

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

YOUNG PEOPLE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

18th February 2011

Work Programme Report

1.0 Purpose of Report

1.1 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 – 14th January 2011

Upper Wharfedale Review

- 2.1 Members received a detailed briefing in respect of the decision making and consultation processes undertaken concerning the review of school provision in the Upper Wharfedale area.
- 2.2 Members were made aware of the variety of approaches taken and the options which had been consulted on. It was noted that the consultation period opened on the 18th October and ended on the 17th December having been extended at the request of local stakeholders to allow further time for a considered response to be submitted.
- 2.3 Three Public consultations took place at Kettlewell, Armcliffe and Threshfield and were attended by approximately 280. A valid petition was received opposing the proposals and a debate was scheduled at the Craven area Committee on 6th January.
- 2.4 It was the considered opinion of the Chairman and Vice Chairman that the consultation processes had been thorough, fair and inclusive.
- 2.5 The report detailing the responses received on the Upper Wharfedale Primary Review was considered by the Executive on the 1st February.

Children and Young Peoples Service, Savings and Transformation Strategy – Proposals for Project 4

- 2.6 Officers attended to provide an update on moving forward the proposals set out in Project 4 of the Savings and Transformation Strategy and the new structure required for the new integrated Youth Support Service which is required to making savings of £1.35 million.

- 2.7 The Chairman requested that Members of the Committee receive a full update on the new Youth Support Service at their June meeting.
- 3.0 Your Chairman attended the **Childrens Trust Board** on the 2nd February as an observer and considered that the following matters would be of interest to Members of Committee who may wish to add them to their Work Programme:
- Report on the Mid Year Review of the Children and Young Peoples Plan – to monitor the performance and remedial actions taken where necessary.
 - The progress being made to implement the Look after Children Health Strategy.
 - Youth Justice Service Funding 2011/12 – Members to be aware of the very significant changes in how the Youth Justice Service is to receive funding from April 2011 and the significant uncertainties regarding the level of funding available.
- 4.0 The Committee will be interested to learn of the new **Drug Strategy 2010**, launched on December 8, which sets out the Government's approach to addressing the damage that drug and alcohol dependence causes on society. The strategy goes on to outline measures to prevent alcohol misuse amongst young people and to intervene early with those who need support. Education plays an important role in helping to ensure that young people are equipped with the information they need to make informed, healthy decisions and to keep themselves safe.
- <http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/drugs/drug-strategy-2010/>
- 4.1 Members in the past have consider this to be an important area of work and with the approval of the committee this issue under the heading of 'Risky Behaviours' will be added to the work programme.
- 5.0 Members will also wish to be aware of **Professor Eileen Munro's Interim Report - The Childs Journey** (the second report of her independent child protection review) published on the 1st February which signals a new approach on child protection and focuses on helping children rather than on the regulations, inspections and procedures which appear to have thrown the system out of balance.
- <http://www.education.gov.uk/munroreview/downloads/Munrointerimreport.pdf>
- 5.1 The final phase of Professor Munro's review is to seek further help from each profession within the sector to develop the reforms proposed in the interim report. Following on from this will be the presentation of her final report and recommendations to Government in April.

5.2 Safeguarding and child protection issues remain a priority of the Committee and Members may wish to consider requesting a briefing following the publication of the final report in April. The purpose of the briefing will be to raise Members awareness of the recommendations and the implications for North Yorkshire County Council.

6.0 Triumvirate Meeting (Trig) with Executive Members + Corporate Director

6.1 Arrangements have been made for an informal meeting with Executive Members and the Corporate Director Children & Young Peoples Service following the rising of County Council.

6.2 The outcome of this meeting which is to consider the priorities and challenges facing the service and the value that overview and scrutiny can add to the process. A summary of this meeting will be included under this heading.

7.0 Recommendations

7.1 The Committee is asked to:

- a. note the information in this report.
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Bryon Hunter
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In-depth Scrutiny Projects

SUBJECT	AIMS/TERMS OF REFERENCE	ACTION/BY WHOM	TIMESCALE
Health Visiting and School Nurse Service in North Yorkshire	In-depth review aims to obtain a clear picture of the current service being commissioned and delivered; the equity of that service across North Yorkshire and an understanding of what the future provision looks like and how the service is measured for performance.		10 September 2010 - April 2011
??Next Review	To be agreed by Members of the Committee		

