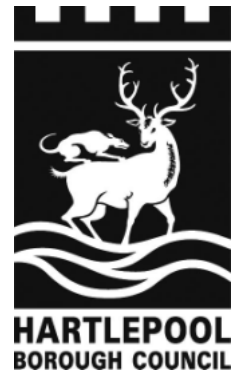


# **CHILDREN'S SERVICES SCRUTINY FORUM AGENDA**



**Tuesday, 14 July 2009**

**at 4.30 pm**

**in Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Hartlepool**

**MEMBERS: CHILDREN'S SERVICES SCRUTINY FORUM:**

Councillors Aiken, C Akers-Belcher, Barker, Coward, Fleet, Griffin, London, Shaw and Simmons

Co-opted Member: David Relton + 3 vacancies

Resident Representatives: Joan Steel, Sally Vokes + 1 vacancy

Young Peoples Representatives: 6 vacancies

Participation Adviser: Kelly Goulding

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**2. TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS**

**3. MINUTES**

3.1 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 21 April 2009

**4. RESPONSES FROM THE COUNCIL, THE EXECUTIVE OR COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL TO FINAL REPORTS OF THIS FORUM**

No items

**5. CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FOR SCRUTINY REVIEWS REFERRED VIA SCRUTINY CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE**

No items

**6. CONSIDERATION OF PROGRESS REPORTS / BUDGET AND POLICY FRAMEWORK DOCUMENTS**

No items

**7. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

7.1 The Role of the Children's Services Scrutiny Forum – *Scrutiny Support Officer*

7.2 Determining the Scrutiny Forum's Work Programme for 2009/10 – *Scrutiny Support Officer*

7.3 Appointments to Outside Bodies – *Assistant Chief Executive*

**8. ISSUES IDENTIFIED FROM FORWARD PLAN**

**9. ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS ARE URGENT**

**ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

**Date of Next Meeting: -**

**Tuesday, 25 August 2009, commencing at 4.30 pm in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Hartlepool**

# **CHILDREN'S SERVICES SCRUTINY FORUM**

## **MINUTES**

21 April 2009

The meeting commenced at 4.30 p.m. in the Civic Centre, Hartlepool

**Present:**

Councillor: Jane Shaw (In the Chair)

Councillors: Mary Fleet, Sheila Griffin, Francis London, Chris McKenna and Chris Simmons.

Resident Representative: Sally Vokes.

Young Peoples Representative: Arran Frame

Also Present: Kelly Goulding, Participation Officer, Barnardos

Officers: Sally Robinson, Assistant Director of Children's Services  
(Safeguarding & Specialist Services)  
Siobhan Rafferty, Supported Housing Co-ordinator  
James Walsh, Scrutiny Support Officer  
David Cosgrove, Democratic Services Team

### **135. Apologies for Absence**

Councillors Aiken, Kaiser and Preece, Co-opted Member David Relton, Resident Representatives Christopher Akers-Belcher and Joan Steel and Young Peoples Representative Chris Lund.

### **136. Declarations of interest by Members**

None.

### **137. Minutes**

The minutes of the meetings held on 3 March and 24 March 2009 were confirmed.

**138. Responses from the Council, the Executive or Committees of the Council to Final Reports of this Forum**

No items.

**139. Consideration of request for scrutiny reviews referred via Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee**

No items.

**140. Consideration of progress reports/budget and policy framework documents**

No items.

**141. Draft Final Report: Appropriate Accommodation for Homeless Young People for Whatever Reason** (*Chair of the Children's Services Scrutiny Forum*)

The Chair presented the draft final report of the forum's investigation into Appropriate Accommodation for Homeless Young People for Whatever Reason and highlighted the conclusions and recommendations for the forum's approval prior to submission to the Scrutiny Coordinating Committee.

In considering the recommendations, Members suggested some minor amendments to the wording of some recommendations to strengthen them. Members were concerned that the authority should not be seen to be failing homeless young people in Hartlepool by not making the recommendations within the report strong enough. The Chair acknowledged Members wishes and commented that many future issues could be resolved by the right input at the right time for such young people. The forum had been fortunate in meeting one such young man who had acknowledged that the support he had received had changed his life.

