

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

YOUNG PEOPLE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

21 July 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 Completed In depth scrutiny review – Transport for Young People (and the 14-19 Diploma)

The Young People and Transport & Telecommunication Services Overview and Scrutiny Committees agreed to undertake a joint scrutiny review, at the invitation of the Executive Member, which was in response to the Government's intention to transform the 14-19 education and skills system in England.

The Joint Scrutiny Task Group agreed that this would allow:

- elected members the opportunity to explore issues around transport for young people;
- add value to the work already being undertaken by officers and
- assist the identification of possible solutions particularly those surrounding the delivery of the 14-19 reforms in North Yorkshire.

The final report was presented to the Executive on the 7th July 2009. This report was well received for its honest deliberations around a very complex area; one that even a central government select committee has struggled with.

The report has provided a sound basis from which to progress further work and the committee awaits regular updates from Officers on Transport/access for young people and the 14-19 diplomas in due course.

3.0 Work Programme

At the beginning of the year the Committee decided to develop and theme the Work Programme for 2009/10 around the Children & Young Peoples Plan and the Every Child Matters five key outcomes i.e. be healthy, stay safe, enjoy and achieve, make a positive contribution, achieve economic well-being. The purpose being that this would enable the committee to monitor progress and achievements whilst ensuring there is involvement and participation by young people.

It was also agreed that the Work Programme should continue to have the flexibility to include topics and issues as and when they arise.

The work programme attached at annex A represents members wishes and each meeting is themed to one of the key outcomes. Currently the next meeting in

September looks into the priorities under Enjoy and Achieve and members of the committee may wish to consider specific priorities under this next key outcome or indeed, any other topic or issue they may wish to raise.

At the last meeting of the committee there were a number of outcomes arising from the key outcome 'achieve economic well-being' and these additions have been incorporated into to the work programme:-

- Further report on Young People not in education, employment and training and the key stage 4 engagement programme
- Further information on Apprenticeships
- Briefing on Accommodation for Care Leavers
- Update on youth participation and involvement – youth councils
- Update on the joint scrutiny review Transport for Young People (14-19 Diplomas)

Stay Safe

In the wake of the Baby P case the Young People Overview & Scrutiny Committee received several briefings from the Corporate Director Children and Young Peoples Service (CYPS) and the Local Safeguarding Children's Board (LSCB) in relation to safeguarding issues. At their last meeting Members of the Committee were universal in concluding that they wished to be kept up to date with this priority area and requested a briefing summary on the outcomes from Lord Lamings Report and what this means for North Yorkshire County Council and its many partners.

Corporate Parent Standing Group

Elected Members, including council officers will be aware of their statutory responsibility for North Yorkshire County Council's looked after children; this responsibility has become known as 'corporate parenting'. The North Yorkshire County Council's Corporate Parent Standing Group sits as a sub group of the Young People Overview & Scrutiny Committee. Membership in the main is currently drawn from elected members and members other than elected member from this committee.

Members of the committee are asked to register their interest if they wish to be a member of the Corporate Parent Standing Group (CPSG). Safeguarding is a high priority for this group and Basic Safeguarding Training will be organised in the Autumn for members of the CPSG and elected members involved in Regulation 33 residential home inspections.

For your information the Terms of Reference for the Corporate Parent Standing Group are attached at annex B.

The next meeting of the Corporate Parent Standing Group will be on the 11th September at 13:00pm.

Reports and Information

Your Chairman would like to ask Members their thoughts on the amount of information they receive in hard copy and whether they have any suggestions on how this could be improved.

4.0 Recommendations

The Committee is asked to:

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- c. note the information attached at Annex B.

