

29th February, 2016

**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 2015/16**

<b>Relevant Cabinet Member(s)</b>	<b>Wards Affected</b>	<b>Key Decision</b>
Councillor Nuala Fennelly Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Schools	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:
  - i) Consider and comment on the revised work plan attached at Appendix A.
  - ii) Receive an update on the Children with Disabilities Social Care Review.
  - ii) Receive and comment on the correspondence made following its meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2015 in Appendix B.

**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 AND ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

5. As Members will be aware the Scrutiny Panels will continue to focus on review work with OSMC taking a lead business role. Members will recall that OSMC and the standing Panels held work planning sessions in June 2015 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 work currently being undertaken.
6. **Children with disabilities social care review** – All meetings have now been undertaken and a report and recommendations have been drafted and circulated to Panel Members. Subject to amendments being agreed, a final draft copy will be circulated to Panel Members prior to today's meeting and will be ratified at OSMC on the 24<sup>th</sup> March before taken to the Executive for a response.
7. **The Children's Services Trust** – Additionally, the CYP Panel will continue to receive briefings and updates on the arrangements and performance for the Children's Trust through quarterly formal meetings. The first of these meetings was held in June, 2015 where evidence was received from Mark Douglas, Chief Operating Officer, Doncaster Children's Services Trust and Peter Featherstone, Business Manager, Learning and Opportunities Doncaster MBC. The next discussion with the Children's Trust will be held earlier on this meeting's agenda.
8. **Correspondence with the Executive**  
Sexual Health – Signposting for Young People – Further to joint meeting of the Children and Young People and Health and Adult Social Care Joint Overview and Scrutiny Panel, Members gave detailed consideration to what was in place through the Council and its partners, to deliver services around Sexual Health. The meeting focused on the effectiveness of signposting these services to young people as well as the value of partnership working. It also provided an opportunity for Members to undertake their role as a corporate parent to look at the services being provided for looked after children. A letter outlining the Panels comments and recommendations was sent to the Executive and a response to this is attached at Appendix B.

## OPTIONS CONSIDERED

9. 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 2015/16.

## IMPACT ON COUNCIL'S KEY OBJECTIVES

	<b>Outcomes</b>	<b>Implications</b>
	<p>All people in Doncaster benefit from a thriving and resilient economy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Mayoral Priority: Creating Jobs and Housing</i></li> <li>• <i>Mayoral Priority: Be a strong voice for our veterans</i></li> <li>• <i>Mayoral Priority: Protecting Doncaster's vital services</i></li> </ul>	<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"> <li>• <i>Mayoral Priority: Safeguarding our Communities</i></li> <li>• <i>Mayoral Priority: Bringing down the cost of living</i></li> </ul>	<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>
	<p>People in Doncaster benefit from a high quality built and natural environment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Mayoral Priority: Creating Jobs and Housing</i></li> <li>• <i>Mayoral Priority: Safeguarding our Communities</i></li> <li>• <i>Mayoral Priority: Bringing down the cost of living</i></li> </ul>	
	<p>All families thrive.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Mayoral Priority: Protecting Doncaster's vital services</i></li> </ul>	
	<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.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

13. The budget for the support of the Overview and Scrutiny function 2015/16 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**

14. 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**

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

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## **Background Papers**

None

**Damien Allen**  
**Director Learning, Opportunities and Skills**

**Children and Young People (CYP) Overview & Scrutiny Panel Workplan (DRAFT) – Fixed Panel Meetings/Review Work**  
**Outcomes and Improvements for Children and Young People**

<b>10am 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2015 Formal</b>	<b>11:30 am 17th Sept– Informal</b>	<b>2pm 17<sup>th</sup> September 2015 Formal</b>	<b>9:30am 26<sup>th</sup> November 2015 Informal</b>	<b>10am 8<sup>th</sup> December 2015 Formal</b>	<b>10am 29<sup>th</sup> February 2016 Formal</b>	<b>8:30am 9<sup>th</sup> March 2016 Informal</b>
Quarterly Performance Report and update from Children's Services Trust – delivery of agreed budgets	Early Years and Collaborative Strategy update	Quarterly Performance Report and update from Children's Services Trust – delivery of agreed budgets	Sexual Health– Signposting for young people/partnership working (how successful is this) – Joint Meeting with H&ASC O&S	Trust Update  a) Quarterly Performance Report and update from Children's Services Trust – delivery of agreed budgets  b) Ofsted Action Plan & Main Improvements (maybe to include presentation to highlight main pts)	Trust Update  a) Quarterly Performance Report and update from Children's Services Trust – delivery of agreed budgets  b) To include update on Ofsted Action Plan	a) Summary of schools causing concern and what is being progressed. b) Outcomes KS2 Strategy – results from mock tests – what are we doing about them? What are we doing differently? c) KS4 Strategy – what are we doing?
School Improvement Inspection Report		Annual Complaints – Children's trust		Exam Results (JM/DA)	DCT Annual Report	
		DSCB – Annual Report		a) Improving education provision	CSE – review – 10 key scrutiny questions	
				b) Update on Educational Attainment Review Recs (needs specific response to 2 <sup>nd</sup> letter/each rec)	Adoption – annual update/review	
				c) Academy Growth and Development Strategy.	Annual Complaints – update on improvements DSCB Update on Business Plan	

<b>C&amp;YP O&amp;S Review</b>
Review Scope - Disabilities – what is it like being disabled and is provision meeting needs
1. Meeting with parents, Foster Carers and Parents Forum – 3 <sup>rd</sup> September at 5.30pm
2. Meeting with young people – Ladder Group
3. Visit Respite Care Facility – 27 <sup>th</sup> August at 10am
4. North Ridge School to address Transition to adulthood and the Next Project – 15 <sup>th</sup> October 9.30am
5. Meeting with Officers to address Direct Payments, POET pilot, SEN Out of Authority Costs, Good/Poor Practice and gaps, Invitations to Social workers – 26 <sup>th</sup> October at 9am
<b>Other Areas (to be scheduled)</b>
• Children’s health early years 0-5 including health visiting and family nurse partnership - 10am, 26 <sup>th</sup> January 2016 (NEW) – H&ASC O&S Meeting
• Careers Advice and Guidance (in particular NEETS and Progression Routes Post 16) – R&H O&S Panel to formally invite CYP O&S Panel to Skills Meeting (part of Place Marketing Review) - 11am, 3rd February 2016 (NEW)
<b>Workplan Ideas 2016/17</b>
• Virtual School /CIC
• Coasting academies
• Career Information Advice and Guidance for children in care