

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

YOUNG PEOPLE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

11th November 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 – 10th October 2011

This briefing meeting was organised to provide your Chairman Cllr Keith Barnes, the Vice Chairman Cllr Andrew Backhouse and the Group Spokesperson Cllr Janet Jefferson the opportunity to meet with the Executive Members and the Corporate Director of the Children Young People's Service, prior to County Council, for a detailed briefing on the Children and Young Peoples Plan (CYPP) 2011-14 and the Implementation/Service Delivery Plan.

Prior to the meeting the Members were forwarded copies of the draft Children and Young Peoples Plan 2011-14 and the Implementation/Service Delivery Plan. Both are large and complex documents and at the meeting the Members expressed their concern that in its present form the plan was difficult to digest for the non-specialist and that a summary document would be helpful.

The Corporate Director answered questions in relation to progress on the previous plan and about what the service was going to do differently; the added pressure on the service to meet the vast array of performance measures (largely dictated by Government) and why there was no performance targets included.

In response to the final point the Corporate Director said that the main body of the draft CYPP needed to be considered by the County Council within tight deadlines and that when approved the final detailed work on the CYPP would be completed.

During the briefing Members were reminded many services for children and young people are inter-dependent and the CYP Plan is a joint agency plan and all the Children's Trust Partners have endorsed the proposed strategic priorities.

Members were grateful to the Executive Members and the Corporate Director for the in-depth briefing and agreed that the meeting had been useful and their understanding of the plan considerably improved.

The Chairman requested that the Children and Young Peoples Plan is brought to the attention of the full Committee in November to provide the whole membership with the opportunity to be fully briefed as the CYPP will form the basis of their Work Programme for 2012.

3.0 In-depth Scrutiny Review – Youth Participation

Your Chairman was invited to attend and speak at the October meeting of the North Yorkshire Youth Council in York and took along copies of 'North Yorkshires Guide to Overview & Scrutiny'.

He mentioned the Committee's next in-depth scrutiny review and explained that the involvement and inclusion of young people is crucial to the outcome of the review and welcomed their input.

The first meeting of the Task Group is planned for the afternoon of the 11th November and it is anticipated that a group of young people will join the Task Group.

4.0 Nominations for Parent Governor

Members are advised that no nominations have been received for the Parent Governor vacancy on the Young Peoples Overview & Scrutiny Committee (previously held by Dr Patricia Stowell).

The Committee are asked to consider delaying further requests for nominations as we are advised that the term of office of the remaining parent governor (Mrs Suzanne Morris) is due to expire in May 2012. The suggestion being proposed is that nominations are sought for both vacancies at the same time in March with a view to getting nominations ratified at full council in May.

5.0 Next Meeting of the Committee

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for the 20th January 2012 at 10.30am.

6.0 Recommendations

6.1 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. Approve the proposal to delay the seeking of nominations for Parent Governor vacancy until March 2012.

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WORK PROGRAMME from January 2011 (updated November 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>Youth Peoples Participation</i>	<i>At their last meeting in September Members of the Committee agreed to undertake a review of Young Peoples Participation with a particular focus on Youth Councils in North Yorkshire.</i>	Task Group	<i>November 2011 – March 2012</i>

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, where 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 ▪ Children's Social Care 	At the request of the committee the Savings & Transformation Strategy will remain as a constant for the remainder of the 2011 and into 2012.	September 2010 - March 2012

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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	November
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
At the end of 2011 Members of the Committee will consider refreshing their Work Programme to take account of the new Children & Young Peoples Plan 2011-14 and the strategic priorities and key objectives listed.			
Savings & Transformation Strategy – Music Service	Briefing on the proposals to re-structure the Music Service and what it will look like for young people in North Yorkshire.		
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.	Youth Justice Service	
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.		January 2012

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In-depth Scrutiny Review – Youth Participation	Progress report/briefing on the work and findings of the Task Group		January 2012
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
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	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.