

# CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND LEARNING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

## WORK PROGRAMME 2009/10

### REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

10 December 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:

##### Children & Young People's Plan Drop-In

- 3.2 The Children's Trust is currently preparing its Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) 2010-25. To continue to give every opportunity to contribute member's views a consultation drop-in event was held on 24 November in the Civic Centre.
- 3.3 Some members of the Committee were able to attend and had the opportunity to discuss:
  - The Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) 2010-25
  - Results of consultation so far
  - The best ways to contribute in the future
- 3.4 Formal reporting on the CYPP to the Scrutiny Committee will take place in the new year.

##### The New Ofsted Framework

- 3.5 An update for Chairs of Governors and Officers was held on 3 December and members of the Committee were invited to attend. The new Ofsted inspection framework came into effect in September 2009 and the briefing session was intended to enable participants to have a sound understanding of the implications of the new inspection arrangements. Sue Brown, a practising HMI offered an

outline of the implications of the new Ofsted framework for schools covering key areas:

- The new inspection criteria and how this will be evaluated by Ofsted
- Limiting judgements and how these affect the overall judgement
- Issues surrounding safeguarding

#### Membership of Committee

- 3.6 A new Parent Governor Representative, Helen Kelly a governor at St Joseph's, Washington was elected in October and Council endorsed the appointment to Committee at their meeting on 28 November.

#### 16-19 Changes

- 3.7 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. 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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