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**Councillor Joyce Barrow  
Young People's Scrutiny Committee Chairman**

**ANNUAL REPORT 2014-15  
YOUNG PEOPLE'S SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**1.0 Summary**

1.1 This is an overview of the work of the Young People's Scrutiny Committee during 2014-15 and its plans for the forthcoming year.

**2.0 What has been done?**

2.1 The Committee met formally on 8 occasions over the last year.

2.3 During the year the Committee has received reports on the following subjects:

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- Changes to the provision of Youth Services
- Scrutiny of the progress in delivering the Council's financial strategy
- Annual Report – Children's Safeguarding Board
- Child Sexual Exploitation
- Safeguarding & Taxi Licensing
- Annual Report - Looked After Children Education and Health
- Business Case – Redesign of Residential Provision
- Corporate Parenting
- Havenbrook Project – Short Breaks for Children on the edge of Care
- Independent Reviewing Officers Annual Report
- Pupil Premium for Looked After Children

- West Mercia Adoption Partnership
- Care Leavers Accommodation
- NEETS
- School Funding
- Schools Performance
- Special Education Needs, Reforms and Provision
- Children and Young Peoples Emotional Health and Wellbeing: the prevention agenda
- Health Update – Work being undertaken by Child Public Health Department
- Transfer of Commissioning Arrangements for 0-5's

2.4 The Committee also received and commented on regular updates on the performance of Children's Services including data on LAC, children on a child protection plan, children in need, referrals to safeguarding and educational outcomes.

2.5 The work of the Task and Finish Group on Childhood Obesity continued during the year and it will report its findings in Autumn 2015

2.7 In addition to the formal work of the Committee, the Chairman holds regular meetings with Portfolio Holders and Senior Officers to discuss matters that may merit scrutiny involvement.

### **3.0 Future Plans**

3.1 The Committee will continue to receive reports and have input on the transformation and redesign of elements of Children's Services as these are being rolled out.

3.2 The Committee will also continue to monitor the performance of Children's Services.

**List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)**

Reports to Young People's Scrutiny Committee

**Human Rights Act Appraisal**

The recommendations contained in this report are compatible with the provisions of the Human Rights act 1998

**Environmental Appraisal**

There are no environmental issues relating to this report.

**Risk Management Appraisal**

There are no risks associated with this report.

**Community / Consultations Appraisal**

Consultation is a component of Scrutiny work to collect information to support the development of conclusions and recommendations.

**Cabinet Members**

Councillor Ann Hartley, Portfolio Holder for Children's Services

Councillor Nick Bardsley, Deputy Portfolio Holder for Children's Services

Councillor Karen Calder, Portfolio Holder for Health

**Local Member/s**

All

**Appendices**

None