

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

YOUNG PEOPLE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

21 June 2013

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 – 26 March 2013

This informal meeting of the Young People Overview & Scrutiny Committee was the last meeting held before the May local elections. The full Committee Meeting on the 19th April was postponed due to its very close proximity to the local elections.

For your information the following items were discussed at the Mid Cycle Briefing on the 26th March and are summarised below.

2.1 Young People Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET)

The Members had requested an update in relation to the changes which from September 2012 moved the responsibility for delivering Careers Education and Guidance to schools and for ensuring that young people had suitable offers of post 16 learning. Included in this change was the responsibility for schools to record the intended and confirmed destination of young people post 16 and for this information to be shared with the Local Authority who are expected to have this information.

Members noted the impact on performance following implementation of the changes compared with the previous year and agreed that this reinforces the importance of schools collecting and sharing information. Members commented in particular on the numbers of young people recorded as not known which has risen to 18.4% (compared with 11.7% in the previous year) and young people in learning which has seen a fall to 77.1% (compared with 80.9% in previous year). It was explained to the Members what steps the Youth Support Service (YSS) is taking to identify those people at risk of NEET and the actions to re-establish contact with the young people we have lost touch with.

2.2 North Yorkshire Music Service and the North Yorkshire Music Hub

In November 2011 the Government centralised funding for music education and set out how a new bidding process would be introduced. The North Yorkshire (NY) Music Service were successful in their bid to become one of the new Music Hubs and are now in their second term of hub delivery. On that basis the Members had requested an update to further understand how the North Yorkshire Music Service is accessed and available for children and young people.

Members were advised that many NY schools rely on the Music Service for their instrumental provision and currently the Music Service fulfils its responsibilities to ensure that every child aged 5-18 has the opportunity to learn a musical instrument through whole-class ensemble teaching programmes. Members noted that over the last two

years, particularly at primary level there has been an increase in schools buying back the service. Members asked about Academies and were advised that some Academy schools and two North Yorkshire primary schools in Harrogate have set up their own provision using self-employed staff.

The Members were reminded of the number of financial reductions and savings that the Music Service has been subject to since 2010/11 and that as yet there are no details as to funding for Music Hubs post 2015 although discussions are on-going.

Members were pleased to note that there is still a clear demand for instrumental music teaching amongst North Yorkshire's pupils, parents and schools and congratulated the Music Service team on their continued efforts.

2.3 Welfare Benefit Reforms

Members had requested a briefing to inform them of the potential impacts of the benefit changes by the Welfare Reform Act (WRA) 2012 and associated regulations, in particular in relation to children, young people and their families. The Officer had provided a detailed and very useful briefing paper, including a Welfare Reform Timeline from 2013, which explained that the Welfare Reform Act introduces a wide range of reforms with the aim of making the benefit and tax credits system for people of working age more affordable and simpler.

From a local perspective the Members were advised on the estimated numbers of households/single people across the County who would be affected by the benefit cap of £500 per week. The highest estimate was linked to Scarborough. (The benefit cap will affect large families with several children who are potentially in receipt of higher than average amounts of child tax credit and are more likely to live in larger homes meaning more housing benefit). Members also learned about on the actions being undertaken by District Councils to write or telephone each affected household in their area to explain the changes and potential options open to them.

In relation to households affected by the social housing size criteria ('bedroom tax') Members were advised that North Yorkshire's District Councils and Housing Associations have reported that significant numbers of tenants in the County will be adversely affected by the 'bedroom tax'.

Members were concerned to learn that potentially there could be increased difficulty in returning children from care into family households, in particular where they have been forced to downsize their accommodation; there could also be an increase in the numbers of 16 to 17 year olds coming into care due to family breakdown arising from financial pressures. Members were made aware of the actions being taken by the District Councils and Housing Associations.

The Members agreed that the full impact of the benefit reforms for children, young people and their families is probably not yet known and in conclusion suggested that this area of work is draw to the Committee's attention.

2.4 Schools Admissions Policy

Members were informed of the changes brought about by the new School Admissions Code (the Code) which came into force on the 1 February 2012 and applied to admission arrangements determined in 2012 for admission in the school year 2013/14. A briefing paper and an overview of these changes from an Officer provided further insight into the Code which applies to admissions to all maintained schools in England. Academies, Free Schools, University Technical Colleges and Studio Schools are defined within the Code as state funded, non-fee paying independent schools and are required to comply with the Code and the law relating to admissions. (The Secretary of State has the power to vary this requirement where there is demonstrable need).

