

<b>Item No:</b>	<b>Classification</b> : OPEN	<b>Date:</b> 7 March 2012	<b>Meeting Name:</b> Education and Children's Services Scrutiny sub committee
<b>Report Title:</b>		Preparing for the scrutiny interview	
<b>Ward(s) or Group affected:</b>		All	
<b>From:</b>		Scrutiny project manager	

## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

1. The Cabinet member for Children's Services: Cllr Catherine McDonald annual interview with the Education and Children's Services scrutiny sub committee is scheduled for 7 March 2012. Extracts from the Council plans are set out in Appendix 1
  
2. Members of the committee have chosen 8 themes to structure the interview around:
  1. The Children and Young Peoples Plan - this will be done with the young people from Southwark Youth Council and Speakerbox
  2. Mentoring, apprenticeships, and employment support for young people (particularly work done by regeneration stakeholders and the number of placements offered to young people in the Borough as opposed to outside the Borough; and the rate of pay given to young people)
  3. Gangs and the 1000 most disruptive families
  4. Free school meals - linking this to the recent scrutiny report on obesity and sports
  5. Traffic safety
  6. Changes to Delivery Arrangements for the Youth Service
  7. Hate crime - prevention and support for victims
  8. The cabinet member's portfolio with reference to council plan
  
3. OSC agreed to use cabinet member interviews to raise performance questions based on the council plan. These will be incorporated into the themes. The Cabinet member's formal responsibilities are set out at Appendix 1 Schedule E Council Plan: Measures for Children's Services