

## SCOPING DOCUMENT FOR SCRUTINY REVIEW

### GENERAL INFORMATION

<b>Title of Scrutiny Review</b>	Outcomes for care leavers
<b>Membership of the Sub Group for Pre-panel work</b>	Councillors: Rachel Hodson Alan Jones Sue Wilkinson Sue McGuinness Andrew Bosmans Charlie Hogarth Barbara Hoyle
<b>Lead Councillor</b>	Councillor Rachel Hodson, Chair of the Schools Children and Young People Scrutiny Panel
<b>Co-options/Invitees</b>	None for this review
<b>Relevant Executive Councillor(s)</b>	Councillors Tony Corden and Nuala Fennelly
<b>Lead Officer(s) from Theme Area</b>	Winston Davidson, Service Manager, Children in Care Ian Walker, Head of Service, Children in Care
<b>Scrutiny Officer</b>	Christine Rothwell

### TERMS OF REFERENCE

<b>Purpose of the Review</b>	To consider outcomes for care leavers
<b>Main Lines of Enquiry</b>	<p>Is the Council meeting it's statutory obligations and ensuring it is not failing young people through the process of leaving local authority care.</p> <p>How is:-  Support gradually removed and the young person prepared?  Living independently/housing/supported and tenancies introduced?  Support addressed for identified substance misuse?  Further education and training addressed?  Seeking employment addressed?</p>

### ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES FROM THE REVIEW

<b>Benefits of the Review</b>	To understand, challenge and look for improvements with the care leavers process to ensure each young person has been prepared to live independently.
<b>Contribution to performance indicators and/or current corporate priorities</b>	To be a critical friend in relation to the priorities and challenges facing the Children and Young People's Service Directorate.

## RISKS AND IMPLICATIONS

<b>Risks</b>	The review needs to be timely to ensure it can provide some recommendations that will assist the Council and partners in responding to challenges faced.
<b>Legal Implications</b>	Any legal implications should be borne in mind during development of recommendations. Relevant implications will be considered during the course of the review.
<b>Financial Implications</b>	Any financial implications should be borne in mind during the development of recommendations. Relevant implications will be considered during the course of the review.
<b>Resource Implications</b>	It is envisaged there will not be any significant resource implications for the review. It is proposed that the review will be undertaken with officers where evidence will be presented to the Overview and Scrutiny Members. Officers will need to give their time to attend the meetings, briefings and review of recommendations. The Scrutiny Officer will make the necessary meeting and support arrangements.

## PROJECTED TIMESCALES

<b>Date for Approval of Scoping Document by Scrutiny Panel</b>	TBC
<b>Dates of Task and Finish Group Meetings</b>	<p>Schools Children and Young People Scrutiny Panel 10<sup>th</sup> September, to receive evidence from DMBC Officers and partners.</p> <p><u>10<sup>th</sup> September, 2013</u></p> <p>The Panel will consider a young person's life:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Running up to leaving care</li> <li>During the transition period</li> <li>When a young person is settled in their own accommodation/left Local Authority care</li> </ol> <p>Receive evidence from/on:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Officers and Partners;</li> <li>Statutory requirements;</li> <li>Service provided over and above statutory requirements;</li> <li>Benchmarking evidence from an outstanding authority;</li> <li>Evidence gathered by the Panel's pre-review group;</li> <li>Performance data is to be provided on the number of young people who are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In Education and Employment;</li> <li>Attainment at the end of their statutory school life;</li> <li>Those that attend university;</li> <li>Number that go into apprenticeships;</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p>In receipt of benefits; Known to the police/YOS/imprisoned; and Returning to live with family.</p> <p>Partners to be invited: St Leger Homes CAMHS Health representative YOS – Graham Hobson, Head of Service Doncaster College South Yorkshire Police</p> <p><u>Site Visits – 16<sup>th</sup> August, 2013</u> Drop in Centre at Elmfield House Semi-independent housing</p> <p><u>Meet young people at Corporate Parenting Panel, 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 2013</u></p> <p><u>Meeting with Foster Carers 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2013</u></p>
<b>Date of Submission to the Executive or Executive Councillor</b>	TBC