COMMUNITY & ADULT SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

P.I.C.K. CHECKLIST

The P.I.C.K. criteria describes broad categories within which the scope and design of scrutiny investigation can be tailored to meet specific circumstances.

PROPOSED TOPIC: Closer to Home Strategy	**PROPOSED BY: Councillor Lent, supported by CASSC**

P – PUBLIC INTEREST

Criteria	Yes/No	Comments/ Evidence
1. There is evidence of significant public interest in this topic?	Potentially	This is an issue that does not receive much publicity, but the issue could potentially have significant public interest.
2. It is a "high profile" topic for specific local communities or interest groups?	Yes	The impact of decisions on the lives of a group of individuals with additional needs/requirements is considerable.
3. This is an area where a lot of complaints are received and/or bad press?	Potentially	If not investigated, this has the potential to be problematic and generate a number of complaints.
4. The review would need to include participatory events and opportunities for the local community to have a say.	Yes	Parents/Carers of young people in Cardiff and out-of-county provision; Individuals in placements; and Social work Teams dealing with the issue
5. Substantial survey or research work is required.	Yes	Desk-based research – identifying policies/approaches adopted in other local authorities

I – IMPACT

Criteria	Yes/No	Comments/ Evidence
6. This review will have a significant impact on the "well being" of Cardiff	No	
7. A local community or interest group has much to gain or lose	Yes	There is a huge amount for individuals to lose in terms of their quality of life should a change in practice not be implemented and communicated effectively. Also, in terms of reputational damage there is also a potential for impact to the Council itself.
8. Work is needed to develop the routes to influencing change		
9. This could make a big difference to the way services are delivered	Yes	There is a need to identify and consider whether there has been a change in policy/direction, what are the drivers for this; and what effect this has on the lives of individuals who have very specific needs/requirements. How is this going to be delivered, communicated etc, AND meet SSWB Act requirements.
10. This could make a big difference to the way resources are used.	Yes	Savings vs quality of life. It is acknowledged that there are huge pressures on resources and how this will be dealt with going forward.

C – COUNCIL PERFORMANCE

Criteria	Yes/No	Comments/ Evidence
11. The Council and/or other organisations are not performing well in this area.		This would be considered as part of the Inquiry
12. We do not understand why performance in poor compared to other organisations		

13. We are performing well, but spending too much of our resources in this area		
14. There are few local or national performance measures/targets for this service	Yes	Need to identify what criteria is being used to assess the suitability of the out-of-county placement across the lifetime of care package on offer.
15. How does this issue impact on the Council's main priorities?	Yes	Capital Ambition states that *"This Administration is committed to working with partners in the public and third sectors to continue to improve our services and support for our most vulnerable citizens, including older people, individuals with learning or physical disabilities, those living with mental ill-health, or substance misuse"*. It includes a commitment to "*Provide the **highest quality of social care possible,** in practice and delivery"*.

K – KEEPING IN CONTEXT

Criteria	Yes/No	Comments/ Evidence
16. This service will not be part of a BV review or external inspection in the next two years		To be identified through the Inquiry process
17. The service will be reviewed or inspected soon, but Scrutiny can make a positive contribution by focussing areas of interest and making recommendations.		To be identified through the Inquiry process.
18. This service has not recently been reviewed or inspected		To be identified through the Inquiry process
19. There are no current major changes to the service that reduce or pre-empt the value of the review		To be identified through the Inquiry process

20. Service Changes are planned and Scrutiny can positively influence change.		To be identified through the Inquiry process

PICK Review undertaken by Scrutiny Committee Chair and Chief Scrutiny Officer

Date: _____

Based on the above Criteria, is this topic recommended for a Scrutiny Inquiry or Short Scrutiny Study?	**YES / NO**
Suggested Type of Scrutiny Investigation	**INQUIRY/ SHORT STUDY**