
**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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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.	<p>Members invited to attend a 'one-off' meeting arranged by Health and Well Being Scrutiny to evidence gather on Obesity on 28th February, 2013.</p> <p>Review Group established:</p> <p>1st Meeting held on 15th April, 2013.</p> <p>2nd Meeting held on 15th October, 2013.</p> <p>3rd Meeting held on 19th March, 2014.</p> <p>4th Meeting held on 28th October, 2014</p> <p>5th Meeting held on 24th February, 2015</p> <p>Final meeting held on 13th April, 2015</p> <p>Final report to Scrutiny on 22nd June 2015.</p> <p>Report to Cabinet in the recommendations 7th July, 2015.</p> <p>Updates to be programmed Ongoing.</p>
Attendance at Key Stage 1 and Reception Review Group	<p>To examine attendance at Key Stage 1 and Reception in the local schools.</p> <p>To continue to monitor improvement against the Action Plan.</p>	<p>Final report to Scrutiny on 27th February, 2012. Completed.</p> <p>Action Plan Update on 18th June, 2012.</p> <p>Update reports received on 7th January 2013 and 5th January 2015</p> <p>Update Report to Scrutiny 11th January, 2016 Ongoing</p>

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 18th birthday.</p>	<p>Report to Scrutiny on 7th January, 2013.</p> <p>Update report to Scrutiny 9th June, 2014.</p> <p>Update report to Scrutiny 13th April, 2015 Ongoing</p>
<p>Young Carers - Review Group</p>	<p>To examine the Young Carers Action Plan</p> <p>Scrutiny to continue to monitor the Young Carers Action Plan.</p>	<p>Report to Scrutiny on 22nd April, 2013.</p> <p>Approval at Scrutiny on 24th June to establish a Task and Finish Review jointly with Adults and Housing Scrutiny.</p> <p>1st meeting of the Review Group held 4th June, 2014.</p> <p>2nd Meeting of Review Group held on 15th January 2015.</p> <p>Final report presented to Scrutiny on 23rd February, 2015. Forwarded to Cabinet.</p> <p>Update report to Scrutiny 2nd November, 2015 On going</p>

ITEM	PURPOSE	STATUS
<p>Medium Term Financial Plan – Budget Proposals</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>To examine the MTFP and implications on Children’s Social</p> <p>To examine the MTFP 2014/15/15 to 2019/20 and the budget implications for areas under the remit of this Scrutiny Committee.</p> <p>To examine further the costs of placements, including independent costs and regulations affecting placement of looked after children</p> <p>To examine the budget impact of taking over responsibility for Health Visitors and the Family Nurse Partnership from Social Services</p>	<p>Report to Scrutiny on 24th June, 2013. Impact on decisions to be re-assessed at a later date.</p> <p>Special Meeting 6th January, 2014</p> <p>Special Meeting on 10th December 2014</p> <p>Report to the meeting held on 5th January, 2015.</p> <p>Findings reported to Efficiency and Resources Scrutiny Committee on 29th January 2015</p> <p>Date to be agreed</p> <p>Ongoing</p>

ITEM	PURPOSE	STATUS
Performance Management Framework	<p>To advise Members on the Quarter 1 - Management of Change Programme.</p> <p>To advise Members on Quarter 2 Performance Management Information.</p> <p>To advise Members on Quarter 3 Management of Change Programme</p> <p>To advise Members on Quarter 4 – Year end - Performance Management Information and Management of change Programme.</p>	<p>Presentation on the agenda for this meeting</p> <p>Report to Scrutiny on 2nd November, 2015</p> <p>Report to Scrutiny on 22nd February, 2016</p> <p>Report to Scrutiny on 11th April, 2016.</p> <p>Ongoing</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.</p> <p>Update report to Scrutiny 10th February, 2014.</p> <p>Update report to Scrutiny 22nd June 2015</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
Childcare Sufficiency Review 2014 Report to Scrutiny on 3 rd November 2014	<p>To give Members an opportunity to be consulted on and monitor the Action Plan.</p> <p>To annually monitor the Action Plan</p>	<p>Report to Scrutiny 2nd November 2015</p> <p>Ongoing</p>

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Extension of funding to 21 for children in Foster Care	<p>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> <p>The statutory requirement to extend the funding was noted as a budgetary pressure.</p>	<p>Verbal update to Scrutiny on 16th December, 2013.</p> <p>Update report to the meeting on 13th April, 2015.</p> <p>Update report to follow Autumn 2015</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
Healthy Behaviours Survey 2013	<p>To examine the results of the 2013 Survey undertaken by DAAT within secondary schools and academies in Darlington for Years 7 to 11</p> <p>To examine the results of the 2014 Health Lifestyles Survey.</p>	<p>Presentation to Scrutiny 9th June, 2014.</p> <p>Presentation on the agenda for this meeting.</p> <p>Ongoing</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 1st September 2014.</p> <p>Update report to Scrutiny 2nd November 2015</p> <p>Ongoing</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 st Meeting held on 4 th November. 2 nd Meeting held on 2 nd December 2014 Pending
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 rd November, 2014. Progress report to Scrutiny 2nd November 2015 Ongoing
Public Health Annual Report	To highlight to each Scrutiny the key messages from the Annual report.	Presentation on the agenda for this meeting.

Further Items to be programme

6. To report on the outcomes of the Ofsted Inspection of services for children in need of help and protection, children looked after and care leavers in Darlington being undertaken between 23 June and 17 July 2015;
7. To examine the commissioning health service changes and receive a report on progress regarding the transition of commissioning to this authority and any implications – budget or otherwise. The 0-5 years Children Services transfers to local authority commissioning responsibility in October and a report is scheduled to be considered by Cabinet on 8th September 2015.

Performance Management

8. Members will continue to receive graphical information on performance relating to those strategic indicators for areas under the remit of this Scrutiny Committee and also management of change programme information.
9. Quarterly reports have been included in the work programme of this Scrutiny for 2015/16.

10. The quarterly overviews of the strategic indicators and shorter term indicators including costs of service will enable Scrutiny to monitor and understand more clearly the services being delivered and outlining the desired outcomes.

Quad of Aims

11. 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

12. 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

13. **Child Poverty** – The final report with the findings and recommendations of the Review Group was approved by Scrutiny Members at their meeting on 22nd June, 2015 and referred to Cabinet.
14. Cabinet at its meeting on 7th July, 2015 noted the findings and recommendations of the Review Group.
15. This Scrutiny will continue to monitor child poverty and receive updates on the work of the Darlington Partnership on the Inclusion Strategy.
16. **STEM Applications and Apprenticeships Review** – This Review was established to examine what is being done to enable young people to understand the applications of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) subjects and the opportunities that are available for apprenticeships and careers. Meetings were held in November and December, 2014 but no further meetings have been held. Members are asked to give consideration to the continuation of this Review Group.