

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 4 JANUARY 2021

WORK PROGRAMME

SUMMARY REPORT

Purpose of the Report

1. To consider the work programme items scheduled to be considered by this Scrutiny Committee during the 2020/21 Municipal Year and to consider any additional areas which Members would like to suggest should be included.

Summary

2. Members are requested to consider the attached draft work programme (**Appendix 1**) for the remainder of the Municipal Year which has been prepared based on Officers recommendations and recommendations previously agreed by this Scrutiny Committee in the last Municipal Year.
3. Any additional areas of work which Members wish to add to the agreed work programme will require the completion of a quad of aims in accordance with the previously approved procedure.
4. Members will recall that at the meeting held on 2 November 2020 it was agreed that a half-day virtual evidence gathering event will take place in January 2021 to bring together the lived experiences of children, young people and families to help Members of this Scrutiny to better understand the impact that Covid-19 has had in Darlington and what future actions may be required.
5. A Scrutiny working group meeting was held on 17 November 2020 to develop the Quad of Aims for this piece of work and in accordance with the agreed procedure (**Appendix 2**), was forwarded to the Acting Director of Children and Adult Services and the Assistant Director of Children's Services for their response attached (**Appendix 3**) for information.

Recommendations

6. Members are requested to note the work programme and consider any additional items which they may wish to include.

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Background Papers

No background papers were used in the preparation of this report.

S17 Crime and Disorder	This report has no implications for Crime and Disorder
Health and Well Being	This report has no direct 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 eight outcomes.
Efficiency	The Work Programmes are integral to scrutinising and monitoring services efficiently (and effectively), however this report does not identify specific efficiency savings.
Impact on Looked After Children and Care Leavers	This report has no impact on Looked After Children or Care Leavers

MAIN REPORT

Information and Analysis

7. The format of the proposed work programme has been reviewed to enable Members of this Scrutiny Committee to provide a rigorous and informed challenge to the areas for discussion.
8. Each topic links to the outcomes and the conditions in the Sustainable Community Strategy – One Darlington Perfectly Placed:-

<p>SCS Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Children with the best start in lifeb) More businesses more jobsc) A safe and caring communityd) More people caring for our environmente) More people active and involvedf) Enough support for people when neededg) More people healthy and independenth) A place designed to thrive	<p>Three Conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Build strong communitiesb) Grow the economyc) Spend every pound wisely
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9. In addition, each topic links to performance indicators from the Performance Management Framework (PMF) to provide robust and accurate data for Members to use when considering topics and the work they wish to undertake. There are some topics where appropriate PMF indicators have not yet been identified however; these can be added as the work programme for each topic is developed.

Forward Plan and Additional Items

10. Any Member seeking to add a new item to the work programme will need to complete a quad of aims.
11. A copy of the Forward Plan has been attached at **Appendix 4** for information.