

DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE

CHAMPION MEMBERS OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

1. That the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee appoint a Champion and Vice-Champion Councillor from the Committee to take a more pro-active focus in the Committee's work on one of each of the five outcome areas of Every Child Matters namely:
 - Be Healthy,
 - Stay Safe,
 - Enjoy and Achieve,
 - Make a Positive Contribution
 - Achieve Economic Well-Being).
2. Champion Members and Vice-Champion Members will be encouraged to shadow and observe appropriate meetings to enable them to hear first hand some of the issues that those practitioners, Children and Young People Directorate officers and indeed users of our services have to address.
3. Attendance at meetings will be by invitation only by the relevant Head of Service of the Children and Young People's Directorate.
4. Attendance at meetings will be no more than twice per school term during an academic year.
5. Members will be introduced to the group and given clarity over any acronym or professional jargon as requested but are there to observe and hear about the issues rather than use the meeting for a scrutinising interview.
6. Officers will ensure that should Members require casual clothing or outdoor gear to visit young people or a facility that Members will be notified well in advance.
7. Members are politely reminded of the need to safeguard children and young people's personal information and emotional well being particularly where these may be looked after children or children who are vulnerable. Members are therefore reminded of the Council's Constitution in this respect.
8. The Chairman, or in their absence the Vice-Chairman, be authorised to make any necessary administrative changes to the appointments.