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

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**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 <sup>th</sup> February, 2013. Review Group established: 1 <sup>st</sup> Meeting held on 15 <sup>th</sup> April, 2013. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Meeting held on 15 <sup>th</sup> October, 2013. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Meeting held on 19 <sup>th</sup> March, 2014. 4 <sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 28 <sup>th</sup> October, 2014 <b>5<sup>th</sup> Meeting arranged for 24 February, 2015 Ongoing.</b>
Attendance at Key Stage 1 and Reception Review Group	To examine attendance at Key Stage 1 and Reception in the local schools.  To continue to monitor improvement against the Action Plan.	Final report to Scrutiny on 27 <sup>th</sup> February, 2012. Completed. Action Plan Update on 18 <sup>th</sup> June, 2012.  Update reports received on 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2013 and 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2015 <b>Ongoing</b>

ITEM	PURPOSE	STATUS
<p>Participation in Education and Training to 18 years Raising the Participation Age (RPA)</p>	<p>To examine the new legislation and the impact locally.</p> <p>To continue to monitor progress to full participation.</p> <p>To provide an update on the progress on meeting the requirements of the Raising of the Participation Age with young people now required to stay in education or training at least until their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday.</p>	<p>Report to Scrutiny on 7<sup>th</sup> January, 2013.</p> <p>Update report to Scrutiny 9<sup>th</sup> June, 2014.</p> <p><b>Further update to the meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2015</b> <b>Ongoing</b></p>
<p>Young Carers - Review Group</p>	<p>To examine the Young Carers Action Plan</p>	<p>Report to Scrutiny on 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2013.</p> <p>Approval at Scrutiny on 24<sup>th</sup> June to establish a Task and Finish Review jointly with Adults and Housing Scrutiny.</p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Review Group held 4<sup>th</sup> June, 2014.</p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of Review Group held on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2015.</p> <p><b>Final report on the agenda for this meeting.</b> <b>Completed.</b></p>

ITEM	PURPOSE	STATUS
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 <sup>th</sup> June, 2013. Impact on decisions to be re-assessed at a later date.
	To examine the MTFP and implications on Children’s Social	Special Meeting 6 <sup>th</sup> January, 2014
	To examine the MTFP 2014/15/15 to 2019/20 and the budget implications for areas under the remit of this Scrutiny Committee.	Special Meeting on 10 <sup>th</sup> December 2014
	To examine further the costs of placements, including independent costs and regulations affecting placement of looked after children	Report to the meeting held on 5 <sup>th</sup> January, 2015.  Findings reported to Efficiency and Resources Scrutiny Committee on 29 <sup>th</sup> January 2015
	To examine the budget impact of taking over responsibility for Health Visitors and the Family Nurse Partnership from Social Services	Date to be agreed  <b>Ongoing</b>

ITEM	PURPOSE	STATUS
Performance Management Framework	<p>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.</p> <p>To advise Members on Quarter 2 Performance.</p> <p>To advise Members on Quarter 3 Performance.</p>	<p>Presentation to Scrutiny on 24<sup>th</sup> June, 2013.</p> <p>Presentation to Scrutiny on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014.</p> <p>Report to the meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> January, 2015.</p> <p><b>Presentation to the meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2015</b></p> <p><b>Ongoing</b></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 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2013 for SEN.</p> <p>Update report to Scrutiny 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2014.</p>
Childcare Sufficiency Review 2014 Report to Scrutiny on 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2014	To give Members an opportunity to be consulted on and monitor the Action Plan.	<b>Annual Monitoring of the Action Plan – November 2015</b> <b>Ongoing</b>

ITEM	PURPOSE	STATUS
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 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2013.</p> <p><b>Update report Spring 2015</b></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 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2013.</p> <p><b>Update report Spring 2015</b></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 9<sup>th</sup> June, 2014.</p> <p><b>Results of the 2014 Survey to be reported June 2015.</b></p> <p><b>Ongoing</b></p>
Troubled Families Initiative	<p>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.</p> <p>Phase 2 – National Roll Out</p>	<p>Report to Scrutiny meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014.</p> <p><b>Further update report to be programmed in the New Municipal Year (2015/16)</b></p> <p><b>Ongoing</b></p>

ITEM	PURPOSE	STATUS
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.  1 <sup>st</sup> Meeting held on 4 <sup>th</sup> November. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Meeting held on 2 <sup>nd</sup> December 2014 <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting to be arranged.</b> <b>Ongoing</b>
School Organisation	To receive an update on the position with school places within the Town  Members to continue to monitor the progress of the School Organisation Plan 2012-17 future school place planning	Presentation to Scrutiny on 3 <sup>rd</sup> November, 2014.  <b>Progress report to be programmed</b> <b>Ongoing</b>
Support Services for Looked After Children Leaving Care	To examine what services are available to LAC leaving care in light of Barnardos new campaign 'Beyond Care' which aims to ensure care leavers are living in accommodation suitable for their needs and not living in poor quality temporary accommodation like Bed and Breakfasts.	Considered at the meeting held on 5 <sup>th</sup> January, 2015 and approval to be sought from Monitoring and Co-ordination.  M and C approval.  <b>Report on the agenda for this meeting</b>

### 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 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

- 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.



## Review Groups

8. **STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths)** – Date of next meeting to be arranged.
9. **Child Poverty** – A further meeting of the Review Group has been arranged for 24<sup>th</sup> February 2015 and a note of this meeting will be forwarded to Members at the next meeting.