

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**YOUNG PEOPLE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE****9th September 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)
- c. Confirm, amend or add to the draft Scoping Plan for the next in-depth Scrutiny Review (attached at Annex B)

2.0 Mid Cycle Briefing – 22nd July 2011 (Video Conferencing)**2.1 Supporting Young People into education employment and training**

Officers briefed the Members on the progress against each of the recommendations outlined in the Supporting Young People into education, employment and training scrutiny review. It was reported that the current position with regard to the number of 16 – 18 year olds not in education, employment and training in North Yorkshire compares favourably with other parts of the Country but Officers are mindful of the present economic situation.

Members were pleased to learn that there is on-going engagement with the Federation of Small Businesses and good links have been established with the Construction Supply Chain Network – Build North Yorkshire - who has facilitated the provision of work placements (x13) and apprenticeships (x14).

Members noted the progress being achieved but also acknowledge that developments in Government Policy had changed the landscape and that the economic situation will no doubt put further pressure on the availability of jobs for young people.

They agreed to return to this issue next year.

2.2 North Yorkshire Safeguarding Board (NYSCB)

Members were provided with a briefing on the work of the North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children's Board and received a copy of the Annual Report which had been published in April 2011. The detailed report provides an assessment of the effectiveness of local arrangements to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and the importance of partnership working.

For your information your Chairman has arranged to meet with the Independent Chair of the NYSCB late September.

2.3 Green Paper - Support and Aspiration: A new approach to special educational needs and disability – North Yorkshire County Council's response to the Consultation

In March this year the Government announced a radical overhaul of how children with special needs and disabilities are treated in the English school system.

At the request of the Chairman a Senior Officer from the Children and Young Peoples Service attended to brief the Members on the key issues outlined in the Green Paper and also provide a copy of the North Yorkshire County Council Consultation Response.

Members noted the information set out in the Consultation Response document and were made aware that a further report (Project 17 of the CYPs Savings and Transformation Strategy) describing the progress in developing and implementing North Yorkshire's SEND Change and Integration Programme is due to be considered by Executive Members later this summer.

2.4 The Changing Face of School Governance - Local Authority Schools & Academies:

The Manager of the Governor Support Service attended the meeting at the request of Members to outline potential changes to school governance and the implications for governing bodies and local authority appointed governors

Members were advised that in the case where a school has begun the process to convert to Academy status they will be responsible for establishing the Academy Trust. Members of the Academy Trust have a strategic role in running the academy and will be responsible for appointing governors to the governing body of the academy.

2.5 Request from the Yorkshire Coast & Moors Area Committee

The Chairman explained that a request had been received from the Yorkshire Coast and Moors Area Committee which recommended that the outcome of a formal proposal to consult on federation by Caedmon School, Eskdale School and Whitby Community College is reported to the Young People Overview & Scrutiny Committee (YPOSC).

Officers were invited to explain the background to this formal consultation process and to provide a bit more detail around the amount of officer support given to all three governing bodies.

Members were disappointed that a unanimous conclusion had not been reached but considered this was not a matter that the Young People Overview & Scrutiny Committee could pursue. They concluded by saying that in their view it is important a way forward is developed which endorses the good partnership working that already exists between the schools and is in the best interests of children and young people of Whitby.

3.0 Next In-depth Scrutiny Review Young Peoples Participation

At a previous meeting the participation of young people was raised and the Corporate Development Officer was requested to research this area on behalf of the Committee.

The briefing paper attached at Annex B is a first draft scoping plan into the participation and involvement of young people in North Yorkshire.

Why is the participation of young people important? Well there are two main reasons – firstly it is a child or young persons right to be involved in the decisions which affect them and secondly it makes for the delivery of better, more efficient services which children and young people want and need.

Young people's participation and involvement has been taken forward in North Yorkshire with the setting up of 16 Local Youth Councils. These are made up of young people aged

13-19 and their aim is to represent the views and opinions of young people from across their local area. The North Yorkshire Youth Council (NYYC) set up at the end of 2009 brings together representatives from each of the Local Youth Councils to discuss and act on issues that matter to young people. And, currently there are three young people who represent North Yorkshire on the UK Youth Parliament (UKYP) and attended a debate in the House of Commons in October 2010 to discuss issues picked up young people.

Getting to know about the key issues that matter to young people and forming links with the North Yorkshire Youth Council are areas that your Chairman considers important for this Overview & Scrutiny Committee. Youth Councils have also now been actively running since 2009 so it is timely to consult with young people about the impact and benefits these youth councils are having and to enquire from elected members how aware and informed are they about Local Youth Councils in their areas.

