

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

YOUNG PEOPLE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

13 November 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 YPOSC – 11th September 2009

The Committee requested information on the take up of Diplomas across the County which is attached at Annex B.

3.0 Mid Cycle Briefing – 9th October 2009

3.1 School Meals Service

In January 2008 Members finalised their in-depth Scrutiny Review Report of the School Meals Service and recommended that the preferred option to set up Service Level Agreements (SLA) with individual schools was moved forward whilst ensuring that affordable meals are available at all North Yorkshire Schools.

Members were advised that all but 5 primary schools have individual SLA who have made their own arrangements.

Primary Meal Take Up, Paid and Free Meals 2007/08 compared to 2008/09

The table below notes

- i) Paid Meals as a % of the total meals served
- ii) Free Meals as a % of the total meals served
- iii) Total take - up as a % of the pupils on roll.

Area	Year 2007/08 Paid Meals %	Year 2007/08 Free Meals %	Year 2007/08 Total Take up %	Year 2008/09 Paid Meals %	Year 2008/09 Free Meals %	Year 2008/09 Total Take up %
Scarborough/Ryedale	74.35	25.65	41.69	74.33	25.67	43.03
Richmond/Hambleton	87.76	12.24	43.60	86.60	13.40	43.69
Craven/Harrogate	85.69	14.31	41.34	85.40	14.60	42.24
Selby/Harrogate	88.47	11.53	42.71	87.52	12.48	41.58
Total	83.74	16.26	42.29	83.14	16.86	42.63

There has been an overall increase of 2.51% in the daily number of free meals served but it is not conclusive as to whether this is a reflection of the wider economy or just part of the annual trend when meal take up historically peaks during the Spring term.

3.2 Teenage Pregnancy

Members were advised that since the baseline rates of under 18 conceptions were set in 1998 all districts in North Yorkshire had experienced an overall reduction in teenage pregnancy rates. However, the figures for 2007 'Under 18 Conception Rates in North Yorkshire' are starting to rise significantly with a number of 'Hotspot' wards being amongst the highest 20% in England. (District Teenage Pregnancy Data is attached at annex C).

Members also became aware that several of the Sexual Health Drop-In Centres, based in Secondary Schools had seen this service cut due to NHS staff shortages. Members requested a list of all Schools who currently have Sexual Health Services and those whose service had stopped. Members voiced their concerns about the current situation and felt that an explanation should be sought from the PCT. The Teenage Pregnancy Coordinator advised Members that she had a meeting with the North Yorkshire And York Primary Care Trust Commissioners the following week to raise this issue and to ask them to participate in a review of Sexual Health Services which includes a representative from Government Office and the Strategic Health Authority.

The outcome of the Sexual Health Review is expected by the New Year and Members agreed to await the outcome and invite the PCT to attend this Committee in January.

3.3 Ofsted Inspection

The Chairman informed the mid cycle meeting of Overview & Scrutiny's involvement in the OFSTED Safeguarding Inspection. He confirmed that the outcome of the Inspection will be published by Ofsted at the end of October and that the Corporate Director of Children & Young Peoples Service will brief Members of the Committee at the November meeting.

4.0 Corporate Parenting Standing Group

The Corporate Parent Standing Group met on the 11th November so a verbal update will be provided by the Chairman.

5.0 Safeguarding Training Event – 20th October 2009

The aim of this training event was to raise awareness of the legal responsibilities of elected members and senior officers; to assist Members understand their corporate parent responsibilities to safeguard children; familiarise Members with the local arrangements and services for supporting families and safeguarding children in North Yorkshire.

Members who attended this training event welcomed the session, which they all found really useful and interesting and commented that it had:

- raised awareness of their Corporate Parent responsibilities
- clarified the difference between Safeguarding and Child Protection
- the responsibilities of Officers and the support Members should give
- the need to include all members in the safeguarding training
- they felt better informed but need to build on this information

- understand the role of the Lead Member / the Children's Trust / the Local Safeguarding Board
- the role Overview & Scrutiny has
- understand what a Serious Case Review is and the costs attached

6.0 In-depth Scrutiny Review - Young People Not in Education, Employment and Training

Reducing the proportion of young people NEET is a key national priority for the DCSF and also a priority for North Yorkshire County Council who have the lead responsibility for reducing the proportion of young people NEET in their area (Local Area Agreement NI 117).

