

1 July 2016

**Refresh of the Committee's Work
Programme 2016 - 2017**

Report of Lorraine O'Donnell, Assistant Chief Executive

Purpose of the Report

- 1 To provide for Members consideration an updated work programme for the Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee for 2016-17.

Background

- 2 At its meeting on 1st April 2016, the Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered the actions identified within the Council Plan 2016 – 2018 for the Altogether Better for Children and Young People priority theme and agreed to refresh its work programme to include a number of these actions. In addition, topics have also been identified that are in line with the Sustainable Community Strategy, Cabinet Notice of key decisions, Partnership plans and strategies, performance and budget control data and government legislation

Detail

- 3 In accordance with this decision, a work programme for 2016 – 2017 has been prepared and is attached at appendix 2. The work programme is very comprehensive drawing on topical areas across the remit of the committee and it should be noted that it is also flexible in respect that topics can be added throughout the year.
- 4 Members are encouraged to identify areas of scrutiny investigation (in depth and light touch reviews) from the work programme.
- 5 Following members comments at the last meeting about looking at doing a focused piece of work on Childhood Obesity arrangements have been made to hold a single session work shop style activity on this subject with input from the Healthy Weight Alliance.

Recommendation

- 6 Members of the Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee are asked to:
 - Discuss and agree the new work programme attached at appendix 2.
 - Identify an area of scrutiny investigation.

Background Papers

Council Plan 2016 – 2018

Report to Children & Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 1st April
2016

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Appendix 1: Implications (The following implications are taken directly from the report to Cabinet on 16th March 2016)

Finance - The Council Plan sets out the corporate priorities of the Council for the next three years. The Medium Term Financial Plan aligns revenue and capital investment to priorities within the Council Plan.

Staffing - The Council's strategies are being aligned to achievement of the corporate priorities contained within the Council Plan.

Risk - Consideration of risk is undertaken in the preparation of the Council Plan and Service Plans.

Equality and diversity/Public Sector Equality Duty - A full impact assessment has previously been undertaken for the Council Plan. The actions underpinning the Council Plan include specific issues relating to equality and aim to improve the equality of life for those with protected characteristics. The Plan has been influenced by consultation and monitoring to include equality issues. There is no evidence of negative impact for particular groups.

Accommodation - The council's Accommodation programme is a key corporate programme contained within the Council Plan.

Crime and disorder - The Altogether Safer section of the Council Plan sets out the Council's contributions to tackling crime and disorder.

Human rights – None

Consultation - Council and partnership priorities have been developed following an analysis of available consultation data including an extensive consultation programme carried out as part of the development of the Sustainable Community Strategy and this has been reaffirmed by subsequent consultation on the council's budget.

Procurement – None

Disability Issues - Accessibility issues are considered in the design of our planning document.

Legal Implications- None

Appendix 2

<p>OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME 2016 TO 2017</p> <p>Children and Young People’s OSC</p> <p>Lead Officer: Tom Gorman</p> <p>Overview and Scrutiny Officer: Ann Whitton</p> <p>IPG contact: Carole Payne</p>	<p>Note:</p> <p>O/S Review - A systematic 6 monthly review of progress against recommendations/Action Plan</p> <p>Scrutiny/Working Group – Indepth Review</p> <p>Overview/progress – information on an issue; opportunity to comment, shape, influence, progress with a scrutiny review</p> <p>Performance – ongoing monitoring (quarterly) performance reports/budgets</p>
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	When	Who	Outcome	Comment
<i>O/S Review Updates</i>				
Self-Harm by Young People	9 November 2016	Catherine Richardson	Update on progress of recommendations following the self-harm review	The initial update was given to members November 2015 members requested they receive further
<i>Scrutiny/Working Group</i> In depth review				
Take up of Free School Meals and Holiday Hunger	3 February 2016	Alison Young/Karen Sproates	Increase awareness among parents, carers and school administration of the availability	Members will have an awareness of the systems used by DCC to promote the take up of free school meals. Members will be aware

			of DCC eligibility checking system and awareness of holiday hunger activities taking place in County Durham.	of where holiday hunger activities have taken place and will receive an evaluation of them.
Childhood Obesity	17 October 2016	Gill O'Neill	Following the work shop a report will be produced and shared with Children and Families Partnership, Health and Wellbeing Board and Healthy Weight Alliance	Scrutiny Work Shop to provide members with updated information on what is being done by DCC and partners to address childhood obesity in County Durham. Members from AWH OSC will be invited to workshop.
Overview/Progress				
Innovations Programme	1 July 2016	Julie Scurrfield	To provide members with information on a new proposal in relation to children who have suffered abuse or neglect.	Members will gain awareness of the new initiative and its progress
Annual Report of the Director of Public Health	1 July 2016	Anna Lynch/Nick Springham	To present to members the DPH Annual report. The report focuses on reducing health inequalities.	Information in the report relates to issues affecting children and young people and links into many items on the work programme.
Ofsted Feedback and Action Plan	25 July 2016	Carole Payne	To present to members of CYP OSC the key points from the recent Ofsted Inspection report and action plan to address areas of concern.	Members will be appraised of the key points from the Ofsted report and how the service intend to address these.
ERASE <i>Cross cutting with Safer Stronger Communities</i>	25 July 2016	Helen Murphy	Members will receive an overview of the work of ERASE and their priorities for the year.	Members will be informed of the service, how it is delivered, priorities and challenges. This is a joint meeting with SSC OSC
Stronger Families	5 September	Rachel Hirst	Members will receive an	Members requested a further update on the