Members also commented that the system operated in Stockton appeared to be a more imaginative way of addressing these issues. Members also referred to the issue of housing for young people released from the criminal justice system. The Assistant Director commented that there were simply insufficient resources to deal with young offenders, particularly the specialist housing provision that was required. The Chair referred to her previous comments and indicated that in discussion with young people released from detention, one of their main issues had been the length of time the benefits system took to provide them with financial support. This delay often led them back to crime and was something that needed to be addressed.

The Chair thanked all involved in the investigation for their input and

commitment to the investigation. The Chair particularly thanked the people at the various homes and facilities visited during the investigation which proved invaluable.

### **Recommended**

That the draft report including the following amended recommendations be forwarded to Scrutiny Coordinating Committee –

The Children's Services Scrutiny Forum has taken evidence from a wide range of sources to assist in the formulation of a balanced range of recommendations. The Forum's key recommendations to the Cabinet are as outlined below:-

- (a) That supported accommodation providers be encouraged to set up more facilities in the Town, although before this occurs:-
  - (i) Residents in an area where a scheme is planned be properly consulted and reassured that supported accommodation is not only beneficial, but is to be encouraged;
  - (ii) Any scheme should include the provision of at least one if not two emergency beds or 'crash pads'.
- (b) That support is given to assist young people in the transition into independent living;
- (c) That the Children's Services and the Regeneration and Planning Services Departments examine Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council's 'Homelessness Strategy 2008-2011' and:-
  - (i) Adopt those examples of good practice which can assist the tackling of youth homelessness in Hartlepool; and
  - (ii) Where partnership funding is insufficient for the creation of supported accommodation in Hartlepool, that the Council allocates additional resources.
- (d) That during the planning stages for new housing developments in Hartlepool:-
  - (i) Consideration be given to appropriate accommodation for young people; and
  - (ii) Young people are consulted about accommodation that would be appropriate for their needs.

## **142. Issues Identified from the Forward Plan**

No items.

The meeting concluded at 4.55 p.m.

JANE SHAW

CHAIR

## **CHILDREN'S SERVICES SCRUTINY FORUM**

**14 JULY 2009**



**Report of:** Scrutiny Support Officer

**Subject:** THE ROLE OF THE CHILDREN'S SERVICES  
SCRUTINY FORUM

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### **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To give an overview of the role and functions of the Children's Services Scrutiny Forum.

### **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 The Council's approach to Overview and Scrutiny has been informed by government guidance, best practice nationally and experience of what works locally to ensure that the Scrutiny Forum's operate in an optimum scrutiny structure that will enable the Forums to add value and improve services for the residents of Hartlepool.
- 2.2 The role of the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee is briefly discussed in the following section. Following this in Section 4, there is a more detailed description of the roles and functions of this Forum.

### **3. ROLE AND FUNCTIONS OF THE SCRUTINY CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE**

- 3.1 The membership of the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee reflects both the Council's political make-up and the five standing Scrutiny Forums (which are equally represented on the Committee). A total of sixteen Elected Members serve on the Committee, consisting of the Chair (appointed by Council) and the Chair, Vice-Chair and one other Members from each of the five standing Forums. In addition to this, three Resident Representatives are also co-opted onto the Committee, one from each Neighbourhood Consultative Forums.
- 3.2 This approach enables the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee to draw on the experience of a variety of Members, represent a cross-section of political views and equally represent each of the five standing Forums. The Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee is responsible for the overall management of

Overview and Scrutiny within the Authority. Other authorities' experience of scrutiny appears to have benefited from the establishment of such a body. Given the increasing importance of the scrutiny role under the new arrangements and the likely increase in workload of the scrutiny function the role of the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee is invaluable. The main roles and functions of the committee are as follows:-

