

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

YOUNG PEOPLE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

10 September 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 – 28th July 2010

This was the first Mid Cycle meeting of the new Chair and Vice Chair. Their main focus was to gain an understanding of past issues covered the committee and to become aware of recent policy briefings and guidance published by the Coalition Government on children, young people and their families.

- 2.1 Announced savings from Government and reductions to specific budget lines was discussed and the Chairman considered that Members of the Committee would welcome a briefing from the Corporate Director and Executive Members on the proposals to deliver the Children & Young Peoples Savings and Transformation Strategy.

It was anticipated that the committee may wish to take a closer interest in some of the individual savings projects which form part of the Savings and Transformation Strategy.

- 2.2 The draft Annual Review of the Children & Young Peoples Plan 2009/10 was made available which outlined the key areas for improvement. The Chairman asked if Members of the Committee receive a copy of the final Annual Review.
- 2.3 The Work Programme was discussed in some detail but it was considered important for the committee to have a work programme that reflects the fast moving picture of developments and reductions in budgets announced recently. It was suggested that a draft Work Programme is brought to the Committee's attention at the next meeting for their consideration and approval, with the opportunity to add to the list of matters shown.
- 2.4 The Chair and Vice Chair agreed to use technology for some of their informal meetings whenever appropriate.
- 2.5 Chairman informed the meeting of arrangements that are underway to accommodate requests from Settle Sixth Form Students to attend the County Council Meeting in October and Sixth Form Students from Ripon Grammar the December County Council. The suggestion being that Councillors from the Young People Overview & Scrutiny Committee could 'buddy' the Sixth Formers.

The Chairman proposes drawing this to the Committees attention and asking Elected Members to volunteer to become a 'buddy'.

3.0 Safeguarding

Your Chairman is keen to see safeguarding issues maintained and covered within the Work Programme but as part of the mainstream work of the Children and Young Peoples Service and the NHS North Yorkshire & York PCT.

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 2010/11 – start time of all meetings is 10:30:

- 11th November 2010
- 14th January 2011
- 15th April 2011
- 10th June 2011
- 9th September 2011
- 11th November 2011

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

6.0 Recommendations

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Background Documents: None

Annexes: Annex A - Work Programme

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WORK PROGRAMME from September 2010**

Every Child Matters Key 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
	Scrutiny Review to be discussed and agreed		10 September 2010
Safeguarding	Update on Safeguarding Post Inspection Action Plan and improving the effectiveness of members as Corporate Parents		September 2010 – ongoing

OVERVIEW REPORTS

SUBJECT	TERMS OF REFERENCE	ACTION/BY WHOM	TIMESCALES
Summary of the savings to be achieved by the Children & Young Peoples Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Targets set by County Council in its Medium Term Financial Strategy for 2010/2011 – 2012/2013 The 24% cut in Area Based Grants from the Department for Education (DfE) plus other cuts in grants announced by the Secretary of State in June. 	Corporate Director Cynthia Welbourn CYPS	10 September 2010
Headline issues, following recent Coalition Government policy briefings and guidance announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decommissioning of ContactPoint Changes to 16-19 funding Reform of Children's Trust Academies Bill Free Schools Review of Child Protection Role of Youth Offending teams 	CYPS Officers	10 September 2010

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<p>Detailed reports on individual savings projects are awaited, in particular:</p> <p>Home to School Transport Music Service Outdoor Education Greater use of Children's Centres Integration of Youth & Youth Support Services</p>		<p>These reports will go before Executive Members in August / September / October. Reports will address:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal implications • Consultation undertaken or to be undertaken • Potential impacts for other organisations and arrangements for discussing that • Risk management implications (safeguarding) • Human resource implications • Equalities implications <p>Members will be interested to learn about the consultation processes and outcomes; the impact of service change on children and young people and their families in North Yorkshire.</p>			<p>To be guided by CYPs timetable – reports will then be made available to committee or a mid cycle briefing.</p>
<p>Local Area Agreements performance targets for Children & Young People thematic partnership</p>		<p>Await Progress Report on the achievement of Local Area Agreement targets under the thematic partnership Children & Young People.</p> <p>Members may already be aware that the Local Area Agreement is continuing for 2010-11, as the final year of the current LAA. Due to changes in the national policy context, work on developing a new Local Area Agreement to run from April 2011-March 2014 has been put on hold by the NYSP Executive. National guidance on the future of the LAA is awaited.</p>		<p>Corporate Director CYPs/Lynette Dodds</p>	<p><i>October Mid Cycle or November YPOSC</i></p>
<p>Transferring responsibility for 16 – 19 provision</p>		<p>Members have requested a briefing and progress report regarding the transferring of responsibility for commissioning of 16 – 19 provision to local authorities - NYCC. Coalition Government changes to the funding arrangements have been announced and Members of the Committee would like to better understand better what this means for 16-19 provision in North Yorkshire.</p>		<p>Chris McGee/Liz Burdett</p>	<p>November</p>
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Be Healthy: Sexual Health Review Health Visitor Review	<p>Members have been aware from data around 2007/08 that Teenage Conceptions have increased slightly. The Committee were pleased to note that a Review of Sexual Health Services across North Yorkshire was to be undertaken. The final report has been received and Members have requesting a briefing on the outcomes and how the subsequent recommendations will be implemented.</p> <p>The position regarding the number of and service being provided by a depleting number of Health Visitors has been a concern of the Committee. Following a Review of Health Visitors and the outcome of the 0-19 Universal Service Review Members are requesting a detailed update on the current and future position.</p> <p>Position statement on the activities/services to reduce substance and alcohol misuse by young people</p>	CYPS and NHS NY&Y	November 2010 <i>Initially to Mid-Cycle Briefing</i>	
Stay Safe: Safeguarding	Following the outcome of the Ofsted Inspection the NHS NYY were invited to brief Members of the Committee on their Post Inspection Action Plan. At the time Members requested that they receive a further update later in the year to better understand progress and implementation of the NHS NYY Safeguarding Action Plan	NHS NYY	November 2010	
SEN and BESD Review	Consultation outcome on the proposal to close Netherside Special Hall		<i>? October Mid-Cycle or November 2010</i>	
Speech, language and communication needs	Members received an initial briefing at a Mid Cycle Briefing in May 2010 on the importance of narrowing the gap in relation to speech, language and communication needs of children and young people. A detailed briefing has been requested which outlines the positive interventions/actions being taken by North Yorkshire County Council to address this issue.		January 2011	
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Stay Safe	Post implementation update against the recommendations set out in the Scrutiny Review <i>Young People affected by Domestic Abuse</i> . Members request a briefing and progress report to track the improvements being made to help young people who live within these situations.		<i>Mid-Cycle 2011</i>
Economic Well-Being Tackling Child Poverty -	<p>At the March 2010 Mid-Cycle Briefing a paper was presented putting child poverty into context following a request from Members of the Committee regarding what North Yorkshire is doing to tackle Child Poverty.</p> <p>Members may already be aware that the coalition government has retained the pledge to reduce child poverty, but with the emphasis shifted towards the idea that child poverty is best tackled via a general economic recovery. This differs from the previous Government's scheme which involved active state intervention to reduce inequalities and improve life chances, often via local authorities.</p> <p>Members will await an update when further guidance is available.</p>	Corporate Director CYPS	
Scrutiny Review	Supporting young people into education, employment and training – post implementation update against the recommendations set out in the In-depth Scrutiny Report		

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