

**25 June 2015**

**Refresh of the Committee's Work  
Programme 2015 - 2016**

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**Report of Lorraine O'Donnell, Assistant Chief Executive**

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**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 2015-16.

**Background**

- 2 At its meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2015, the Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered the actions identified within the Council Plan 2015 – 2016 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 2015 – 2016 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.

**Recommendation**

- 5 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 2015 – 2018

Report to Children & Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2015

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**Appendix 1: Implications** (The following implications are taken directly from the report to Cabinet on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2015)

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**Finance** - The Council Plan sets out the corporate priorities of the Council for the next 3 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 a key element in the corporate and service planning framework with both the Council Plan and Service Plans containing sections on risk.

**Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty** - Individual equality impact assessments have been prepared for each savings proposal within the Council Plan.

The cumulative impact of all savings proposals in total has also been presented to

Council and will be updated as savings proposals are further developed. In addition a full impact assessment has previously been undertaken for the Council Plan. The actions in 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 Corporate Asset Management Plan is aligned to the corporate priorities 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 interim Sustainable Community Strategy and this has been reaffirmed by subsequent consultation on the budget. Results have been taken into account in developing our resourcing decisions.

**Procurement** – None

**Disability Issues** – None

**Legal Implications** – None