

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

YOUNG PEOPLE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

15th April 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 – 31st March 2011

Child Poverty Needs Assessment

The Child Poverty Act 2010 places a duty on upper tier local authorities and their partners to produce a Child Needs Assessment to inform the development of a local Child Poverty Strategy.

The meeting was provided with an overview of the North Yorkshire completed Needs Assessment which included data from the National Indicator 116 (Percentage of Children in Poverty) for 2008. It reports that 11.2% of children in North Yorkshire were considered to be living in poverty compared with 21.4% in the Yorkshire and Humber region and 20.9% in England. It goes on to say that although child poverty in North Yorkshire is much less prevalent than in other parts of the country, the data shows that more than 13,000 children in the county live in households whose income falls below the official poverty threshold.

Members were interested to know how the Needs Assessment will be used to develop actions to tackle Child Poverty. They were informed that the information is shared with partners and will be a strong thread running through the revised Children & Young Peoples Plan which is being developed.

The Chairman requested that a further report is brought back to the Committee in due course which informs the Members on the implementation plans being taken to tackle Child Poverty and the resources available.

2.1 Vocational Education for 14-19 year olds

Purpose of the briefing was to provide Members with an initial briefing on the outcome of the Wolf Report which is an independent review into vocational education for 14-19 year olds requested by the Education Secretary Mr Michael Gove in October 2010.

Officers provided the meeting with an overview of the headlines and the 27 recommendations arising from Professor Wolf's review.

It is too early to say what the implications will be for North Yorkshire but Officers suggest that the Wolf Review needs to be seen in context with all the other changes that are happening in relation to education and proposed that a detailed report is presented to the committee in the Autumn.

2.2 Children & Young Peoples Service – Capital Programme 2011/12

The Chairman had requested a briefing on the position regarding the Capital Programme allocations for 2011/12.

Officers explained that Capital allocations for Children and Young Peoples Services 2011/12 were announced on 13 December 2010 as part of the Local Government Finance Settlement. Unlike revenue, the capital allocations have been made for a single year only. Allocations for 2012 and beyond are not expected to be confirmed until after the James Capital Review report which is expected shortly.

Members were therefore provided with information in relation to the Proposed Capital Programme for 2011/12 only.

2.3 Children and Young Peoples Service, Savings and Transformation Strategy –

2.3.1 Project 5 – School Improvement

Members were provided with an update on the proposals to review and restructure the whole of the Quality and Improvement Service to achieve a savings target over the next two years of £1.298 million. A total savings target of almost £2.0 million has been set for subsequent years in the Savings Strategy and proposals for the second phase of the review will be brought forward later in the year.

The proposed new structure is designed to help develop a self-improving school system which reflects the drive at a national level to increase further the autonomy and responsibilities of schools. It will also ensure that the Local Authority is able to monitor standards, support schools in difficulty and be able to deliver its regulatory/statutory responsibility from a substantially smaller resource.

2.3.2 Project 10 – Outdoor Education

The meeting was provided with an update and progress briefing on moving forward Project 10 of the CYPS Savings and Transformation Strategy. In summary the proposals are for a revised staffing structure which maintains a teacher led education based Outdoor Learning service and for two Outdoor Education centres.

The Chairman requested that a progress report is brought back to the committee in twelve months time to consider how the proposals have progressed and the number of schools using the centres.

3.0 **Next Meeting of the Committee**

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for the 10th June at 10.30am.

4.0 Recommendations

4.1 The Committee is asked to:

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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
<i>Early Intervention</i> Or <i>The attainment of young people who receive free school meals</i>	<i>Making lasting improvements in the lives of our children, to forestall many persistent social problems and end their transmission from one generation to the next.</i> <i>Do young people receiving free school meals perform less well than other 16 year olds and is the gap between the two groups widening?</i> <i>(To be confirmed shortly)</i>	No decision reached	<i>June 2011 – December 2011</i>

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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 	At the request of the committee the Savings & Transformation Strategy will remain as a constant for the remainder of the 2011.	September 2010 - December 2011

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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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CYPS Savings & Transformation Strategy	<p>Project 5 School Improvement. Informal briefing to gain a better understanding of the proposed new structure for School Improvement; the restructuring of the early years team and the review of behaviour and attendance services provided by the LA to schools and settings.</p> <p>Project 10 Outdoor Education Progress briefing to learn more about the restructuring to an Outdoor Learning Service and what this provides for young people in North Yorkshire.</p>	CYPS Assistant Director Quality & Inclusion	<i>31 March Mid Cycle</i>
Vocational Education 14-19 year olds	Update and briefing on Professor Alison Wolf's Review	CYPS Assistant Director Chris McGee and Liz Burdett	<i>31st March Mid Cycle</i>
Tackling Child Poverty	NY Child Poverty Needs Assessment briefing	David O'Brien	<i>31st March Mid Cycle</i>
CYPS Capital Programme	Chairman requested a briefing on the Capital Programme report that went to Executive Members and the Schools Forum	CYPS Assistant Director Strategic Services /Strategic Planning Manager	<i>31 March Mid Cycle</i>
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
Unannounced Safeguarding Inspection	The annual unannounced inspection of contact, referral and assessment arrangements within North Yorkshires children's services was conducted on the 25 and 26 January 2011. The Committee were advised that the outcome of this unannounced inspection would be published on the 23 rd February 2011.	Corporate Director	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

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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>May Mid-Cycle</i>
ICS	Briefing and update on the CYPS ICS system		<i>May Mid Cycle</i>
Project Home to School and College Transport	Progress briefing		<i>May Mid cycle</i>
Youth Support Service	Members have requested a full briefing on the newly integrated Youth Support Service	Assistant Director / Louise Dunn	June
Supporting young people into education, employment and training	Following the in-depth review 'Supporting young people into education, employment and training' members have requested 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	Progress briefings on: 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
Review of Universal 0-19 health provision	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	NYY PCT	??June
School Funding Pupil Premium Education Bill Academies Loss of EMA	National policy and funding changes have been 'trickling' out over the last several months and Members of the Committee would appreciate a briefing on the emerging position for schools in North Yorkshire.	Corporate Director	??September
Safeguarding	Briefing and update from Childrens Social Care on the Implementation Plan progress	Judith Hay	?September

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Housing & Homelessness	Briefing report on the work being undertaken to accommodate young people	David Walker	September
Looked after Children – Members Group	Draft Report from the Chairman of the members group		
Improving the attainment of young people in vulnerable groups	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		
Support for vulnerable families	The Committee for requested a briefing from the Parent Support Advisor Service		
NHS Health & Well-Being Board	Role and responsibilities of the Health & Well-Being Board and their involvement in the health and well-being of young people	Corporate Director	
North Yorkshire Youth Justice Service	Members were concerned to hear about the lack of certainty regarding the funding arrangements for the Youth Justice Service and requested an update at a later date.		
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	
Preventing youth crime in North Yorkshire			
Vocational Education for 14-19 year old	Briefing to inform the committee on the impact for North Yorkshire following the Wolf Report on Vocational Education for 14-19 year olds.		??
Child Poverty	Following an initial briefing on the Child Poverty Needs Assessment members have requested a progress report which details the actions to be taken to tackle Child Poverty.		March 2012
Childrens Centres	Briefing on the progress being made to make greater use of Childrens Centres	Corporate Director/ Assistant Director	March 2012
School Sports Partnerships			?

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