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**OVERVIEW OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

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1. Since the last ordinary meeting of Council, the following are the main areas of work that have been undertaken by the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee:-

(a) **Raising Expectations – Enabling the System to Deliver – 16-19 Learning**

**Commission** – We received an update on the transfer of funding and commissioning responsibility for the delivery of high quality education and training for young people aged 16-19 from the Learning and Skills Council to individual Local Authorities from April, 2010. Local Authorities have a statutory obligation to have in place arrangements and be accountable for securing the provision of high education and training for 16-19 year olds (and 19-25 year olds subject to a learning difficulty assessment), and for those young people in youth custody aged 10 to 18. Local authorities will be supported by a small non-departmental public body – the Young People’s Learning Agency which will ensure coherence of planning and budgetary control at a national level.

(b) **Developments in Education on School Delivery – Teenage Pregnancy and**

**Conception Rates** - We received a report from Miriam Davidson, Locality Director of Public Health for Darlington to provide Members with an update on progress against the local Teenage Pregnancy Strategy and priority actions for 2010-11.

(c) **Healthier Lives for Children and Young People Living in County Durham and**

**Darlington** – A Task and Finish Review Group was established to give consideration to the elements of the Director of Public Health’s Annual Report which related to this Committee. The suggested area for this Scrutiny Committee was teenage pregnancy and conception rates and health education in schools and Members of the Group met on 14th June, 2010 to look at ways to reduce teenage pregnancy and conception rates in Darlington and support and encourage social and health education programmes being delivered within the Borough’s schools. Our findings were submitted to the Health and Well Being Scrutiny Committee for inclusion in the response to the Director of Public Health’s Annual report.

- (d) **Work Programme 2010/11** – We continue to give consideration to the Work Programme for the Municipal Year 2010/11, and examine Cabinet’s Forward Plan, in order to identify areas of particular interest or concern and have included various reports for future meetings. We also gave consideration to topics/subjects that we may wish to review/scrutinise during the Municipal Year 2010/2011.

**Councillor Eleanor Lister**  
**Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee**

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