

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**YOUNG PEOPLE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE****11 June 2010****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 Mid Cycle Briefing - 7th May 2010

The Mid cycle briefing covered the following agenda items:

2.1 Young people affected by domestic abuse

Following the in-depth review lead members welcomed the briefing and summary of the work in progress to reduce the incidence and impact of domestic abuse on children and young people and their families. They were provided with a copy of a detailed Action Plan which sets out the priorities and monitoring arrangements. The Chairman commented that the committee would be interested in being briefed on the outcome of the mapping exercise currently being undertaken when this is available. (Copy of this briefing report is available on request).

2.2 Counselling Support for young people

A request was received by the Chairman from Cllr Plant to bring the matter of Counselling Support for young people to the Committees attention. The Chairman suggested in the first instance that this should be added to the Mid Cycle agenda.

An Officer from the Children and Young Peoples Service attended the Mid Cycle briefing to bring a position statement to the Members attention and to put the issue into context. The meeting was informed about the counselling support available to young people in the Whitby area and the action being taken to continue to make the service sustainable. (Copy of report is available on request).

Members asked if similar approaches to Counselling Support for young people were likely to be rolled out across the County. Members were informed that a piece of work currently being undertaken is looking into what a range of services grouped around a school would look like. An expression of interest was raised by the Members present who requested that the outcome of this piece of work to brought to their attention.

2.3 Speech, language and communication needs

Members were pleased to receive a briefing on this important topic. The meeting was made aware that speech, language and communication needs are found across all social groups but social disadvantage adds to the problem. Feedback from headteachers and other professions suggest that there may have been an increase in the numbers experiencing difficulties.

Raising the awareness of everyone that works with children and young people to help identify those children who are experiencing difficulties and supporting those who have speech, language and communication needs is a vital step forward.

The chairman requested that Members of the Committee receive a further detailed briefing and progress report early next year.

3.0 Corporate Parenting Standing Group

The Corporate Parent Standing Group which sat under the remit of this Overview & Scrutiny Committee held its last meeting in that format on the 20th May 2010. Agenda items included:

- Information on Looked after Children
- Regulation 33 Inspections
- Feedback from the Young Peoples Council
- Six monthly summary on missing looked after children
- The Fostering Service

The Ofsted Safeguarding Inspection highlighted and indeed recommended the authority improve the effectiveness of elected Members in their role as corporate parents to support the improvement of outcomes for looked after children.

The County Council's constitution review included amendments to the Delegation of Executive Functions which reflect the proposal to establish a member group to support the Council's Corporate Parenting role. The group will assist with issues and initiatives relating to Looked After Children, and will report to the Lead Executive Member for Children's Services. The reporting will also be taken through the quarterly monitoring process to the Executive and full Council, and the Group will also make an annual report to the Council. It can also raise issues directly with the Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The Group will be appointed by the Executive and may comprise members from the Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

has been revised and approved at County Council on the 19th May to give a higher profile to the role of elected Members as corporate parents. A new Looked After Children Members Group will be established as a non-decision making Member working group responsible for supporting the Executive, and the Council as a whole, in its role as corporate parent.

It is anticipated that the new group will hold its first meeting in September.

4.0 Next in-depth Scrutiny Review

Members of the Committee may wish to consider or put forward suggestions for their next in-depth Scrutiny project.

5.0 Dates of YPOSC meetings for 2010:

- **10th September 2010 at 10.30am**
- **11th November 2010 at 10.30**

Members of the committee are requested to add these dates to their diary.

5.0 Recommendations

The Committee is asked to:

- a. note the information in this report.
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Background Documents: None

Annexes: Annex A - Work Programme

**YOUNG PEOPLE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
WORK PROGRAMME from January 2010**

Every Child Matters Outcomes

1 Be Healthy	2 Stay Safe	3 Enjoy & Achieve	4 Make a positive contribution	5 Economic Well-Being
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In-depth Scrutiny Projects

SUBJECT	AIMS/TERMS OF REFERENCE	ACTION/BY WHOM	TIMESCALES
Young People not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET)	To review the support and advice provided to Young People not in Employment, Education or Training.	Scoping of Review Final Report	November 09 June 10
Safeguarding	Progress on the Post Inspection Action Plan		March 2010
	Update on Safeguarding actions and improving the effectiveness of members as Corporate Parents		September 2010

OVERVIEW REPORTS

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Stay Safe	Following the OFSTED Safeguarding Inspection members asked for a briefing in relation to the recommendations/actions being taken by NHS NYY as a result of the inspection	NHS NYY - Jayne Richardson	January 2010
Be Healthy	Members have requested an overview of health services commissioned and provided by the North Yorkshire & York Primary Care Trust.	NHS NYY Gareth Whiles and Jo Harding	January 2010

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Stay Safe: Priority Safeguarding	Progress Report on the Post Inspection Action Plan Briefing by the Independent Chair of the NY LSCB Lords Lamings Progress Report (to be published March 2010)	Corporate Director CYPs Independent Chair LSCB	March 2010
The Children & Young People's Service Budget Report	The Committee has requested a briefing on the budget arrangements for 2010/1	Corporate Director CYPs and Assistant Director George Bateman	March 2010
Interim Report of the Task Group	Interim Report on the work of the Task Group looking at 'Supporting young people into education, employment and training.'	C Cllr Liz Casling	March 2010
Make a Positive Contribution	Delivering positive activities for young people	Corporate Director CYPs/Terry Begley and Paul Carswell	June 2010
Building Capacity	Members have requested a progress report on the implementation of the SEN & BESD review	Corporate Director CYPs/Andrew Terry Assistant Director	June 2010
Final report of the Task Group	'Supporting Young People into education, employment and training'	Chair of the Task Group – Cllr Liz Casling	June 2010
Enjoy & Achieve	Briefing on the implementation of the ETE Strategy to reduce the exclusion of young people at risk of offending or re-offending	Corporate Director/Lead Assistant Director CYPs/	Mid Cycle in July 2010

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21st Century Schools Agenda	Briefing on the implications for North Yorkshire				Mid Cycle July 2010
Local Area Agreements performance targets for Children & Young People thematic partnership	Progress Report on the achievement of Local Area Agreement targets under the thematic partnership Children & Young People			Corporate Director CYPS/Lynette Dodds	September 2010
Transferring responsibility for 16 – 19 provision	Members have requested a briefing and progress report regarding the transferring of responsibility for commissioning of 16 – 19 provision to local authorities - NYCC.			Chris McGee/Liz Burdett	September 2010
Economic Well-Being	Tackling Child Poverty - Members of the committee have requested a briefing and update on the outcome of a Child Poverty needs assessment and the development of a North Yorkshire Child Poverty Strategy			Corporate Director CYPS	September/November 2010
Be Healthy	Progress Report on the outcome of the Sexual Health Review and the Health Visitor Review. Progress report on Reducing substance and alcohol misuse by young people			NHS NY&Y Corporate Director CYPS	November 2010

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Stay Safe: Priority Safeguarding	Members requested that a progress report on the NHS Post Inspection Action Plan is brought back to Committee later in the year. In particular the progress being made on the Joint Health Strategy for Looked after children.			NHS NYY	November 2010

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