

## **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

### **Children and Families Scrutiny Panel**

1. To undertake the scrutiny of Children and Families Services in the City, including MASH, Early Help, Specialist & Core Service, looked after children, education and early years and youth offending services, unless they are forward plan items. In such circumstances members of the Children and Families Scrutiny Panel will be invited to the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee meeting where they are discussed.

Scrutiny of Children and Families Services in the City to include:

2. Monitoring the implementation and challenging the progress of the Council's action plan to address the recommendations made by Ofsted following their inspection of Children's Services in Southampton and review of Southampton Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) in July 2014.
3. Regular scrutiny of the performance of multi-agency arrangements for the provision of early help and services to children and their families.
4. Scrutiny of early years and education including the implementation of the Vision for Learning 2014 – 2024.
5. Scrutiny of the development and implementation of the Youth Justice Strategy developed by the Youth Offending Board.
6. Referring issues to the Chair of the LSCB and the Corporate Parenting Committee.