

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CORPORATE AND PARTNERSHIPS OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

31 January 2011

Work Programme and Forward Plan

1.0 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To invite the Committee to consider the work programme.

2.0 Scope of the Committee

- 2.1. Under the Council's constitution the scope of this Committee is defined as

“the Council's corporate organisation and structure, resource allocation, asset management, procurement policy, people strategy, equality and diversity, performance management, communications and access to services.

Partnership working, community development, community engagement, community strategies and community safety (the designated Crime and Disorder Committee)”.

3.0 Access for Rural Services, Big Society, Rural Post Offices

- 3.1. At the last meeting the Committee appointed a Task Group to look at access to services focusing on community managed resources, building community capacity, sustainable broadband lead transformation and the aspirations of the Big Society.
- 3.2. The Task Group has been invited to stay behind at the close of the Committee to discuss the direction of the project, agree dates – more how we go about the work rather than delving into detail.
- 3.3. I have discussed this project informally with the Chairman. Our initial thoughts for a possible objective might be to outline and describe the “building blocks” that help the County Council foster a Big Society culture, respond to and promote community interest in running services and contributing generally to civic life. Such blocks or themes might include, for example, sustainable broadband, access to advice and expertise, capacity and scale of service envisaged, governance and accountability issues, solid volunteering base and so on. Also key will be how the County Council supports its Members as community leaders to best carry out what will undoubtedly prove a pivotal role.
- 3.4. The Coalition Government has recently published its vision for Social Care. This stresses the importance of putting people at the heart of their own care. The message running through this vision is that Social Care is not about ‘them’ - it is

about us all. This has implications for your work on Access to Services in that individuals not institutions are encouraged to take control of their care needs by diverse service provision and a broad market of high quality service providers.

- 3.5. Whilst these pieces of Scrutiny work are therefore connected, arguably they are best kept separate. We will however ensure that information, findings and conclusions from each review informs the other.

4.0 Community Safety: Strategic Leaders

- 4.1. I can now confirm that Peter Brown, the Chief Probation Officer, has accepted the Chairman's invitation to be present at the March meeting of the Committee.
- 4.2. This is part of the previous Safe and Sustainable Scrutiny Committees' decision to invite relevant strategic leaders to report on community safety activity generally, their views of the status, progress and achievements of the Safer Communities Forum and also highlight areas within their work which might be of interest to the Committee.

5.0 Recommendation

- 5.1. The Committee is recommended to review the work programme in the light of this report.

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Background Documents: None

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In-depth Scrutiny Projects

SUBJECT	AIMS/TERMS OF REFERENCE	ACTION/BY WHOM	TIMESCALES
DAAT review and drugs alcohol services/support	<p>Work in three phases - Initial report assessment of commitment/progress. Second structural "total place" analysis, third balance of alcohol drugs activity.</p> <p>Committee invited to re-appoint or replace the Members appointed to work jointly with Care and Independence Overview and Scrutiny Committee Members on this subject.</p>	Seamus Breen / Cllr Tony Hall / Ray Busby	Task Group meeting arranged for 24 February
Citizens Panel	<p>Referred by the Executive. Review of the current status of the Citizens Panel. This would include an assessment of the value of this resource, what evidence is there that the results are being used by directorates to inform service planning</p> <p>Your Group Spokespersons agreed that a report on this topic be submitted to the meeting on.</p>	Hugh Williamson / Neil Irving	Monday, 31 January
Future Performance Monitoring Arrangements	Proposition on the performance management information it would be most appropriate for the authority to retain or develop in future financial years.	Hugh Williamson	Monday, 28 March 2011
Partnerships Contribution and Resources	Reviews the annual report on partnership monitoring arrangements and any subsequent decisions taken by the Executive, prior to considering what additional work, if any, may be required.	John Moore/ Neil Irving/ Gary Fielding	second half of 2011
Access to Services	<p>Looking at community managed resources, building community capacity, sustainable Broadband-led transformation and the aspirations of the Big Society</p> <p>Task Group appointed: Cllrs John McCartney, Val Arnold, Geoff Webber, Brian Simpson, Liz Casling, David Jeffels. Initial meeting to start work: 31 January 2011</p>	Neil Irving/ Gary Fielding	

