### NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### YOUNG PEOPLE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

### 28<sup>th</sup> September 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 Work Programme 2007/2008

At the last meeting of the Committee the Chairman explained that the items listed on the Work Programme were not in any particular order, were Overview Reports unless otherwise stated, and that some of the matters would be dealt with through the Mid Cycle Briefing. The Chairman went on to say that the Committee has a very wide remit and it is important they are kept up to date in relation to recent developments and changes in government policy.

Members comments in relation to the number of items on the Work Programme and the prioritisation and grading of particular topic issues have been taken into account in developing the Committee's Work Programme for 2008.

At an earlier committee meeting the Chairman confirmed that the Mid Cycle Briefings are open to all members of the committee and an email copy of the Mid Cycle Briefing agenda will be circulated accordingly. Items already planned for the 2008 Mid Cycle briefings are attached at Annex B (Mid Cycle Briefing Work Planner). This is a working document and will therefore be subject to change.

### 3.0 Committee Meeting dates and Mid Cycle Briefings 2008

The Calendar of Meeting dates is being finalised and the Young Peoples Overview and Scrutiny Committee Meeting dates have been set for:

Feb 22nd - Friday - Committee 10.00

May 2nd - Friday - Committee 10.00

July 11th - Friday - Committee 10.00

Sept 26th Friday - Committee 10.00

Nov 28th - Friday - Committee 10.00

Last year the Chairman suggested that two additional dates were reserved for extra meetings of the Young Peoples Overview & Scrutiny Committee. Accordingly, Members are invited to comment on the proposed additional meeting dates and if acceptable are requested to make a note in their diaries:

June 6<sup>th</sup> – Friday – Reserve Committee (time to be confirmed)
31<sup>st</sup> October – Friday – Reserve Committee (time to be confirmed)

Mid -Cycle dates are as follows:

Mar 28th - Friday - Mid Cycle 10.30

June 20th - Friday - Mid Cycle 14.00

Sept 5th - Friday - Mid Cycle (time to be confirmed)

Oct 10th - Friday - Mid Cycle 10.30 (to be confirmed)

### 4.0 Local Democracy Campaign

The Local Democracy Campaign (LDC) is normally held around the second or third week of October. Currently there are no plans to hold a single big event this year. The focus will be more about an all year round concerted effort being the best way forward.

However, there are ideas being developed to involve County Councillors during the LDC week, together with a variety of events/activities which are timed to coincide with LDC and include:

- a full page spread in the October issue of NY Times, edited by a group of young people, which will focus on the progress since last years event (attached at Annex C)
- the development of some Youth Councils/Forums across parts of North Yorkshire. Various activities are being considered which will lead up to the election of a young peoples council. The aim being to organise the elections during the LDC week.

Members of the Committee will be kept informed of any developments and events organised.

### **Recommendation**

### 5.0 The Committee is asked to:

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Annexes: Annex A Work Programme

### For information:

### **Outstanding Committee Dates:**

31<sup>st</sup> October 2007 30<sup>th</sup> November 2007

### Mid-Cycle Briefing:

18<sup>th</sup> October 2007

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### **Every Child Matters Outcomes**

		Every Child Matters C	Outcomes		
1 Be Healthy	2 Stay Safe	3 Enjoy & Achieve	4 Make a positive contribution	5 Achieve Economic Well- Being	
		In-depth Scrutiny P	rojects		
SUBJECT	AIMS/TERMS OF REFERENCE		ACTION/BY WHOM		TIMESCALES
Sports Provision and participation for Young People in North Yorkshire	To consider how the County Council works with partner organisations to improve and increase the percentage of 5 – 16 year olds accessing two hours or more of high quality PE and School Sport within and beyond the curriculum each week; understand the importance and benefits of physical education and sport for young people.		<ul> <li>Briefing Seminar and Scoping</li> <li>Task Group Meeting</li> <li>Consultations</li> <li>Draft Report to Committee</li> </ul>		January 07 March/April/June September 07
School Meals	Following the job evaluation review and the significant increase in pay rates for Cooks, the Committee will Review the options available to the Catering Service whilst maintaining minimal nutritional standards and continuing to offer healthy meals.		Task Group - Final Report to autumn meeting of the committee		September - November 2007
Children as Victims of Domestic Violence	Proposed that the next in-depth scrutiny review looks into the support offered and provided to children, young people and their families as victims of domestic violence.  Included in this review would be the role of Children's Centre's and partnership working.  Briefing Seminar and Scoping Exercise with Scrutiny Review Group and Officers from the Children & Young Peoples Service		Oct 2008 – April/May 2008		
		OVERVIEW REPOR	TS		
Trust Schools	Briefing and overview on th schools will work in the futu	e Schools Trust model and how differently re	Corporate Director of Children & Young Peoples Service		September 07
SEN Review	Progress Report on the im	plementation of SEN Review.	Corporate Director of Children & Your Service	ng Peoples	September 07

