

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**YOUNG PEOPLE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

31 January 2014

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 – 19 December 2013

The lead members of the Committee used the mid cycle briefing to discuss the implications of the budget proposals on the children and young people's service. This is also the focus of the Executive Member and Corporate Director update for this Committee meeting.

3.0 Post 16 Transport Consultation

The members of the Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee attended a meeting of the Transport, Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider the findings of the consultation on a reduction in bus subsidy proposals including both public transport and Post 16 transport. The meeting took place on 19 December 2013.

3.1 The comments from both committees to be passed on to the Executive included:

Proposed reductions in bus subsidy:

- a) That the County Council continues to engage with central government about concessionary fares issues, in particular the financial pressures the current scheme is placing upon upper tier local authorities and the fact that the county-wide consultation exercise has shown that a significant number of pass-holders would be prepared to make a voluntary financial contribution.
- b) That where local bus services are not provided commercially, alternative funding from commercial sponsorship and parish councils etc. be investigated.
- c) That the Transport, Economy & Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee conducts an in-depth review of local bus services in rural and urban areas of the county (post implementation of the current proposals) to establish how local bus services could be put on a more sustainable footing, including investigating alternative ways of running bus services suited to local needs.
- d) That the Executive considers retaining the subsidy for Town services where there are no alternative services in the area, with a report to be presented back to the Transport, Economy & Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- e) That given that the indicative savings proposals exceed the required saving of £1.1m, the Executive be requested to look again at the overall budget to see if it can further reduce the impact on local economies and, with reference to the Equalities Impact Assessment, minimise the adverse impacts on particular communities.

Post-16 home to school and college transport

- a) That there should be a 100% remission of charge for the students whose families are on low income and students who are young parents on low income.

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 Future dates for the Committee

The dates of the next meetings are:

- Friday 4 April 2014
- Friday 27 June 2014
- Friday 24 October 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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Background Documents: Report to Transport, Economy & Environment O&SC on Reduction in Bus Subsidy and Post 16 Home to School and College Transport 19 Dec 2013

Annex: Annex A – Work programme table

YOUNG PEOPLE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2013/14

Scope

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

Meeting dates

Scheduled Mid Cycle Attended by Lead Members of Committee	19 December 2013 2:00pm	28 February 2014 10:30am	16 May 2014 10:30am	12 Sept 2014 10:30am	5 Dec 2014 10:30am
Scheduled Committee Meetings <i>Agenda briefings to be held at 9.30am prior to Committee meeting. Attended by Lead Members of Committee</i>	31 January 2014 10:30am	4 April 2014 10:30am	27 June 2014 10:30am	24 October 2014 10:30am	30 January 2015 10:30am

In-depth Scrutiny Review

Meeting	SUBJECT	AIMS/TERMS OF REFERENCE	ACTION/BY WHOM
Timescale – Oct 2013 – April 2014	Online safety of children and young people	Agreed by the Young Peoples Overview & Scrutiny Committee at the meeting on 18 Oct 2013. Task Group: C Cllrs Joe Plant, Val Arnold, David Jeffels, Janet Sanderson and co-opted member Graham Richards	Member Task Group Richard Irvine

Meeting	SUBJECT	TERMS OF REFERENCE	ACTION/BY WHOM
31 January 2014	Executive Member / Corporate Director Update	Update from Executive Member / Corporate Director focussing on the implications for CYPS of the budget proposals	Executive Member / Corporate Director
	Annual Statement of the Chairman of the Looked After Children Members Group	Consideration of the work of the Looked After Children Members Group through an annual report of its Chairman before presentation to the County Council	County Councillor Janet Sanderson
	New Sports Funding in Primary Schools	Update report	Heather Newman
	North Yorkshire Commission for School Improvement	To receive a progress report on the work of the NY Commission for School Improvement	Pete Dwyer (Corporate Director)
	Developing Stronger Families	Presentation to update the Committee on progress made with the programme	Julie Firth
	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	Executive Member / Corporate Director
	North Yorkshire 2020	Update report	Gary Fielding
	Children & Young People's Plan	To comment on the draft Children & Young People's Plan	Pete Dwyer (Corporate Director)
	Healthy Child Programme	To receive a progress report on the healthy child programme which incorporates new LA responsibilities in relation to school nursing and health visiting	Louise Dunn
	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	Corporate Director/ Carolyn Bird/ /Suzanne Firth
Work Programme report	Asking the Committee to comment / amend the work programme for the Committee	Lorraine Laverton	

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27 June 2014	Executive Member / Corporate Director Update	Update from Executive Member / Corporate Director as available	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
	Accommodation and Homelessness	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.	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
24 October 2014	Executive Member / Corporate Director Update	Update from Executive Member / Corporate Director as available	Executive Member / Corporate Director
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30 January 2015	Executive Member / