NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

YOUNG PEOPLE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

28th 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 6th – Friday – Reserve Committee (time to be confirmed) 31st 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:

- note the information in this report
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Annexes:Annex A Work Programme

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Outstanding Committee Dates: 31st October 2007

30th November 2007

Mid-Cycle Briefing: 18th October 2007