OVERVIEW REPORTS

SUBJECT	TERMS OF REFERENCE	ACTION/BY WHOM	TIMESCALE
Children & Young Peoples Savings and Transformation Strategy – Projects	<p>Members have been provided with two briefings from the Corporate Director on the Savings and Transformation Strategy required by CYPS to meet the savings target now confirmed at £19.4k. The Savings and Transformation Strategy covers every part of the service and includes removal of expenditure from discretionary services and a fundamental review of service development and delivery.</p> <p>The Committee requested that a number of Project area reports are were appropriate presented at committee to assist members become aware of consultations being undertaken and understand how services are being shaped for the future.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Home to School Transport ▪ Music Service ▪ Outdoor Education ▪ Greater use of Children's Centres ▪ Integration of Youth & Youth Support Services 		<p>September 2010 and</p> <p>December 2010 (extra meeting)</p> <p>February 2011</p> <p>June 2011</p> <p>November 2011</p>

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Project 7 of the CYPS Savings & Transformation Strategy	Project 7 - Home to School and College Transport Outline and briefing on the measures and actions included in project 7, to achieve the savings required by the Children & Young Peoples Service.	Corporate Director/ Assistant Director	12 November 2010
Safeguarding - Ofsted Post Inspection Action Plan	Update on the implementation of the Post Inspection Action Plan and the development of an improvement plan.	Corporate Director/ Judith Hay/David O'Brien	12 November 2010
Children & Young Peoples Services - Savings & Transformation Strategy	Extra meeting of the committee was arranged to provide an opportunity for Members to receive a progress and update report on the financial challenges facing the service.	Corporate Director	1st December
Every Child Matters - Health Related Behaviour Survey 2010	The results of Health Related Health Survey are a compilation of data collected and based on responses of over 15,000 primary and secondary pupils in North Yorkshire during the summer of 2010. (The results of previous studies undertaken in 2006 and 2008 have been presented to Members of the Committee). Members will be interested to learn how this information compares to previous studies and how it is used to develop/change services for children and young people.	CYPS Katharine Bruce/Bridget Watt	18 February
North Yorkshire Children's Trust Board	Following a number of national announcements which relate to the status and function of Childrens Trusts members will learn of the priorities and new arrangements for North Yorkshire Children's Trust Board.	Corporate Director	18 February
Youth Justice Service	Briefing on the outcome of the Core Case Inspection of North Yorkshire Youth Offending Work and improvement plan.	Lesley Ingleson Youth Justice Service Manager	18 February
CYPS Savings & Transformation Strategy	Verbal update on the outcome of Home to School Transport consultation	Executive Members and Corporate Director	18 February

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Young People affected by domestic Abuse	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>March Mid-Cycle</i>
14-19 Diplomas	Briefing on the current position regarding the 14-19 diplomas		<i>?March mid-cycle</i>
School Funding	National policy and funding changes have been 'trickling' out over several months and Members of the Committee would appreciate a report on the emerging position for schools in North Yorkshire.	Corporate Director	April
Improving the speech, language and communication needs of young people	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.		April
Mid Year Review of the Children and Young Peoples Plan	Outcome of the mid year review which reflects the progress made on previous years and areas which relate to vulnerable groups.		April
In-depth Scrutiny Review: Health Visitor and School Nursing Service	Presentation of the Final Report of the Task Group	Cllr Backhouse – Chairman Task Group	April
Safeguarding	Implications of Professor Eileen Munro Interim Report		?
Youth Support Service	Members have requested a full briefing on the newly integrated Youth Support Service	Assistant Director / Louise Dunn	June

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Supporting young people into education, employment and training	Following the in-depth review 'Supporting young people into education, employment and training' members have request an update which indicates the progress being made to address the increasing risks for young people from the economic downturn.	Louise Dunn, Principal Officer Youth Support service	June
Risky Behaviour	Sexual Health of young people, including teenage pregnancy data Reducing substance and alcohol misuse Position statement on the activities/support available to reduce substance and alcohol misuse by young people	Carly Walker Youth Support Service	June
Safeguarding	Briefing and update from Childrens Social Care on the Implentation Plan progress	Judith Hay	??
Looked after Children – Members Group	Draft Report from the Chairman of the members group		
Childrens Centres	Briefing on the progress being made to make greater use of Childrens Centres	Corporate Director/ Assistant Director	
Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services	As part of the Transforming Community Services work plan Mental Health Services and Learning Disabilities have been formally tendered. Members are awaiting the outcome to learn who will deliver mental health services with particular reference to the provision for children and young people.	NYY PCT	
Review of Universal 0-19 health provision Improving the attainment of young people in vulnerable groups	Members have resulted a briefing from the NHS NY& Y PCT on the outcome of the recently finalised Review of Universal 0-19 health provision The attainment of all young people is an important area of work and Members of the Committee have requested a briefing on how NYCC supports vulnerable groups of young people to improve and achieve their full potential	NYY PCT	

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Support for vulnerable families	The Committee for requested a briefing from the Parent Support Advisor Service		
Preventing youth crime in North Yorkshire			
Tackling Child Poverty	Outcome of the Coalition Governments consultation on its approach to ending child poverty and improving life changes.		?
School Sports Partnerships			?

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