Members are invited to comment, add and/or amend this draft paper and agree the membership of their next Task Group.

4.0 Next Meeting of the Committee

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for the 11th November 2011 at 10.30am.

5.0 Recommendations

5.1 The Committee is asked 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).
- c. Agree the Scope of the next in-depth scrutiny review (Annex B)

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WORK PROGRAMME from January 2011 (updated June 2011)**

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> OR <i>The participation of young people in decision making</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>The Chairman requested that research is undertaken to expand on this area and brought back to the next meeting of the Committee in September.</i>	No decision reached	June 2011 – December 2011

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 	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 Children's 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	<p>31 March</p> <p>Mid Cycle</p>
Vocational Education 14-19 year olds	Update and briefing on Professor Alison Wolf's Review	CYPS Assistant Director Chris McGee and Liz Burdett	<p>31st March</p> <p>Mid Cycle</p>
Tackling Child Poverty	NY Child Poverty Needs Assessment briefing	David O'Brien	<p>31st March</p> <p>Mid Cycle</p>
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	<p>31 March</p> <p>Mid Cycle</p>
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 Inspection Safeguarding	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.		May Mid-Cycle
ICS	Briefing and update on the CYPS ICS system		May Mid Cycle
Project Home to School and College Transport	Progress briefing		May Mid cycle
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
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	July Mid Cycle
Review of Universal 0-19 health provision	Members requested a briefing from the NHS NY& Y PCT on the outcome of the recently finalised Review of Universal 0-19 health provision	NY Y PCT	June

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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
Home Education and engagement with Traveller Families	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 when they are education at home.	Simon Ashby	September
Housing & Homelessness	Briefing report on the work being undertaken to accommodate young people	David Walker	September
Safeguarding	The outcome of the Munroe Report and the Governments response	Judith Hay	September???
Looked after Children – Members Group	Draft Report from the Chairman of the members group		November
Support for vulnerable families	The Committee have requested a briefing from the Parent Support Advisor Service		November
Savings & Transformation Strategy – Music Service	Proposals on what the re-structure of the Music Service need to respond to the recent Henley report and the implementation of the awaited a National Plan for Music, due to be released July 2011. Members have requested a briefing at an appropriate time on what the re-structure of the Music Service will look like for young people in North Yorkshire.		November?
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/Children's Social Care	

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Preventing youth crime in North Yorkshire			
SUBJECT	AIMS/TERMS OF REFERENCE	ACTION/BY WHOM	TIMESCALE
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
Children's Centres	Briefing on the progress being made to make greater use of Children's Centres	Corporate Director/ Assistant Director	March 2012

Please note that this is a working document, therefore topics and timeframes might need to be amended.

Young People Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Plan of Scrutiny Review

TOPIC	Youth Councils of North Yorkshire	
OBJECTIVE	<p>The aim of this review is to consult with representatives of the North Yorkshire Youth Council and local Youth Councils; to learn about the impact Youth Councils are having on young people; how their key issues are developed; are Youth Councils representative of all young people aged 11-19; how could we improve the links between Youth Councils and the Young People Overview & Scrutiny Committee and raise the awareness of all elected members.</p>	
REASONS FOR REVIEW	<p>We may not always think of children and young people as consumers of public services - education is the most obvious but they can also use health services, social care and national and local transport networks. In their leisure time many engage in cultural or sporting activities and can be a significant group within local communities engaged in volunteering.</p> <p>In recent years there has been a significant move towards giving young people more opportunities to get involved in the design, provision and evaluation of policies and services that affect them or which they use.</p> <p>The importance of involving North Yorkshire young people in decision making is recognised in the 'Children and Young People's Plan 2008-11' which lists <i>'Increase children and young people's participation in shaping services'</i> as one of its priority area'.</p> <p>There are reportedly many ways of actively involving young people in decision making, but one method which has gained recognition, popularity and influence during the last few years is the Youth Council.</p> <p>Youth Councils have become embedded and there are 16 local Youth Councils in North Yorkshire made up of young people aged 13-19 which aim to represent the views and opinions of young people from across their local areas. The North Yorkshire Youth Council (NYYC) brings together representatives from each of the local Youth Councils to meet, discuss and act on issues that matter to young people. It has also developed links with other specific participation groups such as Young Peoples Council for looked after children and the Flying High Group of disabled young people.</p> <p>From the outset this review will be a two-way learning curve if we are establish a better understanding of each others very different role and to see if we can develop a more structured link with the North Yorkshire Youth Council.</p> <p>Youth Councils have been up and running for sometime now so it is timely to ask young people what they see as the benefits for having youth councils and as future employees (or employers) who will have a huge stake in future economic prospects and the environment.</p>	
CORPORATE OBJECTIVES (Please mark as	To ensure good access for all	
	To help people to live and thrive in safe and secure communities	
	To help all children and young people to develop their full potential	X

