



**DARLINGTON**

Borough Council

# Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee Agenda

9.30 am

Monday, 3 March 2025

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 6 January 2025 (Pages 3 - 6)
4. Darlington Safeguarding Partnership Annual Report –  
Report of the Independent Scrutineer – Darlington Safeguarding Partnership  
(Pages 7 - 46)
5. Local Designated Officer Annual Report –  
Report of the Assistant Director Children's Services  
(Pages 47 - 58)
6. Childcare Sufficiency Review 2025 –  
Report of the Assistant Director Education and Inclusion  
(Pages 59 - 72)
7. Home to School Transport –  
Report of the Assistant Director Education and Inclusion  
(Pages 73 - 76)

8. Performance Indicators Quarter 2 2024-25 –  
Report of the Assistant Director Children’s Services  
(Pages 77 - 108)
9. Overview of the Local Area SEND Inspection (November 2024) –  
Report of the Assistant Director Education and Inclusion  
(Pages 109 - 122)
10. Work Programme –  
Report of the Group Director of Operations  
(Pages 123 - 134)
11. 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
12. Questions



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

**Friday, 21 February 2025**

**Town Hall**  
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**Membership**

Councillors Ali, Allen, Crudass, Dulston, Johnson, Layton, Renton, Storr, Toms and Dr. Riley

**Statutory Co-optees**

Carly Stonier

**Non Statutory Co-optees**

Maura Regan, Janet Woodcock, John Armitage and Sally Hudson

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