

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
YOUNG PEOPLE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

22nd September 2006

Work Programme Report

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To obtain the Committee's decision on items included in the Work Programme (attached at Annex A)
- 1.2 To advise the Committee on the outcomes following the first Triumvirate Group Meeting held between Scrutiny Chair, Vice Chair, Executive Members and Corporate Director of the Children & Young Peoples Service
- 1.3 To advise the Committee of the matters discussed at the last Mid Cycle Briefing

2.0 Seminar on the SEN & Behaviour Provision Review

The briefing session and presentation by Corporate Director of Children & Young Peoples Service provided a very constructive discussion base, with members present raising some very pertinent points. Members said they felt reassured by the presentation and answers given by the Corporate Director.

3.0 Triumvirate Group Meeting (Trig Meeting)

The first meeting between the Young People Overview & Scrutiny Chairman, Vice Chair, Corporate Director and Executive Members for Children & Young Peoples Service was arranged in August.

Discussion topics focused on how scrutiny could be better informed on the key priorities facing the Directorate and to strengthen the link between the Committee and Executive Members.

The following outcomes reached are:-

- The key priorities of the Directorate were discussed which the Committee may wish to consider when producing their 2007/8 Work Programme.
- Progress Report by Executive Member will be presented at each committee meeting.
- The Trig meeting should include the Group Spokesperson.
- The date of the next meeting will be in March 2007.
- This meeting will initially be separate to those held for Mid-Cycle Briefings.

4.0 Mid-Cycle Briefing – 31st August 2006

Items covered at the Mid-Cycle Briefing are as follows:-

Corporate Parenting Group chairman Cllr Paul Richardson briefed members on the progress being made by this newly developed group and that an Annual Report will be presented to the Young People Overview & Scrutiny Committee in December 2006.

Scrutiny Review – Sex & Relationship Education

Members are keen to arrange for the distribution of their in-depth report on Sex & Relationship Education and to work through the recommendations of the Committee. The Corporate Director of the Children & Young Peoples Service proposed that this piece of work is undertaken with Katharine Bruce.

Draft Policy - Criminal Records Disclosure Service

The Chairman asked that this draft document is brought to the next full committee in September for their consideration and comments.

Special Education Needs

The Corporate Director confirmed that arrangements for a further Members seminar on the SEN consultation are in place and this is planned for the 25th October. The Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee will have an opportunity to comment on the proposals mid November, and tentative arrangements have been made for the 15th November.

Democracy Week

Members were advised of the arrangements in relation to developing democracy for young people in North Yorkshire. Plans are underway to build a Democracy Wall here at County Hall. There will be events being held in each of the seven Districts to which local members will be invited to meet and engage with the young people who have been involved with confidence building session and 'brick' scribing solutions. (Please see attached at annex B – Local Democracy Wall). The date of the 'wall building' has yet to be confirmed but is likely to be held during October half term week.

The Chairman is keen to ensure that all Members of the County Council are made aware of these events and that they are kept informed of developments.

Members should note that the Young People Overview & Scrutiny Committee will be invited to attend the 'brick building' event .

5.0 **Sports Provision the next in-depth Scrutiny Review**

The very recent CPA and JAR inspections have put an increased pressure on County Council Officers and it was therefore decided to wait until after these inspections had taken place before proceeding with the committee's next in-depth scrutiny review.

Members are advised that arrangements are now underway for a Members Seminar on Sports Provision which is aimed at providing further knowledge and information on this particularly important topic

area. Provisional arrangements are being focused around the 20th October.

The committee will be aware that this topic is linked to the Children & Young Peoples Plan, page 18, Be Healthy objective 1:1 – encourage and enable children and young people to take physical exercise and to participate in sport and leisure.

Members will have also heard that access to high quality PE and School Sports within and for two hours beyond the curriculum each week is a proposed stretch target under the Local Area Agreement for Children & Young People

6.0 **Work Programme**

Members of the Committee are advised that work will commence in the autumn to identify and confirm overview/scrutiny topics for the 2007/08 work programme using the Children & Young Peoples Plan as a baseline.

Agreement was reached that with effect from January 2007 the Work Programme Report should be dealt with earlier on the agenda and it is thought that this item would usefully follow the Executive's Progress Report.

