
SERVICE PLANNING 2009/13

SUMMARY REPORT

Purpose of Report

1. The purpose of this report is to introduce the service plans for which the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee is responsible for providing challenge.

Summary

2. There are 4 service plans for which this committee is responsible for providing scrutiny. These are Children and Families, Partnerships, Planning and Resources and School Improvement and Development. The posters are included at **Appendix 1**.

Recommendations

3. Members are asked to:
 - (a) note the service plans for which they have scrutiny responsibility;
 - (b) be aware of the reporting arrangements that will facilitate scrutiny.

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Background Papers

Service Plan Posters

David Goodchild: Extension 2015
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S17 Crime and Disorder	It is not considered that the contents of this report have any effect.
Health and Well Being	The implementation of these service plans will contribute to health and well-being.
Sustainability	The implementation of these service plans will have an impact on sustainability
Diversity	There is no specific diversity impact.
Wards Affected	All wards are affected equally.
Groups Affected	All groups are affected equally.
Budget and Policy Framework	This report does not recommend a change to the Council's budget or policy framework.
Key Decision	This is not classed as a key decision and has not been included in the forward plan.
Efficiency	The service plans are integral to delivering services efficiently (and effectively) although this report does not identify specific efficiency savings.
Urgent Decision	For the purpose of the 'call-in' procedure this does not represent an urgent matter.
One Darlington: Perfectly Placed	The SCS is included on the posters as top level objectives to which the performance of services contributes.

MAIN REPORT

Information and Analysis

4. For 2009/10 there are 26 service plans covering all services provided by the Council each summarised using a poster that Members may be familiar with. The service plans that this committee have responsibilities for monitoring are:
 - a) Children and Families;
 - b) Partnerships;
 - c) Planning and Resources;
 - d) School Improvement and Development.
5. The posters provide a useful summary of what the service is aiming to achieve and how it links into the Sustainable Community Strategy and Corporate Plan. Colour copies of the posters at A3 size and the service plans are available for reference in the Members room.
6. Reports on performance against the targets in the service plans will be submitted on a quarterly basis to scrutiny committees. These reports are in a revised format and as well as showing performance against the service plans show performance for the Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS), Local Area Agreement (LAA) and National Indicator Set (NIS). They therefore fulfil the enhanced scrutiny requirements with respect to Darlington Partnership and provide a sound basis for committee to scrutinise performance as they wish.

Outcome of Consultation

7. Consultation was undertaken internally and with partners, as appropriate, in the production of the service plans of which the posters presented here represent a summary.

Conclusion

8. The posters provide a useful summary of the service plans that enables the committee to home in on key indicators.