

CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND LEARNING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

WORK PROGRAMME 2009/10

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

12 November 2009

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 For the Committee to receive the updated work programme for the 2009-10 Council year.
- 1.2 The work of the Committee in delivering its work programme will support the Council in achieving its Strategic Priority of a Learning City.

2. Background

- 2.1 The work programme allows Members and Officers to maintain an overview of work planned and undertaken during the Council year.

3. Current position

- 3.1 In addition to the items taken at the scheduled meetings the following activities have taken place since the last meeting:

Consultation Working Group

- 3.2 At the Scrutiny Committee meeting in June it was agreed that a Consultation Working Group should be set up to assist in the development of the Article Four Plans within the Committee's remit. Membership of the group is the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Cllr Bell, Cllr Francis and Mrs Butler.
- 3.3 The Working Group had its first meeting on 2 October to discuss the development of a Sunderland Behaviour and Attendance Strategy.
- 3.4 The Working Group held a further meeting on 22 October to be consulted on the development of the Children and Young People's Plan. The Group discussed:
 - How the strategic vision could be translated into practical action and actual improvements
 - The role of partners who will take on a commissioning role to deliver the improved outcomes. The relationship between the scrutiny committee and delivery partners was discussed and it was agreed that the committee could take on more of a role in monitoring and evaluating delivery by other organisations.
 - The inclusion of priorities for BME children and the role of parents was welcomed.

- Housing for vulnerable young people was highlighted as a priority.

Membership of Committee

- 3.5 A new Parent Governor Representative, Helen Kelly a governor at St Joseph's, Washington was elected in October and Council will be recommended to make the appointment to Committee at their meeting on 28 November. Helen will join the Committee in December.

16-19 Changes

- 3.6 The Committee is asked to note that an extra meeting has been scheduled for the morning of Friday 18 December 2009 to gather evidence in relation to 16-19 changes (see item elsewhere on this agenda). The meeting is likely to take place between 9.30 am – 12.30 pm. Further details will be issued nearer the time.

4. Recommendation

- 4.1 That Members note the information contained in the updated work programme.

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