

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

YOUNG PEOPLE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

18 October 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. Consider the focus of the next in-depth scrutiny review (Scoping document Annex A attached) and the membership of the Task and Finish working group
- c. Confirm, amend or add to the list of matters shown on the work programme schedule (attached at Annex B).

2.0 Mid Cycle Briefing – 2 August 2013

For your information the following items were discussed at the Mid Cycle Briefing on the 7 October 2013 and are summarised below.

2.1 Teacher re-deployment

The lead Members considered a report on redundancy and redeployment figures within schools over the last 3 academic years. Under Local Management of Schools (LMS), the Governing Body is responsible for managing staff resource within the school including making proposals on staffing structures and potential redundancies. The Local Authority (LA) is legally responsible, under the Education Act 2002, for funding redundancy payments, subject to the LA being satisfied that the school is in a genuine redundancy situation and HR support advise the Headteacher and Governing Body through the redundancy process.

Members were reassured that NYCC encourages redeployment where it is appropriate but recognised that due to the geography of the County it is often difficult to do so. The lead Members went on to suggest to officers that it would be useful to use the Governors briefings to ensure that Governors were receiving appropriate training on this.

2.2 Apprentices

An overview of the work the County Council undertakes supporting and developing apprenticeships both internally and externally to the County Council.

Members were encouraged to hear that NYCC is supporting a wide range of initiatives to support young people into training, learning and employment opportunities and appreciated that it is a difficult task to engage with young people but that social networking was being explored as one way of informing them about apprenticeship vacancies. Due to the rural nature of the County young people may experience difficulties around travel costs and Members were informed that NYCC apprentices are supported through a Home to Work Travel financial subsidy and that partners are encouraged to consider similar initiatives. Members were surprised that it can be difficult to recruit for apprenticeships but understood that many young people cannot see the benefit of investing in their future but would rather be in paid employment.

2.3 Online safety

The online safety of children and young people was discussed and the lead members agreed that this should be put forward to the Committee as a proposal for the next in depth scrutiny review. The in depth review would be undertaken by a Task and Finish working group made up of volunteers from the Committee.

To give Members some idea of what this piece of work might entail a draft scoping document is attached at Annex A.

2.4 Developing Stronger Families

With the agreement of the Committee, the lead Members would like to put forward an addition to the agenda of the Committee meeting in January 2014. Following a very brief report on the County Councils progress on a national project around troubled families to the Committee meeting in June 2013, Members feel it would be useful to have a more detailed and full report on the progress that has been made to date on the NYCC Developing Stronger Families Programme.

3.0 Post 16 Transport Consultation

The County Council is currently undertaking a consultation around a reduction in bus subsidy proposals including both public transport and Post 16 transport. The consultation can be seen on the NYCC website at <http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=25836>

3.1 The Transport, Economy & Environment O&SC will be holding a meeting on the 19th December 2013 for Overview and Scrutiny to look at the results of the consultation. Rather than hold two separate meetings the Chairman of TEE O&SC; C Cllr David Jeffels would like to invite the members of the Young Peoples O&SC to participate in this meeting commencing at 10:00am. Members of the Young Peoples O&SC are asked to confirm to the Corporate Development Officer by 31 October 2013 whether or not they will attend.

4.0 Work Programme Schedule

The Work Programme Schedule is attached at Annex B 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 31 January 2014

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

- Friday 4 April 2014
- Friday 27 June 2014
- Friday 24 October 2014

Young People O&SC Scrutiny Review Scoping Document

TOPIC	Online safety for children and young people	
OBJECTIVE	To raise awareness of current status and work in relation to online safety in North Yorkshire and to consider the possibility of an in-depth scrutiny review by the Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee.	
REASONS FOR REVIEW	Typically, schools and partner organisations tend to deal well in ensuring that Children and Young People are aware of the dangers that can manifest through technology, alongside promoting its positive application. However, there remain a number of key challenges that we have never fully or consistently addressed and we now seek to apply further, more direct, attention. These challenges are essentially focussed around a child's digital life within a social context and especially within their home environment.	
CORPORATE OBJECTIVES (Please mark as appropriate)	To ensure good access for all	X
	To help people to live and thrive in safe and secure communities	X
	To help all children and young people to develop their full potential	X
	To promote a flourishing economy	
	To maintain and enhance our environment and heritage	
	To improve health and wellbeing and give people effective support when they need it	
TASK GROUP MEMBERS	Members identified from the YP O&S Committee	
PARTICIPANTS & STAKEHOLDERS	County Councillors NYCC officers	Young People Partners (incl. schools) Public
METHOD	Time limited Task and Finish Member Working Group	
ISSUES	<p>There are many aspects to keeping safe online and advances in technology continue to present new and complex challenges. Most schools and partner organisations tend to deal well in ensuring that Children and Young People are aware of the dangers that can manifest, alongside promoting the positive application of technology.</p> <p>However, there remain two significant gaps in terms of awareness that we have never been able to properly address.</p> <p>These relate, in particular, to the need for parents to better understand the risks their children may be exposed to, and how they can supervise and support their children effectively.</p> <p>In addition, Children and Young People themselves will need to develop the skills to evaluate the way they use technology at home, in their social lives and at school, identifying risks and developing ways to balance the risks with the benefits.</p> <p>It is these challenges, in particular, that the multi-agency eSafety working group</p>	