Members enquired about the admissions arrangements for Academies in North Yorkshire and were advised that the Academies continue to use the admissions arrangement and have given no indication of wanting to change and that they are charged for the work undertaken.

3.0 Scrutiny Review – The role of the School Nurse

The Scrutiny Review undertaken from November 2012 to February 2013 by a Task Group, Chaired by Cllr Andrew Backhouse, looked into the School Nursing Service in North Yorkshire. This review was an addendum to the Committee's initial Scrutiny Review in 2011 on the Health Visiting and School Nursing Service. The initial review left open an opportunity to follow up on the School Nursing Service whilst the Government developed a new vision for those services which reflect the nursing role in public health in the school community.

The draft final report is included on the agenda for today's meeting for consideration by the Committee before it is presented to the Executive.

4.0 Work Programme Schedule

The Work Programme Schedule is attached at Annex A and Members are asked to consider, amend and add to the Committee's Work Programme.

5.0 Next meeting and future dates of the Committee

The date of the next meeting is Friday 18 October 2013

Future scheduled meeting dates are listed below and perhaps you would add these dates to your diary.

- Friday 31 January 2014
- Friday 4 April 2014

6.0 Recommendations

6.1 The Committee is asked to:

- a. Note the information in this report.
- b. Approve, comment or add to the areas of work listed on the Work Programme schedule

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Appendices: Annex A – Work Programme

**YOUNG PEOPLE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
WORK PROGRAMME from June 2013**

Scope

The interests of young people, including education, care and protection and family support.

Meeting dates

<i>Scheduled Mid Cycle</i> Attended by Lead Members of Committee	24 May 2013 10:00am	2 August 2013 10:30am	19 December 2013 10:30am	28 February 2014 10:30am
<i>Scheduled Committee Meetings</i> <i>Agenda briefings to be held at 9.30am prior to Committee meeting. Attended by Lead Members of Committee</i>	21 June 2013 10:30am	18 October 2013 10:30am	31 January 2014 10:30am	4 April 2014 10:30am

In-depth Scrutiny Review

Meeting	SUBJECT	AIMS/TERMS OF REFERENCE	ACTION/BY WHOM
	To be decided	Next scrutiny review to be decided and agreed by the Young Peoples Overview & Scrutiny Committee	

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21 June 2013	Overview and Scrutiny at NYCC	A brief introduction to Overview and Scrutiny at North Yorkshire County Council	Lorraine Laverton
	Overview and Update from Corporate Director / Executive Members	Update from Executive Member / Corporate Director as available to include..... updates and progress reports on the savings proposals put forward to support the additional savings required by the County Council.	Peter Dwyer C Cllr Tony Hall C Cllr Arthur Barker
	Non statutory co-optees	This report invites Members to consider non-statutory co-opted representation on the Young Peoples Overview and Scrutiny Committee and to advise the Council of their views.	Bryon Hunter
	Health Related Behaviour Questionnaire (HRBQ) Survey 2012	The Children and Young Peoples Service commissions the Schools Health Education Unit (SHEU) to collect robust baseline data from children and young peoples about their lifestyles. This data is then collated and forms the Health Related Behaviour Questionnaire. This is the third HRBQ survey Members of the Young Peoples Overview & Scrutiny Committee have received and will be interested to learn how this compares with the previous survey.	Assistant Director John Bell/ Katharine Bruce Lead Adviser
	Early Help and Child Protection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safeguarding Inspection • Safeguarding Board Business Plan • Troubled Families Programme • Child sexual exploitation 	<p>A recommendation of the Ofsted Inspection on Local Authority Arrangements for the Safeguarding and the Protection of Children members request six monthly briefings on Early help and child protection work which includes feedback from children and young people.</p> <p>Members also request local examples of the types of early help and intervention programmes available to the different groups of children, young people and their families and what impact this has on these vulnerable families. Feedback from young people on their views of the service</p> <p>The Government's Troubled Families Programme aims to turn around the lives of problem families in the next three years. North Yorkshire has agreed to deliver the governments three year Troubled Families agenda which requires us to work with 845 families over the next three years who meet the troubled families criteria.</p> <p>The North Yorkshire Troubled Families Implementation Plan indicates a One Review and Evaluation in March 2013 and Members request a briefing on the progress being made to deliver this programme and the impact this is having on North Yorkshire troubled families.</p>	Corporate Director/ Assistant Directors Carolyn Bird and Judith Hay

