

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

**OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE’S PANEL WORK PLAN
REPORT 2014/15**

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 consider and comment on the revised work plan attached at Appendix A.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR THE CITIZENS OF DONCASTER?

- 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. This is achieved through making robust recommendations, monitoring performance of Council and external partners and reviewing issues outside the remit of the Council that have an impact on the residents of the borough.

BACKGROUND AND ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

- As Members will be aware, the Overview and Scrutiny function altered from Annual Council 2014 with Scrutiny Panels focusing on review work with OSMC taking a lead business role. Members will recall that OSMC and the standing Panels held work planning sessions in April 2014 with a view to identifying a small number of review topics. The work plan attached at Appendix A, approved by OSMC provides an ongoing summary of the review currently being undertaken.
- The Children's Services Trust** - The CYP Panel has continued to receive briefings and updates on the arrangements for the Trust. Following establishment of the Children's Services Trust, the Panel will continue to meet to consider the Trusts performance and general update under the Local Authority's and Children's Services Trust Agreement. The first of these meetings are scheduled for 22nd January, and 2nd April, 2015. It is however expected that now the Trust is established the OSMC will receive updates on finance and performance as part of its regular Performance and Improvement reports from January, 2015.

OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- There are no specific options to consider within this report as it provides an opportunity for Members to discuss the Panel's work plan for 2014/15.

IMPACT ON COUNCIL'S KEY OBJECTIVES

	Priority	Implications
1	<p>We will support a strong economy where businesses can locate, grow and employ local people.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Mayoral Priority: Creating Jobs and Housing</i> <i>Mayoral Priority: Be a strong voice for our veterans</i> <i>Mayoral Priority: Protecting Doncaster's vital services</i> 	<p>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</p>

2	<p>We will help people to live safe, healthy, active and independent lives.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Safeguarding our Communities</i> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Bringing down the cost of living</i> 	<p>on the residents of the borough.</p> <p>This issue has a direct impact on helping children live safe, healthily and active in a safe environment whilst ensure the governance between the Children’s Board, Scrutiny and partners is working effectively.</p>
3	<p>We will make Doncaster a better place to live, with cleaner, more sustainable communities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Creating Jobs and Housing</i> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Safeguarding our Communities</i> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Bringing down the cost of living</i> 	
4	<p>We will support all families to thrive.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Protecting Doncaster’s vital services</i> 	
5	<p>We will deliver modern value for money services.</p>	
6	<p>We will provide strong leadership and governance, working in partnership.</p>	

RISKS AND ASSUMPTIONS

8. 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

9. The Council’s Constitution states that subject to matters being referred to it by the Full Council, or the Executive and any timetables laid down by those references Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee will determine its own Work Programme (Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule 6a).
10. Specific legal implications and advice will be given with any reports when Overview and Scrutiny have received them as items for consideration.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

11. The budget for the support of the Overview and Scrutiny function 2014/15 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.

EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

12. This report provides an overview on the work programme undertaken by Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny. There are no significant equality implications associated with this report. Within its programme of work Overview and Scrutiny gives due consideration to the extent to which the Council has complied with its Public Equality Duty and given due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, promote equality of opportunity and foster good relations between different communities.

CONSULTATION

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

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Background Papers

None

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