

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

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY REVIEWS - 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 reviews undertaken by the Panel in the last two years.

EXEMPT INFORMATION

2. Not exempt

RECOMMENDATIONS

3. The Panel is asked to consider and comment on the revised updates provided.

BACKGROUND AND ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

4. The following reviews were undertaken by the Schools Children and Young People Scrutiny Panel over the last two years. Officers will be in attendance at the meeting to provide and update in addition to that provided in the attached

appendices. Members are asked to consider how effective the reviews have been and whether any further review work needs to be undertaken.

1. Out Of Authority Placements Of Children In Care – Appendix 1
2. Outcome For Care Leaver – Appendix 2
3. Education Of Children In Care – Appendix 3
4. Elective Home Education – Appendix 4
5. Teenage Pregnancy - Appendix 5

OPTIONS CONSIDERED

5. There are no specific options to consider within this report as it provides an opportunity for the Panel to consider reviews undertaken over the last two years.

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, 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.
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

6. To maximise the effectiveness of the Overview and Scrutiny function it is important that reviews undertaken are manageable and that they accurately reflects the broad range of issues within its remit. Failure to achieve this can reduce the overall impact of the function.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

7. The Council's Constitution states that subject to matters being referred to it by other parts 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).
8. 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.
9. 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

10. The budget for the support of the Overview and Scrutiny function 2013/14 is not affected by this report however, the delivery of review work needs 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 reviews were included in those reports.

CONSULTATION

11. The review work was undertaken in consultation with Members and officers.

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Background Papers

None

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