- (i) To work with the five Forums to decide an annual Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme, including the programme of any ad-hoc Forum that it appoints, to ensure that there is efficient use of the Forums and that the potential for duplication of effort is minimised;
- (ii) To lead the involvement of Overview and Scrutiny in the development of the budget and the plans and strategies that make up the policy framework and to delegate issues for consideration to the Forums;
- (iii) Where matters fall within the remit of more than one Overview and Scrutiny Forum, to determine which of them will assume responsibility for any particular issue and to resolve any issues of dispute between Overview and Scrutiny Forums;
- (iv) To receive requests from Members, the Executive and/or the Full Council for items (including those referred via the Councillor Call for Action mechanism) to be considered by Overview and Scrutiny Forums and to allocate them, if appropriate to one or more Overview and Scrutiny Forum;
- (v) To put in place and maintain a system to ensure reports from Overview and Scrutiny to the Executive are managed efficiently and do not exceed any limits set out in the Constitution (this includes making decisions about the priority of reports, if the volume of such reports creates difficulty for the management of Executive business or jeopardises the efficient running of the Council business);
- (vi) To exercise the power of call-in in relation to Executive decisions made as set out in Section 21 (3) of the Local Government Act 2000, or allocate them to the appropriate Overview and Scrutiny Forum for consideration; and
- (vii) Assessing, monitoring and advising on the role of the Council's central support services in supporting the Council's progress towards the Community Strategy's priority aims, including:-
  - General policies of the Council relating to the efficient use of resources (people, money, property, information technology); and
  - District Auditor performance reports, the District Auditor's Annual Audit Letter, Best Value Performance Indicators and health and safety issues.

#### **4. FUNCTIONS OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY FORUMS**

4.1 The five standing Overview and Scrutiny Forums have three main functions and these are set out in the following paragraphs:-

(a) Policy Development and Review

Overview and Scrutiny Forums may:

- (i) Assist the Council and the Executive in the development of the budget and policy framework by in-depth analysis of policy issues;
- (ii) Conduct research, community and other consultation in the analysis of policy issues and possible options;
- (iii) Consider and implement mechanisms to encourage and enhance community participation in the development of policy options;
- (iv) Question members of the Executive and Chief Officers about their views on issues and proposals affecting the area; and
- (v) Liaise with other external organisations operating in the area, whether national, regional or local, to ensure that the interests of local people are enhanced by collaborative working.

(b) Scrutiny

Overview and Scrutiny Forums may:

- (i) Review and scrutinise the decisions of the Executive and Chief Officers both in relation to individual decisions and their overall strategic direction;
- (ii) Review and scrutinise the work of the Council in relation to its policy objectives, performance targets and/or particular service areas;
- (iii) Question members of the Executive and Chief Officers about their decisions, whether generally in comparison with the service plans and targets over a period of time, or in relation to particular decisions, initiatives or projects;
- (iv) Review and scrutinise the performance of other public bodies in the area, requesting them to attend and address relevant scrutiny forums to speak about their activities and performance;
- (v) Investigate other issues of local concern, outside the control of the Council and other public bodies in the area, and make recommendations to the Council, the Executive and / or other organisations arising from the outcome of the scrutiny process;



- (vi) Question and gather evidence from any person (with their consent); and
- (vii) Make recommendations to the executive and / or the council arising from the outcome of the scrutiny process.

(c) Finance

Overview and Scrutiny Committees may exercise overall responsibility for the finances made available to them. This presently consists of a dedicated overview and scrutiny budget of 50k. Applications for funding must be made through Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee.

## 5. THE REMIT OF THIS FORUM

- 5.1 The strategic direction of the Scrutiny Forums will be to assess, monitor and advise on the Council's progress towards the 7 priority aims of the Community Strategy whilst the operational direction of the individual Scrutiny Forums will be governed by the remits outlined in the Constitution.

The remit of the Children's Services Scrutiny Forum is as follows:-

*'To consider issues relating to specialist (intervention), targeted (prevention) and universal services for children and young people.'*

- 5.2 There will be, however, from time to time, issues that could be considered by more than one Forum and it will be for the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee to determine which Forum should examine a particular issue. It is also open to the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee to appoint ad hoc forums. For example, where an issue comes within the remit of two scrutiny forums, the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee could decide to establish an ad hoc forum made up of four Members from each of those two Forums.

