

Scrutiny Topic Registration

Name of person proposing topic: Cllr Anne Regan	Date: 3/11/08
Contact: Cllr Anne Regan	
Suggested title of topic: Information Report from the County Council Development Team – Karen Watson.	
What is the issue that scrutiny needs to address?	
<p>Explanation of CAF (Common Assessment Framework) within Cheltenham</p> <p>What are the success rates in Cheltenham compared with the rest of the County.?</p> <p>Are the agencies in Cheltenham working to full capacity?</p> <p>Explain the link to LAA indicators.</p>	
What do you feel could be achieved by a scrutiny review?	
<p>Raise awareness of CAF amongst the public.</p> <p>Explain how CAF works to resolve issues with young people when it becomes apparent that they are not achieving appropriate outcomes for their age.</p>	

Priority and urgency

Is the topic urgent?	N
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If so, please consider which of the following might apply:

Is there a strict time constraint?	
Is there currently high media coverage?	
Is there high public pressure to respond?	
Does it involve a high risk to the council?	
Any other reasons:	
Lack of Public Awareness	

Issues

Please consider whether the following might apply:

Is the topic important to the people of Cheltenham?	Y
Does the topic involve a poorly performing service or high public dissatisfaction with a service?	P
Is it related to the Council's corporate objectives?	N
Is it directly related to an item on the council workplan?	N
Has there been media interest in the topic?	N
Can scrutiny help in the development of council policy?	Y
Any other issues or details:	

Officer Implications (for office use)

Please give your comments on this proposed topic, for example is there any other similar review planned or in progress, are there any potential resource constraints etc

As a result of the Children Act 2004 it is national policy that top tier authority areas should roll out the Common Assessment Framework. This has happened in Gloucestershire over the past four years starting principally within schools and then rolling out to a wider range of agencies.

In April 2008 the Gloucestershire Children and Young People's Partnership adopted the CAF Protocol. Representatives on this Partnership which includes District Councils agreed to begin adopting the protocol by December 2008.

As a result talks have been held with the CAF Lead at the County and discussions have been had with BOD about how CBC can implement the CAF process. BOD noted that there were concerns about capacity and resource implications for implementing CAF.

The implications of implementing CAF are being worked through by Officers currently and plans are being put in place for 2009/10 to ensure implementation across the Council. We would hope that the Overview and Scrutiny Review will provide an assessment about how we can best do this, both in terms of our own provision and also how we support other agencies through Partnership working.

Links to Business Plan and Corporate Objectives or Risk Register	
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