
**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 Reference (Appendix 1).

**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	Meeting on 2 nd April, 2012
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 Group	To examine Children and Families Early Intervention.	Final report to Scrutiny on 23 rd April, 2012. Six month review agreed.
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 to follow up.
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.	Final report to Scrutiny on 9 th January, 2012.

Annual Assessment of Darlington Children's Services	To monitor performance in the areas for further improvement contained in the Annual Assessment of Darlington Children's Services by Ofsted	To be programmed
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 going.
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.	Pending

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 Ethnic Groups Interaction with Children and Young People Services a Quad of Aims will be submitted to the Monitoring and Co-ordination Group on 11th June, 2012. The decision of that Group will be reported at this meeting and the Terms of Reference is attached for Scrutiny approval (**Appendix 1**).

Forward Plan

8. 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: Ethnic Groups interaction with CYP Services **Start Date:** **End Date:**
Scrutiny: Children and Young People Scrutiny

PURPOSE/AIM	RESOURCE
<p>To examine how the various ethnic groups within the Borough interact with services for Children and Young People.</p>	<p>Members Relevant Portfolio Holder Assistant Director – Children, Families and Learning Democratic Services Sure Start Children’s Centre Department for Education</p>
PROCESS	OUTCOME
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To identify the various ethnic groups within the borough. 2. To establish how the various ethnic groups interact with services for Children and Young People. 3. To identify profiles of ethnic groups within Looked After Children. 4. To examine data on ethnic groups including performance statistics for Educational achievement and relevant Ofsted Reports. 5. To gain an understanding of the Early Intervention and Prevention services and the links with minority ethnic groups. 6. To examine multi-agency working arrangements, in relation to services for ethnic minorities 7. To identify services in schools to assist children of minority ethnic groups. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Members to have an understanding of the various ethnic groups within the borough. 2. To understand the range of Children and Young People’s Services and their involvement with those ethnic minorities. 3. To understand any barriers to involvement and ‘take up ‘ of services by ethnic minority groups 4. To recommend any service changes required, as a result of the analysis, to overcome those barriers and encourage open access for all minority groups.

COUNCILLOR
(TO BE SIGNED BY MEMBER OF SCRUTINY COMMITTEE REQUESTING TOPIC)

CHAIR
(TO BE SIGNED BY CHAIR OF SCRUTINY COMMITTEE)