## 6. SCHEDULE OF FORUM DATES FOR 2008/09

- 6.1 Detailed below, for Members information, are the meeting dates scheduled so far for the Children's Services Scrutiny Forum in 2009/10. Please note that all scheduled meetings will commence at 4.30pm, in various venues across the town, with the capacity for additional meetings to be arranged where required to accommodate the needs of individual inquiries.

Tuesday 25 August 2009;  
 Tuesday 29 September 2009;  
 Tuesday 27 October 2009;  
 Tuesday 12 January 2010;  
 Tuesday 23 February 2020; and  
 Tuesday 30 March 2010.

## 7. CONCLUSIONS

- 7.1 No specific action is required as a result of this report; however Members may have questions about the role of the Forum.

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## BACKGROUND PAPERS

The following background papers were used in the preparation of this report:-

- i) Hartlepool Borough Council Constitution.

## CHILDREN'S SERVICES SCRUTINY FORUM

14 July 2009



**Report of:** Scrutiny Support Officer

**Subject:** DETERMINING THE CHILDREN'S SERVICES  
SCRUTINY FORUM'S WORK PROGRAMME FOR  
2009/10

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### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To provide the Members of the Children's Services Scrutiny Forum with a range of information, extracted from various sources to assist in the consideration of suitable topics for inclusion into the Forum's Work Programme for the 2009/10 Municipal Year.

### 2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 The Children's Services Scrutiny Forum needs to develop a Work Programme for the 2009/10 Municipal Year, together with a timeframe for each review, for consideration by the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee on 31 July 2009. Detailed terms of reference should be developed at the start of each review.
- 2.2 As such the Director of Children's Services; the Portfolio Holder for Children's Services and Corporate Plan (Best Value Performance Plan or BVPP) have been the foundation sources for this report to enable the Forum to compile its Work Programme.
- 2.3 However, it should be appreciated that some of the areas detailed below are continually evolving and further details will emerge throughout the year.
- 2.4 In addition to establishing the Forum's Work Programme, the Forum may consider it appropriate to receive illustrations from service departments in relation to impending legislation and to respond on an ad hoc basis to emerging issues which would be considered appropriate for an investigation or review to be undertaken.

TOPIC	Director, Elected Mayor and Cabinet Member	Member(s)	Referrals
<b>Youth Service</b> (Issue: Examine the effectiveness of the Youth Service provision in Hartlepool, in particular with reference to outreach services and targeted youth support)		X	
<b>Child Poverty</b> (Issue: Local Authority target set nationally to halve youth poverty by 2010 and completely eradicate it by 2020)		X	

- 2.5 In setting the Work Programme for 2009/10 consideration also needs to be given to the following Budget and Policy Framework documents which the Forum will need to consider throughout the year.

BUDGET AND POLICY FRAMEWORK ITEMS	Estimated timetable for consideration by the Forum
<b>Budget 2010/11</b>	November 2009/December 2009, January 2010
<b>Corporate Plan 2010/11</b>	March 2010

- 2.6 Having considered the above information together with individual Members' identified topics for inclusion into the Work Programme, the Forum may wish to discuss various aspects contained within the Corporate Plan 2009/10 to raise potential areas for consideration. They could range from areas already identified as suitable for development through commitments or areas where the specific performance is below the targeted level. For this purpose, **Appendices A and B** detail the relevant Sections of the Corporate Plan for the Forum's consideration as outlined below:-

**Appendix A** – Council's Priority Contributions to Community Strategy Themes: 'Jobs and the Economy'; 'Lifelong Learning and Skills'; 'Health and Wellbeing'; 'Community Safety'; and 'Strengthening Communities'; and

**Appendix B** - Performance Indicator Table: 'Jobs and the Economy'; 'Lifelong Learning and Skills'; 'Health and Wellbeing'; 'Community Safety'; and 'Strengthening Communities'.

