

## Children and Young People Select Committee

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**Review Title:** Reducing the teenage conception rate in Stockton Borough

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

<p><b>11. Extra Resources needed? Who is the nominated Democratic Services Officer?</b> DSO – Fiona Shaylor</p>
<p><b>12. What secondary/existing information do we need? (include here background information, existing reports, updated reports, legislation, central government documents, etc.)</b> 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><b>13. What primary/new evidence/information do we need?</b> To be identified.</p>
<p><b>14. In what form do you want this evidence/information to be presented? (short presentation, executive summary, e-mail brief)</b> Presentations / briefing reports.</p>
<p><b>15. Who can provide us with further relevant evidence? (Cabinet Member/portfolio holder, officer, service user, general public, expert witness, etc.)</b> Health improvement partners, Schools (Head Teachers and School Governors), Youth Assembly, Sure Start, Connexions, and others to be identified (possibly young parents).</p>
<p><b>16. What specific areas do we want them to cover when they give evidence? (for exact questioning framework, see form ?)</b> To be determined.</p>
<p><b>17. Where will evidence be taken and how?</b> Committee meetings – discussions with witnesses.</p>
<p><b>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?</b> Not identified.</p>
<p><b>19. What other processes can we use to feed into the review? (site visits/observations, face-to-face questioning, telephones survey, written questionnaire, etc.)</b> Questionnaires.</p>
<p><b>20. How long will the review last? Are there specific time limits that need to be taken into consideration?</b> 3-4 months</p>
<p><b>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)</b> Press release (beginning and end of review)</p>
<p><b>22. How will tasks be divided between Members/Officers? (Please give name of each member or officer or other stakeholder when detailing each task)</b> 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><b>23. How will we monitor progress and measure the success of the review?</b> 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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KEY TASK	DETAILS/ACTIVITIES	TIMESCALES	RESPONSIBILITY
<b>Scoping of Review</b>			
Agree Project Plan			
<b>Obtaining Evidence:</b>			
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.		<b>Circulate draft report to Members for consideration.</b>	

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