
**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 |
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| 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. | |
| | To advise Members on end of Quarter 3 2015/16 performance | Report to Scrutiny on 11 April 2016 |
| | To advise Members on the end of year Performance data | Report to Scrutiny on 27 June 2016 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 and academies in | Presentation to Scrutiny 9 June 2014. |

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| | <p>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> |
| <p>School Organisation Plan 2012/17</p> | <p>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.</p> | <p>Report to be deferred. Ongoing</p> |
| <p>School Improvement and Educational Performance</p> | <p>To gain an understanding of how duties are discharged in line with the School Improvement Strategy; and to examine school results and performance and Post 16 provision including vulnerable groups and the contribution of the Learning and Skills Service.</p> | <p>Report on the agenda for this meeting Ongoing</p> |
| <p>Participation in Education and Training up to 18 Years</p> | <p>To provide an annual 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 on the agenda for this meeting Ongoing</p> |
| <p>Section 20 Voluntary Arrangements</p> | <p>To examine the use of Section 20 Voluntary Arrangements.</p> | <p>Report on the agenda for this meeting Ongoing</p> |

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| Workforce Sufficiency | To examine social work caseloads, workforce recruitment and retention and the pressures on social workers. | Report to Scrutiny on 27 June 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. | Information to be incorporated into the report on Stability of Placements scheduled for 27 June 2016 Ongoing |
| Procurement, mobilisation and transformation of 0 – 19 years' Service (up to 25 years for those with special needs). | 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 27 June 2016 Ongoing |

Further Items

7. At the Scrutiny Meeting held on 22 February 2016 Members agreed to include in the work programme reports on the Stability of Placements for Looked After Children and Recording Practices of Statutory Visits for Child Protection Cases.
8. Members also agreed to undertake a Task and Finish Review into Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) and Missing from Care.

Changes to the Work Programme

9. Due to the large number of reports that were due to be considered at this meeting, the Chair and Vice-Chair have agreed that Performance Framework and end of year data; Workforce Sufficiency; and Procurement, Mobilisation and Transformation of the 0-19 Service be moved to the Scrutiny meeting scheduled for 27 June 2016.
10. The School Organisation Plan report which was scheduled to be submitted to Scrutiny at this meeting will now be deferred to a later date to be confirmed.

Medium Term Financial Plan

11. Members will be aware that two special meetings have been arranged for Members to meet with the relevant officers and challenge the Core Offer budget and consider the Impact Assessment Forms for services under the remit of this Scrutiny Committee.
12. The Special Meetings will be held on 7 April and 20 April, 2016 and comments therefrom will be forwarded to the Efficiency and Resources Scrutiny Committee when they meet on 26 May 2016 to consider the responses from each Scrutiny Committee and co-ordinate a single response to Cabinet.

Quad of Aims

13. 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

14. 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.