

## CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2025/26

Topic	Timescale	Lead Officer/ Organisation Involved	Link to PMF (metrics)	Scrutiny's Role / Notes
Children and young Peoples Plan	05/01/26	Christine Shields		To update Members on the refreshed Children and Young Peoples Plan
Local Designated Officer Annual Report (LADO)	05/01/26	Martin Graham		To examine the Annual Report and assure Members that allegations made against staff who work with children are reported and how they are actioned
Independent Reviewing Officer Annual Report 2024/25	05/01/26	Martin Graham		To examine the Annual Report of the Independent Reviewing Officer produced by the Children's Safeguarding Unit.
Exclusion and Suspension Update	05/01/26	Tony Murphy		
School Avoidance Update	05/01/26	Tony Murphy		Long term school absence
Transitional Services	05/01/26	Joss Harbron / Chris Bell		
Youth Justice Update	05/01/26	Chris Bell		
Medium Term Financial Plan	05/01/2026 Special	Brett Nielsen		
Transport Policy	02/03/26	Tony Murphy		To update members on the Council's transport policy
Annual Fostering Report	02/03/26			Annual Monitoring
Performance Monitoring Q2	02/03/26	Chris Bell		To receive quarterly monitoring reports and undertake any further detailed work into particular outcomes if necessary

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<b>Darlington Safeguarding Partnership Annual Report</b>	02/03/26	TBD / Amanda Hugill		Annual Monitoring
<b>Childcare Sufficiency Review</b>	02/03/26	Tony Murphy		Annual Monitoring
<b>Update on Social Care Options for families affected by youth offending</b>	02/03/26	Chris Bell		Member request for an update on care available for families who are affected by youth offending (victims / perpetrators)
<b>Children and Young People Public Health Overview</b>	20/04/26	Joanne Hennessey		Annual Monitoring
<b>SEND Strategy Update</b>	20/04/26	Tony Murphy		To update members on the Council's SEND strategy
<b>Performance Monitoring Q3</b>	20/04/26	Chris Bell		To receive quarterly monitoring reports and undertake any further detailed work into particular outcomes if necessary
<b>Support for Darlington Youth Partnership</b>	20/04/26	Heather Insull (Youth Focus NE)		
<b>Update on availability and condition of children's play areas in Darlington</b>	20/04/26	TBA		Member request to provide the Committee with an update on the condition, locations and numbers of play areas in the town
<b>Child Poverty</b>	TBD	Lynne Davies		To update the committee on the results of the ongoing deep-dive on Child Poverty