
SERVICE PLANNING 2008/12

SUMMARY REPORT

Purpose of Report

1. The purpose of this report is to introduce the service plans for which the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee is responsible for providing challenge.

Summary

2. There are four service plans for which this committee is responsible for providing scrutiny. These are Children and Families, Partnerships, Planning and Resources and School Improvement and Development and are attached as **Appendix 1**.

Recommendations

3. Members are asked to:
 - (a) note the service plans for which they have scrutiny responsibility;
 - (b) be aware of the reporting arrangements that will facilitate scrutiny.

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Background Papers

Service Plan posters

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S17 Crime and Disorder	Service plans have an impact on the Staying Safe objective of Every Child Matters
Health and Well Being	Service plans have an impact on health and well-being in ensuring children attend at school and reach their full potential.
Sustainability	There is no specific sustainability impact.
Diversity	There is no specific diversity impact.
Wards Affected	All wards are affected equally.
Groups Affected	All groups are affected equally.
Budget and Policy Framework	This report does not recommend a change to the Council's budget or policy framework.
Key Decision	This is not classed as a key decision and has not been included in the forward plan.
Urgent Decision	For the purpose of the 'call-in' procedure this does not represent an urgent matter.
One Darlington: Perfectly Placed	The Sustainable Community Strategy is included on the posters as top level objectives to which the performance of services contributes.

MAIN REPORT

Information and Analysis

4. For 2008/09 there are 24 service plans covering all services provided by the Council each summarised using a poster that Members may be familiar with. The service plans that this committee have responsibilities for monitoring are:
 - a) Children and Families;
 - b) Partnerships;
 - c) Planning and Resources;
 - d) School Improvement and Development;
5. The posters provide a useful summary of what the service is aiming to achieve and how it links into the Sustainable Community Strategy and Corporate Plan. Colour copies of the posters at A3 size and the service plans are available for reference in the Members room.
6. Reports on performance against the targets in the service plans will be submitted on a quarterly basis to scrutiny committees. These reports will give a high level indication of performance against target and identify any areas, including individual indicators, where targets are not being achieved together with contextual information. They will therefore provide a sound basis for committee to scrutinise performance as they wish.

Outcome of Consultation

7. Consultation was undertaken internally and with partners, as appropriate, in the production of the service plans of which the posters presented here represent a summary.

Conclusion

8. The posters provide a useful summary of the service plans that enables the committee to home in on key indicators.

Impact on Looked After Children

9. The Children and Families service plan contains indicators that measure elements of service performance for Looked after Children.