



Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee Agenda

9.30 am

Monday, 5 January 2026

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 20 October 2025 (Pages 5 - 8)
4. Children and Young People's Plan 2024-2027 –
Report of the Assistant Director Commissioning, Performance and Transformation
(Pages 9 - 14)
5. Independent Reviewing Officer Annual Report 2024-2025 –
Report of the Assistant Director of Children's Services
(Pages 15 - 32)
6. Designated Officer Annual Report 2024-2025 –
Report of the Assistant Director of Children's Services
(Pages 33 - 44)
7. Transitional Support for Young People with Care and Support Needs –
Report of the Assistant Director of Adult Services
(Pages 45 - 64)

8. Emotionally Based School Avoidance –
Report of the Assistant Director of Education and Inclusion
(Pages 65 - 106)
9. Exclusions and Suspensions –
Report of the Assistant Director of Education and Inclusion
(Pages 107 - 112)
10. Young People's Engagement and Justice Service Update –
Report of the Assistant Director of Children's Services
(Pages 113 - 120)
11. Work Programme –
Report of the Assistant Director of Law and Governance
(Pages 121 - 132)
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



Amy Wennington
Assistant Director Law and Governance

Friday, 19 December 2025

Town Hall
Darlington.

Membership

Councillors Ali, Allen, Crudass, Johnson, Layton, Marshall, Renton, Storr, Toms and Vacancy

Non Statutory Co-optees

Maura Regan, Janet Woodcock, John Armitage and Sally Hudson, Jonathon Bull

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