
**CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE –
WORK PROGRAMME**

SUMMARY REPORT

Purpose of the Report

1. To consider the work programme items scheduled to be considered by this Scrutiny Committee and to consider any additional areas which Members would like to suggest should be added to the previously approved work programme.

Summary

2. Members will recall that, at the meeting of this Scrutiny Committee held on 31st October, 2011, a discussion was held and agreement reached on areas which this Scrutiny Committee would like to focus its work and work has been and is currently being, undertaken in relation to some of those areas. Work is still due to commence on others.
3. Members are now requested to consider the current status of the work programme and suggest any further areas of work which Scrutiny would like to undertake.

Recommendations

4. It is recommended that Members note the current status of the Work Programme:

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Background Papers

There were no background papers 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	This report has implications to the address Health and Well Being of residents of Darlington, through scrutinising the services provided by the NHS Trusts.
Carbon Impact	There are no issues 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 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	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 Healthy 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

Work Programme

5. A key role of Scrutiny is to ensure that the programme is able to deliver the service improvement and the budget savings necessary and Members need to take this into account when considering their Work Programmes and ensure that any work focuses on delivering outcomes rather than service delivery.

ITEM	PURPOSE	STATUS
Child Poverty and Vulnerable Children Review Group	To examine Child Poverty and Vulnerable Children.	Members invited to attend a 'one-off' meeting arranged by Health and Well Being Scrutiny to evidence gather on Obesity on 28 th February, 2013. Review Group established: 1 st Meeting held on 15 th April, 2013. 2 nd Meeting held on 15 th October, 2013. 3 rd Meeting held on 19 th March, 2014. Ongoing.
Attendance at Key Stage 1 and Reception Review Group	To examine attendance at Key Stage 1 and Reception in the local schools.	Final report to Scrutiny on 27 th February, 2012. Completed. Action Plan Update on 18 th June, 2012. Update report received on 7 th January 2013. Further updates to be programmed Ongoing
Participation in Education and Training to 18 years Review	To examine the new legislation and the impact locally.	Report to Scrutiny on 7 th January, 2013. Progress report January, 2015

ITEM	PURPOSE	STATUS
Safeguarding and Looked After Services Inspection Action Plan	To monitor the performance against the targets contained in the Action Plan development as a result of the recommendations made by Ofsted following the Safeguarding/Looked After Children Inspection.	Update on Action Plan to Scrutiny on 10 th September, 2012. Further updates to be programmed.
Young Carers Action Plan	To examine the Young Carers Action Plan	Report to Scrutiny on 22 nd April, 2013. Approval at Scrutiny on 24 th June to establish a Task and Finish Review jointly with Adults and Housing Scrutiny. Review to commence Spring 2014 (after the Health Care Bill). Ongoing.
Medium Term Financial Plan – Budget Proposals	To advise Members of the decision of Cabinet in relation to a number of budget savings proposals from areas which fall within the remit of this Scrutiny Committee.	Report to Scrutiny on 24 th June, 2013. Impact on decisions to be re-assessed at a later date. Special Meeting 6 th January, 2014 to look at MTFP and implications on Childrens' Social Care.
Performance Management Framework	To advise Members on the Council's Performance Management Framework which was adopted in 2012 and for performance information to be used to inform any future work programme of this Scrutiny Committee.	Presentation to Scrutiny on 24 th June, 2013.

ITEM	PURPOSE	STATUS
IT Support to Social Services and Social Work Services	To examine the use of information technology and mobile working in Childrens' Social Care (Adults and Children)	Representatives of Adults and Housing Scrutiny be invited to participate in the work. Chair and Vice met with the Information Manager on 18 th February, 2014 to discuss the work being undertaken to review of the Care First System. Members to revisit in 3 months for potential Scrutiny involvement. Chair to update Adults and Housing Scrutiny on 4 th March, 2014. Ongoing
SEN/disabilities and Pupil Premium	<p>To receive an overview to look at special needs from social care, education and health aspects. Report to review the SEN pathfinder and allocation of the SEN Reform Grant.</p> <p>To continue to receive updates on the development of the new 0-25 special needs system across Darlington.</p>	<p>Presentation to Scrutiny on 28th October, 2013 for SEN and 16th December, 2013 for Pupil Premium. Update report to Scrutiny 10th February,2014.</p> <p>Update report Autumn 2014. Ongoing</p>
Extension of funding to 21 for children in Foster Care	To receive an update on the changes to the legal duty to provide support to enable young people to remain in foster care until the age of 21 years, if needed.	Verbal update to Scrutiny on 16 th December, 2013. Further updates to be programmed. Ongoing

ITEM	PURPOSE	STATUS
Music and Performing Arts in Schools	To examine the position with regard to the uptake of Music and Performing Arts in Schools and the funding available	Presentation by the Durham Music Service to the meeting of Scrutiny scheduled for 31 st March, 2014. Ongoing
Female genital mutilation (FGM)		Awaiting approval from Monitoring and Co-ordination Group.

Quad of Aims

- If Members wish to add any item to the Work Programme a Quad of Aims would need to be developed and submitted to Monitoring and Co-ordination Group prior to being brought to Scrutiny Committee, to ensure that it does contribute to the strategic aims of the Council.

Forward Plan

- Members are also requested to consider Cabinet's Forward Plan, which is available on the Council's website, to assist in determining any further items which they might wish to include on their Work Programme and if so, complete the necessary documentation.