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School Absences in North Yorkshire	reducing School Absences		Pupil And Parent Services  Dave Griffin Attendance Strategy Ma	September 07
Youth Offending Service			Lesley Ingleson, Youth Offending Tea	
Corporate Parenting	Briefing from the Chairman of the Corporate Parent Group and Officers from the Children & Young Peoples Service and the implications of the White Paper – Care Matters.		Chairman of the Corporate Parent Gr Corporate Director of Children & You Service	
Transformation of Local Education Office Administrative Functions	Briefing on the County Council's plans to transform and improve the way in which it administers some of its services for parents.		Corporate Director of Children and Y Peoples Service	oung October 07
Monitoring Pupil Numbers	Overview report on falling rolls.		Corporate Director of Children & You Service	ng Peoples November 07
Anti Bullying	Progress Report on the take North Yorkshire	up of Anti Bullying practices by Schools in	Nigel Ogley	November 07
14-19 year olds Education & Skills	plans to transform secondar	m of the system for 1419 education and y and post-secondary education so that all ontinue in learning until at least the age of	Corporate Director of the Children & Peoples Service	Young November 07
Health Related Behaviour Survey		comes and recommendations arising from urvey undertaken on behalf of NYCC and	John Bell	Feb 2008

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Young People and diversity	Children and young people from minority group backgrounds		To be advised	Feb 2008
Drug and Alcohol Treatments and services	Members to be briefed on the services, treatments and partnership arrangements available to young people with drug and alcohol problems.		To be advised	Feb 2008
Multi Agency Looked After Partnership	Responsibilities towards other LA's Children who live in North Yorkshire.		Paul Nixon and Nigel Ogley	May 2008
Young Carers	Overview on the support and funding arrangements for this vulnerable group of young people		Director of C&YPS and Director of Ad Care	ult Social May 2008
Delegated Resources	Progress Report on the processes for Monitoring, Challenging and Supporting Schools who use delegated resources for children with special needs and underachieving gifted and talented children		John Bell	May 2008
C&YPS Partner organisations	Fire Service and Voluntary sector to be invited to contribute on their contribution to the Every Child Matters agenda		To be advised	July 2008
Public Health Agenda for Children & Young People in North Yorkshire	Briefing by the Public Health Directorate on young people health related issues and the standards associated to the National Service Framework for Children and Maternity Services.		Director of Public Health	July 2008
Commissioning for the Children's Health Agenda	Update from the North Yorkshii	e and York PCT on Childrens Services	Director of Commissioning and Direct Operations NY & Y PCT	or of July 2008
Children with Learning Difficulties and Disabilities	Transition planning for children and disabilities.	& young people with learning difficulties		Sept 2008

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Contact Point	Progress report on the policy guidance for users of Contact Point		Andrew Whittaker and Lynette Wise, In	tegrated Sept 2008	
Extended Schools agenda	Progress report on the developrogramme	velopment of the Extended Schools	Bernadette Jones and Carolyn Bird	Sept 2008	

This is a working document therefore topics and timeframes could alter

### Annex B

### Young People OSC - Mid-Cycle Briefings Work Planner 2007 - 2008 (updated Sept 07)

Youth Democracy	Progress Report on Youth Participation	lan Marr	October 2007
4Youth Service	Progress Report on the development of Area Improvement plans	Terry Begley	October 2007
Young People Arts Strategy	Briefing on the development of a C&YP Art Strategy and possible involvement of members of the committee	Paula Taylor	October 2007
Engaging Hard to Reach Groups	Consider the recommendations set out in the scrutiny review on 'Hard to Reach Groups undertaken by the Communications Overview & Scrutiny Committees	Task Group Chairman Cllr Bill Hoult	October 2007
School Governors	Raising the profile of YP OSC with Schools and governing bodies	James Fairburn	Jan 2008
Hear by Rights	4Youth Service – progress report on where the County Council is with 'Hear by Rights'	lan Marr	Jan 2008
Parenting Strategy	Update from the Parenting Support Strategy Group	Chris McGee	March 2008
CRB Policy	Update on NY CRB policy/guidance	Judith Johnson	March 2008

# Another

N the democracy week of 2006, groups of young people from around North Yorkshire were asked to put their ideas onto bricks, which were then built into a wall and presented to County Hall. These ideas were to help services get young people more involved in democracy and for them to have their say in politics. This article will look at what has changed from last year, and if there have been any developments on that young people wanted.

