
**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. Update Report Autumn 2014
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. Update report to Scrutiny 9 th June, 2014. Ongoing

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. 1 st meeting of the Review Group held 4 th June, 2014. 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. Presentation on the agenda for this meeting

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	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. To continue to receive updates on the development of the new 0-25 special needs system across Darlington.	Presentation to Scrutiny on 28 th October, 2013 for SEN. Update report to Scrutiny 10 th February,2014. Update report Autumn 2014. Ongoing
Pupil Premium	To examine Pupil Premium and understand how this is being used within schools and how it is monitored. To examine Pupil Premium after the premium is distributed in October based on January census.	Presentation to Scrutiny 16 th December, 2013. Update report Spring 2015

ITEM	PURPOSE	STATUS
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. Update report Spring 2015
Female genital mutilation (FGM)		Approval from Monitoring and Co-ordination Group. Briefing with Durham Constabulary to be arranged. Ongoing
Healthy Behaviours Survey 2013	To examine the results of the 2013 Survey undertaken by DAAT within secondary schools and academies in Darlington for Years 7 to 11	Presentation to Scrutiny 9 th June, 2014. Results of the 2014 Survey to be reported June 2015.
Troubled Families Initiative	To receive a report on the national programme aimed at identifying families with a cluster of issues and to work with these families to 'turn around' their situation.	Report on the agenda for this meeting.

Quad of Aims

6. 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

7. 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.

Further Items

8. **Troubled Families** – Following a proposal at the last Scrutiny Committee meeting, this item has now been included on the agenda for this meeting.
9. **Health Behaviours Survey 2014** – Following a presentation by DAAT at the last Scrutiny Meeting Members agreed to receive a presentation on the 2015 Survey and this has been included in the Work Programme.

Review Groups

10. **STEMNET/Apprenticeships** - At the Scrutiny Meeting held on 9th June, 2013 it was agreed to carry out a Task and Finish Review to examine the skills shortage areas and the availability of apprenticeships and meet with representatives from STEMNET to better understand what is being done to enable young people to understand applications of STEM subjects and to encourage the opportunities for apprenticeships. Monitoring and Co-ordination Group gave approval for this Review at their meeting held on 20 August 2014.
11. **Young Carers Review Group** – A meeting of this Review Group was held on 4th June, 2014 and a note of the meeting is attached for information. **(Appendix 1)**. A further meeting of the Review group will be arranged in six months time to update Members on progress.