
**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 reminded when giving consideration to the existing work programme the recent Ofsted Inspection of Services for Children in Need of Help and Protection, Children Looked After and Care Leavers and the effectiveness of the Local Safeguarding Children's Board and to take into account the recommendations of the Ofsted Inspectors.
4. Members are now requested to consider the current status of the work programme and continue to suggest any further areas of work which Scrutiny would like to undertake taking into consideration the Improvement Plan and how this Scrutiny can monitor progress and provide challenge where needed in order to achieve the desired outcomes to improve the services to children and young people in the borough.

Recommendations

5. 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

6. 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
Performance Management Framework	To advise Members on Quarter 4 – Performance	Presentation on the agenda to the meeting held on 7 September 2015
	To advise Members on the Quarter 1 - Management of Change Programme.	Report to Scrutiny on 2 November 2015
	To advise Members on Quarter 2 Performance Management Information.	Report on the agenda for this meeting
	To advise Members on Quarter 3 Management of Change Programme	Report to Scrutiny on 11 April 2016
	To advise Members on Quarter 4 – Year end - Performance Management Information and Management of change Programme.	Ongoing
Childcare Sufficiency Review 2014	To give Members an opportunity to be consulted on and monitor the Action Plan.	Report to Scrutiny 3 November 2014
Childcare Sufficiency Assessment 2015/16 and Action Plan	To annually monitor the Action Plan in line with the statutory requirement to report to elected members annually on their duty to secure sufficient childcare.	Report to Scrutiny 11 January 2016 Annual Monitoring Ongoing
Healthy Behaviours Survey 2013	To examine the results of the 2013 Survey undertaken by DAAT within secondary schools	Presentation to Scrutiny 9 June 2014.

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	<p>and academies in Darlington for Years 7 to 11</p> <p>To examine the results of the 2014 Health Lifestyles Survey.</p> <p>To examine the results of the 2015 Healthy Lifestyles Survey</p>	<p>Presentation to Scrutiny on 7 September 2015.</p> <p>September 2016 Ongoing</p>
School Organisation Plan 2012/17	An update on the current school place planning arrangements across the borough and the projected demand for school places with particular focus on future plans to address the housing development within the borough.	Report to Scrutiny on 11 April 2016 Ongoing
School Improvement and Educational Results	To gain an understanding of how duties are discharged in line with the School Improvement Strategy; and to examine school results and performance in particular of vulnerable groups.	Report to Scrutiny on 11 April 2016 Ongoing
Section 20 Voluntary Arrangements	To examine the use of Section 20 Voluntary Arrangements.	Report to Scrutiny on 11 April 2016 Ongoing
Health Assessments for Looked After Children	To examine the process around the health assessments for Looked After Children including dental checks.	Report on the agenda for this Meeting
Workforce Sufficiency	To examine social work caseloads, workforce recruitment and retention and the pressures on social workers.	Report to Scrutiny on 11 April 2016 Ongoing
Looked After Children	To provide Members with a report on the Looked After Children Profile, number and costs overtime within this authority. Impact on improving outcomes.	Report to Scrutiny on 11 April 2016. Ongoing

ITEM	PURPOSE	STATUS
Health Visitor Service for 0-5 and 0-19 years	To provide Members with details of the new arrangements for the Health Visitor Service and to provide an opportunity to meet with the new service providers Harrogate District Foundation Trust and for them to talk about the new vision and delivery of the service.	Report to Scrutiny on 11 April 2016 Ongoing

Further Items

7. Following discussion at the Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 11 January 2016 it was suggested that it would be helpful for Members to receive an overview of the pathway to services for children in need of help and protection.
8. A report on Understanding the Child's Journey, presented by the Interim Director Children's Services is on the agenda for this meeting at the request of Members of this Scrutiny Committee.
9. At the Scrutiny Meeting in November 2015 Members requested information on the training that is provided to Social Workers and a report appears on the agenda for this meeting to advise Members on the programme developed in response to the key areas identified in the Children's Services Improvement Plan.

Quad of Aims

10. 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

11. 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.