

**CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
11TH JANUARY, 2009**

SCHOOL STANDARDS TASK AND FINISH REVIEW GROUP – PROGRESS REPORT

SUMMARY REPORT

Purpose of the Report

1. To update Members of the progress made to date on this Scrutiny Committee's Task and Finish Review Group on School Standards.

Summary

2. Members will recall that at the meeting of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee held on 14th September, 2009 it was agreed that Councillors Burton, Curry, Hughes, Mr. Moyes, Mr. Franks and Mr. Egan be appointed to sit on this Task and Finish Review to look at school standards and the outside factors which may have an effect on them and also to look at work being undertaken to address these issues.
3. It was decided thereafter by the Chair to extend an invitation to all Members of this Scrutiny Committee to a meeting of the Review Group held on 5th November, 2009.
4. Following the meeting it was agreed that another meeting of this Group be scheduled for three or four months time and that statistical information on Secondary Schools be submitted thereat.
5. The notes of the meeting held on 5th November, 2009 are attached for Members information (**Appendix 1**).

Recommendation

6. It is recommended that Members note the progress to date.

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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 | It is not considered that the content of this report has any affect in the context of the requirements placed on the Council in relation to Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act. |
| Health and Well Being | This report has no direct implications to the Health and Well Being of residents in Darlington. |
| Sustainability | There are no direct implications to Sustainability which this report needs to address. |
| Diversity | There are not direct implications 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 | The content of the report is not a key decision. |
| Urgent Decision | For the purpose of the 'call-in' procedure this does not represent an urgent matter. |
| 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 |
| Efficiency | This report does not identify specific efficiency savings. |