

**EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF
LIFELONG LEARNING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

24th April, 2006

LLL67. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE’S PLAN – The Director of Children Services submitted a report (previously circulated) requesting consideration be given to the content of the draft Children and Young People’s Plan.

The submitted report outlined the background to the development of the Plan (also previously circulated) which brought together key partners to produce a single, strategic, overarching plan for all local services for children and young people in Darlington that replaced several previous statutory and non- statutory plans. References were made to the statutory guidance on the contents of the Plan; and stated it had been prepared alongside the development of our Local Area Agreement which had, as its core focus, improved outcomes for children and young people. It was reported that the Plan had been the subject of significant consultation throughout its development and included the views of children and young people.

Discussion ensued the content of the Plan and in particular the role the Extended Schools Initiative would play in delivering the “Enjoy and Achieve” Section of the Plan; why there was no mention of ‘Sure Start’; the proposals to ensure that young people are protected from harm and neglect and how these link in with the Council’s Community Safety initiatives; the positive contribution that young people played in the development Plan and the need to make sure that they were aware that their opinions had been taken on board; the meaning of the term “active travel”; and the problems associated with the provision and supervision of after school activities.

RESOLVED – That the contents of the Children and Young People’s Plan be noted.