

**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 (MARCH 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 review by the Panel for the period 2014/15.

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

5. The Panel has undertaken a significant amount of work to ensure effective monitoring of performance and holding officers and Cabinet Members to account. Members have also undertaken in-depth review work and over the year, in addition to Council officers, have met with young people, foster carers, South Yorkshire Police, housing providers and health professionals.

Corporate Parenting Panel

6. The minutes of the meeting held on 21st January, 2014 were not complete at the time of agenda dispatch but will be circulated to the Panel as soon as they are available.

Changes to Overview and Scrutiny

7. As Members will be aware, the Overview and Scrutiny function will be altering from Annual Council 2014. Scrutiny Panels will focus on review work with OSMC taking a lead business role.
8. The Panel structure was agreed by Council, as follows:
 - **Children and Young People's Panel** –this will consider outcomes and improvements for children and young people.
 - **Regeneration & Housing** - Key areas will include regeneration, economic development, strategic transport and Housing.
 - **Community & Environment**–including Neighbourhood issues, street scene and Highways, community safety as well as environmental issues ,
 - **Health and Adult Social Care** – Outcomes and improvements around health, adult social care and statutory health scrutiny functions.
9. As this is the last scheduled meeting of 2013/14 Members are asked to give consideration to any area for review which can be undertaken early in the 2014/15 year. For example, a possible area that could be explored early in the new civic year is the role of the authority and relationship with academies.

10. To give the issue detailed consideration Members are reminded that informal Panel meetings will be held on:

- Regeneration and Environment 7th April at 11.00am
- Adults and Communities 8th April at 1.30pm
- Schools Children and Young People 10th April at 10.00am
- Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee 10th April at 2.00pm

OPTIONS CONSIDERED

11. 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, 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

12. 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

13. 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).
14. 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.
15. 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

16. 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

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

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Background Papers

None

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