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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 Report to Executive	<i>Sept – May 09</i> <i>April/May 09</i> July 09

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: 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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SUBJECT		AIMS/TERMS OF REFERENCE	ACTION/BY WHOM	TIMESCALES
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		Health promotion/prevention Birth to Primary School focus to include: - Tackling obesity - Integrated working - Early support programmes for children with complex needs - Update on School Nurse Service Commissioning Services – new arrangements following publication of Transforming Community Services document	Corporate Director/Lead Assistant Director CYPS and NYYPCT	21 July 09
Stay Safe: Priority Safeguarding		Members requested that this issue remains as a reoccurring item on their work programme throughout 2009/10 to ensure they receive regular updates. Summary briefing on Lord Laming's Report "The Protection of Children in England" is requested for July meeting	Corporate Director CYPS	21 July 09
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>Raising aspirations</i> <i>Improving access and inclusion for vulnerable groups (Supporting Young Carer)s</i> <i>Programmes for gifted and talented pupils</i> <i>Outcome of the review of Governor support</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>Reducing anti social behaviour - outcome of the Scarborough Restorative Justice Pilot.</i> <i>Using the arts and cultural opportunities to improve outcomes for young people</i> <i>Supporting youth participation and involvement</i> <i>Engaging Young people in voluntary community based activities</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

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<p>Economic Well Being Priorities:</p> <p>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"</p> <p>Prepare children and young people for working life</p> <p>Improve access to information, advice and support</p> <p>Managing the transition to adult life</p> <p>Raising aspiration and fulfilling potential</p> <p>Access to education and training</p> <p>Ensure decent, secure, affordable housing</p> <p>Support families to improve economic well-being</p>	<p>Outcomes following the meeting in May 2009:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress report on Young People not in education, employment and training and the key stage 4 engagement programme • Members were keen to follow up on the outcome of the Apprenticeship, Skills, Children & Learning Bill and requested a further briefing when this is available. • Briefing on Accommodation for Care Leavers • Update on the joint scrutiny review Transport for Young People (14-19 Diplomas) <p>These issues may be progressed through either the Mid Cycle Briefing, full committee or joint working with another Overview & Scrutiny Committee</p>	<p>Corporate Director/Lead Assistant Director CYPS/ Partner Agencies/Employers</p>	<p>2010</p>

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

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Young People Overview & Scrutiny Committee
CORPORATE PARENT STANDING GROUP
TERMS OF REFERENCE
2009

Purpose of the Group:

To ensure that the County Council is and continues to be an effective Corporate Parent and ensures that good links are maintained with the Young Persons Council.

Objectives:

1. Improving the Every Child Matters five outcomes for all children within our care including care leavers.
2. Ensuring that the quality of care young people receive is of a high standard.
3. Ensuring the involvement of Elected Members in Regulation 33 Inspections.
4. Monitoring and challenging outcomes relating to children and young people in care inspection reports and assessments brought by officers.
5. Referring areas of concern and good practice to the Corporate Director of Children and Young Peoples Service, Lead Member, the Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee or any other Overview & Scrutiny committee.

Chair/Membership:

1. The Standing Group will initially be drawn from the membership of the Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee which includes both County Councillors and members other than County Councillors. The election of a Chairman is undertaken by the Standing Group.
2. Officers from the Children and Young Peoples Service Directorate:
 - Assistant Director Children's Social Care
 - General Manager - Looked after Children
 - Head of Virtual School/Education of Looked after Children coordinator
 - Children's Strategy and Performance Manager
 - Children's Rights Officer
 - Independent Reviewing Officer
 - Children in Care representative
 - Health representative
3. Frequency – four meetings per year (immediately following the rising of the Young People Overview & Scrutiny Committee)

Reporting arrangements:

1. The group will report to the Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee and/or to Members of the Executive and/or the Children and Young Peoples Strategic Partnership Board.
2. The group will receive regular reports from officers to monitor the:
 - number of Looked After Children, types of placement and lengths of stay
 - Progress, achievement and attainment of Looked After Children
 - Findings of Regulation 33 Inspections
 - Health needs of Looked After Children
 - Feedback from the Advocacy Service
 - Achievements of care leavers

Resource arrangements:

The Scrutiny Support Officer from the Young People Overview & Scrutiny Committee will liaise between officers and members to ensure reports are received according to deadlines - 6 working days prior to the meeting. The Scrutiny Support Officer will organise distribution of agenda papers, record and follow up any outcomes or actions arising from the Standing Group meeting.

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