
**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 previous meetings of this Scrutiny Committee, discussions have been held and agreement reached on areas where this Scrutiny Committee would like to focus its work and work has been, and is currently being, undertaken in relation to some of these areas and 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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Director of Neighbourhood Services and Resources**

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 no implications to the Health and Well Being of residents of Darlington
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 Sustainable Community Strategy in a number of ways through the involvement of Members in contributing to the delivery of the five themes.
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. For Members information, it has been previously agreed that a number of topics be included on the Work Programme of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee and Terms of Reference have previously been approved. The status of each of those areas is detailed in the table below :-

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. 4th Meeting to be held on 28th October, 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 to Scrutiny 5th January 2015 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. Update report to Scrutiny 9 th June, 2014. Ongoing

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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 - Review Group	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. 2nd Meeting of Review Group arranged for 15th January 2015 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 Children’s 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 to Scrutiny on 1 st September 2014. Presentation to Scrutiny on 5th January, 2015

ITEM	PURPOSE	STATUS
IT Support to Social Services and Social Work Services	To examine the use of information technology and mobile working in Children's Social Care (Adults and Children)	<p>Representatives of Adults and Housing Scrutiny be invited to participate in the work. Chair and Vice met with the Information Manager on 18th 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 4th March, 2014.</p> <p>Reported to Members at the meeting on 1st September, 2014 that Cabinet were to receive a report at their meeting 2nd September, 2014 seeking to approve to proceed with the replacement project and to initiate the procurement exercise. Onhold.</p>
SEN/0-25 Special Needs System	<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. Update report to Scrutiny 10th February, 2014.</p> <p>Update report on the agenda for this meeting Ongoing</p>

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Pupil Premium	<p>To examine Pupil Premium and understand how this is being used within schools and how it is monitored.</p> <p>To examine Pupil Premium after the premium is distributed in October based on January census.</p>	<p>Presentation to Scrutiny 16th December, 2013.</p> <p>Update report Spring 2015</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.	<p>Verbal update to Scrutiny on 16th December, 2013.</p> <p>Update report Spring 2015</p>
Female genital mutilation (FGM)	<p>To ascertain if there is a potential problem in Darlington with regard to FGM</p> <p>To provide Members with information on the Local Safeguarding Children's Board (LSCB) training programme and the inclusion of FGM</p>	<p>Approval from Monitoring and Co-ordination Group.</p> <p>Briefing held with Chair/Vice, Police and Public Health on 10th September, 2014.</p> <p>Verbal update to be provided at the meeting.</p>
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	<p>Presentation to Scrutiny 9th June, 2014.</p> <p>Results of the 2014 Survey to be reported June 2015.</p>

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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 to Scrutiny meeting held on 1st September 2014. Further update report to be programmed to look at Phase 2 in the New Municipal Year Ongoing
STEM Applications/ Apprenticeship Review	To 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	Approval from Monitoring and Co-ordination Group on 20 August, 2014. 1st Meeting arranged for 4th November 2014 Ongoing
School Organisation	To receive an update on the position with school places within the Town	Presentation at this meeting
Parenting Programmes	To receive information on parenting programmes available for troubled families	Report on the agenda for this meeting
2014 Childcare Sufficiency Review	To give Members an opportunity to be consulted on and monitor the Action Plan	Report on the agenda for this meeting
Child Sexual Exploitation/Rotherham Report		Approval from Monitoring and Co-ordination to be sought.

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 the Monitoring and Co-ordination Group prior to being brought to Scrutiny Committee, to ensure that it contributes 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.

Additional Items

8. **School Organisation Plan** - Following a proposal at the last Scrutiny Committee meeting this item appears on the agenda for this meeting.
9. **Parenting Programmes** – Following a proposal at the last Scrutiny Committee meeting, this item appears on the agenda for this meeting.
10. **Performance** – Following a presentation by the Head of Organisational Planning at the last meeting of this Scrutiny, a further presentation will be made at the meeting scheduled for 5th January, 2015.
11. **Childcare Sufficiency Review** – Following a request by Officers a report on the 2014 Childcare Sufficiency Review appears on the agenda for this meeting.
12. **Child Sexual Exploitation and the Rotherham Report** – Approval being sought from Monitoring and Co-ordination Group for a report on this to the meeting scheduled for 5th January, 2015.
13. **Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)** – following a briefing between the Chair, Vice-Chair, the FGM Lead Officer from Durham Police and Public Health representative to discuss the issue of FGM and ascertain if there was a potential problem in Darlington, it was agreed to provide Members with a verbal update on the situation and information regarding the training provided via the Local Safeguarding Children's Board (LSCB). Members are now requested to consider if they wish to progress further with this item.

Review Groups

14. **Child Poverty** – a further meeting of the Review Group has been arranged for 28th October, 2014 when Members will be provided with information relating to child poverty by Ward.
15. **STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths)** – the first meeting of the Review Group has been arranged for 4th November, 2014. Dr Mike Leddra, STEM Enrichment and Enhancement Co-ordinator Durham and Tees Valley will attend and discuss with Members what is being done to enable young people to understand applications of STEM subjects and opportunities for apprenticeships. Also in attendance will be the Head of 11-19 (Learning and Skills), the Chair of the 11-19 Partnership and the Foundation for Jobs Co-ordinator.
16. **Young Carers**– Following a meeting of the Review Group held on 4th June, 2014 it was agreed that a further update be brought to Members and a further meeting of the Review Group has been arranged for 14th January, 2015.