

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

OUTCOME FOR CARE LEAVERS REVIEW – UPDATE

Relevant Cabinet Member(s)	Wards Affected	Key Decision
Councillor Nuala Fennelly Cabinet Member for education and Skills and Lead Member for Children’s Services Councillor Tony Corden, Cabinet Member for Children’s Safeguarding and Services to Families and support to Lead Member for Children’s Services)	All	None

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. This report provides an update on the Outcome for Care Leavers indepth review undertaken by the Panel during August and September.

EXEMPT INFORMATION

2. Not exempt

RECOMMENDATIONS

3. The Panel is asked to consider the information presented by Members on the work they have undertaken and agree recommendations to be forwarded to the Executive.

BACKGROUND

- 4 At its meeting in June, the Panel agreed to undertake a review on the Outcome for Care Leavers and undertook the following steps to gather evidence.
- a) Scoping Meeting – Wednesday 17th July, 2013. Attached at appendix A is the agreed Scoping document.
 - b) Meeting with Young People and visits to housing – 16th August, 2013.
 - c) Meeting with Corporate Parenting Panel – 3rd September, 2013.
 - d) Meeting with Foster Carers – 4th September, 2013.
 - e) Meeting with Officers and partners – 10th September, 2013.

ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

5. Members will provide verbal updates from the above meetings. At the time of agenda dispatch notes from the meetings were not available for circulation, and would be provided and circulated to the panel as soon as they were agreed and complete.

OPTIONS CONSIDERED

6. There are no specific options to consider within this report as it provides an opportunity for the Panel to discuss information gathered and form recommendations.

IMPACT ON COUNCIL'S KEY OBJECTIVES

	Priority Outcome	Implications of this initiative
1.	Doncaster's economy develops and thrives, underpinned by effective education and skills	The Overview and Scrutiny function has the potential to impact on all of the council's key objectives. This review will have a direct impact on ensuring children are safe through Members' corporate parent responsibility.
2.	Children are safe	
3.	Stronger families and stronger communities	
4.	Modernised and sustainable Adult Social Care Services with increased choice and control	
5.	Effective arrangements are in place to deliver a clean, safe and attractive local environment	
6.	The Council is operating effectively, with change embedded and sustained with robust plans in place to operate within future resource allocations	

RISKS AND ASSUMPTIONS

7. To maximise the effectiveness of the Overview and Scrutiny function it is important that the work 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

8. There are no specific legal implications arising from this report but, the 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.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

9. There are no specific financial implications arising from the recommendations detailed in this report. Any financial implications relating to recommendations made will need to be considered as part of the final report to the Executive.

CONSULTATION

10. The review has been undertaken by gathering evidence from:-
 - Young people;
 - Foster carers;
 - Doncaster MBC Officers; and
 - Council partners.

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Background Papers

Scoping form (attached)

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