

**NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**YOUNG PEOPLE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**20 March 2009**

**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 Corporate Parent Standing Group**

The first meeting of the Corporate Parent Standing Group (CPSG) was held immediately on the rising of this committee on the 23<sup>rd</sup> January and County Councillor Michelle Andrew was elected as Chairperson. Should Members of the Committee require a copy of the Outcomes and Actions Notes please contact Stephanie Bratcher, Scrutiny Support Officer.

Members of the CPSG were updated on how the Young Peoples Council has been developing and felt that it was important to strengthen these links by arranging a further meeting with representatives of the Young Peoples Council. This has been arranged for the 1<sup>st</sup> April at the Golden Lion, Northallerton.

The next meeting of the CPSG will be held on the afternoon of the 1<sup>st</sup> May 2009.

**3.0 Mid Cycle Briefing – 25<sup>th</sup> February**

a. Update on CRB Clearance processes

Members were provided with an update on the County Council's CRB Unit which handles the administrative processes for CRB disclosures with a cross directorate working group to oversee the process and to provide advice and support to decision making managers. This group, the Safe Recruitment and Employment Group (SAFREG) meets quarterly and reports directly to the Management Board.

It is estimated that the authority conducted approximately 14,500 checks in 2008, split relatively evenly between new checks for staff and volunteers and rechecks for existing staff.

Members were advised that a major change to the vetting and barring regime, nationally, is being introduced in 2009. The establishment of the Independent Safeguarding Authority (ISA) will add another layer of complexity to the screening process for staff and volunteers. The ISA is a new Non-Departmental Public Body which will decide who is barred from working with children or vulnerable adults. It will replace the current statutory barring lists POVA (Protection of vulnerable adults), POCA (Protection of Children Act) and list 99, but it will not replace the CRB checking process.

- b. Briefing and update from Local Safeguarding Children's Board  
Members noted that the new structures of the NYSCB are now in place with most of the sub/task groups and forums having met and agreed work plans.

The Local Safeguarding Children's Board undertook a further Section 11 audit and an audit against the Haringey Joint Area Review as requested by DCSF in early December 2008. Responses were received from the key agencies involved in child protection and safeguarding.

Your Chairman is mindful that this is a matter of great interest to the full committee and has therefore added Safeguarding to the main agenda for March.

- c. Progress on the development of Youth Councils  
Members were pleased to learn that there has been a significant move towards giving young people more opportunities to get involved in the design, provision and evaluation of policies and services that affect them or which they use.

In April 2008 4Youth facilitated a Youth Council Development Day which was attended by representatives from a number of agencies and young people from existing youth councils in Craven and Selby. The decision was taken at this event to work towards the development of youth councils centred around 20 locations based on meeting young people's needs in terms of access and providing the opportunity to influence decision making in their local area. It is these areas which have been focussed on over the past year and the current 'state of play' of each youth council is detailed in *Appendix One*. Whilst they are each at differing stages of development the guiding principles for all are those set out by the National Youth Agency

- d. Report of the Contact Centre Task Group  
The Task Group for the cross cutting scrutiny review of Access to Services was established in March 2008. The aim was to undertake a post implementation review of progress of the Customer Services Centre and to look at the strategy for public access focusing on the planned developments of the face to face' Joint Access Centres.

The Group completed its work in January 2009 and presented their findings together with 12 recommendations to the Mid Cycle briefing of the Young Peoples Overview & Scrutiny Committee for comment.

The Chairman congratulated the Task Group on a very useful piece of joint scrutiny working.

- e. Draft North Yorkshire & York Domestic Abuse Strategy  
Members were informed that the draft Domestic Abuse Strategy is out for consultation. The Task Group who undertook the scrutiny review on Young People affected by Domestic Abuse were keen to have an opportunity to comment on the draft strategy and in recognition of this a meeting was arranged on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March.

#### **4.0 Young People Affected by Domestic Abuse**

The report of the Task Group was presented at the Safer Communities Forum meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup> February and acknowledged as a good piece of work. Reassurances were given by the Chairman of the Forum that domestic abuse is a priority and will be driven forward through the Joint Coordinating Group for Domestic Abuse (JCGDA).

North Yorkshire Police informed the Chairman of the Task Group that they had held a Police Domestic Abuse meeting recently and used the recommendations from the Scrutiny Review as a basis for discussion. The Police are happy to share the outcomes and actions from this meeting with the committee.

The committee may wish to consider inviting a representative from North Yorkshire Police to one of their meetings to update and further inform the committee on the progress being made.

The committee are informed that the Chairman of the Task Group has since received an invitation from the Chair of the JCGDA to attend their next meeting in May.

## **5.0 Work Programme**

Members may recall that the Work Programme reflects the key outcomes under Every Child Matters and the May committee meeting takes up the priorities for Achieving Economic Well-Being. Members are invited to add or comment on the areas for discussion at their next meeting.

## **6.0 Recommendations**

The Committee is asked 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).

