Open Report on behalf of the Executive Director, Performance and Governance	

Report to:	**Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee**
Date:	**21 October 2011**
Subject:	**Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2011/2012**

Summary:

This item enables the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee to consider its own work programme for the coming year.

Actions Required:

(1) To comment and agree on the content of the work programme, as set out in Appendix A to this report.

(2) To consider and comment on the items from Children's Services listed on the Forward Plan, as set out in Appendix B to this report, and agree whether any item should be brought to the Committee for pre-decision scrutiny.

1. Background

Members are asked to note the following changes to the work programme since the last meeting:

- The update report on the Narrowing the Gap action plan in light of national policy changes has been deferred from today's meeting to the meeting on 9 March 2012 as officers are still awaiting publication of new national policies.

- A report on a new Elective Home Education Policy and a Corporate Parenting Panel Update report have been added to the agenda for the meeting on 2 December 2011.

- Reports on Budget Proposals 2012/13 and Raising the Participation Age have been added to the work programme for 13 January 2012.

- A report on Team Around the Child has been added to the agenda for the meeting on 9 March 2012.

- A report on Youth Services has been added to the agenda for the meeting on 20 April 2012. Members of the Communities Scrutiny Committee will also be invited to attend for this item.

Set out below are the definitions used to describe the types of scrutiny, relating to the items:

Budget Scrutiny - The Committee is scrutinising the previous year's budget, the current year's budget or proposals for the future year's budget.

Pre-Decision Scrutiny - The Committee is scrutinising a proposal, prior to a decision on the proposal by the Executive, the Executive Councillor or a senior officer.

Performance Scrutiny - The Committee is scrutinising periodic performance, issue specific performance or external inspection reports.

Policy Development - The Committee is involved in the development of policy, usually at an early stage, where a range of options are being considered.

Consultation - The Committee is responding to (or making arrangements to respond to) a consultation, either formally or informally. This includes pre-consultation engagement.

Status Report - The Committee is considering a topic for the first time where a specific issue has been raised or members wish to gain a greater understanding.

Update Report - The Committee is scrutinising an item following earlier consideration.

Scrutiny Review Activity - This includes discussion on possible scrutiny review items; finalising the scoping for the review; monitoring or interim reports; approval of the final report; and the response to the report.

2. Conclusion

That consideration is given to the content of this report.

3. Consultation

a) Policy Proofing Actions Required

No policy proofing is required for this report.

4. Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee Work Programme
Appendix B	Children's Services Forward Plan

5. Background Papers

No background papers within Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the preparation of this report.

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