



**DARLINGTON**  
Borough Council

# Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee Agenda

9.30 am, Monday, 8 January 2024  
Council Chamber, Town Hall, Darlington. DL1 5QT

**Members of the Public are welcome to attend this Meeting.**

1. Introductions/ Attendance at Meeting
2. Declarations of Interest
3. To approve the Minutes of the meeting of this Scrutiny Committee held on 23 October 2023 (Pages 5 - 8)
4. Performance Indicators Quarter 2 2023/24 – Report of the Assistant Director, Children’s Services (Pages 9 - 40)
5. Darlington Children’s Services - Self-Assessment 2023 – Report of the Assistant Director, Children’s Services (Pages 41 - 74)
6. SEND Resource Base Remodelling at Heathfield Primary School – Report of the Assistant Director, Education and Inclusion (Pages 75 - 78)
7. Independent Reviewing Officer Annual Report 2022-23 and Child Protection Conference Chair Annual Report 2022-23 – Report of the Assistant Director, Children’s Services (Pages 79 - 98)

8. Young People SEND Engagement – Report of the Assistant Director, Education and Inclusion (Pages 99 - 102)
9. Adoption Tees Valley Annual Report 2022/23 – Report of the Service Manager, Adoption Tees Valley (Pages 103 - 144)
10. Darlington Safeguarding Partnership Annual Report 2022-23 – Report of the Assistant Director, Children’s Services (Pages 145 - 180)
11. Work Programme 2023/24 – Report of the Assistant Director, Law and Governance (Pages 181 - 192)
12. SUPPLEMENTARY ITEM(S) (if any) which in the opinion of the Chair of this Committee are of an urgent nature and can be discussed at this meeting
13. Questions



**Luke Swinhoe**  
**Assistant Director Law and Governance**

**Thursday, 28 December 2023**

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**Membership**  
Councillors Ali, Allen, Crudass, Dillon, Durham, Johnson, Layton, Renton, Storr and Toms.

**Statutory Co-optees**  
Carly Stonier

**Non Statutory Co-optees**  
Maura Regan, Janet Woodcock, John Armitage and Sally Hudson.

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