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Template Scoping Document

Community Select Committee	
Scrutiny Review Title:	Support for Young People Review
Background issues to review – rationale for scrutinising this issue:	When Members considered their work programme for the 2026-27 Municipal Year at its meeting on 25 March 2026 it was agreed to include a review item on Support for Young People, and this should be endorsed at the Community Select Committees first meeting of the 2026-27 Municipal Year.
Is this issue covered by Corporate Plans?	Yes, it is one of the Council's Key Performance Indicators in its Corporate Performance suite.
Focus of the review: (State what the review focus will be)	Issues identified in a scoping discussion with the Chair and lead officers: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What support exists for young people in Stevenage, regarding issues like teen mental health?• What is happening around the Skills development locally?• Hear from young people – specifically the SBC Youth Mayor and various Youth forums, what are their aspirations and challenges and reach out to young people including at North Herts College• Hear from the voluntary sector who work with young people• See what is happening locally with NEETS (Young people Not in Employment Education or Training)• Where possible, within the time and resources available, adopt an Every Child Matters approach to the review
Timing issues: Are there any timing constraints to when the review can be carried out?	None that the Scrutiny Officer is aware of.
The Committee will meet on (provide	Dates: Day/Month/Time/Venue

<p>dates if known):</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June/July 2026 – CSC consider a draft scoping document and receive an officer presentation • Date – to be advised - Scope signed off by Committee and interview witnesses for evidence gathering – • Date - to be advised. continue to interview witnesses for evidence gathering. • Date - to be advised. Early recommendations and outline draft report to Select Committee • Date - to be advised - Final recommendations & report
<p>SBC Leads (list the Executive Portfolio Holders and SD’s Heads of Service who should appear as witnesses):</p>	<p><i>Officers have suggested the following people:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Executive Portfolio Holder(s) for Economy, Skills & Young People, Cllr Coleen De Freitas.</i> • <i>Enterprise & Skills Partnership Officer, Carol Richardson</i> • <i>Youth Mayor, Deputy Youth Mayor & Youth Panel</i> • <i>Health & Wellbeing Manager, Ryan Ansell</i> • <i>Director Housing & Neighbourhoods, Kerry Clifford</i>
<p>Any other witnesses (external persons/critical friend)?:</p>	<p>To be identified by the Committee at the scoping meeting. <i>Possible options identified by officers:</i></p> <p><i>To be advised by Officers regarding representative groups from across the community but could include:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>HCC (relevant lead officer)</i> • <i>Various representative voluntary sector groups working with Children and Young People</i>
<p>Allocation of lead Members on specific individual issues/questions:</p> <p>Any other Questions Members wish to cover:</p>	<p>To be identified by the Committee at the scoping meeting.</p> <p>Members will undertake their own desktop and fact-finding research and ask questions on the following areas (list the issues to address during the interviews):</p> <p><i>To be identified</i></p>
<p>Site visits and evidence gathering in the Community</p>	<p>To be arranged – The Chair and some CSC Members to meet a representative group of students to find out their views re the pressures and opportunities for young people.</p>

<p><u>Equalities and Diversity issues:</u> The review will consider what the relevant equalities and diversity issues are regarding the Scrutiny subject that is being scrutinised</p>	<p>It was agreed that the review would address equalities and diversity issues directly in the review.</p> <p><u>Equalities & Diversity Issues</u> – Are there any E&D issues to consider in this review? –</p> <p>As the review is primarily focused on young people this will be covered as the main focus of the review.</p>
<p><u>Constraints</u> (Issues that have been highlighted at the scoping stage but are too broad/detailed to be covered by the review):</p>	<p><i>To be identified by the Committee at the scoping meeting on 7 July 2026 and when the Committee receives a presentation from officers at its meeting on 23 July 2026 (These issues can be captured and dealt with via other means – Briefings/email/officer action etc)</i></p>
<p><u>Background Documents/data</u> that can be provided to the review</p>	<p><i>As identified by the Committee at the draft scoping meeting June/July 2026:</i> Evidence requested:</p>
<p><u>Agreed Milestones and review sign off</u> -To be agreed by Members and officers</p>	<p><i>Formal response from Cabinet Portfolio Holder (Executives have a Statutory requirement to respond to Scrutiny review recommendations two months after receiving a final report and recommendations of a review: Date Cabinet0 Portfolio responses are expected (dependent on the final report & executive portfolio response template publishing date):DD MM YY</i></p> <p><i>Date for monitoring implementation of recommendations – final sign off (typically one year from completion of the review): DD MM YY (Close to this date the Select Committee will receive a report at a Committee meeting to agree the final sign off of the review recommendations)</i></p>