

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

YOUNG PEOPLE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

14th September 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 – 15 June 2012

The following items were discussed at the last Mid-Cycle Briefing and are summarised below. The Chairman suggests if anyone requires a copy of any of the Briefing Reports to contact the Corporate Development Officer.

2.1 Briefing on Substance Misuse – Carly Walker

At the request of the Vice Chairman further information was sought on the current position relating to Substance Misuse and a short briefing note was circulated with the agenda papers.

The meeting was advised about the availability of drugs in the county and were also provided with an explanation on why it is used by young people. Members learned that drug misuse is addressed in conjunction with other risk taking behaviours as the Youth Support Service is careful not to raise the profile of any one particular substance. The briefing also included detail on the prevention work on-going in all schools for example how to raise the awareness of the issues and the dangers amongst young people together with guidance for schools on handling drug related incidents.

Members were advised that five schools in the coastal area are currently taking part in a risk taking behaviour project around drugs, alcohol and sex and relationship education.

The Youth Support Service deliver targeted work with young people in the coast around drugs and alcohol in youth clubs and other settings including outreach work on the streets, engaging young people in other activities; multi-agency work with the police and staff training.

From the 1st September 2012 'Compass' will be delivering the contract for substance misuse and this has been broadened to include risk taking behaviour.

The Chairman and Vice Chairman agreed that it would not be the right time to undertake a scrutiny review into drug abuse in the county. However they would welcome an opportunity to learn more about the service provider Compass (how performance is monitored and measured). This is an area they consider the Committee should return to in due course and request this matter is returned to the Work Programme.

2.2 North Yorkshire Local Safeguarding Children Board Annual Report 2012 – Susan Williams

In advance of the Mid Cycle Briefing the three spokespersons had received a full copy of the NY-LSCB Annual Report 2012.

The NY-LSCB Training Officer attended on behalf of the Chairman to provide further explanation and answer any questions in relation to the Annual Report. Members were reminded that the publication of an Annual Report is a statutory requirement for each LSCB and their comments are welcomed.

Members suggested that the Annual Report's Executive Summary was more like an expanded contents page rather than a summary of each of the sections; they also commented on the low number of agencies who completed an evaluation - 7 out of 27; and the low scoring for engaging with young people and their families. However, the Members acknowledged this is one of the Annual Reports recommendations and look forward to learning about the outcome of this development.

The Officer having listened to the Members comments advised the meeting that there will be a strengthening of the role of LSCBs following the Governments acceptance of the Munro Report. And it is anticipated the next Annual Report will incorporate and reflect Professor Munros recommendations and be more outcome focussed.

The Chairman asks the Committee to note that an interim appointment to the post of North Yorkshire Local Safeguarding Children Board Manager has been made. Dallas Frank becomes the new North Yorkshire LSCB Board Manager for a period of five months with effect from the beginning of August.

2.3 Accommodation and Homelessness – David Walker

Members were informed that the Young Peoples Accommodation Pathway for 16-25 year olds was launched on the 1 November and is now operating county-wide through hubs in Skipton, Harrogate, Northallerton, Selby, Malton and Scarborough. The hubs provide a single point of access to accommodation services for young people with a multi-agency team available to provide information, advice, assessment and mediation.

The success and prevention of homelessness has been good but is not without its challenges. In particular young people aged 16 and 17 who are returned to families or kinship may require support from specialist services outside of the Pathway if they are to not re-present in a few weeks or months as homeless when relationships might break down again.

Members commented that the Accommodation Pathways have made a good start and asked if demand for service is likely to increase further as benefit changes impact and the economic downturn continues. The officer advised the Members that there has already been a rise in the number of presentations and with the focus on prevention this has put the LA in good stead to deal with the increase. But the Pathway is already at its limits and with the continuing pressures on local authority finances it is essential for the Pathway to be able to identify the cost benefit of its services which initial assessment suggests is in the order of £3.7 million a year.

The Chairman felt it is important for the Committee to receive an update in due course and asked that this matter is put back on to the Work Programme for a progress report in 9-12 months.

2.4 Children & Young Peoples Plan (CYPP) 2011-14: Delivery Targets – David O'Brien

The Chairman had previously requested sight of the Delivery Targets which in part evidence the successful delivery of the Children and Young Peoples Plan 2011-14.

Two briefing papers were circulated the first "Thinking about Performance: Targets and other measures". This report provided the meeting with further insight into how targets, comparative data such as local trends, direction of travel and comparisons of performance to other local authorities are all considered and provide a fuller picture of North Yorkshire's own performance.

The second summarised that the Children & Young Peoples Plan (CYPP) 2011-14 includes 32 high-level success measures which demonstrate delivery of the plan. In addition, within the plan there are 249 individual actions against which progress can be monitored and evaluated. For example the positive impact of the CYPP would show: more children doing better at school, in terms of attendance, behaviour and attainment; fewer children entering and staying in social care, including fewer child protection plans and fewer looked after children; low levels of NEET young people/ higher rates of participation in education and training; lower levels of youth crime, antisocial behaviour and risky behaviours.

The Members were also advised that during September/October 2012, which is one year on from the commencement of the CYPP 2011-14 and in accordance with the performance management arrangements a 12 month progress review and evaluation will be carried out. This review and evaluation will include work to revisit and refresh the success measures, targets and baselines and will be presented to the YPOSC in due course.

The Chairman asked for the outcome of the CYPP Review and Evaluation to be added to the Work Programme.

3.0 Work Programme Schedule

The Work Programme Schedule is attached at Annex A and Members are asked to comment on the revised Work Programme and approve the content.

