
ANNUAL ASSESSMENT OF DARLINGTON CHILDREN'S SERVICES

SUMMARY REPORT

Purpose of the Report

1. Members to give consideration to a referral from Cabinet in relation to the Annual Assessment of Darlington Children's Services.

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2. Cabinet gave consideration to the Annual Assessment of Darlington Children's Services at its meeting on 6th December, 2011 and agreed to refer the report to this Scrutiny Committee for its information and consideration (**Appendix 1**).
3. Members are now requested to consider the Annual Assessment of Darlington Children's Services and the Ofsted summary of inspection judgements and in particular the areas for further improvement and to include any areas within the work programme of this Scrutiny Committee for future monitoring of performance.

Recommendations

4. It is recommended that Members note the report and the areas for further improvement.

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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	Improvements to the areas identified for the development within the Annual Assessment will have a positive impact on Health and Well Being.
Carbon Impact	There are no issues which this report needs to address.
Diversity	Improvements to the areas identified within the Annual Assessment will have a positive impact on children and young people from vulnerable groups.
Wards Affected	All.
Groups Affected	Children and Young People.
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	Improvements to the areas identified within the Annual Assessment will have a positive impact on the Healthy and Supported and Educated and Skilled outcomes of the Sustainable Community Strategy.
Efficiency	There are no specific efficiency issues contained within this report.