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	<p>The School Nursing service in North Yorkshire Task Group</p>	<p>Following the Health Visitor & School Nursing Scrutiny Review undertaken last year the report left open an opportunity for the Task Group to follow up on the government's review of the role of the school nurse. The document published in February 2012 Getting it right for children, young people and families- Maximising the contribution of the school nursing team recognises the importance of school nursing and sets out a service model for school nursing in the 21st century.</p> <p>Task Group report for sign off by the Committee prior to presentation to the Executive.</p>	<p>Members Scrutiny Task Group – C Cllr Andrew Backhouse</p> <p>Carly Walker</p>
	<p>Work Programme Report</p>	<p>Asking the Committee to comment / amend the work programme for the Committee</p>	<p>Lorraine Laverton</p>
<p>18 October 2013</p>	<p>Executive Member / Corporate Director Update</p>	<p>Update from Executive Member / Corporate Director as available to include..... updates and progress reports on the savings proposals put forward to support the additional savings required by the County Council.</p>	<p>Executive Member / Corporate Director</p>
	<p>The Children and Families Bill- Developments in Special Educational Needs</p>	<p>The Children and Families Bill, due for implementation in September 2014, will bring significant changes for children and young people (age 0-25 years) with SEN and their families. The briefing and discussion will assist Members to understand what is required of the Council and partners, and what is being done to prepare for implementation.</p> <p>The key changes should ensure improved working between education, health and social care services, both strategically and operationally; give parents and young people greater influence and control, and more say in the help that they receive; improve Transition to adulthood, and enable personal budgets and choice in some of the help provided.</p> <p>The changes are complemented by national school funding reforms relating to SEN and these will also be outlined.</p> <p>The presentation will also include information on transition arrangements for young people with SEND to adult life and Key Performance Indicator (KPI) 20 statements of special educational needs.</p>	<p>Corporate Director/Andrew Terry Assistant Director CYPS</p>

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	Public Health and Health & Well-Being Board	On the 1 st April 2013 Public Health responsibilities transferred to the County Council. Commissioning arrangements for a number of services for children, young people and their families Members request a Progress briefing on the development of the Health & Well-Being Board and how the health and well-being of children and young people will be promoted and secured	Corporate Director
	School Funding Review	Update regarding the School Funding Review and the impact this is having on North Yorkshire	Corporate Director/ Anton Hodge
	Work Programme Report	Asking the Committee to comment / amend the work programme for the Committee	Lorraine Laverton
31 January 2014	Executive Member / Corporate Director Update	Update from Executive Member / Corporate Director as available to include..... updates and progress reports on the savings proposals put forward to support the additional savings required by the County Council.	Executive Member / Corporate Director
	School organisation arrangements	School places. The increase in the birth rate is putting pressure on some primary schools in North Yorkshire. Members have requested a briefing on what is being done to ensure there are enough primary school places in North Yorkshire	<i>Corporate Director/ Carolyn Bird/ /Suzanne Firth</i>
	New Sports Funding in Primary Schools	Members have noted there is a new sports funding programme for schools in England. and that Primary School sport is set to be transformed by a funding boost. Will North Yorkshire receive any of that funding and if so how will it be distributed and	Corporate Director/ John Bell/ Heather Newman
	Work Programme report	Asking the Committee to comment / amend the work programme for the Committee	Lorraine Laverton
4 April 2014	Executive Member / Corporate Director Update	Update from Executive Member / Corporate Director as available to include..... updates and progress reports on the savings proposals put forward to support the additional savings required by the County Council.	Executive Member / Corporate Director
	Welfare Reform Act 2012	An initial briefing was received at the Mid Cycle Briefing in March 2013. It was suggested that the Committee should return to this matter to be more aware of the impact of the benefits reforms on children, young people and their families.	Neil Irving/Jonathan Spencer CEG

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4 April 2014	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. Members received a briefing on the success and prevention of homelessness and noted that progress had been good but is not without its on-going challenges. The Chairman suggested that a further progress briefing should be received in approximately 9-12 months.	David Walker CYPS
	Child Poverty in North Yorkshire	Members have requested an overview of the prevalence of child poverty in North Yorkshire together with a briefing on the local solutions to reduce the extent and impact of child poverty in high priority communities	Corporate Director/ David O'Brien
	Work Programme report	Asking the Committee to comment / amend the work programme for the Committee	Lorraine Laverton
TO BE SCHEDULED	'E Safety'	Request from a Member for the Committee to understand the County Councils Internet Safeguarding support for children, young people and schools.	Assistant Director John Bell AD, CYPS/ John Farley / Wendy Jemison

Please note that this is a working document, therefore topics and timeframes might need to be amended over the course of the year.