4.0 Next Meeting of the Committee

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for the **16 November 2012 at 10:30.**

5.0 Recommendations

5.1 The Committee is asked to:

- a. Note the information in this report.
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WORK PROGRAMME from January 2012 (reviewed September 2012)**

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>December 2011 – September 2012</i>

OVERVIEW REPORTS

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.		On-going through 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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'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 to visit</i>
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 (NYSB)	Presentation of the North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children's Board Annual Report	Ann McMorris Manager NYSB	15 June 2012
SUBJECT	AIMS/TERMS OF REFERENCE	ACTION/BY WHOM	TIMESCALE
Safeguarding and Protection of children and young people in North Yorkshire	Members have requested briefings and a progress report on the MTFS - CYPS Savings & Transformation Strategy: Project 2b – Social Care Transformation including how the transformation will impact on and improve outcomes for children and young people. -how Child Protection and Safeguarding arrangements are maintained in Educational settings and for children who are missing from education.	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 and Providers Jo Johnson	14 September 2012
Changes to the Adoption Process	The Chairman has requested a briefing regarding the Governments commitment to overhauling the care and adoption system and provide Members of the Committee with a better understanding of the challenges for North Yorkshires Adoption Service.	Corporate Director	14 September
Draft Autism Strategy	Following the completion of the 12 week consultation on the Autism Strategy it has been proposed that a report is brought in September to the Committee to consider the consultation responses received and also to provide the opportunity to include any comments the Members of the Committee may wish to make.	Andrew Terry Assistant Director CYPS	14 September 2012
Support 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 educational support available and provided to children who have a long-term illness.</p>	John Bell, Assistant Director Quality and Improvement	14 September 2012 – moved to November Meeting
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Young People not in education, employment or training	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
Payment by Results Project	Members asked for a progress report on how this pilot was developing	Mandy Whitehead	16 November 2012

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Looked after Children – Members Group	Report from the Chairman of the LAC- members group	Cllr John Batt Chairman LAC-MG	16 November 2012
2013			
Troubled Families Programme	Briefing on tackling the issues around Troubled Families	Corporate Director	January 2013
Outcome of the Children and Young Peoples Plan 2011-14 Review and Evaluation Report	In accordance with the Children and Young Peoples Plan 2011-14 performance management arrangements a 12 month progress review and evaluation will be carried out during September/October 2012. This review and evaluation will include work to revisit and refresh the success measures and targets and will be presented to the YPOSC in due course.	Corporate Director	January 2013
NHS Health & Well-Being Board	Progress briefing on the development of the Health & Well-Being Board and how the health and well-being of young people will be promoted and secured	Corporate Director	April 2013
	AIMS/TERMS OF REFERENCE	ACTION/BY WHOM	TIMESCALE
Accommodation and Homelessness	At the July Mid Cycle Briefing the Group Spokes Persons were advised that the Young Peoples Accommodation Pathway for 16-25 year olds was launched on the 1 November 2011 and received a briefing on the success and prevention of homelessness to date. Progress has been good but is not without its on going challenges and the Chairman suggested that a further progress briefing should be received in approximately 9-12 months time.	David Walker CYPS	May 2013
Early Interventions Early Help Offer	The aims of early intervention is 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 on 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.		

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Safeguarding and Protection of children and young people in North Yorkshire	Following the two briefings at the June Committee, Members requested progress reports on:- – Social Care Transformation to include how the transformation has improved the outcomes for children and young people.	Corporate Director/Assistant Director	April 2013
	----- - Arrangements for monitoring and safeguarding children and young people in education settings to include those children who are missing from education.	Alan Critchlow Principle Education Social Worker	

PROPOSED MID CYCLE BRIEFING TIMETABLE			
Risky Behaviours	Update on the current position in relation to Teenage Conceptions and	Carly Walker	May Mid Cycle
School Sports Partnerships	Since the Scrutiny Review undertaken the Members have requested an update regarding the position of Schools Sports Partnerships	Heather Newman	May Mid Cycle
Accommodation and Homelessness	Following a briefing in September 2011 Members of the Committee requested an update following on from the previous briefing and which provided information on the amount of accommodation available and the impact the pathway approach is having on homelessness young people (16 – 25) in North Yorkshire.	David Walker CYPS	- move to July Mid Cycle Briefing
CYPP Headline indicators	Briefing on the CYPP Key Performance Indicators and Success Measures for the full year.	David O'Brien CYPS	July Mid Cycle Briefing
Local Safeguarding Childrens Board Annual Report	The LSCB was unable to send a representative to Committee in June the Chairman agreed that the annual report should be discussed further at the Mid Cycle Briefing.	Sue Williams Training Manager LSCB	July Mid Cycle Briefing
Risky Behaviours	Following a briefing at the July Mid Cycle on Substance Misuse members requested further demographic information and an opportunity to meet a representative from Compass	Carly Walker	October Mid Cycle
Music Service	Briefing on the proposals to re-structure the Music Service and what this will look like for young people in North Yorkshire.	Ian Banghay	October Mid Cycle Briefing
Domestic Abuse	Domestic Abuse Joint Commissioning Strategy Consultation and “Standing Together” outcome report.	Gemma Ingles	October Mid Cycle Briefing
Paediatric Services Friarage Hospital	Update on the reconfiguration of Paediatric & Maternity Services at the Friarage Hospital	Bryon Hunter Scrutiny Team Leader	December Mid Cycle
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 are requesting an update to the previous briefing which details the actions to be taken to tackle Child Poverty in North Yorkshire.		move to Mid Cycle in December

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