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REPORT TO:	CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY SUB COMMITTEE
	14 JULY 2015
AGENDA ITEM:	8
SUBJECT:	SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME 2015/16
LEAD OFFICER:	Julie Belvir, Council Solicitor and Monitoring Officer, Director of Democratic & Legal Services
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ORIGIN OF ITEM:	The Council's constitution requires the SSOC to agree the scrutiny work programme for the municipal year. As part of the overall programme, the Children and Young People Scrutiny Sub- Committee agrees its own work programme
BRIEF FOR THE COMMITTEE:	To agree the Children and Young People Scrutiny Sub-Committee work programme for future meetings.
RECOMMENDATIONS:	The Children and Young People Scrutiny Sub- Committee is recommended to agree, with any amendments, the scrutiny work programme for 2015/16 including agreed topics for Local Action Mini Reviews.

#### 1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Children and Young People Scrutiny Sub-Committee is invited to agree, with any amendments, the scrutiny work programme for future meetings including agreed topics for Local Action Mini Reviews.

### 2. LOCAL ACTION MINI REVIEWS

2.1 This process is designed to provide all Members (not just Scrutiny Committee Members) with the opportunity of investigating and making recommendations on local issues or matters of interest which they feel merit action. It is intended that Members would lead the process under the auspices of the Scrutiny and

Strategic Overview Committee or relevant Sub-Committee using the asset of community knowledge to help with research/ input of ideas.

- 2.2 It is intended that the Scrutiny and Strategic Overview Committee will:
  - a) Receive proposals for Local Action Mini Reviews from Members
  - b) Determine whether or not it is in the public interest for the Local Action Mini Review to take place
  - c) Give monitoring responsibility for the Local Action Mini Review to the Scrutiny and Strategic Overview Committee or relevant Sub-Committee
  - d) Receive reports on progress for each Local Action Mini Review as part of the verbal update each Scrutiny Chair provides at each meeting.
- 2.3 Members are invited to consider the following topics or to put forward alternative topics to be investigated as Local Action Mini Reviews:
  - Sports and physical activity
  - The Youth offer in the borough
  - The transition from children's social care to adult social care
  - The impact of parenting on educational attainment and achievement

## 3. SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME 2015/16

- 3.1 The Scrutiny Procedure Rules (extracted from the Constitution) state that:
  - "6.01 ...the Scrutiny & Strategic Overview Committee shall be responsible for setting its own work programme and the initial work programme of its Sub-Committees.
  - 6.02 A balanced work programme should be developed including pre- and post-decision scrutiny, monitoring and external scrutiny. As far as reasonably practicable, there should be wide consultation on the work programme with Councillors, Chief Officers, external agencies and the wider community prior to its consideration by the Scrutiny & Strategic Overview Committee."
- 3.2 The work programme is attached as **Appendix 1**.

#### APPENDIX:

Appendix 1 – Children and Young People Scrutiny Work Programme 2015/16

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# **BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS: None**