

North Yorkshire County Council

Corporate and Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny Committee

22 April 2013

Work Programme

1 Purpose of the Report

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

2 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 Scheduled Committee Dates

- 3.1 Forthcoming Committee dates for 2013 and 2014 are:

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- 1 July 2013, 10:30am
 - 1 November 2013, 10:30am
 - 3 February 2014, 10:30am
 - 28 April 2014, 10:30am

4 Updates

4.1 Libraries

- 4.1.1 Group spokespersons were provided with an update on the progress made by library services and the work under way in redefining a new medium-term strategy for the service.

- 4.1.2 Nine libraries are now community-led (Category 3) and delivered with NYCC support. All have either increased or maintained their former Council-funded opening hours, with a corresponding increase in visits and new membership. Volunteers and partners (e.g. District and Parish Councils) are providing

additional opening hours at nine of the Category 2 libraries (libraries in the smaller market towns); outside of these nine, opening hours have decreased. The reduction in hours of libraries in key service centres (Category 1) has had an adverse impact on their overall performance in terms of footfall and new membership.

- 4.1.3 Overall the number of volunteers has increased by over 100% from 16,000 hours in 2011/12 to 37,000 in 2012/13.
- 4.1.4 The Supermobile library now carries out fortnightly stops to 21 remote communities. Half of these are performing above expectation whilst the remainder are behind expectations. Three stops in the county are at risk of being withdrawn due to their very limited patronage.
- 4.1.5 The library service is continuing its programme of co-locating its premises e.g. into Children's Centres and Extra Care developments. It is also increasing the pace at which libraries are taking on frontline Customer Services. A new strategy will be developed to take into account all these recent and on-going changes to the library service.

4.2 Corporate Performance Management Framework

- 4.2.1 At the Mid Cycle briefing meeting your Group Spokespersons also received a report on the implementation of the Corporate Performance Management Framework for the Council.
- 4.2.2 The principle of the new framework is to have a clear strategic fit throughout the organisation from the high level strategic plans (Council Plan etc.), down through service plans, to teams and individuals. The format of the quarterly performance monitoring reports to the Executive will be changed accordingly.
- 4.2.3 Groupspokespersons noted that a future item for the Committee in the new Council could be to review a selection of service plans to establish the impact that they have had upon shaping day to day service operations, and if they have brought about cultural change amongst staff.

5 Recommendation

- 5.1 That Members note the work programme.
- 5.2 That the Corporate & Partnerships Overview & Scrutiny Committee in the new council be asked to consider taking forward the items in the current work programme listed in Appendix 1.

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Background documents: None

Annexes:

Appendix 1: Work Programme Schedule 2013

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In-depth Scrutiny Projects

SUBJECT	AIMS/TERMS OF REFERENCE	ACTION/BY WHOM	TIMESCALES
One Council	<p>Have an in-depth focus on the One Council Vision/programme and reporting schedules, in particular:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The future organisational model • Customer Access • Programme performance - with a focus on financial savings • Cultural change agenda <p>A Task Group has been appointed and met on 19 October 2011, 16 November, 8 February 2012, 5 March, 2 May, 16 July, 9 August, 10 September, 30 November and 21 January 2013</p> <p>The next meeting will be held on 22 April on the rise of the Committee meeting.</p>	Rob Polkinghorne	Regular progress updates
Alcohol Related Harm	<p>Review the arrangements in the county for tackling the effects of alcohol misuse, including preventative services against a backcloth of changed structural arrangements within the National Health Service.</p> <p>To date work has progressed on an alcohol needs assessment with a view to developing a high level alcohol harm reduction strategy to give direction and focus on future commissioning intentions.</p>	Joint task group with the Care and independence Overview & Scrutiny Committee	<i>Progress update provided on 21 January in the work programme report</i>

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Overview Reports

SUBJECT	AIMS/TERMS OF REFERENCE	ACTION/BY WHOM	TIMESCALES
Property	Receive annual report	Gary Fielding	To be determined in the new Council
Procurement	Receive annual report	Gary Fielding	To be determined in the new Council
Health & Safety and Insurance Claims	Receive annual report	Gary Fielding	To be determined in the new Council
Corporate Performance Management Framework	Monitor the implementation of the new framework, including reviewing a selection of service plans to establish the impact that they have had upon shaping day to day service operations and promoting cultural change amongst staff	Gary Fielding	To be determined in the new Council
Council Plan	Look at the achievements of the past year in relation to the current Council Plan and make suggestions for future improvements to be included in the 2014/17 Council Plan Comment on the draft 2014/17 Council Plan	Neil Irving	To be determined in the new Council
HR update	Receive annual report	Justine Brooksbank	To be determined in the new Council
Community Safety Agreement 2013/14	Reviewed annually as part of the Committee's Crime & Disorder Committee designation	Neil Irving	To be determined in the new Council
Leader of organisations attend to explain commitment/contribution to Community Safety/Safer Communities Forum	Key feature of Designated Crime and Disorder Committee - attendance of strategic leaders at forthcoming meetings	Corporate Development Officer	To be determined in the new Council
Communications Strategy	Update on resident communications and other communications initiatives	Helen Edwards	To be determined in the new Council
Libraries	Receive future updates in particular on the revision of the Library Service's future strategy	Julie Blaisdale	To be determined in the new Council

Scheduled Mid Cycle		3 June 2013 10:30am	7 Oct 2013 10:30am	6 Jan 2014 10:30am	10 March 2014 10:30am
Scheduled Committee Meetings (agenda briefings to be held at 9.30am on the same day unless otherwise announced)	22 April 2013 10.30am	1 July 2013 10.30am	1 Nov 2013 10.30am	3 Feb 2014 10.30am	28 April 2014 10.30am