
OVERVIEW OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

1. Since the last meeting of the Council, the following are the main areas of work the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee has undertaken :-

- (a) **Corporate Parenting Panel Task and Finish Review Group** – We held the first meeting of this Task and Finish Review Group on 2nd April, 2012 and Members received an overview of the role of the Corporate Parenting Panel and its responsibilities under the 1989 Children Act and the Children Act 2004 for partnership arrangements. The intention of the Review Group is to examine the existing role of the Corporate Parenting Panel and to consider if any changes need to be made to the membership and reporting mechanisms, taking into account the comments from the Peer Challenge 2011 and the Safeguarding and Looked After Inspection in November, 2011. Members also expressed their wish to meet the young people on the Children in Care Council known as the ‘Darlo Care Crew’ and Tom and Sammy attended the recent Scrutiny meeting on 23rd April, 2012 which Members found very useful and informative.

We had invited along to the meeting the Members of the Corporate Parenting Panel but unfortunately none were able to attend and as we felt that it was important to seek their views on the current Panel, a further meeting will be arranged to discuss the matter further.

- (b) **Children and Families Early Intervention and Prevention Review** – We gave our consideration to the final report and recommendations of the Review Group which was established to examine children and families intervention and to scrutinise the processes in place. The Members made their recommendations which were submitted to Scrutiny on 23rd April, 2012 for approval. We will review action on the recommendations in six months.
- (c) **Work Programme 2011/12** – We have given consideration to the Work Programme for this Committee for the Municipal Year 2011/12 and taking into account the ambitious programme of change across the Council and the key role of Scrutiny in ensuring that the programme is able to deliver the service improvements and the budget savings necessary.

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