

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**YOUNG PEOPLE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**16th March 2012**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 schedule (attached at Annex A).

2.0 Mid Cycle Briefing – 23rd February 2012

The following items were discussed at the last Mid-Cycle Briefing which are summarised below.

2.1 Paediatric & Maternity Services at the Friarage Hospital

Prior to the meeting Members had been provided with a copy of the National Clinical Advisory Team (NCAT) report which considered the options being discussed within the South Tees Hospital Trust on the reconfiguration of children's services.

The Chairman asked that the Scrutiny of Health Team Leader is invited to the meeting to provide them with an update on the planned process for public engagement by South Tees Hospital Trust on the options for reconfiguring children's services. Members were advised that nine meetings are scheduled to take place through March to June (exact dates will be circulated) to explore with the public what the options are.

The Members acknowledged that the Scrutiny of Health Committee are fully engaged with this matter but asked on behalf of the full Committee if there would be an opportunity for the Young People Overview & Scrutiny Committee to be invited to join Scrutiny of Health at one of their meetings when this issue is discussed further.

2.2 Demand for Primary School places in North Yorkshire

Recent national press coverage has highlighted the potential shortfall of primary school places across England. With this in mind the Members were keen to understand the situation in North Yorkshire and requested an initial briefing on the demand for primary school places in North Yorkshire.

Members were advised that although in recent years pupil numbers nationally have been falling across both the primary and secondary school and this has been reflected in North Yorkshire school population which peaked in 2002 of 86,405. However by 2010 this had fallen to 80,473. In North Yorkshire the primary school population by 2010 had fallen to 40,385 but between now and 2015-16 primary aged pupils are forecast to rise from the current 39,419 to 42,267, a rise of over 7%.

Across the county there are currently 46,999 primary school places. Therefore in overall terms there are sufficient places for all the primary school pupils who need them both now

and in the long term. However, this overall position conceals a number of development 'hotspots' and places where significant surplus places are likely to remain.

Pupil forecasting on a County and District-wide basis are updated annually and twice a year pupil forecasts refreshed for each locality area and for individual schools. This also takes into account the actual numbers of pupils in schools as well as the impact of forecast changes to the birth rate and migration.

The Chairman suggested that this item is brought to the attention of the full Committee and asked that it is added to the Work Programme for a detailed briefing at the June meeting.

2.3 Pupil Referral Service

In response to a number of queries raised by the Chairman in connection with the Pupil Referral Service Review (the review of behaviour services forms part of the larger review of Quality & Improvement Service in the CYPS Savings and Transformation Strategy) Members requested a position statement with regard to the provision of services across the County.

Members were advised that it is the responsibility of Local Authority to educate permanently excluded pupils or children who do not have a school place or cannot attend school (this includes pupils excluded from Academies). North Yorkshire chose to do this through locally based Pupil Referral Services extending its work to include working with children who are at risk of exclusion or out of school for whatever reason. Although the number of permanent exclusions is reducing the overall work of the PRSs is increasing with preventative work.

Currently there are four Pupil Referral Service (PRS) bases - Harrogate, Northallerton, Scarborough and Skipton. A further site has been identified in Selby which opens in September 2012 this long awaited provision is very welcome. The decision to establish a PRS in Selby was taken in 2007 but the difficulty has been in finding suitable premises which has delayed implementation. In the past the Harrogate PRS has provided for Selby.

The PRSs are funded from DSG through devolved budget with £4.75m being shared between the four units based on FTE places. However, with the Selby provision opening in September the distribution of funding is under review to ensure equitable distribution of resource across all five PRSs which are not solely based on per capital.

The Chairman summed up by requesting a further briefing at full Committee in September which picks up on a number of services provided by the Quality and Improvement Service and asked that under the item on Young People not educated in mainstream settings that Enhanced Mainstream Primary Schools and the new Forrest Moor provision are included to complete the package of provision and suggested that these areas are added to the Work Programme.

3.0 Scrutiny Review – Youth Participation

The Task Group met at the Ripon Youth Centre towards the end of February where they met the new Chairman of the North Yorkshire Youth Council and received a detailed briefing on the Flying High Group. The next meeting is on the afternoon of the 16th March.

