
**CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – DRAFT WORK
PROGRAMME 2009/10**

SUMMARY REPORT

Purpose of the Report

1. To consider the draft Work Programme of this Scrutiny Committee for the Municipal Year 2009/10.

Summary

2. The report introduces the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee's Work Programme and Review Groups schedule for the Municipal Year 2008/09.

Recommendations

3. It is recommended that Members :-
 - (a) consider the attached draft Work Programme and make any amendments thereto; and
 - (b) consider topics/subjects that they would wish to review/scrutinise during the Municipal Year 2009/10, complete the attached schedule at Appendix 2 and forward to Monitoring and Co-ordination Group for consideration.

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Background Papers

No Background papers were 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	There are no issues relating to Health and Well Being which this report needs to address
Sustainability	There are no issues relating to Sustainability 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 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 Aspiring 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

Information and Analysis

4. To consider this Scrutiny Committee's draft work programme and review topics for the Municipal Year 2009/10.

Work Programme for Ordinary and Special Meetings

5. Members will be aware that, in accordance with the Scrutiny Procedure Rules, contained in this Council's Constitution, Scrutiny Committees are, subject to the Monitoring and Co-ordination Group's approval, responsible for setting their own work programmes and, in doing so, they should take into account the wishes of all of the Members of that Committee.
6. Scrutiny Committees should also take into consideration when considering their work programmes and review topics, the overall effect of the strategic plans of the Council, such as the Sustainable Community Strategy, the Council's budget and the Forward Plan. The work of the Scrutiny Committee should be effective and improve service delivery and this is a clear and overriding process of the scrutiny function. All Scrutiny Committees should also consider the relevant inspection reports, including CPA for their remits.
7. Members are therefore requested to consider, as a starting point, the attached draft schedule (**Appendix 1**) which has been compiled, detailing the proposed dates of meetings of this Scrutiny Committee for the Municipal Year 2009/10, together with details of those plans and strategies which could be considered at each of those meetings and consider whether they would wish to make any amendments thereto.
8. Once approved, the draft work programme is not exhaustive as any Member of a Scrutiny Committee can request an item relevant to the function of that Committee to be included on future agendas, in accordance with the provisions contained within the Constitution.

Reviews and Review Groups

9. In addition to the work programme for Ordinary and Special Meetings, Members are also requested to consider what issues/topics they would like to review/scrutinise during the Municipal Year 2009/10 and forward their recommendations onto the Monitoring and Co-ordination Group, for discussion. Again, when considering which reviews and task and finish reviews to undertake, Members should take into consideration, the overall effect of the strategic plans of the Council, such as the Sustainable Community Strategy, the Council's budget and the Forward Plan and take the following into account :-
 - a. will the outcome make a difference?;
 - b. any discussion with Chief Officers / Departments on reviews which can be undertaken to assist with the workload of that Department; and
 - c. the local views and priorities – what the community would want Scrutiny to get involved in?
10. An additional schedule (**Appendix 2**) has been attached which should be completed prior to any review group or task and finish review group being established. The information contained in this schedule will be used to promote the work of scrutiny on the Council's Website and hopefully encourage public participation.

Forward Plan

11. Cabinet's Forward Plan will also be included in future work programme reports and this is also attached (**Appendix 3**) and may assist Members in determining what issues they might wish to include in the work programme.