

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

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 and to develop the Terms of Reference for those topics.

Summary

2. Members will recall that, at the last meeting of this Scrutiny Committee held on 5th September, 2011, a discussion was held and agreement reached on areas which this Scrutiny Committee would like to focus its work over the current Municipal Year.
3. Following that decision, Terms of Reference (**Appendix 1**) for each of the topic areas have been developed as a working document for Members consideration.

Recommendations

4. It is recommended that Members consider the attached Terms of Reference, make any amendments thereto, and give formal approval to each topic area.

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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. All Members are aware of the ambitious programme of change across the Council, and a key role of Scrutiny is to ensure that the programme is able to deliver the service improvements 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.
6. Taking the above into account, at the meeting of this Scrutiny Committee held on 5th September, 2011, Members identified the following areas where they would like to focus their work over the next Municipal Year and Terms of Reference (**Appendix 1**) have been developed for each of these topic areas to demonstrate how Scrutiny will undertake the work and what the anticipated outcome may be :-
 - Looked After Children and the role of the Corporate Parenting Panel.
 - Behaviour Strategy for Key Stage 1 and 2 and Key Stage 3 and 4.
 - Child Poverty and Vulnerable Children.
 - Early Intervention and Children and Families Service.
 - Attendance at Key Stage 1 and Reception.
 - Extending Participation in Education and Training to 18 years.
7. Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee is therefore requested to consider the attached Terms of References and make any amendments or comments thereon, prior to approval.
8. The inaugural meeting of the Review Group to examine Attendance at Key Stage 1 and Reception was held on 17th October, 2011 and the terms of reference for that review were considered. There is a separate item on today's agenda to provide a progress report and to approve the terms of reference.
9. If, during the course of the year, Members wish to add any topics to the above, taking into account the comments in paragraph 5, a Quad of Aims will need to be developed and submitted prior to the item being brought to Scrutiny Committee, to ensure that it does contribute to the strategic aims of the Council.
10. Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee will also have to consider reports contained within the Budget and Policy Framework which may appear on the agenda as and when required. A Quad of Aims will not be prepared for these items as they are required to be considered by Scrutiny Committee in line with the Constitution.
11. 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.