- 2.7 The Forum may also wish to apply a degree of emphasis on a particular source for example, would the Forum consider issues which are clearly raised as a concern by the public to carry more weight than those considered important by the service provider? In practice the Forum will need to apply a considered opinion from all sources against the individual subject area.
- 2.8 Once the Forum has identified Scrutiny topics, anticipated time frames need to be applied. It is suggested to the Forum that a standard template for applying time allocations should be treated with caution as when scoping a subject a number of complexities may arise, therefore the anticipated duration should be allocated to the subjects on an individual basis.
- 2.9 The Forum is also advised to be cautious in setting an overly ambitious Work Programme for which it may be unable to deliver.
- 2.10 In addition to the above, the Forum may also consider establishing some small Sub-Groups, known as Working Groups to look at sharp focused areas of supplementary aspects of the main topic being scrutinised.

### 3. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 The Children's Services Scrutiny Forum is requested to consider the wide range of information detailed within this report to assist in the determination of its 2009/10 Work Programme, to be approved by the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee at its meeting on 31 July 2009. Members may want to choose a maximum of two items for the coming year, which will allow for flexibility in its work programme for emerging issues and referrals Council/Cabinet.

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### BACKGROUND PAPERS

The following background papers were used in the preparation of this report:-

- (i) Corporate Plan for 2009/10
- (ii) Community Strategy

## Children's Services - Corporate Plan 2009/ 10

This Forum's remit covers Actions under the following Community Strategy Themes / Council Priority areas:

- Jobs and the Economy;
- Lifelong Learning and Skills;
- Health and Wellbeing;
- Community Safety; and
- Strengthening Communities

The information provided in the appendix includes the relevant Community Strategy Themes, which are divided into the Corporate Plan Objectives that have some relevance to this Forum. Under each Corporate Plan Objective there are a number of Actions.

Theme: <b>Jobs and the Economy</b>			
Outcome: <b>Achieve economic wellbeing for all children and young people ensuring that they are prepared for working life</b>			
<b>Code</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Date to be Completed</b>	<b>Responsible Officer</b>
CORP JE07	Reduce the level of young people who are Not in Employment, Education or Training (NEET)	31/03/2011	Mark Smith
CORP JE08	Reduce the proportion of children in poverty	31/03/2011	Sue Johnson
CORP JE09	Implement the Hartlepool 14-19 Strategy	31/03/2011	Tom Argument
CORP JE10	Implement the Machinery of Government Changes (MOG) in line with the Raising Expectations - Enabling the System to Deliver White Paper	31/03/2010	Tom Argument

## 7.2 APPENDIX A

Theme: <b>Lifelong Learning and Skills</b>			
Outcome: <b>Enjoy and Achieve</b>			
<b>Code</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Date to be Completed</b>	<b>Responsible Officer</b>
CORP LLS01	Foundation Stage Profile - Narrowing the Gap: Improve the average Early Years Foundation Stage profile score of the lowest achieving 20% of results to narrow the gap between that and the median	31/07/2010	Val Green
CORP LLS02	Continue to improve overall levels of achievement and narrow the gap: Between Key Stage 1 - 2 improve the proportion of pupils progressing by 2 National Curriculum levels in English	31/07/2010	Janice Sheraton-Wright
CORP LLS03	Continue to improve overall levels of achievement and narrow the gap: Between Key Stage 1 - 2 improve the proportion of pupils progressing by 2 National Curriculum levels in Maths	31/07/2010	Janice Sheraton-Wright
CORP LLS04	Continue to improve overall levels of achievement and narrow the gap: Between Key Stage 2 - 4 improve the proportion of pupils making at least 2 National Curriculum levels progress	31/07/2010	Geraldine Chapman
CORP LLS05	Continue to improve overall levels of achievement and narrow the gap: At Key Stage 2 increase the proportion of pupils achieving Level 4+ in both English and Maths	31/07/2010	Janice Sheraton-Wright
CORP LLS06	Continue to improve overall levels of achievement and narrow the gap: At Key Stage 4 increase the proportion of pupils achieving 5 A*-C grades at GCSE or equivalent, including English and Maths	31/07/2010	Geraldine Chapman
CORP LLS07	Continue to improve overall levels of achievement and narrow the gap: Narrow the achievement gap between pupils eligible for free school meals and their peers achieving the expected level at Key Stages 2 and 4	31/07/2010	Geraldine Chapman; Janice Sheraton-Wright
CORP LLS08	Provide enrichment opportunities: Increase the percentage of pupils participating in extra-curricular activities	31/07/2010	Karen Adams-Shearer
CORP LLS09	Provide enrichment opportunities: Extend the opportunities for pupils to participate in an increasingly wide range of extra-curricular activities	31/07/2010	Karen Adams-Shearer
CORP LLS10	Provide enrichment opportunities: Improve the availability of curriculum enrichment activities for all pupils including educational and residential visits, music, sport, creative and performing arts	31/07/2010	Karen Adams-Shearer