appropriate)	To promote a flourishing economy			X
	To maintain and enhance our environment and heritage			
	To improve health and wellbeing and give people effective support when they need it			
TASK GROUP MEMBERS				
PARTICIPANTS & STAKEHOLDERS		North Yorkshire Youth Council representatives Local Youth Council representatives Flying High Group Young Peoples Council Children and Young Peoples Service – Youth Support Service Elected Members District Councils Voluntary Youth Organisations		
METHOD		Task Group Consultations with relevant stakeholders. Consultation with expertise witnesses Desktop research Review of local guidance/policies		
ISSUES		What has been the impact of Youth Councils for young people Are they representative of all young people aged 11-19 Raise the awareness of elective members Develop links with Young People Overview & Scrutiny		
PROGRAMME PLAN		Meeting Date	Meeting	Focus
SUCCESS INDICATORS				
ESTIMATE OF RESOURCES REQUIRED				

Taken from NYCC Internet



There are 16 youth councils across North Yorkshire. Each youth council is made up of young people aged 13-19 and their role is to represent the views and opinions of young people from across their local area. There is also a Youth County Council made up of representatives from the area youth councils.

The youth councils meet to discuss and act on issues that matter to young people. They work to get young people's voices heard by decision makers (like the district and County Councils) and people who provide services to young people. The youth councils aim to influence the way things work for the better. It's **not** about sitting

around board room tables & always being serious.

It is about:

- having your voice heard;
- getting involved ;
- influencing things for the better;
- having fun!

Working for the benefit of young people across North Yorkshire, the youth councils perform an important and often challenging role. As a youth councillor you meet and deal with all kinds of people. There are various meetings to attend, lots of planning and decisions to make, fun trips away, events to go to and speak at, radio broadcasts to do and much more!

Three examples of projects and activities that youth councils have been involved in are:

- Allocating grant money to youth projects and young people for 'things to do and places to go';
- Being involved on interview panels for new youth workers;
- Planning and putting on youth events.



As an elected member you will get the chance to meet new people, make loads of friends, and have the opportunity to develop confidence and new skills. So if you have something to say about being a young person in your area, would like to help influence things for the better, and think adults should listen up to young people's views, now is the chance to stand up and be heard!

Other key roles:

- To be aware of and raise issues that affect young people locally, county wide and nationally;
- To work alongside adults, decision makers and providers of services (such as health, leisure, education etc.) to get young people's voices heard;
- To make contact with local youth groups/forums;
- To attend regular meetings and events;
- To be consulted by others, e.g. the County Council and people who have an interest in the needs and views of young people;
- To make things happen!

Meetings, events and activities

As part of your role you will be expected to attend and get involved in a number of events and meetings throughout the year. These meetings are an essential part of your job and although you are not expected to attend all of them, it is important you participate in at least 80%.

- **12 general youth council meetings** - Approximately once a month, around 2 hours long. Generally held in a building central to your area.
- **1 youth council residential** - This takes place over a weekend shortly after the elections. This is so everyone can get to know each other, have some fun, and get to grips with the role of youth councillors and role of the youth council.
- **Regular small task group meetings** - In between general meetings, and to work on specific issues and projects set by the youth council. Not **all** youth council members will need to attend these, but these are where the real work of the youth council gets done.
- **Consultation meetings/surgeries** - Visit local venues and youth projects to meet and consult with young people.
- **Local meetings in your area** - Meet with young people and others in the community.

Travel and support

You will be expected to travel to meetings but transport costs can be repaid and help can be offered to organise this. Your work on the youth council will be supported by 4 Youth youth workers.



Other activities

As well as these meetings there will be opportunities throughout the year to:

- Work on projects and ideas set by the youth council and its members;
- Attend events and conferences;
- Take part in team building activities;
- Meet the people that matter;
- Promote the youth council - write new pieces for the website, press releases, design publicity etc.;
- Meet and consult with the young people of North Yorkshire;
- Do radio broadcasts, interviews, press releases... and much more!