

**NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL****YOUNG PEOPLE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**15<sup>th</sup> June 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 – 11 May 2012**

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

**2.1 Pilot Scheme – Initial Referral and Contacts made to Children & Young Peoples Service (CYPS).**

Briefing on a Pilot scheme which was put in place between the Children's Social Care and the Customer Services Centre which involved locating a Deputy Service Manager in the Customer Services Centre on a full time basis to work closely with Customer Services specialist offices in responding to all contacts made to CYPS.

The aims of the pilot are to achieve greater consistency of initial contacts and referrals; ensure contacts are responded to promptly by the appropriate service within CYPS; improve the liaison between decision makers across the service in the screening process and embed an integrated service provision across CYPS.

The outcome of the pilot and the Childrens Social Care transformation review confirmed that this service should be maintained to continue to drive forward a more efficient and consistent service response.

**2.2 School Sports Partnerships**

Members received a briefing and position statement regarding the School Sports Partnerships which continue to give structure and improve the quality teaching and learning in schools to the Physical Education curriculum.

Since the Scrutiny Review in December 2007 'Sporting Chance' many of the performance targets have been removed but most North Yorkshire schools achieve two hours of sport across the age ranges up to 16 years.

Sport continues to play a significant role to improve the health of young people through participation in physical activity particularly children at risk of obesity, those with special needs and for young people who are gifted and talented.

**2.3 Consultation Response – School Funding Reform**

The meeting was provided with a briefing and paper on the 'Issues to Consider for North Yorkshire County Council and North Yorkshire Schools' which is in response to the third stage of a three-part consultation about reforms to school funding and the introduction of a fair funding formula. This follows on from a 6 week consultation exercise in early 2011 and a 3 month consultation in July 2011.

If Members of the Committee require a copy of this report please contact the Corporate Development Officer

## **2.4 Teenage Conceptions and Risky Behaviours**

Members were advised that the Teenage Pregnancy Strategy has been merged with the Young People's Substance Misuse Strategy to broaden the focus around risk taking behaviour.

The current position with regard to North Yorkshire teenage pregnancy rates show a fall of 43.7% between 1998-2010 and compares to a national reduction of 24%. With regard to the numbers of young people receiving drug and alcohol treatment in North Yorkshire (340 in 2010-2011) this is higher than similar local authority areas but lower than the national average.

The new Risk Taking Behaviour Service is currently being commissioned to support young people who are taking risks with drugs, alcohol and/or their sexual health and the outcome will be feedback to the Committee.

Targeted work is taking place in 11 secondary schools and Pupil Referral Services around risk taking behaviour and there is ongoing work and training with agencies such as the police. Sexual health services in schools have been established to address gaps following a local needs assessment.

Members asked that they are provided with a progress report in due course.

## **3.0 Scrutiny Review – Youth Participation**

The Task Group is in the process of finalising their report which will be shared initially with the Youth Councils. The Task Group Chairman Cllr John Batt proposes bringing the draft final report to the Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee in September.

## **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 14 September 2012 at 10:30. Remaining meeting date for this year is 16 November 2012.

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

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**In-depth Scrutiny Projects**

<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>AIMS/TERMS OF REFERENCE</b>	<b>ACTION/BY WHOM</b>	<b>TIMESCALE</b>
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.	<b>Task Group</b>	<i>November 2011 – June 2012</i>
<b>OVERVIEW REPORTS</b>			
<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>TERMS OF REFERENCE</b>	<b>ACTION/BY WHOM</b>	<b>TIMESCALE</b>
<b>Children &amp; Young Peoples Savings and Transformation Strategy and Project Areas</b>	<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
<b>Government Consultation Responses</b>	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
<b>North Yorkshire Youth Justice Service</b>	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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<b>'The Street' Scarborough</b>	<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 12<sup>th</sup> April</i>
<b>Children's Centres</b>	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 Childrens 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
<b>Transition arrangements for young people with SEND to adult life And SEND pathfinder project</b>	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
<b>The future of 14-19 vocational education in England</b>	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
<b>North Yorkshire Local Safeguarding Board (NYSCB)</b>	Presentation of the North Yorkshire Safeguarding Childrens Board Annual Report	Ann McMorris Manager NYSCB	15 June 2012

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<b>Safeguarding and Protection of children and young people in North Yorkshire</b>	<p>Members have requested briefings and a progress report on the MTFs - CYPS Savings &amp; Transformation Strategy: Project 2b – Social Care Transformation including how the transformation will impact on and improve outcomes for children and young people.</p> <p>-how Child Protection and Safeguarding arrangements are maintained in Educational settings and for children who are missing from education.</p>	Corporate Director/Assistant Director	15 June 2012
<b>Demand for Primary School places in North Yorkshire</b>	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	14 September 2012
<b>Anti Bullying Strategy</b>	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>	14 September 2012
<b>0-19 Universal Services and Health Visitor Implementation Plan</b>	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	14 September 2012
<b>Support for young people not educated in mainstream schools</b>	<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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<b>Tackling Child Poverty</b>	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.		16 November 2012
<b>Early Interventions</b>	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.  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.		16 November 2012
<b>Young People not in education, employment or training</b>	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.	Louise Dunn	16 November 2012
<b>Looked after Children – Members Group</b>	Report from the Chairman of the LAC- members group	Cllr John Batt Chairman LAC-MG	16 November 2012
<b>Risky Behaviours</b>	Update on the current position in relation to Teenage Conceptions and	Carly Walker	May Mid Cycle
<b>School Sports Partnerships</b>	Since the Scrutiny Review undertaken the Members have requested an update regarding the position of Schools Sports Partnerships	Heather Newman	May Mid Cycle
<b>Performance Monitoring</b>	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		July - Move to Mid Cycle Briefing initially

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<b>Accommodation and Homelessness</b>	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.  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.	David Walker	July - move to Mid Cycle Briefing
<b>Music Service</b>	Briefing on the proposals to re-structure the Music Service and what this will look like for young people in North Yorkshire.	Ian Bangay	October move to Mid Cycle Briefing
<b>SEND pathfinder project</b>	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
<b>NHS Health &amp; Well-Being Board</b>	Progress briefing on the developing Health & Well-Being Board and its involvement in the health and well-being of young people	Corporate Director	2012

Additional items which may be included to either the Mid Cycle Briefing or Work Programme Schedule in the course of the year:

Linking with the Scrutiny of Health over the reconfiguration of Paediatric & Maternity Services at the Friarage Hospital  
Risky Behaviours  
Progress Report on Performance Reward Grant

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