## 7.2 APPENDIX A

Theme: <b>Lifelong Learning and Skills</b>			
Outcome: <b>Transform teaching and learning opportunities, supported by £100m+ investment from Building Schools for the Future and the Primary Capital Programme</b>			
<b>Code</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Date to be Completed</b>	<b>Responsible Officer</b>
CORP LLS12	Select Building Schools for the Future Information & Communications Technology (ICT) Managed Service provider through Official Journal of the European Union notice and competitive dialogue	30/06/2010	Paul Briggs
CORP LLS13	Select Building Schools for the Future Design and Build provider from National Framework through invitation to express interest and mini competition	01/07/2010	Paul Briggs
CORP LLS14	Initiate ICT Managed Service at St Hild's School	30/04/2010	Peter McIntosh
CORP LLS15	Initiate construction work at Dyke House School	30/09/2010	Peter McIntosh
CORP LLS16	Procure initial Primary Capital Programme Projects, with a capital value of £8.4m	31/03/2011	Paul Briggs

Theme: <b>Health and Wellbeing</b>			
Outcome: <b>Be Healthy</b>			
<b>Code</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Date to be Completed</b>	<b>Responsible Officer</b>
CORP HW03	Work with partners to reduce health inequalities e.g. by promoting breastfeeding, reducing smoking in pregnancy, tackling obesity	31/03/2011	Sally Robinson
CORP HW04	Work with partner agencies, young people, schools and families to reduce under 18 conception rate by 55% from 1998 baseline and improve sexual health	31/03/2011	Sheila O'Connor
CORP HW05	Work with partner agencies, young people, schools and families to tackle substance misuse (including alcohol)	31/03/2011	Sheila O'Connor; Sandra Saint



## 7.2 APPENDIX A

Theme: <b>Community Safety</b>			
Outcome: <b>Stay Safe</b>			
Code	Action	Date to be Completed	Responsible Officer
CORP CS10	Effectively implement the recommendations from Care Matters to improve outcomes for looked after children	31/03/2012	Jim Murdoch
CORP CS11	Develop and implement an e-safety strategy	31/03/2010	Sally Robinson
CORP CS12	Develop the work of the Local Safeguarding Children Board to achieve the wider safeguarding agenda, reflecting local priorities	31/03/2011	Maureen McEnaney

Theme: <b>Strengthening Communities</b>			
Outcome: <b>Make a positive contribution</b>			
Code	Action	Date to be Completed	Responsible Officer
CORP SC04	Support parents and carers to fulfil their responsibilities to their children effectively	31/03/2011	John Robinson
CORP SC05	Promote children and young people's participation in decision making	31/03/2011	John Robinson
CORP SC06	Promote emotional wellbeing in children and young people	31/03/2011	Sue Johnson
CORP SC07	Work with partner agencies to reduce youth offending	31/03/2011	Sue Johnson
CORP SC08	Improve the level of young people's participation in positive activities	31/03/2011	Sue Johnson

## PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Every council is required by the Department for Communities and Local Government to collect and publish a range of National performance indicators (NI's). In addition to these Government indicators, services in Hartlepool Borough Council have also set 'Local indicators,' these statutory and non-statutory indicators are set out in the pages that follow.

