

Arts, Leisure and Culture Select Committee

Update 24 September 2013

Update on Progress (including issues/problems/successes)

Scrutiny Review of Child Poverty

The Committee met on 24 July and were presented with the final draft scope and project plan for the review of child poverty for agreement. The review will focus on health and educational issues and seek to understand:

- The extent of child poverty in Stockton and related levels of need and impact
- The policies, services and interventions in place to address child poverty in Stockton in the context of national policy and evidence of best practice
- How well current policies, services and interventions address the extent of child poverty in Stockton and the related need, including any potential gaps
- The changes that may be made to policies, services and interventions based on best practice, national recommendations, evidence base and data

Members also received an introductory presentation regarding the definitions of child poverty, background and main issues from the Child Poverty Commission as well as a presentation on public health help and interventions.

The next meeting of the Committee to be held on 18 September will focus in more detail on Council and Public Health Services as well as the development of the Council's Family Poverty Framework. The meeting will examine the interventions available with reference to case studies.

Other Work

The Committee will also be receiving a progress update on their previous review of Marketing of Stockton Borough.