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# **Children and Young People Select Committee**

**Review Title:** Bullying

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#### 1. Which of our strategic corporate objectives does this topic address?

All children and young people in Stockton-on-Tees should be assured of:

living in a safe and secure community where they are protected from harm, abuse, harassment, exploitation or neglect and have the chance to enjoy the opportunity to grow-up with their peer groups and friends.

(Children and Young People's Plan 2006-2009)

#### 2. What are the main issues?

Head teachers must by law have a policy to prevent all forms of bullying among pupils. Bullying figures may not be recorded in preference for alternative headings

#### 3. The Thematic Select Committee's overall AIM in doing this work is:

Improve recording and awareness of bullying in Stockton schools. Stimulate appropriate actions within schools.

#### 4. The main OBJECTIVES are:

Recording accurately incidences of bullying.

#### 5. The possible OUTPUTS (changes in service delivery) are:

Greater attention given to overcome incidences of bullying.

#### 6. The desirable OUTCOMES (benefits to the community) are:

Reduced occurrences of bullying amongst children and young people.

## 7. What specific value can scrutiny add to this topic?

Increased awareness of and greater publicity for tackling bullying.

#### 8. Who will the panel be trying to influence as part of their work?

Schools (Teachers / Governors); CESC; Safeguarding Board; Children's Trust Board

#### 9. Duration of enquiry?

1 month

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10. What category does the review fall into?	
Policy Review Policy Development	
External Partnership Performance Management	
Holding Executive to Account	
11. Extra Resources needed? Who is the nominated Democratic Services Officer?  DSO – Fiona Shaylor	
12. What secondary/existing information do we need? (include here background information, existing reports, updated reports, legislation, central government documents, etc.)	
Children and Young People's Plan 2006-2009; BULLYING IN SCHOOLS - Developing a Policy; BULLYING IN SCHOOLS - A positive Approach - Guidelines on Managing Bullying; BULLYING IN SCHOOLS - Resources; BULLYING TODAY: A Report by the Office of the Children's Commissioner;	
13. What primary/new evidence/information do we need? To be determined	
14. In what form do you want this evidence/information to be presented? (short presentation, executive summary, e-mail brief) Presentations; evidence pack;	
15. Who can provide us with further relevant evidence? (Cabinet Member/portfolio holder, officer, service user, general public, expert witness, etc.) Anti-Bullying Officer; Manager of Specialist Learning Support and P Ed Psych; Head of Strategy, CESC; Head Teachers; Governors.	
16. What specific areas do we want them to cover when they give evidence? Application of policies	
17. Where will evidence be taken and how? Education Centre – 1 day event.	
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?  To be determined	
19. What other processes can we use to feed into the review? (site visits/observations, face-to-face questioning, telephones survey, written questionnaire, etc.)  Not applicable	
20. How long will the review last? Are there specific time limits that need to be taken into consideration?	
10 days (to ensure report is presented at 12 April Cabinet).	
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)  Not applicable	

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- 22. How will tasks be divided between Members/Officers? (Please give name of each member or officer or other stakeholder when detailing each task)
- **23.** How will we monitor progress and measure the success of the review? Second stage of review to engage with children and young people regarding how best to tackle incidences of bullying.