Five of the Community Strategy themes have some relevance to this Forum, and are listed below:-

⇒ <b>Jobs and the Economy</b>	⇒ <b>Lifelong Learning and Skills</b>
⇒ <b>Health and Wellbeing</b>	⇒ <b>Community Safety</b>
⇒ <b>Strengthening Communities</b>	

NI's are set by the government and information for these are included in the Corporate Plan. Some of the NI's have additional uses these include:-

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Comprehensive Area Assessment (CAA)</b> The means of assessing the Council's performance and how well it works together with other public bodies to meet the needs of Hartlepool residents. Replaced the Comprehensive Performance Assessment in April 2009.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Public Service Agreement (PSA)</b> Agreement between local and central government to improve performance across a range of indicators based upon national and local priority</li> </ul>
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Theme: <b>Jobs and the Economy</b>			
Outcome: <b>Achieve economic wellbeing for all children and young people ensuring that they are prepared for working life</b>			
Code	Indicator	2008/09	Annual 2009/10
		Value	
CSD P006	All key stage 4 pupils undertake work related learning and useful work experience (LAA JE14)	99	99
CSD P007	Careers education & guidance is provided to all young people aged 13-19 (LAA JE15)	100	99.5
NI 117	16 to 18 year olds who are not in education, employment or training (NEET)	7.9%	8.0%

Theme: <b>Lifelong Learning and Skills</b>			
Outcome: <b>Enjoy and Achieve</b>			
Code	Indicator	2008/09	Annual 2009/10
		Value	
CSD P031a	Increase the proportion of NRA pupils achieving two level gains from KS1 – KS2 in English at a rate which exceeds the increase for non NR.	82.4	2.13
LAA LLS P003	Increase the percentage of pupils in self governing mainstream secondary schools	87.89	100
NI 100	Looked after children reaching level 4 in mathematics at Key Stage 2	50.0%	43.0%
NI 101	Looked after children achieving 5 A*-C GCSEs (or equivalent) at Key Stage 4 (including English and mathematics)	9.0%	18.0%
NI 102a	Achievement gap between pupils eligible for free school meals and their peers achieving the expected level at Key Stages 2 and 4 - Part 1 Key Stage 2	21.8%	17.0%
NI 102b	Achievement gap between pupils eligible for free school meals and their peers achieving the expected level at Key Stages 2 and 4 - Part 2 Key Stage 4	20.3%	18.0%

Theme: <b>Lifelong Learning and Skills (continued)</b>			
Outcome: <b>Enjoy and Achieve</b>			
Code	Indicator	2008/09	Annual 2009/10
NI 72	Achievement of at least 78 points across the Early Years Foundation Stage with at least 6 in each of the scales in Personal Social and Emotional Development and Communication, Language and Literacy	40.4%	44.9%
NI 73	Achievement at level 4 or above in both English and Maths at Key Stage 2	79.0%	82.0%
NI 75	Achievement of 5 or more A*- C grades at GCSE or equivalent including English and Maths	39.2%	52.0%
NI 87	Secondary school persistent absence rate	5.8%	5.6%
NI 92	Narrowing the gap between the lowest achieving 20% in the Early Years Foundation Stage Profile and the rest	44.0%	39.1%
NI 93	Progression by 2 levels in English between Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2	84.6%	97.0%
NI 94	Progression by 2 levels in Maths between Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2	83.0%	97.0%
NI 99	Looked after children reaching level 4 in English at Key Stage 2	40.0%	43.0%
Outcome: <b>Transform teaching and learning opportunities, supported by £100m+ investment from Building Schools for the Future and the Primary Capital Programme</b>			
Code	Indicator	2008/09 Value	Annual 2009/10
NI 88	Percentage of schools providing access to extended services	83%	92%

Theme: <b>Health and Wellbeing</b>			
Outcome: <b>Be Healthy</b>			
Code	Indicator	2008/09 Value	Annual 2009/10
CSD P012	Number of schools achieving the new Healthy Schools Status (Performance with reward) (LAA HC21)	34	36
NI 115	Substance misuse by young people	16.4%	15.3%
NI 53a	Prevalence of breast-feeding at 6-8 wks from birth - Percentage of infants being breastfed at 6-8 weeks	18.1%	21.0%
NI 54	Services for disabled children	Indicator deferred until 2009/10	
NI 57	Children and young people's participation in high-quality PE and sport	Indicator deferred until 2009/10	