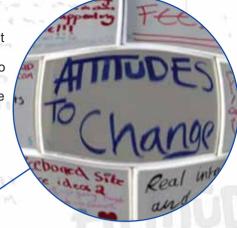
- Roseanna

### Communication

Communication is very important as it builds trust and understanding, and some small steps have been taken to improve this.

 4Youth has used a texting software programme to gather bookings for gigs, and we would hope for the return of cow cam, a video diarv booth that young people can use to express their views.

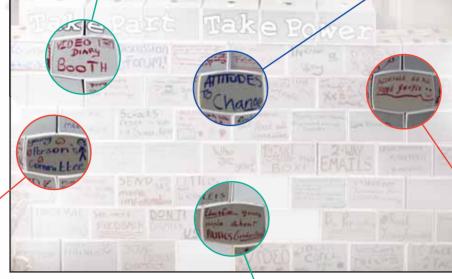
· However, more still needs to be done on promoting access to councillors' contact info and how we should approach each other.



### Young persons' showcase events

Events during the past year have included:

- · Gateshead Conference;
- Festival 07;
- Pioneers the young people who are developing the young mentors scheme:
- · Kidz Karnival, Scarborough;
- · Last Gig Before Christmas.
- .to name but a few

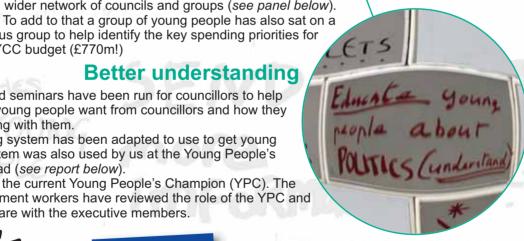




 Youth councils and forums have been set up to get young people more involved in politics and to let them have their say. However, they have been a bit hit and miss across the County.

· This autumn a new approach has been taken and more youth councils are being set up. These will form a wider network of councils and groups (see panel below).

focus group to help identify the key spending priorities for the NYCC budget (£770m!)



### Access

- A new team has been appointed to identify and find solutions to the barriers that young people with learning difficulties and disabilities
- We are also encouraging councillors to meet young people in schools and youth clubs. However, this needs to happen more often.

### Better understanding

- Several workshops and seminars have been run for councillors to help them understand what young people want from councillors and how they can be better at engaging with them.
- A new electronic voting system has been adapted to use to get young people's input. This system was also used by us at the Young People's Conference in Gateshead (see report below).
- · Councillor Tony Hall is the current Young People's Champion (YPC). The young people's development workers have reviewed the role of the YPC and their recommendations are with the executive members.

## Politics - it's not all bac

WHEN approached and asked to attend a conference about young people and politics I couldn't help but think I was in for a boring two days

How wrong could I have been? It's not often you get to visit the Sage (a big glass conference building in Gateshead), eat food that has obviously eaten into someone's budget and play with an electronic voting system very similar to that used on Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?

Through all this fun it would be hard to believe we were discussing important issues such as the "hoodie" crisis and the legal age to vote

What's even more surprising is that this wasn't all run by "adults". Me and a small group of young people actually ran a workshop, which other young people took part in and had the chance to express their views on politics.

marks the spot ELECTIONS are taking place to form youth

councils in various localities across North Yorkshire, including Harrogate, Knaresborough, Pickering, Malton, Boroughbridge, Ripon and

Selby. Here's what will happen after the September 28 deadline for candidate nominations:

October 1 for one week: Meetings, mainly through schools, with prospective candidates;

October 8 for two weeks: displays of candidate publicity in schools;

During w/c October 15: Elections through schools and colleges;

October 29: Declaration of results;

November 5: First Youth Council meetings.

### Meet the editors



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