

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME

Topic	Timescale	Lead Officer	Link to PMF (metrics)	Scrutiny's Role
Performance Management and Regulation	Q1 25 Oct 2021 Q2 20 Dec 2021 Q3 25 April 2022	Sharon Raine	Agreed set of indicators	To receive quarterly monitoring reports and undertake any further detailed work into particular outcomes if necessary
Self-Assessment - Overview	23 August 2021	Jane Kochanowski		To provide Scrutiny with the Annual Self-Assessment for Children's Services so that constructive 'critical friend' challenge takes place to drive improvement in public services
Local Designated Officer Annual Report	23 August 2021	James Stroyan		To examine the Annual Report and assure Members that allegations made against staff who work with children are reported and how they are actioned
Looked After Children Off-Framework	23 August 2021	Jane Kochanowski		To examine the current situation with those placed off framework, commissioning of accommodation and costs
Trauma and Horizon Scanning	23 August 2021	Paige Thomason/ Martin Webster		To examine how Children's Services are starting to embed and respond to Trauma
Children and Young People Public Health Overview	23 August 2021	Ken Ross	PBH 009 PBH 013c	Annual Monitoring

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and Childhood Healthy Weight Plan			PBH 016 PBH 018 PBH 020 PBH 021 PBH 054	
Learning and Skills Service Annual Report	25 October 2021	Paul Richardson		Annual Report to demonstrate challenge
IRO Annual Report	25 October 2021	Martin Graham	CSC201	To examine the Annual Report of the Independent Reviewing Officer for Looked After Children
Darlington Safeguarding Partnership Annual Report	25 October 2021	Ann Baxter, Independent Chair		Annual monitoring
Adoption Tees Valley Annual Report 2020/21	25 October 2021	Vicky Davidson-Boyd, Service Manager, Adoption Tees Valley		Annual monitoring
Early Help Services	25 October 2021	Joanne Benson		To examine what services are available for new mothers
Darlington Care Collective	20 December 2021	Christine Shields		To provide an Update on the Care Collective
Children and Young Peoples Plan	21 February 2022	Christine Shields		Annual Update
2021/22 Childcare Sufficiency Assessment	21 February 2022	Tony Murphy/Nicola Davies		Annual Report

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Accessibility Strategy	21 February 2022	Tony Murphy/Helen Ellison/Karen Williamson		To consult with Scrutiny prior to Cabinet approval

REVIEWS

Autism Provision Review Group	Final Report to Health and Housing on 14 April 2021. Cross Party Joint Working Group to be established	Christine Shields		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
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

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
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						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		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 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 consider the Strategy prior to Cabinet.

<p>SEND High Needs Review:</p> <p>Strategy and Funding</p> <p>Home to School Transport</p>	<p>29 October 2018</p> <p>10 Dec 2018</p> <p>29 October 2018</p>	<p>Tony Murphy</p>	<p>Children with the best start in life</p> <p>More People healthy and independent</p> <p>Enough support for people when needed</p>			<p>To consider 3 of the 4 core elements of the Review. Members to carry out a T/F Review on the proposals.</p> <p>Verbal update to Members</p>
<p>SEND Strategy and Funding Consultation Review Group</p>	<p>10 December 2018</p>		<p>Children with the best start in life</p>			<p>To give a Scrutiny response to the consultation on the SEND Strategy and Funding and SEND Travel Assistance Policy</p>
<p>Childhood Obesity/ Oral Health/Mental Health Links</p>	<p>Review suspended – to continue to monitor the effectiveness of the Childhood Healthy Weight Plan.</p> <p>Update report on the Childhood Healthy Weight Plan to Scrutiny on 3 February 2020.</p>		<p>Children with the best start in life</p> <p>Enough support for people when needed</p> <p>More People Healthy and Independent</p>	<p>Build Strong Communities</p>		<p>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.</p>
<p>Medium Term Financial Plan 2020/21 to 2023/24</p>	<p>Special Meeting 13 January 2020</p>	<p>Elizabeth Davison</p>	<p>One Darlington Perfectly Placed</p>	<p>Spend Every Pound Wisely</p>		<p>To consider the Medium Term Financial Plan in relation to the areas</p>

						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	Children with the best start in life			To examine safeguarding measures and health and safety training in place

		Commissioner for the North of England				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.