

**COMMITTEE:** CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY

**DATE:** 22<sup>ND</sup> MARCH 2007

**SUBJECT:** COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME

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**IMPLICATIONS:**

LEGAL	COMMUNITY SAFETY
EQUALITIES	ENVIRONMENT
FINANCIAL	CONSULTATIONS
STAFFING	OTHER

**WARDS AFFECTED: NONE**

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**PURPOSE**

1. To update the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee of the details of the latest version of its Work Programme and to revise it as necessary in light of the progress made on the work of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee.
2. For the Committee to prioritise the topics chosen at its last meeting, and indicate the first two topics it wishes to scrutinise.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

3. The Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee is requested to choose its first topic to scrutinise.
4. The Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee is recommended to note the content of the Work Programme.

## **REPORT**

5. The Scrutiny Board regularly considers the work programme for each of the scrutiny committees and panels, which are regularly updated to take account of the decisions made by the committees and other changes made in light of developing work on topics and other matters.
6. The Work Programme of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee will be included in the agenda for each meeting to ensure that Members of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee are aware of forthcoming items and of progress made on the work of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee. Attached as an Appendix is the current version of the Committee's work programme.
7. At its meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2007 the Committee agreed that in view of the year of looked after children, the committee will keep it as a Theme. They selected a number of topics to add to its work programme, as set out below:
  - Looked After Children (various aspects)
  - Anti-Bullying Strategies – this could include the impact of Homophobic bullying.
  - General Health/Obesity amongst children and young people
  - Parenting Strategy
  - Improving support for Vulnerable Families and Children especially hard to reach
  - School Meals
  - Teenage Pregnancy
8. The Committee is therefore requested to identify which 2 topics it would like to scrutinise first.

## **APPENDIX**

9. Appendix - Current version of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee Work Programme.

## **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

### **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972, SECTION 100D**

There are no background papers relating to this report.