

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

YOUNG PEOPLE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

1st May 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 (CPSG)

Members of the CPSG were invited to attend an event organised by the Children's Rights Officer in conjunction with representatives from the Young Peoples Council (YPC) in Northallerton. The young people gave a presentation which showed the work they had undertaken in developing the YPC and their involvement in North Yorkshire County Councils 'Pledge' to look after young people and care leavers. They explained that they needed to consider the views of younger children in care and an event at Lightwater Valley had been organised in support of this.

The Young People and Members of the CPSG are keen to maintain good links and face to face contact on an on going basis.

The outcomes arising from the second meeting of the CPSG (held on the 30th April 2009) will be covered by the Chair Cllr Michelle Andrew.

3.0 Mid Cycle Briefing – 17th April 2009

(a) Local Safeguarding Children's Board (LSCB)

Briefing and update on the progress being made with regard to the appointment of an independent Chair for the LSCB.

This remains a priority area and Members will continue to receive regular briefings either in full committee or at the Mid Cycle briefing.

(b) Teenage Pregnancy

Teenage Pregnancy figures for North Yorkshire during 2007 show a slight increase on the previous year with several 'Hotspot' wards across the County being among the highest 20% in England.

Focussed campaigns and promotions continue throughout the County with recent developments including PSHE (personal, social and health education) becoming a statutory subject from 2011; the appointment of a full time Integrated Youth Support Adviser (risky behaviour) in Hambleton and Richmond, with three other posts to be appointed in Selby, Scarborough and Harrogate.

(c) Sexual Health of Young People

The North Yorkshire and York Primary Care Trust confirmed that pilots schemes in Craven and the Esk Valley in relation to localised sexual health drop-in services linked to GP practices are underway.

(d) Changes to School Hours

Members were advised that changes to school hours are something that a school governing body can seek to implement. The school needs to consult with parents and all other interested parties 12 months in advance - ie the Local Authority(LA) to see if, or what objections there would be to any suggested changes. The School is not permitted to incur any additional costs for the LA in making changes -or -if they do they have to fund them. This usually affects transport of pupils to schools .

Members asked if there is any guidance available for schools as their concerns included the impact on parents at work and the wider community and requested that this matter is brought back to another Mid Cycle briefing.

4.0 Work Programme

Members will recall that the Work Programme reflects the key outcomes under Every Child Matters and the next committee meeting picks up on the priorities listed in the Children and Young Peoples Plan under Be Healthy. The committee agreed that to accommodate all five key outcomes it would be necessary to hold an extra meeting in July. The North Yorkshire & York Primary Care Trust (NYYPCT) as key partners in delivering healthy outcomes for young people have been invited to attend and provisional dates of the 17th or 21st July are still to be confirmed. Members are requested to note these provisional dates in their diaries.

This will be the first meeting of the committee following the June elections and Members may wish to gear the first part of the meeting towards an induction for 'new' members. Starting at 10.00am the induction could include presentations by 'continuing' members on previous reviews, and an introduction by the Executive Members and Corporate Director into the Children & Young Peoples Service. The meeting could then take a 15 minute coffee break at 11.15, with the meeting resuming at 11.30 to continue with the Be Healthy agenda items finishing at approximately 13:15.

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).
- c. confirm, amend or add to the proposed running order of the next agenda.

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WORK PROGRAMME from January 2009 – December 2009**

Every Child Matters Outcomes

1 Be Healthy

2 Stay Safe

3 Enjoy & 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	Jan 09
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	Jan 09

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Stay Safe Priorities: Safeguarding children and young people Reduce Bullying and discrimination and improve access to information Provide safe environments for children and young people Tackle domestic abuse in North Yorkshire Support children and young people on the edge of care Procedures for tracking children notified to the LA as missing from school		Members have requested briefings on the following areas: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Integrated Computer System arrangements 2. The outcome of the audit undertaken on Safeguarding arrangements for children and young people in North Yorkshire. 3. Reducing the incidence of bullying and discrimination 4. Tracking missing children 	Corporate Director C&YPS Ann McMorris, Local Safeguarding Board Manager Diane McConnell, CYPS Alan Critchlow, CYPS	
Economic Well Being Priorities: 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" Prepare children and young people for working life 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		Members have requested briefings on the following areas: What is being done to increase the number of training/employment opportunities for 16-19 year olds Reducing NEET figures for all young people Improvements to secure, affordable housing for 16-24 year olds	Corporate Director/Lead Assistant Director CYPS/ Partner Agencies	May 09

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Be Healthy Priorities: Strategy for Learning Difficulties and Disabilities Ensure young people have a healthy weight and active lives Support maternal health and new parents Support and promote positive mental health Improve the sexual health of young people Reducing substance and alcohol misuse		Healthy Weight, Active Lives – focussing on health and well being Update and progress report on the School Nurse Service Reducing substance and alcohol misuse		Corporate Director/Lead Assistant Director CYPS and NYYPCT Commissioners and Providers	10 July 09
Stay Safe:		Members have requested that this outcome remains as a reoccurring item on their work programme to provide them with regular updates. Next area of interest is Partner involvement in safeguarding and a Summary of Lord Laming's Report			<i>Both Mid-Cycle and Full Committee meetings</i>
Enjoy & Achieve Priorities: Improve achievement Prepare all children to succeed Attend, participate in and enjoy learning Effective support for learners Reduce disadvantage for vulnerable groups Improving the network of services		<i>Supporting Young Carers</i>		Corporate Director/Lead Assistant Director CYPS/ Partner Agencies	Sept 09

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Make a Positive Contribution 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	<i>Members of committee are interested in hearing about the outcome of the Scarborough Restorative Justice Pilot.</i>		Corporate Director/Lead Assistant Director CYPs/YOT Manager / NY Police	Nov 09
Building Capacity Priorities: Parenting Strategy Integrated Local Services – Delivery Strategy Tools for Integrated Working				Nov
Financial Services	Delivering C&YPS VFM plan			Nov

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