

**NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**YOUNG PEOPLE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**20<sup>th</sup> April 2007**

**Work Programme Report**

**1.0 Purpose of Report**

This report asks the Committee to:

- (a) note the information in this report
- (b) confirm, amend or add to the list of matters shown on the work programme (attached at Annex A)

**2.0 Post Implementation Review (PIR) Task Group Meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2007**

Members of the Task Group met to consider the Post Implementation Review Reports from the Adult Learning and 4Youth Services. Having considered the information set out in the report the Task Group agreed to sign off the Post Implementation Review Reports on the new management arrangements with some reservations.

However, it was felt that there is still an opportunity to monitor the effectiveness of these revised services, and agreement was reached that these would be better dealt with under the auspices of either Economic Development and Regeneration or the Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committees.

**3.0 Mid Cycle Briefing- 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2007**

Members had requested a briefing on the 4Youth Services Youth Work Plan 2006-2009.

The Head of 4Youth Services explained that restructuring of the service to meet future needs had been undertaken recently and that 11 Area Teams have been established across the County. Area Youth Team Leader posts (AYWTL) have been created to manage youth work locally and to provide accountability both locally and at a County level.

It was proposed that '4Youth Area Development Forums' (or some similar name) could be established with the aim of informing and involving Members at a local level. The idea being that the Yawl's could bring together, key youth workers, young people, and their local member(s) on a couple of occasions a year. It was considered that this would be a very effective way of ensuring Members are involved and therefore part of the planning process.

**5.0 In-Depth Scrutiny Reviews**

## **Sports Provision and Participation**

Members of the Task Group have been involved in several areas of work over the past month for example:

- ❖ Consultation with Officer on Looked After Children and the opportunities LAC have in relation to sport. Agreement was reached that an audit would be undertaken to obtain the views of LAC on sports participation, what are their barriers to increased participation and the types of sport that would interest them.
- ❖ Further consultation with Chair of the Partnership Development Managers on evaluating and measuring increased participation.
- ❖ Consultation with Partnership Development Manager based at Mowbray School and lead for Children with Special Needs
- ❖ Visit to Newby & Scalby Primary School to meet with groups of year 6 children, the head teacher and chair of governors to learn how the children and the school use and include their Outdoor Education residential experience back in the classroom.

## **Outdoor Education Service**

At the last committee meeting, members agreed to undertake a discrete piece of scrutiny work on the Outdoor Education Service. This was supported by both Executive Members. The review would need to run concurrently with the scrutiny review on Sports Provision and Participation. It is anticipated that an Interim Report will be prepared by the beginning of May with further work still to be undertaken.

The aims of the review is to look at the value of Outdoor Education for children and young people, the challenges and priorities facing the service and future developments.

### **6.0 Next Committee Meeting – 15<sup>th</sup> May**

The Chairman has invited, for the next meeting in May, representatives from the North Yorkshire and York PCT to brief members on health improvement issues for children and young people and the North Yorkshire Police Community Safety Officer to inform the committee on their work with young people across the county.

Members will of course be aware that the Children & Young Peoples Service works closely with a large number of partner organisations who together develop and implement improved outcomes for children and young people.

## **Recommendation**

6.0 The Committee is asked to:

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Annexes: Annexe a Work Programme