

Children and Young People Select Committee

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Review Title: Reducing the teenage conception rate in Stockton Borough

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1. Which of our strategic corporate objectives does this topic address? Children and Young People – Objective 2 Be Healthy: Improve the health of children in the Borough	
2. What are the main issues? Reduce the under 18 conception rate by 50% by 2010 (1998 baseline year, 52 per 1000 population)	
3. The Thematic Select Committee's overall AIM in doing this work is: To address the rise in the teenage conception rate in Stockton.	
4. The main OBJECTIVES are: Exploration of mainstreaming funding arrangements. Improving the co-ordinated approach. More timely performance information.	
5. The possible OUTPUTS (changes in service delivery) are: Adopt a strengthened partnership approach. Improved and consistent approach by schools. Youth outreach. Community working. Developing new services.	
6. The desirable OUTCOMES (benefits to the community) are: Schooling of young parents not disrupted. Reduced involvement of health providers.	
7. What specific value can scrutiny add to this topic? Has the opportunity of involving all partners to formulate innovative approaches to address this issue.	
8. Who will the panel be trying to influence as part of their work? Schools, Primary Care and Hospital Trusts, Housing Department, Youth Offending Team, Connexions.	
9. Duration of enquiry? 3-4 months	
10. What category does the review fall into?	
Policy Review <input type="checkbox"/>	Policy Development <input type="checkbox"/>
External Partnership <input type="checkbox"/>	Performance Management <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Holding Executive to Account <input type="checkbox"/>	

<p>11. Extra Resources needed? Who is the nominated Democratic Services Officer? DSO – Fiona Shaylor</p>
<p>12. What secondary/existing information do we need? (include here background information, existing reports, updated reports, legislation, central government documents, etc.) Teenage Pregnancy Unit reports. Teenage Pregnancy Forward Action Plan 2006-7, Children and Young People’s Plan 2006-9, Council Plan 2006-9, Health Improvement Partnership - Sexual Digest.</p>
<p>13. What primary/new evidence/information do we need? To be identified.</p>
<p>14. In what form do you want this evidence/information to be presented? (short presentation, executive summary, e-mail brief) Presentations / briefing reports.</p>
<p>15. Who can provide us with further relevant evidence? (Cabinet Member/portfolio holder, officer, service user, general public, expert witness, etc.) Health improvement partners, Schools (Head Teachers and School Governors), Youth Assembly, Sure Start, Connexions, and others to be identified (possibly young parents).</p>
<p>16. What specific areas do we want them to cover when they give evidence? (for exact questioning framework, see form ?) To be determined.</p>
<p>17. Where will evidence be taken and how? Committee meetings – discussions with witnesses.</p>
<p>18. Would the investigation benefit from the co-option of an ‘expert’ or service user, for the duration of the major review? If so, who? Not identified.</p>
<p>19. What other processes can we use to feed into the review? (site visits/observations, face-to-face questioning, telephones survey, written questionnaire, etc.) Questionnaires.</p>
<p>20. How long will the review last? Are there specific time limits that need to be taken into consideration? 3-4 months</p>
<p>21. In what ways can we involve the public and at what stages? (consider whole range of consultative mechanisms, local committees and local ward mechanisms) Press release (beginning and end of review)</p>
<p>22. How will tasks be divided between Members/Officers? (Please give name of each member or officer or other stakeholder when detailing each task) Members – to question witnesses and agree report and recommendations Scrutiny Officer – to co-ordinate the review, provide independent research and develop briefing papers and final report.</p>
<p>23. How will we monitor progress and measure the success of the review? Project plan to monitor progress of review. Success of review to be determined by monitoring report 9-12 months after completing the review.</p>

Project Plan Proforma

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Departmental Link Officer		Contact Details	
KEY TASK	DETAILS/ACTIVITIES	TIMESCALES	RESPONSIBILITY
Scoping of Review			
Agree Project Plan			
Obtaining Evidence:			
Written evidence			
Oral Evidence			
Other type of evidence (e.g. questionnaire, focus group, public meeting)			
Publicity of Review			
Analysis of evidence/information			
Members decide recommendations and findings			
Initial considerations of draft report.		Circulate draft report to Members for consideration.	

KEY TASK	DETAILS/ACTIVITES	TIMESCALES	RESPONSIBILITY
Final agreement of draft report			
Circulate draft report to stakeholders & appropriate Cabinet Members			
Final agreement			All Members of the Committee
Report to Cabinet	Present final report with recommendations and findings		