

**To the Chair and Members of the
SCHOOLS CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY PANEL**

**OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY SCHOOLS CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S PANEL
WORK PLAN REPORT 2012/13 (NOVEMBER UPDATE)**

Relevant Cabinet Member(s)	Wards Affected	Key Decision
Councillor Eric Tatton Kelly - Cabinet Member for Schools Children and Young People	All	None

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. This report provides an update on the Panel's work plan.

EXEMPT INFORMATION

2. Not exempt

RECOMMENDATIONS

3. The Panel is asked to:
 - i. Consider and comment on the revised work plan attached at Appendix A;
 - ii. Note the update from the Schools Children and Young People Scrutiny Out of Authority budget working group;
 - iii. Receive and comment on the notes of the meeting of the Children's Trust Board held on 6th September, and 4th October, 2012 and the Corporate Parenting Board on 4th September, and 2nd October, 2012; and
 - iv. Note the scoping forms for the Out of Authority, Careers Advice and Guidance and Teenage Pregnancy reviews.

BACKGROUND

4. The Panel agreed its 2012/13 work plan at its meeting on 27th June. This report provides an update on key issues relating to the work programme attached at Appendix A. Members are reminded that the work plan is a live document to be regularly reviewed and updated. Appendix A also provides an ongoing summary of issues considered together with the impacts and outcomes resulting from the Panel's work and this will also be updated on a regular basis.

ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

Out of Authority Budget Review Group

5. It has been previously reported that a sub group would meet to consider issues around overspends in the Children and Young People's Service budget particularly around costs of agency staff and external placements. The Chair and Vice-Chair met with the Chief Executive and Director of Children and Young People's Service as an initial step. The review group met on 11th September, and agreed it would focus its discussion on Out of Authority Placements, because this area had the highest budget overspend. The review scoping form is attached at appendix B for information.
6. The sub group met again on 29th October, and attached to this report at appendix B is an outline of discussion from that meeting and supplementary information at Annexe 1 and Annexe 2. The Scrutiny Officer and Members of the sub-group will also provide a verbal progress update to the Panel at the meeting.

Review of Teenage Pregnancy

7. At its meeting in July the Health and Well Being Board agreed that in order to tackle it effectively a more holistic overview of the issue needed to be taken with a focus on quality assurance to ensure that existing preventive measures are having the desired impact in reducing Teenage Pregnancy. It was also noted that whilst an overview of the issue is the right approach for the Health and Well Being Board, key partnerships, such as the Work and Skills Board and Foundation Schools needed to be engaged to ensure that they also consider the issue of Teenage Pregnancy alongside their agendas.
8. At its last meeting the Panel agreed to dedicated its January meeting to consider this issue and appointed the following Members to undertake any pre-work.

Councillors, Jane Kidd, Rachel Hodson, Tracey Leyland-Jepson and Sue McGuinness.

The Vice-Chair, Councillor Hodson met with Jo Moxon, Assistant Director for Education on Monday 29th October, and agreed the remit of the review see scoping form at Appendix C for information. A verbal progress update will be provided at the meeting.

Review of Careers Advice and Guidance

9. The Chair and Vice Chair of the Regeneration and Environment Scrutiny Panel and Councillor Hodson, Vice Chair of this Panel met with Jane Vose, Head of Service for Learner Engagement and Lee Tillman, Head of Strategy and Programmes to discuss the review. The scoping form for the review will be circulated to the Panel prior to this meeting, for information. The review has been scheduled for 11th December at a time to be confirmed.

Councillors who agreed to take part in the review, alongside Members from the Regeneration and Environment Panel are Andrew Bosmans, Tracey Leyland-Jepson, Alan Jones and Doreen Woodhouse.

Minutes of the Children’s Trust Board (6th September and 4th October) And Corporate Parenting Panel (4th September, and 2nd October)

10. Minutes of the last meetings of the Children’s Trust Board and Corporate Parenting Panel are attached at appendices D, E F and G respectively. The Scrutiny representatives, Councillors McNamee and Bosmans, will provide a verbal update to the meeting.

OPTIONS CONSIDERED

11. There are no specific options to consider within this report as it provides an opportunity for the Panel to develop a work plan for 2012/13.

IMPACT ON COUNCIL’S KEY OBJECTIVES

Priority Theme	Mayor’s Priorities for 2011/12	Implications of this initiative
1. Creating a strong, connected and inclusive economy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drive forward the Doncaster economy • Get the balance of public and private transport right • Promote Doncaster as a tourist destination • Regenerate Doncaster's town centres 	The Overview and Scrutiny function has the potential to impact upon all of the council’s key objectives by holding decision makers to account, reviewing performance and developing policy through robust recommendations, monitoring performance of council and external partners services and reviewing issues outside the remit of the council
2. Developing stronger communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage community harmony and cohesion. Treat people as individuals, not by reference to labels and artificial groupings 	
3. Increasing and improving housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raise housing standards 	
4. Protecting and improving all our children’s lives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to improve education and skills • Build on a strengthening Children's 	

	Service	that have an impact on the residents of the borough.
5. Improving health and support for independent lives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage attitudes of self-reliance, self-improvement and mutual respect within Doncaster communities 	
6. Tackling crime and anti-social behaviour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduce crime and all forms of anti-social behaviour 	
7. Creating a cleaner and better environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to protect the environment from developers, decay and architectural vandalism 	
8. Internal Transformation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure local people get value for money from council services 	

RISKS AND ASSUMPTIONS

12. To maximise the effectiveness of the Overview and Scrutiny function it is important that the work plan devised is manageable and that it accurately reflects the broad range of issues within its remit. Failure to achieve this can reduce the overall impact of the function.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

13. The Council's Constitution states that subject to matters being referred to it by other part of the Full Council, OSMC or the Executive and any timetables laid down by those references the Schools, Children and Young People's Panel will determine its own work programme (Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule 6c).
14. Overview and Scrutiny Panels Terms of reference - 3 states that the Panel be empowered to establish ad hoc working groups from within its membership, to undertake project and policy development work, to meet the objectives and targets of its annual work plan.
15. Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule 15 (a) states that where, in the opinion of the Chair of an Overview and Scrutiny Panel, the matters under discussion are relevant to matters referred to other Scrutiny Panel(s) he/she shall consider to what extent to invite the participation of the Chair and/or other Members of the other Panel in the deliberations.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

16. The budget for the support of the Overview and Scrutiny function 2012/13 is not affected by this report however, the delivery of the work plan will need to take place within agreed budgets. There are no specific financial implications arising from the recommendations in this report. Any financial implications relating to specific reports on the work plan will be included in those reports.

CONSULTATION

17. The work plan has been developed in consultation with Members and officers.

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Background Papers

19. Minutes from the Corporate Parenting Panel and Childrens Trust Board
Notes and Scoping form for the Out of Authority Scrutiny Review
Scoping form for Careers Advice and Guidance
Scoping form for Teenage Pregnancy

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