**HUGH WILLIAMSON  
HEAD OF SCRUTINY AND CORPORATE PERFORMANCE  
NORTHALLERTON**

Report compiled by: Stephanie Bratcher, Scrutiny Support Officer  
Stephanie.bratcher@northyorks.gov.uk

Date: 9<sup>th</sup> March 2009

Background Documents: None

Annexes: Annex A Work Programme  
Appendix 1 Youth Councils

**YOUNG PEOPLE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE  
WORK PROGRAMME – January 2009**

**Every Child Matters Outcomes**

1 Be Healthy

2 Stay Safe

3 Enjoy &amp; Achieve

4 Make a positive contribution

5 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	<i>Sept – May 09</i> <i>April/May 09</i>

**OVERVIEW REPORTS**

SUBJECT	AIMS/TERMS OF REFERENCE	ACTION/BY WHOM	TIMESCALES
Every Child Matters - Health Related Behaviour Questionnaire 2008	North Yorkshire County Council commissioned the Schools Education Unit (SEU) to collect baseline data about children and young peoples health related behaviour. Baseline data was collected from 4016 primary school pupils and 6527 secondary school students from across North Yorkshire Schools. Members have requested a briefing on the current position regarding the Every Child Matters Health Related Behaviour Questionnaire (HRBQ) survey 2008.	Corporate Director C&YP Service / Quality & Improvement	<b>Jan 09</b>
Comprehensive Area Assessment (CAA)	CAA is a new approach to assessing the performance of local public services in an area and Members of the Committee requested a briefing on the subject	Scrutiny and Performance Team	<b>Jan 09</b>

**YOUNG PEOPLE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE  
WORK PROGRAMME – January 2009**

**1 Be Healthy**

**2 Stay Safe**

**3 Enjoy & Achieve**

**4 Make a positive contribution**

**5 Economic Well-Being**

SUBJECT	TERMS OF REFERENCE	ACTION/BY WHOM	TIMESCALES
<p><b>Stay Safe Priorities:</b></p> <p><b>Safeguarding children and young people</b> Reduce Bullying and discrimination and improve access to information</p> <p><b>Provide safe environments for children and young people</b></p> <p><b>Tackle domestic abuse in North Yorkshire</b></p> <p><b>Support children and young people on the edge of care</b> Procedures for tracking children notified to the LA as missing from school</p>	<p><b>Members have requested briefings on the following areas:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Integrated Computer System arrangements</b></li> <li><b>2. The outcome of the audit undertaken on Safeguarding arrangements for children and young people in North Yorkshire.</b></li> <li><b>3. Reducing the incidence of bullying and discrimination</b></li> <li><b>4. Tracking missing children</b></li> </ol>	<p>Corporate Director C&amp;YPS Ann McMorris, Local Safeguarding Board Manager</p> <p>Diane McConnell, CYPS Alan Critchlow, CYPS</p>	
<p><b>Economic Well Being Priorities:</b></p> <p><b>Delivering the 14-19 improvements and developing a Commissioning Plan for (16-19 and LDD to 25 years) learners and providers as required by "Raising Expectations"</b></p> <p><b>Prepare children and young people for working life</b> Improve access to information, advice and support Managing the transition to adult life Raising aspiration and fulfilling potential Access to education and training Ensure decent, secure, affordable housing Support families to improve economic well-being</p>	<p><b>Members have requested briefings on the following areas:</b></p> <p><i>What is being done to increase the number of training/employment opportunities for 16-19 year olds</i></p> <p><i>Reducing NEET figures for all young people</i></p> <p><i>Improvements to secure, affordable housing for 16-24 year olds</i></p> <p><i>To be confirmed</i></p>	<p>Corporate Director/Lead Assistant Director CYPS/ Partner Agencies</p>	<p><b>May 09</b></p>

**YOUNG PEOPLE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE  
WORK PROGRAMME – January 2009**

1 Be Healthy	2 Stay Safe	3 Enjoy & Achieve	4 Make a positive contribution	5 Achieve Economic Well-Being
SUBJECT	AIMS/TERMS OF REFERENCE		ACTION/BY WHOM	TIMESCALES
<p><b>Be Healthy Priorities:</b></p> <p><b>Strategy for Learning Difficulties and Disabilities</b></p> <p>Ensure young people have a healthy weight and active lives</p> <p>Support maternal health and new parents</p> <p>Support and promote positive mental health</p> <p>Improve the sexual health of young people</p> <p>Reducing substance and alcohol misuse</p>	<p><i>Healthy Weight, Active Lives</i></p> <p><i>Update and progress report on the School Nurse Service</i></p>		<p>Corporate Director/Lead Assistant Director CYPS and NHS Partners</p>	<p><b>July 09</b></p> <p><i>Date to be confirmed</i></p>
<p><b>Enjoy &amp; Achieve Priorities:</b></p> <p>Improve achievement</p> <p>Prepare all children to succeed</p> <p>Attend, participate in and enjoy learning</p> <p>Effective support for learners</p> <p>Reduce disadvantage for vulnerable groups</p> <p>Improving the network of services</p>	<p><i>Supporting Young Carers</i></p>		<p>Corporate Director/Lead Assistant Director CYPS/ Partner Agencies</p>	<p><b>Sept 09</b></p>

**YOUNG PEOPLE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE  
WORK PROGRAMME – January 2009**

1 Be Healthy	2 Stay Safe	3 Enjoy & Achieve	4 Make a positive contribution	5 Economic Well-Being
SUBJECT	AIMS/TERMS OF REFERENCE		ACTION/BY WHOM	TIMESCALES
<b>Make a Positive Contribution</b> Priorities: Contributing to school and community life Increase participation in shaping services Encourage participation in positive activities Encourage participation in sports, art and culture Youth Crime Prevention Strategy Reduce rates of offending and re-offending			Corporate Director/Lead Assistant Director CYPs/YOT Manager / NY Police	<b>Nov 09</b>
Building Capacity Priorities: Parenting Strategy Integrated Local Services – Delivery Strategy Tools for Integrated Working				<b>Nov</b>
Financial Services	Delivering C&YPS VFM plan			<b>Nov</b>

Please be aware this is a working document , therefore topics and timeframes could alter

Diagram 1: The Developing Youth Council Structure in North Yorkshire