	would be keen to apply direct attention to and would welcome the possibility of support through an in-depth scrutiny review by the Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
WORK PROGRAMME	<p>The multi-agency eSafety working group has already commissioned 10 groups of children and young people to work on the issue of eSafety and develop a "product" or "resource" that communicates their views and opinions. Groups include primary and secondary schools, Young People's Care Council, youth groups and young volunteers. Early ideas include developing digital media or short films that give an insight to 'my digital life' and young people are starting to think about what eSafety professional training should look like.</p> <p>A half day event is being planned to coincide with National Safe Internet Day on 11 February 2014 at Newby Wiske. The aim of the event is to launch the NYSCB eSafety Strategy and the children and young people's eSafety work. The proposed audience will be NYSCB members and designated eSafety leads within member organisations.</p> <p>Ideally we would like to offer support to each group of young people who are involved in developing work to support the event. This should include Members of the working group linking with the groups of young people to guide their work, to act as a critical friend and to promote and champion the end products.</p> <p>Clearly, the 11 February provides a starting point and success will be judged on the wider impact of awareness raising. It would be fantastic to see Members operating as eSafety advocates and to continue to work with young people to help to shape further delivery of information, advice and guidance into our communities and homes.</p>
SUCCESS INDICATORS	<p>The range of success indicators should be reviewed as this workstream takes more shape, however, as a starting point the following criteria should be considered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wider coverage (and completion) of eSafety Audits in schools and partner agencies • Increase in schools and partner agencies requesting eSafety Training (and offering eSafety training to parents in a way that is interesting and engaging) • Raised awareness of the dangers of internet and social media misuse, evidenced through the Health Related Behaviour Questionnaire. • Reduction in % of young people leaving their online identity visible, evidenced through the Health Related Behaviour Questionnaire • Reduction in the incidence of cyber-bullying, , evidenced through the Health Related Behaviour Questionnaire • Reduction in % children playing inappropriate age restricted games, with full awareness of their parent/ carer, evidenced through the Health Related Behaviour Questionnaire • Increase in communication with parents/ carers regarding issues of online safety. This should take into account the method of communication used and an assessment of the impact.
ESTIMATE OF RESOURCES REQUIRED	<p>Task Group meetings Meetings with young people School staff 1 or 2 officers from CYPS ICT Corporate Development Officer</p>

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**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	07 October 2013 2:30pm	19 December 2013 10:30am	28 February 2014 10:30am	16 May 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>	18 October 2013 10:30am	31 January 2014 10:30am	4 April 2014 10:30am	27 June 2014 10:30am

In-depth Scrutiny Review

Meeting	SUBJECT	AIMS/TERMS OF REFERENCE	ACTION/BY WHOM
18 Oct 2013	<i>Online safety of children and young people</i>	<i>Next scrutiny review to be decided and agreed by the Young Peoples Overview & Scrutiny Committee</i>	<i>Committee decision</i>

Meeting	SUBJECT	TERMS OF REFERENCE	ACTION/BY WHOM
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

Meeting	SUBJECT	TERMS OF REFERENCE	ACTION/BY WHOM
	<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- Special Educational Needs - Update on preparation for implementation</p> <p>“The biggest change in Special Educational Needs in 30 Years”</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>
	<p>School Funding</p>	<p>Update regarding the School Funding Review and the impact this is having on North Yorkshire</p>	<p>Corporate Director/ Anton Hodge</p>

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18 Oct 2013	Annual report of the Director of Public Health for North Yorkshire 2013	For information and comment 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	Dr Lincoln Sargeant
	Children's & Young People Service contributions to the Health and Wellbeing Strategy	Information on how the health and well-being of children and young people is being promoted and secured within the Health and Wellbeing strategy	Corporate Director Pete Dwyer
	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
	<i>Developing Stronger Families</i>	<i>Presentation to update the Committee on progress made with the programme</i>	<i>Julie Firth</i>
	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 and how it is monitored.	Richard Irvine

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