

AGENDA ITEM

**REPORT TO EXECUTIVE
SCRUTINY**

17 DECEMBER 2013

**REPORT OF CORPORATE
MANAGEMENT TEAM**

SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME – A SAFER PLACE FOR CHILDREN

SUMMARY

Executive Scrutiny Committee is asked to consider adding the guidance on a safer place for Children to the Scrutiny Work Programme.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that a task and finish group of Children and Young People Select Committee is established to examine this issue within the current municipal year.

DETAIL

1. In January, Cabinet formally adopted guidance *A Safer Place for Children* for member agencies to promote the safety of children in public settings such as libraries and neighbourhood centres. In adopting the guidance, Cabinet delegated responsibility for approving amended policies covering the various public settings run by or on behalf of Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council to the relevant Corporate Director and Lead Cabinet Member in consultation with the Corporate Director of Children, Education and Social Care.
2. In implementing this framework, it has become clear that there are a range of different policies and practices across the various organisations and it suggested that a piece of work is carried out to understand the differences and the extent to which the Council can influence other organisations.
3. Executive Scrutiny Committee are asked to consider adding this to the work programme during the current year. As all of the Select Committee are undertaking reviews, it is suggested that a task and finish group of Children and Young People Select Committee is established to undertake this work.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4. There are no direct financial or legal implications.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5. There are no legal implications at this stage.

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