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Overview Reports

SUBJECT	AIMS/TERMS OF REFERENCE	ACTION/BY WHOM	TIMESCALES
NYSP Community Safety Agreement	Reviewed annually as part of Crime and Disorder designation.	Neil Irving / Chair Safer Communities Forum	Autumn 2011
Area Committees	Follow up reports remains to be scheduled.		To be decided
Council Plan	This work be directed more towards a post-implementation review of how the Council Plan was developed with a view to making recommendations on how it (the product and the process) can be improved in future.	Neil Irving	13 June 2011
Sustainable Communities Strategy	Statutory requirement on work on the LAA removed. Committee to be consulted during development of SCS – timetable to be determined. A watching brief only be made on the examination and preparation of possible key indicators on partnership working.	Neil Irving	To be determined
Executive Members Update	Schedule alternately	Cllr Carl Les	28 March 2011
Leader of organisations attend to explain commitment/contribution to Community Safety/Safer Communities Forum	Key feature of Designated Crime and Disorder committee. Programme be drafted for attendance of strategic leaders at forthcoming meetings.	Ray Busby	Probation Service to return in Spring 2011 (31 March 2011 possibility)
Enhanced two tier working	Joint meeting with representatives of District & Borough Councils deferred. This has been deferred pending results of discussions on shared services and future collaboration.	Gary Fielding	To be determined
Equality – taking into account anticipated new public sector equalities duties.	Monitor compliance	Neil Irving	Twice a year 28 March 2011
Corporate Risk Register	Reported at the appropriate time.	John Moore	12 September 2011
Health and Safety – 2010/2011	Includes Public Liability – reported annually.	John Moore	Annual Report 13 June 2011
Annual Procurement Report	Annual report including Sustainable procurement for Directorates within NYCC and in respect of property and highways works.	John Moore	Annual Report 12 September 2011
Property	To be agreed.	John Moore	13 June 2011

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Communications Strategy	Further dates to be discussed.	Helen Edwards	Not decided
Community Engagement/Duty to Involve	A key part of the Committee's Work Programme but no decision has yet been made on when a report be submitted.	Neil Irving	Not decided
Scrutiny and the Budget Process	Proposals be drafted for consideration at the Committee that this work be directed more towards a post-implementation review of how budget information was made available to Members, i.e. a snapshot / satisfaction assessment.	John Moore/Gary Fielding	Scope and approach considered at Mid Cycle in March
HR Annual Report	Overview and update of HR internal communication.	Justine Brooksbank / Helen Edwards	To be decided
Volunteers Policy	To consider the development of a policy for how the authority manages the support it gives for volunteers.	John Moore / Geoff Wall	28 March 2011
Information Governance	An update in respect of how the County Council protects and develops the security, quality and management of its information.	Fiona Sowerby	31 January 2011

	2011/12						
<i>Scheduled Committee Meetings</i>	31 January <i>10:30 am</i>	28 March <i>10:30 am</i>	13 June <i>10:30 am</i>	12 September <i>10:30 am</i>	14 November <i>10:30 am</i>	23 January <i>10:30 am</i>	19 March <i>10:30 am</i>
<i>Scheduled Agenda Briefing</i>	31 January <i>9:30 am</i>	28 March <i>9:30 am</i>	13 June <i>9:30 am</i>	12 September <i>9:30 am</i>	14 November <i>9:30 am</i>	23 January <i>9:30 am</i>	19 March <i>9:30 am</i>
<i>Scheduled Mid Cycle</i>	28 February <i>10:30 am</i>	3 May <i>10:30 am</i>	19 July <i>10:30 am</i>	17 October <i>10:30 am</i>	12 December <i>10:30 am</i>	10 February <i>10:30 am</i>	21 May <i>10:30 am</i>