

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
21 FEBRUARY 2022

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 2021/22 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 2021/22 Municipal Year which has been prepared based on Officers recommendations and recommendations previously agreed by this Scrutiny Committee in the last Municipal Year.
3. Once the work programme has been approved by this Scrutiny Committee, 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. (**Appendix 2**)
4. Members are also requested to give consideration to a request to carry out a review of the Vulnerable Pupil Panel (**Appendix 2**).
5. In accordance with the agreed procedure (**Appendix 3**), the request was forwarded to the Assistant Director of Education and Inclusion for a view on its merits, using the identified criteria. The response of the Assistant Director is also attached (**Appendix 2**).

Recommendations

6. Members are requested to note the work programme and consider any additional items which they may wish to include.
7. In accordance with the agreed procedure, taking into account the views of the Assistant Director, Education and Inclusion, this Scrutiny Committee is requested to approve the inclusion of this item on the Scrutiny work programme.

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Assistant Director Law and Governance

Background Papers

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

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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.
Council Plan	The report contributes to the Council Plan in a number of ways through the involvement of Members in contributing to the delivery of the Plan.
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

8. 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.
9. The Council Plan sets the vision and strategic direction for the Council through to May 2023, with its overarching focus being 'Delivering Success for Darlington' .
10. In approving the Council Plan, Members have agreed to the vision for Darlington which is a place where people want to live and businesses want to locate, where the economy

continues to grow, where people are happy and proud of the borough and where everyone has the opportunity to maximise their potential.

11. The vision for the Children and Young People portfolio is :

'a borough where young people get the best start in life, can maximise their potential and are safe'

to maximise the potential of our young people by working with partners to maximise educational achievement; working to remove barriers to young people reaching their potential and working at a Tees Valley level to match jobs with skills and training.

Forward Plan and Additional Items

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

Briefings

14. On 22 February, 2022 a TEAMS meeting has been arranged for Members of this Scrutiny Committee to meet with young people from the Darlington Youth Partnership and Council of School Councils to discuss projects the Council are working on to try and capture the voice of children and young people from across Darlington.
15. On 11 February, 2022 the Head of Employment, Education and Skills, Tees Valley Combined Authority attended a joint briefing with Members of this Committee and the Economy and Resources Scrutiny Committee to discuss the education and skills funding allocation as it relates to our authority and where specifically the spend is being focused.