 th March, 2013.

Quad of Aims

6. If Members wish to add any item to the Work Programme a Quad of Aims would need to be developed and submitted to Monitoring and Co-ordination Group prior to being brought to Scrutiny Committee, to ensure that it does contribute to the strategic aims of the Council.

Terms of Reference

7. With regard to the Draft School Organisation Plan and the Darlington Safeguarding Children's Board, the Quad of Aims for each were approved by Monitoring and Co-ordination Group at their meeting on 20th August, 2012 and the Terms of Reference are now attached for Scrutiny approval (**Appendix 1**).
8. Members are also requested to approve the Terms of Reference for the report on the Behaviour Attendance Partnership scheduled for the meeting on 5th November, 2012 (**Appendix 2**).

Forward Plan

9. 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 and if so, complete the necessary documentation.

Terms of Reference

Title: Darlington Safeguarding Children’s Board
Scrutiny: Children and Young People Scrutiny

Start Date: March 2013

End Date:

PURPOSE/AIM	RESOURCE
<p>To ensure that all children and young people in Darlington are safe and feel safe within their homes, schools and communities.</p>	<p>Members Relevant Portfolio Holder Assistant Director – Children, Families and Learning Democratic Services Darlington Safeguarding Children Board. Various agencies involved with safeguarding.</p>
PROCESS	OUTCOME
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To examine how the various agencies work together to ensure effectiveness of work. 2. To examine how the welfare of children in Darlington is promoted. 3. To monitor performance of agencies in relation to safeguarding. 4. To examine the policies, guidance and procedures established. 5. To look at the effectiveness of the promotion of safety and well-being of children and young people. 6. To identify how effectively the Darlington Safeguarding Children Board communicate and engage with its partners, the children’s workforce and the wider public. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Members to have an understanding of how the Darlington Safeguarding Children Board safeguards and promotes the welfare of children and young people in Darlington. 2. Members to have an understanding of how the key agencies work together to improve safeguarding practice. 3. To recommend any service changes required, as a result of the analysis, to improve the outcomes of children and young people.

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Terms of Reference

Title: School Organisation Plan **Start Date:** September 2012 **End Date:**
Scrutiny: Children and Young People Scrutiny

PURPOSE/AIM	RESOURCE
<p>To examine the development of the School Organisation Plan 2012-17 which provides a clear framework for school organisation and how this is achieved.</p>	<p>Members Relevant Portfolio Holder Assistant Director – Children, Families and Learning Democratic Services Rachel Jones</p>
PROCESS	OUTCOME
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. To examine how the provision of school places is kept under Review as school population fluctuates. 8. To examine how the authority ascertains the number of pupils in schools and forecasts pupil numbers over the next five years. 9. To examine how officers propose to create additional places above birth rate to take account of parental preference and net inward migration. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Members to have an understanding of how the authority plan school organisation and ensure any changes to schools are based upon improving schools and raising standards. 5. To ensure that there is an appropriate supply of good school places.

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Terms of Reference

Title: Behaviour and Attendance Partnership
Scrutiny: Children and Young People Scrutiny

Start Date: Nov 2012

End Date:

PURPOSE/AIM	RESOURCE
<p>To examine the working of the Behaviour and Attendance Partnership and its impact on the outcomes for children and young people</p>	<p>Members Relevant Portfolio Holder Assistant Director – Children, Families and Learning Chair of the Behaviour and Attendance Partnership Members of the Behaviour and Attendance Partnerships as appropriate. Democratic Services</p>
PROCESS	OUTCOME
<p>10. To understand the terms of reference and working of the Partnership. 11. To obtain performance data and information relevant to behaviour and attendance within schools. 12. To identify areas of impact and action undertaken by the Partnership.</p>	<p>1. Members to understand the Behaviour and Attendance Partnership and its impact on performance. 2. To scrutinise any areas of concern and undertake a detailed review if needed. 3. Recommend any changes to Cabinet if needed.</p>

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