Update Phase 2	2016	Dean	update on phase two of the stronger families programme including performance	stronger families programme.
Children's Services Update	5 September 2016 Jan 2017	Carole Payne	Members will receive an update on areas of children's services in County Durham including information on Safeguarding, Children in Need and Child Protection.	Members will have the opportunity to raise issues and ask for further information on certain areas
Educational Services Update	5 September 2016	Caroline O'Neill	Members will receive information on areas of education services.	Members will have the opportunity to raise issues and ask for further information on certain areas
YEI <i>Cross Cutting with Economy and Enterprise OSC</i>	26 September 2016	Linda Bailey/ Steve Crass	To provide members with information on the Youth Employment Initiative with particular attention to care leavers and other vulnerable groups	Members will be invited to attend EEOC who takes the lead on YEI to receive a presentation on YEI in County Durham.
Review of Youth Support - Outcome	29 September 2016	Carole Payne	Following consultation of how to move forward members will receive the results of the consultation and what is the recommended way forward	Members will be provided with the results of the consultation, the way recommended way forward and the reasoning behind this.
Teenage Conception Update	29 September 2016	Michelle Baldwin	Members will be updated on the work being done to support under 16s in relation to teenage pregnancy and SRE following the committees review several years ago.	Members will receive information on strategies and operational support given to young women under 16 who become pregnant.
JHWB Annual Report	To be		Members will receive the	Information contained in the report will include

	circulated electronically		JHWB annual report.	health issues affecting children and young people.
School Funding Update	29 September 2016	Paul Darby/ Jeff Garfoot	Members will receive information on school funding reforms and their implications to pupils in County Durham	Following changes in government policy/grants members will receive an update of its effects on DCC school funding
Fostering & Adoption Annual Reports	9 November 2016	Bronwen Keegan	Members will be updated with information in relation to Adoption reform and DCC Foster Caring arrangements via the annual reports.	Members will receive information on the number of children in LA care, the number of adoptions that have taken place and how quickly this is happening and the number of DCC foster carers and private foster carers used by DCC. Priorities/challenges looking ahead.
Educational Attainment LAC	9 November 2016	Irene Lavelle	Members will receive an overview presentation on the educational attainment of LAC in county Durham.	Members will have an indication of the performance of LAC, how changes in government policy has impacted on LAC educational attainment.
Young Carers Update	9 November 2016	Gill Palin	Members will be updated on the work that has been done in DCC and third sector to support young carers	Members requested an update on young carers in relation to numbers of young carers and the support they receive.
Children and Families Plan Update	16 January 2016	Andrea Petty	Update regarding the development of the Children, Young People and Families Plan	To provide members with a six month update on the plan regarding its development.
One Point Service Update	16 January 2017	Rachel Hirst Dean	Members will receive an update on the One Point Service including an update on children's centres.	Update members on service in relation to collaborative/partnership working and the areas covered by the service and how this links into other areas within DCC.
Local Safeguarding	16 January	Jane Geraghty	Members will receive a	A presentation will be given to members on

Children's Board Annual Report	2017		presentation on the LSCB Annual report.	the achievements over the last 12 months of the LSCB and their priorities for the coming year.
JSNA & JHWB refresh	16 January 2017	Andrea Petty	Members will be advised of the JSNA & JHWB refresh and asked to comment accordingly.	Members' comments will be fed into the refresh of the document.
MASH Update	27 February 2017	Helen Fergusson	Members will be updated on the work of the MASH.	Members of the committee requested a further update on the Mash 12 months following the last update
Wellbeing for Life	27 February 2017	Gill O'Neill	To provide members with information on what measures are being taken to increase the take up of breastfeeding with new mothers. Why there are such wide differences nationally and locally. Are there particular locations in County Durham that are worse than others – why is this?	Performance data tells us that breastfeeding initiation in County Durham has 56.2% of mothers who breast feeding at 6-8 weeks this is lower than that for England (74.5%). The presentation will address initiatives that will be used to increase breastfeeding in County Durham.
Elective Home Education	27 February 2017	Jane Jack	Members will receive an overview presentation on Elective Home Education including the numbers of children home schooled, inspection regimes and levels of attainment.	Members will be aware of the number of children who are home schooled and what levels of educational attainment are achieved. Members will be briefed about inspection regimes in relation to home schooling.
Stronger Families Programme update	7 April 2017	Rachel Hirst Dean	A further update from last year on the numbers of families helped and supported.	To provide members with an update on the numbers of families identified as needing support, those who are currently going through the programme and those who have

				successfully completed the programme.
CAMHS Crisis and Liaison Team Update	7 April 2017	Donna Sweet (CAMHS Service Development Manager)	Members will receive an update on the progress of the service. Members have a keen interest in the work of CAMHS to ensure that they continue to make a difference to the mental health of CYP in County Durham.	Members requested an update on the Crisis and Liaison Service following an initial report being received by the committee in February 2016.
Performance & Quality Q 4 Q 1 Q 2 Q 3	1 July 2016 29 Sept 2016 16 January,2017 7 April 2017	Keith Foster		Ongoing – to provide members with information on performance of the service grouping and highlight areas of prominence (those going well, and those giving cause for concern). From quarter 1 2016 members will receive information on the quality of services such as social work.
Budget Outturn Report Q 4 (2-13/14) &1 Q 2 Q 3 Q4	29 Sept 2016 16 January 2017 7 April 2017	Graham Stephenson		Ongoing – highlight areas of concern. Committee to receive updates on the affects and implications of MTFP on service groupings