4.0 Work Programme Schedule

Members are asked to comment on the revised Work Programme and approve the content.

5.0 Next Meeting of the Committee

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for the 15 June 2012 at 10:30. Future meeting dates for the remainder of the year are:

- 14 September 2012
- 16 November 2012

Perhaps you would enter all these dates into your diary.

6.0 Recommendations

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- c. Note the calendar of meeting dates in their diary

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In-depth Scrutiny Projects

SUBJECT	AIMS/TERMS OF REFERENCE	ACTION/BY WHOM	TIMESCALE
Youth Peoples Participation	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.	Task Group	<i>November 2011 – March 2012</i>

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SUBJECT	TERMS OF REFERENCE	ACTION/BY WHOM	TIMESCALE
Children & Young Peoples Savings and Transformation Strategy and Project Areas	<p>The Children and Young People's Service Savings and Transformation Strategy. In 2011-12 the CYPS MTFS target, set by Budgets 1 and 2 is £9.150m. This target has been spread across 18 projects and overall achievement is well on target at this stage. Members have received regular updates from Executive Members and the Corporate Director over the course of 2011 and have confirmed their wishes to continue with these regular progress reports.</p> <p>The Committee acknowledge that a number of Project areas are still 'work in progress' so will over the course of the next twelve months continue to request Progress Reports from a number of Project area reports to maintain their knowledge and awareness of how services are being shaped for the future.</p>	At the request of the committee the Savings & Transformation Strategy remains on the Work Programme for 2012.	September 2010 - December 2012
Government Consultation Responses	The Committee have welcomed the opportunity to learn more about the content of recent Government Consultation Responses and have on a couple of occasions received short, informative briefings. They would like to continue with this practice and receive short briefings when appropriate.		2012
North Yorkshire Youth Justice Service	At the previous briefing 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.	Lesley Ingleson Youth Justice Service	16 March 2012

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Children's Centres	Members request that a briefing is provided on the progress made to make greater use of Children's Centres; the lessons learned from the recent Ofsted Inspections of Children's Centres and how these are being taken forward and information on the future funding arrangements for Children's Centres	Corporate Director/ Assistant Director	16 March 2012
Transition arrangements for young people with SEND to adult life And SEND pathfinder project	Briefing on the support and transition arrangements in place to help this group of vulnerable young people. In October 2011 the Children & Young Peoples Service was successful in becoming one of the 20 pathfinders for the SEND Single Plan and Assessment Pathfinder Pilots. Member request a briefing on the detail behind this pilot, the areas covered by this pathfinder pilot and progress to date.	Corporate Director/ Assistant Director	16 March 2012
The future of 14-19 vocational education in England	The Committee requests a briefing to inform them about the changes and developments for 14-19 vocational education in North Yorkshire and the role of schools following the Government's full acceptance of the recommendations from the Wolf Review.	Assistant Director Chris McGee/Liz Burdett Head of 14-19 Strategy & Commissioning	16 March 2012
North Yorkshire Local Safeguarding Board	<i>Briefing from the Independent Chairman on the work of the Local Safeguarding Board And the Annual Report - to be confirmed</i>	<i>Independent LSCB Chairman</i>	<i>15 June 2012</i>
Safeguarding and Protection of children and young people in North Yorkshire	Progress report following on from the previous presentation and briefing on Children's Social Care restructure and performance monitoring.	Corporate Director/Assistant Director	15 June 2012
Demand for Primary School places in North Yorkshire	Recent press coverage has indicated that there is a potential shortfall of primary school places nationally. At the request of the Chairman an update has been requested which helps them to understand the situation in North Yorkshire regarding the projected figures, whether there are pressure points and the plans in place to deal with any shortfall.	Corporate Director/ Assistant Director	15 June 2012

