

Request for Scrutiny Work Programme Item

1	Title of Work Programme Item	Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Young People in Care
2	Responsible Director (s)	Bronwen Lacey, Director of Services for Children and Young People
3	Responsible Officer Tel No.	Mary Brimson, Head of Service Children Looked After
4	Relevant Cabinet Member(s)	Councillor Mrs Watkins, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People
5	Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review access to education for unaccompanied asylum seeking young people in care. • Review the accommodation for unaccompanied asylum seeking young people in care. • Review the process of age assessments undertaken for unaccompanied asylum seeking young people in care.
6	Who will benefit?	Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Young People in Care
7	Criteria for Choosing Topics (see table)	Safeguarding issue for looked after children as identified at the Corporate Parenting Group meeting of 20 October 2010.
8	What will happen if we don't do this review?	The needs of unaccompanied asylum seeking young people in care will not be addressed. Possibility of failing in statutory duty of care.
9	What are we going to do?	Task and finish group to take place over one day.
10	How are we going to do it? (witnesses, site visits, background information etc.)	Interviews with key witnesses and background research to include best practice from other authorities.
11	What we won't do.	The task and finish group will not look at immigration issues faced by the unaccompanied asylum seeking young people in care.
12	Timetable & Key Dates	To be decided.
13	Links to other projects or initiatives / plans	N/A
14	Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Panel / Membership if Task and Finish Group (to be decided by OSP before submission to OMB)	Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Panel.

15	Where will the report go? Who will make the final decision	Overview and Scrutiny Management Board.
16	Resources (staffing, research, experts, sites visits and so on)	Staffing from the Democratic Support Officer, Lead Officer and Head of Service Children Looked After. Policy officers for research.
17	Is this part of a statutory responsibility on the panel?	Yes
19	Should any other panel be involved in this review? If so who and why?	No
20	Will the task and finish group benefit from co-opting any person(s) onto the panel.	Some members of the Corporate Parenting Group will be invited to join the task and finish group.