

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 2013/14 (SEPTEMBER 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 Panel’s work plan.

EXEMPT INFORMATION

2. Not exempt

RECOMMENDATIONS

3. The Panel is asked to:-
 - (a) consider and comment on the revised work plan attached at Appendix A;
and
 - (b) Identify any areas for consideration by the Panel for the period 2013/14.

BACKGROUND

4. The Panel agreed its 2013/14 work plan at its meeting on 26th 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

Minutes of the Children's Trust Board and Corporate Parenting Panel

5. The Children's Trust Board and Corporate Parenting Panel meetings scheduled for July and August were cancelled. The Corporate Parenting Board is due to meet on 3rd September, where an update will be provided by the Panel's representative, Councillor Bosmans. The next scheduled Children's Trust Board is 26th September, and minutes of that meeting will be circulated to the Panel when available.

SCYP Panel Meeting 20th September, 2013

6. Members are asked to note that an informal Panel meeting has been arranged for 20th September, 2013 at 11.30am to consider the Special Educational Need and Development Strategy.

SCYP Panel Meeting 25th November, 2013

7. Roger Thompson Chair of the Children's Safeguarding Board has been invited to present the Annual Report to the next meeting. Members are reminded that they can find information on the Children's Safeguarding Board on the following link. <http://www.doncastersafeguardingchildren.co.uk/>

OPTIONS CONSIDERED

8. There are no specific options to consider within this report as it provides an opportunity for the Panel to develop a work plan for 2013/14.

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 upon all of the council's key objectives by holding decision makers to account,
2.	Children are safe	

3.	Stronger families and stronger communities	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 that have an impact on the residents of the borough.
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

9. 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

10. 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).
11. 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.
12. 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

13. The budget for the support of the Overview and Scrutiny function 2013/14 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

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

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Background Papers

None

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