

Children and Young People Select Committee

Review of “A Safer Place for Children”

Outline Scope

Scrutiny Chair (Project Director): Councillor Carol Clark
Scrutiny Officer (Project Manager): Councillor Norma Stephenson
Departmental Link Officer: Shaun McLurg
Finance Link Officer: N/A
Which of our strategic corporate objectives does this topic address? Council Plan Objective – Ensure effective multi-agency safeguarding for the most vulnerable children and young people
What are the main issues and overall aim of this review? Stockton-on-Tees Local Safeguarding Children Board’s Policy Guidelines <i>A Safer Place for Children</i> have been in place since July 2012. The Guidelines are intended to support organisations who are responsible for public setting such as libraries, neighbourhood centres and sports centres to seek to ensure that these public settings are a safe place for the children who use them. The Select Committee is tasked with conducting an independent review of Council policy with a view to commenting on whether the guidelines are appropriate or whether there should be any revisions to them. Following consultation, the Committee will consider whether the guidelines are appropriate or whether to recommend any changes to the guidelines.
The Committee will undertake the following key lines of enquiry: The Committee will review the full guidelines but will give specific consideration to the recommended age guidelines for public settings.
Who will the Committee be trying to influence as part of its work? Council Services and Commissioned Services, Voluntary and Community Sector, Local Safeguarding Board and Members agencies
Expected duration of review and key milestones: 2 months

What information do we need?

Existing information (background information, existing reports, legislation, central government documents, etc.):

Policy Guidance *A Safer Place for Children*

Who can provide us with further relevant evidence? (Cabinet Member, officer, service user, general public, expert witness, etc.)

What specific areas do we want them to cover when they give evidence?

Shaun McLurg

Background and Context

Steve Chaytor

View of Tees Active

Catalyst

VCS Perspective

Reuben Kench

Views of Library Service

Feedback from Council Services and Commissioned Services, Voluntary and Community Sector, Local Safeguarding Board and Members agencies on the guidelines and their applications

Views on guidelines and their application

How will this information be gathered? (eg. Financial baselining and analysis, benchmarking, site visits, face-to-face questioning, telephone survey, survey)

Committee Meeting discussion

Consultation letters to organisations and stakeholders

How will key partners and the public be involved in the review?

Key partners will be invited to contribute as outlined above.

How will the review help the Council meet the Public Sector Equality Duty?

The review will seek to ensure that there is no disadvantage of access to relevant services for protected groups.

How will the review contribute towards the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment, or the implementation of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy?

The work is relevant to the Strategy vision, particularly in relation to create and develop healthy and sustainable places and communities.

Provide an initial view as to how this review could lead to efficiencies, improvements and/or transformation:

Not applicable

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Project Plan

Chair (Project Director) Councillor Carol Clark	Scrutiny Officer (Project Manager) Judy Trainer
Departmental Link Officers Shaun McLurg	Finance Link Officer N/A

KEY TASK	DETAILS/ACTIVITIES	DATE	RESPONSIBILITY
Scoping of Review	Information gathering	April 2014	Scrutiny Officer Link Officer
Tri-Partite Meeting	Meeting to discuss aims and objectives of review	9 June 2014 4.30pm	Select Committee Chair and Vice Chair, Cabinet Member(s), Corporate Director(s), Scrutiny Officer, Link Officer
Agree Project Plan	Scope and Project Plan agreed by Committee	11 June 2014	Select Committee
Publicity of Review	Press Briefing at start of review	N/A	Chair, Link Officer, Press Officer Scrutiny Officer
Obtaining Evidence	Feedback from Council Services and Commissioned Services, Voluntary and Community Sector, Local Safeguarding Board and Members agencies	11 June 2014 19 June 2014	Select Committee

	Attendance by Tees Active, Libraries Services and Catalyst		
Members decide recommendations and findings	Review summary of findings and formulate draft recommendations	19 June 2014	Select Committee
Circulate Draft Report to Stakeholders	Circulation of Report	June 2014	Scrutiny Officer
Tri-Partite Meeting	Meeting to discuss findings of review and draft recommendations	1 July 2014	Select Committee Chair and Vice Chair, Cabinet Member(s), Corporate Director(s), Scrutiny Officer, Link Officer
Final Agreement of Report	Approval of final report by Committee	16 July 2014	Select Committee, Cabinet Member, Corporate Director
Consideration of Report by Executive Scrutiny Committee	Consideration of report	5 August 2014	Executive Scrutiny Committee
Report to Cabinet/Approving Body	Presentation of final report with recommendations for approval to Cabinet	11 September 2014	Cabinet/ Approving Body