Theme: <b>Community Safety</b>			
Outcome: <b>Stay Safe</b>			
Code	Indicator	2008/09 Value	Annual 2009/10
CSD P035	Children who became the subject of a CP plan, or were registered per 10,000 population under 18	38.1	13
CSD P036	The percentage of S47 enquiries which led to initial case conference and were held within 15 working days	95.4%	98%
NI 100	Looked after children reaching level 4 in mathematics at Key Stage 2	50.0%	43.0%
NI 101	Looked after children achieving 5 A*-C GCSEs (or equivalent) at Key Stage 4 (including English and mathematics)	9.0%	18.0%
NI 58	Emotional and behavioural health of looked after children	14.0	13.5
NI 59	Percentage of initial assessments for children's social care carried out within 7 working days of referral	73.5%	80.0%
NI 60	Percentage of core assessments for children's social care that were carried out within 35 working days of their commencement	61.3%	90.0%

Theme: <b>Community Safety (Continued)</b>			
Outcome: <b>Stay Safe</b>			
NI 61	Timeliness of placements of looked after children for adoption following an agency decision that the child should be placed for adoption	88.9%	80.0%
NI 62	Stability of placements of looked after children: number of moves (BVPI 49)	8.4%	10.0%
NI 63	Stability of placements of looked after children: length of placement (PAF-CF/D78)	63.9%	65.0%
NI 64	Child Protection Plans lasting 2 years or more (PAF-CF/C21)	3.8%	8.0%
NI 65	Percentage of children becoming the subject of Child Protection Plan for a second or subsequent time (PAF-CF/A3)	8.8%	13.0%
NI 66	Looked after children cases which were reviewed within required timescales (PAF-CF/C68)	94.1%	95.0%
NI 67	Percentage of child protection cases which were reviewed within required timescales (BVPI 162)	100%	100%
NI 68	Percentage of referrals to children's social care going on to initial assessment	93.4%	60.0%
NI 69	Children who have experienced bullying	47.0%	46.5%
NI 70	Reduce emergency hospital admissions caused by unintentional and deliberate injuries to children and young people	Due July	Not set (PCT)
NI 71	Children who have run away from home/care	Not Collected	10
NI 99	Looked after children reaching level 4 in English at Key Stage 2	40.0%	43.0%

Theme: <b>Strengthening Communities</b>			
Outcome: <b>Make a positive contribution</b>			
Code	Indicator	2008/09	Annual 2009/10
		Value	
LAA SC P005	Improve the participation of young people with learning disabilities in their Section 140 assessments	93	95
NI 110	Young people's participation in positive activities	70.2%	73.1%
NI 50	Emotional health of children	65.6%	65.6%

## **CHILDREN'S SERVICES SCRUTINY FORUM REPORT**

14 July 2009



**Report of:** Assistant Chief Executive

**Subject:** APPOINTMENT TO OUTSIDE BODIES

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### **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To seek Councillor Nominations to Outside Bodies referred to the Scrutiny Forum by the Executive.

### **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 In accordance with the authority delegated by the Cabinet, the Deputy Mayor, considered the issue of appointments to outside bodies. Several of these outside body appointments were referred to other meetings for appointment, and of these, one was referred to this Scrutiny Forum for consideration.
- 2.2 The outside body referred for appointment of Councillor members is:-  
School Admissions Forum

### **3. APPOINTMENTS REQUIRED**

- 3.1 School Admissions Forum – 5 members

The Schools Admissions Forum considers existing and proposed admission arrangements and how they serve the interests of local children and parents; aim to reach local agreement on any new or controversial issues; consider the comprehensiveness and accessibility of the Children's Services Authority's admissions literature and information for parents; consider and approve local co-ordinated arrangements; promote more modern and parent-friendly admissions processes.

Nominations for the Schools Admission Forum have been received from Councillors C Akers-Belcher, Griffin, London and Simmons and were agreed at Annual Council. However, 1 further nomination is required.

**3. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- (i) That the nominations agreed at Annual Council on 25 June 2009 to the School Admissions Forum of Councillors C Akers-Belcher, Griffin, London and Simmons be confirmed.
- (ii) That one additional nomination be made to the School Admissions Forum from within the membership of the Children's Services Scrutiny Forum subject to approval by the Executive.