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0-19 Universal Services and Health Visitor Implementation Plan	A previous briefing advised the Committee on the current situation in relation to the 0-19 Universal Services Review and the impact the Health Visitor Implementation Plan would have in developing universal services. The North Yorkshire & York PCT Commissioners will provide an update on the way services will be commissioned which include the Health Visitor Implementation Plan.	Julie Bolus, Interim Director of Nursing /Helen Billson Senior Commissioning Manager	15 June 2012
Anti Bullying Strategy	Members are returning to this important area of work and request a briefing and update on the use of effective strategies, training and partnership working to tackling the problem of bullying to safeguard children and young people.	<i>?contact details for appropriate person needed</i>	15 June 2012
'The Street' Scarborough	<i>'The Street' Scarborough is a £6.5million project of the Seachange Community Trust in partnership with the Scarborough Borough Council and North Yorkshire County Council. Members have requested an opportunity to learn more about the project with a site visit included. The Task Group on Youth Participation would like to have further information on how young people were included in the development and how young people and community groups will use the building.</i>	<i>Sarah Fenwick and Andrew Steel from the Seachange Community Trust.</i>	<i>Include in Youth Participation Review – proposed date of 12th April</i>
Supporting for young people not educated in mainstream schools	<p><u>Pupil Referral Service</u> The Committee request a briefing on the Pupil Referral Service, how the service is accessed; the provision available and if there are any delays for young people and their families in being referred. They have also asked that the briefing includes information and further detail on the use of <u>Enhanced Mainstream Primary Schools</u>.</p> <p>The development at <u>Forest Moor</u> is due to open in September 2012 and members have requested a briefing on the provision available for young people with behavioural problems.</p> <p>Similarly the Committee are also requesting information and a briefing on the type of <u>educational support available and provided to children who have a long-term illness.</u></p>	John Bell, Assistant Director Quality and Improvement	14 September 2012
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Tackling Child Poverty	Recent information suggests that Child Poverty is expected to rise so following on from the initial briefing on the Child Poverty Needs Assessment members request an update to the previous briefing which details the actions to be taken to tackle Child Poverty in North Yorkshire.		14 September 2012

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Early Interventions	<p>There has been a lot written about early intervention to help families under stress to provide a loving and secure home for their children to grow up in; keeps families together and saves children from the trauma of break-up and removal.</p> <p>Members are requesting a briefing and explanation on what is meant by Early Intervention and local examples of the types of early intervention programmes and approaches that are having a positive impact across the different groups of children, young people and their families.</p>		14 September 2012
Young People not in education, employment or training	<p>With the number of young people not in education, employment and training on the increase Members have asked to keep this item on the Work Programme to receive updates on the number of young people NEET and includes a briefing on the partnership arrangements and action plans to manage and support this group of young people.</p>	Louise Dunn	16 November 2012
Looked after Children – Members Group	<p>Report from the Chairman of the LAC- members group</p>	Cllr Melva Steckles Chairman LAC-MG	16 November 2012
Performance Monitoring	<p>Briefing on the CYPS Key Performance Indicators and the CYPP Success Measures for the full year and information on the new data set around safeguarding and what the CYPS will be measured against quarter 4</p>		July - Move to Mid Cycle Briefing initially
Accommodation and Homelessness	<p>In September 2011 Members of the Committee were briefed on the draft Policy: Accommodation for Young People, provided with an overview of the scale, distribution and causes of homelessness of young people (16 – 25) and set out the requirements for future provision countywide. The whole exercise was a joint one which involved District/Borough Councils and would not have been possible without their involvement.</p> <p>Members request an update following on from the previous briefing and which provides information on the amount of accommodation available and the impact the pathway approach is having on homelessness in North Yorkshire.</p>	David Walker	July - move to Mid Cycle Briefing
Music Service	<p>Briefing on the proposals to re-structure the Music Service and what this will look like for young people in North Yorkshire.</p>	Ian Bangay	October move to Mid Cycle Briefing

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SEND pathfinder project	Following a briefing in March on the Children & Young Peoples Service becoming one of the 20 pathfinders for the SEND Single Plan and Assessment Pathfinder Pilots. Member request a progress report.		2012
NHS Health & Well-Being Board	Progress briefing on the developing Health & Well-Being Board and its involvement in the health and well-being of young people	Corporate Director	2012

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

Additional items to be included on either the Mid Cycle Briefing or Work Programme Schedule:

Linking with the Scrutiny of Health over the reconfiguration of Paediatric & Maternity Services at the Friarage Hospital
 New Ofsted Inspection Framework
 School Sports Partnerships
 Progress Report on Performance Reward Grant