

## Request for Scrutiny Work Programme Item

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

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