The Task Group will review the current national and local policy and guidance regarding NEET young people and the local demographic profile. This will also include a review of the range of opportunities and programmes in place to support NEET young people.

7.0 Next Meeting - 11th December 2009 at 10.30am County Hall

At the request of your Chairman the next meeting of the committee will be the 11th December in Meeting Room 3 and Members of the Committee are requested to add this date to their diaries.

8.0 Recommendations

The Committee is asked to:

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 Annex B – Diploma Take Up
 Annex C - District Teenage Pregnancy Data

**YOUNG PEOPLE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
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
<i>Young People not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET)</i>	<i>To review the actions being taken to support Young People into Employment, Education or Training.</i>	<i>Scope Review Final Report</i>	November 09 February 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 (SHEU) 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	March 09
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		Health promotion/prevention Birth to Primary School focus to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 (support for young carers)</i> <i>Programmes for gifted and talented pupils</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>Supporting youth participation and involvement:</i> <i>Overview of children and young peoples involvement in shaping services.</i> <i>Youth Councils</i> <i>Reducing anti social behaviour - December meeting.</i> <i>Using the arts and cultural opportunities to improve outcomes for young people – New Year 2010</i>		Corporate Director/Lead Assistant Director CYPS	Nov 09
Stay Safe: Priority Safeguarding		Members requested that safeguarding remains as a reoccurring agenda item on their work programme throughout 2009/10. Report following the OFSTED Safeguarding Inspection and the local action plan.		Corporate Director CYPS	November 09
Make a Positive Contribution (contd) 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		Reducing anti social behaviour Restorative Practice by NY Police			December 09

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Post Implementation update of Scrutiny Review – Young People affected by domestic abuse	Progress report and briefing on the recommendations of the scrutiny review		CYPS	December 09
Sexual Health Service Review	Outcomes of the joint review of Sexual Health Services for young people		NYYPCT and TPC	January 2010
Financial Services	Delivering C&YPS VFM plan			January 2010
Post Safeguarding Inspection Action Plan	Progress on the implementation of the post inspection Action Plan			
Economic Well Being Priorities: Outcomes following the meeting in May 2009:	<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>		Corporate Director/Lead Assistant Director CYPS/ Partner Agencies/Employers	2010

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

North Yorkshire Diploma Lines – September 2009

CONSORTIA	DIPLOMA	TOTAL LEARNERS
CRAVEN	CONSTRUCTION & THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT	8
	ENVIRONMENT & LAND BASED	11
	ENGINEERING	22
HAMBLETON & RICHMONDSHIRE	CONSTRUCTION & THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT	9
	HAIR & BEAUTY	16
HARROGATE	CREATIVE & MEDIA	12
	HOSPITALITY	7
	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	9
	SOCIETY, HEALTH & DEVELOPMENT	12
NORTH YORKSHIRE COAST	CREATIVE & MEDIA	14
RYEDALE	CREATIVE & MEDIA – COHORT 1 (STARTED 2008)	17
	CREATIVE & MEDIA – COHORT 2	6
SELBY	CREATIVE & MEDIA	9
	TOTAL	152

District Teenage Pregnancy Data

Notes: Under 18 conception rate = number of under 18 conceptions per 1000 female population aged 15-17.

Source: ONS Feb 09

		1998-00			2001-03			2004-06			2005-07		% change in rate
Area of usual residence	Number	Rate	% leading to abortion	Number	Rate	% leading to abortion	Number	Rate	% leading to abortion	Number	Rate	% leading to abortion	98/00 - 05/07
North Yorkshire County	1,019	33.9	48	965	30.1	48	909	25.7	48%	962	26.8	49	-21.0%
Craven	70	24.0	59	70	23.5	64	60	17.8	47%	54	15.7	56	-34.6%
Hambleton	137	31.9	50	129	28.5	43	133	27.6	51%	132	27.1	53	-15.0%
Harrogate	213	25.9	57	204	23.4	50	199	21.0	54%	216	22.6	54	-12.8%
Richmondshire	73	30.8	45	86	36.0	44	61	23.1	46%	73	27.8	51	-9.7%
Ryedale	72	32.5	58	50	19.9	58	52	17.7	46%	57	18.9	47	-41.9%
Scarborough	310	55.8	37	296	49.1	41	262	41.3	41%	263	41.5	40	-25.7%
Selby	144	32.3	44	130	26.7	54	142	24.6	52%	167	28.0	51	-13.4%