SCYP WORK PLAN 2012/13

APPENDIX A

	27 June@ 2pm	11 th Sept@2pm	26th Nov@2pm	10 th Jan @2pm	8Mar@10am
Policy Review/ Development			Youth Justice Plan (statutory plan) Provisional.	Teenage Pregnancy - Children in Care	
Performance	Quarter 4	Q1 The SCYP Budget Group met following this meeting.	Q2		Q3
Information Updates	Improvement Plan		Fostering – update on recruitment campaign Unannounced Inspection October 2012 and Lord Carlile reports		SEN review – (To be confirmed)
Scrutiny (Holding to Account)	Cabinet Member priorities			Update on Out of Authority Placements for Children in Care	Follow up on implementation of recommendations 2011/12 Review of Cabinet Member priorities Update on Out of Authority Placements for Children in Care
Other	Work Plan	Work Plan - including update on recommendations from 2011/12	Work Plan Update from Budget working group.	Work Plan	Work Plan

Careers Advice and Guidance – Joint review to be undertaken with Regeneration and Environment – Councillors Rachel Hodson Andrew Bosmans, Tracey Leyland-Jepson, Alan Jones and Doreen Woodhouse. 17th October, 2012 Agreed Scope.

Budget Working Group – Councillors Hilary McNamee, Rachel Hodson, Sue Wilkinson, Tracey Leyland-Jepson and Andrew Bosmans. 11th September agreed scope of review. Review group meeting 29th October, 2012.

Teenage Pregnancy Scoping meeting – met 29th October, 2012. Site Visit 10th December, 2012

Meeting Date	ISSUE/ OUTCOME	COMMENT	WHO	WHEN	IMPACT
27.06.12	Councillor Tatton Kelly –Cabinet Member For Children's Services To Outline Priorities for the forthcoming year: Special Educational Needs, Truancy, Attainment, Safeguarding, Looked After Children, Domestic Violence.	To understand priorities and review progress later in year. During the course of the year continue to measure aspects through Quarterly Performance reports	Panel	March 2013 meeting and quarterly performance reports	To provide accountability for improvement and improve transparency.
11.09.12		Further update requested on 2011/12 priorities	Panel	Requested September	
27.06.12	 School Children & Young People Improvement Plan. Key areas raised included: Measures to improve educational attainment to exceed national targets and measures to effectively engage with academies. Addressing persistent absences. Reducing the no. of agency staff and improving retention of social care staff. Improving outcomes for children leaving care. Improving mental health processes and reviewing safeguarding practices and processes 	Members were provided with an overview of the Plan and an opportunity to question the Director CYPS and Cabinet Member. Key aspects of the Plan to be further reviewed as part of quarterly performance report.	Panel	Quarterly Performance reports.	To provide understanding on the key issues being addressed within CYPS. To provide accountability for improvement against key themes within CYPS.

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	 Finance & Improvement Report 2011/12 – Q4. Key areas considered/issues raised: Noted improvements in CYPs as indicated by recent inspection results. Recognised further work to be undertaken. Concerns raised around CYPS overspend including increased demand for social care, availability of foster care provision, overpayments on foster care, external placements, use of agency staff. Measures to reduce staff sickness levels NEETS 16-18 – noted good progress but concerns around 18-25 group. Concern raised around health of Children in Care 	Panel agreed to continue monitoring actions to improve areas of underperformance. Identified need for working closely with ward Members to use local intelligence as well as appropriate benchmarking data to bring about improvements.	Panel	Quarterly Performance Reports	SCYP able to hold Director to account. Focus on key areas of overspend & underperformance and consider actions for improvement. Identify issues for future consideration and track progress through future reports.
11.09.12	Finance & Improvement Report2012/13 – Q1. Key areas considered/issues raised:Considered performance against the five key priorities of the Improvement Plan.Concern expressed re: budget overspend	Panel budget group formed to consider out of authority expenditures	Panel	Quarterly Performance Reports	SCYP to hold Director to account. Focus on key areas of overspend & underperformance and consider actions for improvement. Identify issues for future consideration and track progress through future reports.

Schools Children and Young People Scrutiny Panel Work Plan

26.11.12	Youth Justice Plan	Statutory Plan	Panel	November meeting	Panel consulted on the Plan as part of the Council's budget and policy framework.
	Fostering – update on recruitment campaign	To contribute to understanding issues relating to the out of authority placement review and consider the success of recent recruitment campaign.	Panel	November meeting	Considered information that contributed to understanding placements for children in care, particularly when discussing the Out of Authority Placements.
	Unannounced Inspection of local authority arrangements for the protection of children October 2012 and the Lord Carlile report on the Edlington case	To receive the report and comments from Cabinet Member and Director Children and Young People's Service	Panel	November Meeting	Considered outcome reports and Action Plan to be presented to the Panel at a future meeting.
	Finance & Improvement Report 2012/13 – Q2.	Considered performance against the five key priorities of the Improvement Plan.	Panel	November Meeting	SCYP able to hold Director to account. Focus on key areas of overspend & underperformance and consider actions for improvement. Identify issues for future consideration and track progress through future reports.