

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

**OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S PANEL WORK
PLAN REPORT 2017/18**

Relevant Cabinet Member(s)	Wards Affected	Key Decision
Councillor Nuala Fennelly Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Schools	All	None

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. This report provides details of the Children and Young Peoples Scrutiny Panel's work plan for the 2017/18 civic year.

EXEMPT INFORMATION

2. Not exempt.

RECOMMENDATIONS

3. The Panel is asked to:
 - i. Consider and comment on the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny work plan (Appendix 1).
 - ii. Note that the work plan is a living document and will be reviewed and updated at each meeting of the Panel to include any relevant correspondence, updates, new issues and resources available to meet additional requests;

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR THE CITIZENS OF DONCASTER?

4. 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

- Members will recall that the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee and the standing Panels held work planning sessions in 1st June 2017, with a view to identifying areas for consideration over the coming year. The work plan provides an ongoing summary of the work currently being undertaken across the whole Scrutiny function.

Visit to the Children's Trust – 31st October, 2017

- The Chair, Councillor Mounsey and Councillor Sue McGuinness attended the Children's Trust to discuss the "Front Door" Children's Services. Members met with the initial referral team and front line staff about the day to day workings and how cases were addressed. The Chair has expressed the wish to provide a verbal report on the visit at the meeting.

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 2017/18.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDED OPTION

- This report provides an opportunity for Members to discuss the Panel's work plan for 2017/18.

IMPACT ON COUNCIL'S KEY OBJECTIVES

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	Outcomes	Implications
	<p>All people in Doncaster benefit from a thriving and resilient economy.</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 on the residents of the borough.</p>
	<p>People 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>People in Doncaster benefit from a high quality built and natural environment.</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> 	
	<p>All families thrive.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Protecting Doncaster's vital services</i> 	
	<p>Council services are modern and value for money.</p>	
	<p>Working with our partners we will provide strong leadership and governance.</p>	

RISKS AND ASSUMPTIONS

10. 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

11. 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).
12. Specific legal implications and advice will be given with any reports when Overview and Scrutiny have received them as items for consideration.

TECHNOLOGY IMPLICATIONS

13. There are no specific technological implications associated with this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

14. The budget for the support of the Overview and Scrutiny function 2017/18 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

15. This report provides an overview of 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

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

BACKGROUND PAPERS

17. None

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