Recommendation

6.0 The Committee is asked to:

- Confirm, amend, or add to the list of matters covered by the current work programme (Annex A)
- Note the information in this report

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Background Documents: none

Annexes: A Work Programme
B Local Democracy Wall

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WORK PROGRAMME – 2006 / 2007**

SUBJECT	AIMS/TERMS OF REFERENCE	ACTION/BY WHOM	TIMESCALES
In-depth Scrutiny Projects			
Look back exercise	Committee Members to undertake a Look Back exercise to analyse the work of the committee	Chairman and Scrutiny Support Officer Report back to Committee September	June 06
Children & Young Peoples Service - Healthy Children	Theme II Sports Provision and Safe Places to Play	Briefing Seminar and Scoping exercise in preparation for the committees next in-depth Scrutiny Review.	Aug 06
Surplus School Places	Members to learn how North Yorkshire is dealing with the fall in roll numbers and the future impact on its Primary and Secondary Schools	Corporate Director of Children & young Peoples Service	Sept 06
Overview Reports			
Joint Area Review	Briefing and explanation for members of the committee on the completed Self Assessment, together with an understanding of the JAR process	Corporate Director of Children & Young Peoples Service	June 06
Youth Service	Briefing on North Yorkshire's consultation process for involving, and encouraging participation of young people in service development/policy.	Head of Community Education and Head of Youth Service	June 06
Community Education	Members from both Young People and Economic Development O&SC to receive an Interim Report on implementing the new Community Education model.	Corporate Director of Children & Young Peoples Service and Head of Community Education	7th Sept 06 Joint sub committee meeting
Children & Young Peoples Champion	Annual Report from the Children & Young Peoples Champion	Cllr Tony Hall	Sept 06
Children's Social Care	Briefing on the Integration of Children & Families Social Care with the Children & Young Peoples Service	Paul Nixon, Head of Children's Social Care	Sept 06

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Criminal Records Disclosure Service	Overview and comment by the Committee on the draft Policy document for the Criminal Records Disclosure Service in North Yorkshire County Council.	Judith Johnson	Sept 06
Local Area Agreement	Briefing on the targets and stretch targets which form part of the Local Area Agreement under Children & Young People	Corporate Director of Children & Young Peoples Service	Sept 06
Children & Young Peoples Service	Briefing on the priorities for "Enjoying and Achieving"	Corporate Director of Children & Young Peoples Service	Dec 06
Youth Justice	Explanation and briefing on the YOT Inspection to the Committee	Manager of the Youth Offending Team Service	Dec 06
Corporate Parenting Group	Annual Report from the Chairman of the Corporate Parenting Group	Cllr Paul Richardson, Chairman of Corporate Parenting Group and Lead Member	Dec 06
Children & Young Peoples Service	Briefing on the outcome of the Joint Area Review Inspection	Corporate Director of Children & Young Peoples Service	?Dec 06
Health & Safety Executive Report	Outcome of the HSE report on the Manchester Cave tragedy.	Corporate Director of Children & Young Peoples Service	?Dec06
Transition to Adult Services.	Briefing on transition arrangements for:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Looked after Children • Children & young people with disabilities • Children & adolescent mental health 	Children & Young Peoples Service and Primary Care Trust(s)	Jan 07

Local Democracy Wall

Purpose: - To engage young people in local democracy and the political process by holding a Democracy Wall event and linking this event to the wider work programme of our Youth Service, in terms of consulting and engaging with young people; the intention being to ensure that the County Council improves the participation of young people in the local democratic process, forming an ongoing programme marking the immediate period around Local Democracy Week and Local Democracy Year.

Sequence of events:-

- **Preliminary sessions in the 7 districts** (3-4 wks before event at County Hall: w/c 2/9/16th October)
Prior to the session: Young People Development Workers or Ian Marr to identify and recruit specific groups of young people to form 1 consultative group per district. Dates to be set [details to be arr. for 22/9/06].

Session to last approx. 2 hrs, with local Member involvement. Local media to be invited. Session to comprise:- a) teaching/confidence building session and (b) brick-scribing: solutions for tackling the barriers. Each group to produce 9-10 solutions to be scribed on the bricks.



- **1 day event at County Hall: 'building the Local Democracy Wall'**
(date to be arr. in October half-term week)
The Campaigns Company to provide the bricks and facilitate the event in partnership with the Youth Service and the Communications Unit. Minimum of 20 young people participating from the 7 consultative groups to bring the inscribed bricks from the preliminary sessions to County Hall to construct the Democracy Wall. Event to last approx 1.5hrs: 30mins for wall-building and 1 hr for discussion/debate
a) Wall to be 'built' either by the steps of County Hall for full symbolic blockading effect, or a prominent photogenic area inside if poor weather. Media to be invited/Comms. Unit to arrange (30 mins).
b) Discussion/debating events to take place to appraise and test the viability of the ideas/voting (1hr.).
The Council Leader to play a prominent role. He will be allowed to break through and enter but on condition that he listens to what the writers have to say and the solution that the young people have agreed they would like to see from the Council re. political processes. Also seek involvement of Portfolio Holder/Young People Scrutiny Committee Members/Young Persons Champion/John Marsden/Cynthia Welbourn.

Next steps: developing scrutiny & consultative skills: .

Residential weekend (being planned as part of the Youth Service's work programme with young people). Part of the weekend to develop the **young peoples' scrutiny and consultative skills**, in preparation for forming a **Young Persons Select Committee** or equivalent, as part of an ongoing programme beyond the period of Local Democracy Week.