



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

CORPORATE PARENTING JOINT SUB COMMISSION 23 February 2005

Report of the Director of Corporate Services

Work Plan 05

RECOMMENDATION

- 1.1 Members are asked to consider and adopt a work plan for the Sub Commission.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 2.1 The Council has a legal and moral duty to provide children looked after the same level of support that any good parent would to their own children. It should do its utmost to make sure that children in its care get a good start in life. The role of this Commission is to receive reports, presentations and other information to enable it to consider the extent to which the Council meets its statutory responsibility in relation to looked after children and how it is working corporately to make leisure, employment and housing opportunities available to young people. Since the Commission mainly meets on a quarterly basis, it is proposed that a cyclical work plan is established to maintain focus on the major aspects of the services. It should be noted that adopting a work plan should not restrict the Commission solely to these agenda items and it may consider other issues as appropriate.

Date	Subject
Feb 05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statistical information • Management visits to children's homes • Councillors' visits to children's homes • Children missing from care • CSCI inspection of children's homes report
April 05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statistical report • Adoption report • Educational/Gatsby report
28 June 05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statistical report • Health - children looked after • Offending - children looked after • Care leavers: accommodation or employment
Sept 05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statistical report • Participation and consultation • Young achievers awards • Management visits to children's homes

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Background papers: None
List of appendices: Appendix 1 - Implications

IMPLICATIONS

Financial

1.1 None.

Legal

2.1 None.

Personnel

3.1 None for the Council.

Equalities Impact

4.1 Looked after children are amongst the most vulnerable groups in the city.

Corporate Objectives and Priorities for Change

5.1 The report supports the Corporate Objectives of cost effective services and contributes to the Corporate Priority to protect and support people.