

APPENDIX 1

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME

Topic	Timescale	Lead Officer	SCS Outcome	Darlington Conditions	Link to PMF (metrics)	Scrutiny's Role
Performance Management and Regulation	Q3 12 April 2021 Q4 Sept 2021	Sharon Raine	Children with the best start in life A safe and caring community Enough support for people when needed More people healthy and independent	Build strong communities Spend every pound wisely	Agreed set of indicators	To receive quarterly monitoring reports and undertake any further detailed work into particular outcomes if necessary
Development of the Darlington Care Collective	1 March 2021	Christine Shields	One Darlington Perfectly Placed A safe and caring Community Children with the best start in life			To provide an outline and overview of the development of the Care Collective.
Child Poverty Needs Assessment	12 April 2021	Christine Shields	Children with the best start in life			To advise Members of the findings of the Child Poverty Needs Assessment

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						commissioned by Council at its meeting on 16 July 2020
Local Designated Officer Annual Report	23 August 2021	James Stroyan	A safe and caring community			To examine the Annual Report and assure Members that allegations made against staff who work with children are reported and how they are actioned
Learning and Skills Service Annual Report	25 October 2021	Paul Richardson	Enough support for people when needed			Annual Report to demonstrate challenge
IRO Annual Report	25 October 2021	Martin Graham	Children with the best start in life		CSC201	To examine the Annual Report of the Independent Reviewing Officer for Looked After Children
Children and Young People and Public Health	25 October 2021	Ken Ross	Children with the best start in life A safe and caring community Enough support for people when needed	Build Strong Communities	PBH 009 PBH 013c PBH 016 PBH 018 PBH 020 PBH 021 PBH 054	Annual monitoring - Children and Young People's Profile, Healthy Lifestyle Survey, Childhood Healthy Weight Action Plan 2017-2022 and Oral Health Plan 2017-2022

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			More people healthy and independent			
Darlington Safeguarding Partnership Annual Report	25 October 2021	Ann Baxter, Independent Chair	A safe and caring community	Build strong communities		Annually monitoring
Adoption Tees Valley Annual Report 2020/21	25 October 2021	Vicky Davidson-Boyd, Service Manager, Adoption Tees Valley	Children with the best start in life			Annual monitoring
Children and Young Peoples Plan	21 February 2022	Christine Shields	Children with the best start in life			Annual Update
2021/22 Childcare Sufficiency Assessment	21 February 2022	Tony Murphy/Nicola Davies	Children with the best start in life A safe and caring community Enough support for people when needed	Build Strong Communities		Annual Report
Private Children's Homes and Planning Guidance	TBA					Following an update to the Scrutiny meeting on 11 March 2019 Members agreed to monitor the number of private children's homes in the borough.

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JOINT REVIEW WITH HEALTH AND HOUSING AND ADULTS SCRUTINY:						
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Autism Provision Review Group	Scoping Meeting held on 2 March 2020	Christine Shields	Enough support for people when needed			To review the provisions and services and contractual arrangements between this Council and our providers who provide the Autism provisions, diagnoses and support services for Darlington.
REVIEWS						
Adoptive Services	Approved by Scrutiny at their meeting held on 29 June 2020	Vicky Davidson-Boyd				To examine how the Regional Adoption Agency is serving Darlington and to examine how the Coronavirus Pandemic has affected adoption

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Effects of the Pandemic on Children and Young People Review	Evidence gathering event to be held end January 2021					To examine how children and young people are coping with the current situation arising from the Covid 19 Pandemic and how this has affected them.

ARCHIVED ITEMS

Looked After Children Missing From Care	2 July 2018	Alison Poulter / Chris Bell	Enough support for people when needed			To examine the reasons why children in care go missing and the interventions in place to avoid episodes and examine partnership working and parent engagement
LAC Missing from Care – Reasons and Interventions	10 September 2018	Joanne Stoddart	Children with the best start in life Enough support for people when needed		CSC246	To examine the reasons why children in care go missing and the interventions in place to avoid. To invite the Police

						Liaison Officer to attend Scrutiny to discuss
Educational Landscape	Archived on 3 Oct 2018	Tony Murphy	Children with the best start in life	Build Strong Communities	CSC 044 Basket of LAIT KS1, KS2, GCSE & A Level indicators. Local Authority Interactive Tool (LAIT) academic year 2014/15/ Ofsted Sept 2014/ Department for Education (DFE) performance data	To examine school improvement including the decline in performance for maths and English and what action is being taking to address this.
Stability of Places for Looked After Children	10 December 2018	Joanne Stoddart	Children with the best start in life Enough support for people when needed	Build strong communities	CSC 228 CSC 229	To monitor annually the stability of places for Looked After Children. To be monitored via the regular performance reports in future
Children Services Accessibility Strategy	10 December 2018		Children with the best start in life Enough support for people when needed			To give Scrutiny Members the opportunity to consider the Strategy prior to Cabinet.
SEND High Needs Review: Strategy and Funding	29 October 2018 10 Dec 2018	Tony Murphy	Children with the best start in life More People healthy and independent			To give Scrutiny Members the opportunity to consider 3 of the 4 core elements of the Review. Members

Home to School Transport	29 October 2018		Enough support for people when needed			to carry out a T/F Review on the proposals. Verbal update to Members
SEND Strategy and Funding Consultation Review Group	10 December 2018		Children with the best start in life			To give a Scrutiny response to the consultation on the SEND Strategy and Funding and SEND Travel Assistance Policy
Childhood Obesity/ Oral Health/Mental Health Links	Review suspended –to continue to monitor the effectiveness of the Childhood Healthy Weight Plan. Update report on the Childhood Healthy Weight Plan to Scrutiny on 3 February 2020.		Children with the best start in life Enough support for people when needed More People Healthy and Independent	Build Strong Communities		To investigate the high incidence of childhood obesity in Darlington and the associated links to poor dental health; and whether the desire to promote good ‘self image’ has an impact on mental health issues in young people.
Medium Term Financial Plan 2020/21 to 2023/24	Special Meeting 13 January 2020	Elizabeth Davison	One Darlington Perfectly Placed	Spend Every Pound Wisely		To consider the Medium Term Financial Plan in relation to the areas within this Scrutiny’s remit
Council Plan 2020/23	Special Meeting on 13 January 2020	Paul Wildsmith				To consider the Council Plan

Voluntary and Community Sector Funding Update	3 February 2020	Christine Shields				Update report on the community based initiatives funded from Voluntary Sector Development Fund monies, piloted during 2019/20.
Home to School Transport	3 February 2020	Tony Murphy/ Graham Easterlow				To update Members on the current position/ changes to regulations which may impact on the MTFP
Extension of Funding to 21 for Children in Foster Care	March 2020	Jane Kochanowski	Children with the best start in life A safe and caring community Enough support for people when needed More people healthy and independent	Build strong communities		Annual monitoring – a duty on Local Authorities to facilitate, monitor and support staying put arrangements. Now monitored by quarterly performance reports.
Academy Trusts	2 November 2020	Presentation by Katherine Cowell, the Interim Regional Schools Commissioner for the North of England	Children with the best start in life			To examine safeguarding measures and health and safety training in place within the boroughs Academies and attainment within Academy Trusts.

SEND - Outcomes for Parents following Covid-19	4 January 2021	Carla Scaith Darlington Parent Carer Forum				To continue to monitor SEND/ EHCPs. To receive the survey results from the Parent Carer Forum SEND Survey and to receive information relating to experiences of the Parent Carer Forum.
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