

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME

Topic	Timescale	Lead Officer	Link to PMF (metrics)	Scrutiny's Role
Performance Management and Regulation	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
Early Help services available for new mothers	20 December 2021	Joanne Benson		To examine services available
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
Accessibility Strategy	21 February 2022	Tony Murphy/ Eleanor Marshall		To consult with Scrutiny prior to Cabinet approval
Children's Services Self-Assessment - Overview	August 2022	Chris Bell		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

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Children and Young People Public Health Overview and Childhood Healthy Weight Plan	August 2022	Ken Ross	PBH 009 PBH 013c PBH 016 PBH 018 PBH 020 PBH 021 PBH 054	Annual Monitoring
Local Designated Officer Annual Report	August 2022	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
Learning and Skills Service Annual Report	October 2022	Paul Richardson		Annual Report to demonstrate challenge
IRO Annual Report	October 2022	Martin Graham	CSC201	To examine the Annual Report of the Independent Reviewing Officer for Looked After Children
Darlington Safeguarding Partnership Annual Report	October 2022	Ann Baxter, Independent Chair		Annually monitoring
Adoption Tees Valley Annual Report 2020/21	October 2022	Vicky Davidson-Boyd, Service Manager, Adoption Tees Valley		Annual monitoring

REVIEWS PENDING

Youth Unemployment (Joint Review with E&R)	Added to the Work Programme at the Scrutiny Meeting held on 23 August 2021	Paul Richardson	To examine youth unemployment and scale of this in the local area
Autism Provision Review Group	Final Report to Health and Housing on 14 April 2021. Cross Party Joint Working Group to be established – ongoing.	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

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		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.
SEND High Needs Review: Strategy and Funding Home to School Transport	29 October 2018 10 Dec 2018 29 October 2018	Tony Murphy	Children with the best start in life More People healthy and independent Enough support for people when needed			To consider 3 of the 4 core elements of the Review. Members 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.
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.
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
Adoptive Services	Approved by Scrutiny at their meeting held on 29 June 2020 – Not progressed	Vicky Davidson-Boyd				To examine how the Regional Adoption Agency is serving Darlington and to examine how the Coronavirus Pandemic has affected adoption