

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
YOUNG PEOPLE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

28th November 2008

Work Programme Report

1.0 Purpose of the 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 Mid Cycle Briefing – 10th October 2008

Topics covered:

2.1 Scrutiny Review – ‘Sporting Chance’

Members were provided with an update following their scrutiny review on sports participation by young people across North Yorkshire.

There have been several sporting opportunities and developments such as a Boxing Club, Step Forward (Leadership Programmes) and a Rugby Challenge to name just a few. There are still challenges to be addressed around difficult to reach groups and schools engaging better with sports clubs.

Data collection was an area of concern raised by the report and Members were pleased to learn that the Schools Sports Partnerships now have a better management system which will identify and focus on those young people not achieving or participating in 2 hours physical activity in a week.

Members also heard about an innovative project known as Soundbeam run by the SportsSpecial School Sports Partnership which focuses upon developing PE provision for young people with profound and multiple learning difficulties (PMLD). Soundbeam is described as a virtual musical instrument and when the soundbeam is cut, through movement, the projected sound alters.

The Governments agenda to increase access to high quality sport to five hours by 2012 has still to be addressed and guidance is awaited on how this should be delivered.

2.2 Restructuring Youth Service in Scarborough

Members were advised of a review of the current Management and Delivery of Youth Work in the Scarborough Areas. The purpose being to provide and delivery the best possible youth services to young people in Scarborough.

The main area to be affected by the restructure is the Mentoring work that presently takes place within Schools in the Scarborough urban area. It is still early days but Members were reassured they will be kept informed as the process develops.

2.3 'MyPlace'

Members were provided with a briefing on the 'MyPlace' initiative. They heard that across the country young people are calling for more places to go where they have new and interesting things to do, that offer a real alternative to the 'street corner'. In providing positive activities the Government sees this approach as an important tool in helping communities tackle antisocial behaviour as well as helping young people to re-engage in their communities.

Bids for 'MyPlace' are channelled through the Big Lottery Fund and here in North Yorkshire work is already underway to develop potential bids.

Any bids will initially be presented to the Children and Young Peoples Strategic Partnership Board, if acceptable signed off by the Chief Executive John Marsden before being forwarded to the Big Lottery. The Big Lottery then carry out a further filter to consider suitability for 'MyPlace'.

Members were assured they will be kept informed of any progress made.

3.0 Joint Task Group School to School Transport for young people aged 14-19

The Joint Task Group continues to develop a greater understanding of the challenges facing North Yorkshire in relation to the 11-19 Strategy and in particular school to school transport. Through their Task Group meetings they have consulted with expert witnesses and continue to gather background information and examples of good practice. Part of their information gathering included a visit to Malton School in Ryedale, to meet with a group of students from Norton College, who are participating in the Ryedale pilot and benefiting from a greater choice of courses provided by the partnership.

The students raised a number of issues which focussed on travelling time, timetabling and travel arrangements. Despite some teething problems the students acknowledged the benefits of the partnership.

The next meeting of the Task Group will be held on the 15th December.

4.0 Work Programme:

Health Related Survey

The Committee are informed that the results of the Health Related Survey are in the very early stages of being validated and the Officers felt they would not be in a position to provide members of the committee with a complete picture or a full briefing. With the approval of your Chairman, this item has been moved to the next meeting which is 23rd January 2009.

5.0 Next Meeting of the Committee

23 January 2009

Recommendation

- 6.0** The Committee is recommended to:
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WORK PROGRAMME – 2009**

Every Child Matters Outcomes

1 Be Healthy

2 Stay Safe

3 Enjoy & Achieve

4 Make a positive contribution

5 Achieve Economic Well-Being

In-depth Scrutiny Projects

SUBJECT	AIMS/TERMS OF REFERENCE	ACTION/BY WHOM	TIMESCALES
Transport for Young People	Joint Scrutiny Review with Transport & Telecommunications on the transport for young people particularly access issues for the delivery of the 14-19 reform.	Initial briefing and scoping of the review Draft Report to Committee	Sept – May 09 April/May 09
<i>Possible next scrutiny review - Extended Schools & Children's Centres?</i> NOT CONFIRMED	<i>Suggestion that Members of the committee undertake an evaluation on the extent to which the extended schools agenda is making a difference and providing a beneficial impact for young people and their families.</i>	Still to be confirmed	

OVERVIEW REPORTS

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Local Safeguarding Children's Board	Briefing Report on the arrangements and development of the Local Safeguarding Board	Ann McMorris Manager Local Safeguarding Children's Board	Oct 08 Moved to Nov 08
Local Area Agreement 2	Update - At their February 2008 committee, Members requested that they were kept informed of LAA targets.	C&YPS Lynette Dodds, Principal Performance Officer	Oct 08 Moved to Nov 08

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Children with Learning Difficulties and Disabilities	Transition planning for children & young people with learning difficulties and disabilities in to adult services		Corporate Director Children & Young Peoples Service/Karl Podmore General Manager	Nov 08
Extended Schools agenda	Evaluating the Extended Schools programme		Corporate Director C&YP Service / Bernadette Jones and Carolyn Bird	Nov 08
Efficiency Savings 2009/10	Budget arrangements for continuing efficiency savings		Corporate Director C&YP Service	Nov 08
C&YPS Partner organisations	CYPS partner organisation(s) are invited to brief the committee on their contribution to the Children & Young Peoples Plan and the Every Child Matters agenda		?? to be advised	?? 08
Heath Related Survey	Results of the latest survey undertaken by North Yorkshire Schools		Corporate Director C&YP Service /Katharine Bruce Quality & Improvement	Jan 08
Young People and diversity	Update on the progress being made on inclusion and diversity in schools and how funding from the Ethnic Minority Grant will be used.		Corporate Director C&YP Service / John Bell Quality & Improvement	Jan 09
Children and young people in the Care System	Monitoring the achievements of children and young in care.			?Jan 09
Well-being in Schools	Update on the consultation launched by the government for schools to play a key role in the wider development of young people and the role of the local authority.			

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SEN & BESD	Update and progress report on the phasing in of new or improved SEN and BESD provision		Children & Young Peoples Service	March 09
YOT	<i>Progress Report on implementing the ETE Strategy</i>		<i>Moved to Mid Cycle Briefing Lesley Ingleson, YOT Manager/John Bell</i>	March 09
Integrated Youth Support	Progress Report on Delivering Information, Advice and Guidance to Schools and Colleges.		Corporate Director C&YP Service/ Louise Dunn Principle Officer Integrated Youth Support	May 09
Young People affected by domestic abuse	Progress Report on the outcomes and recommendations set out in the scrutiny report - Young People affected by domestic violence to include the roll out of the Making Safe Scheme across North Yorkshire.		Children & Young Peoples Service Chair – Domestic Abuse Joint Coordinating Group Chairman - Safer Communities	May 09
NY&YPCT	Briefing and report on the NHS priorities and delivering services for children and young people - How the new Health Visitor and School Nurse Service is working		NY&YPCT	May 09
Contact Point	Update and progress report on the implementation of the flagship database of every child living in England		Children & Young Peoples Service	Sept 09

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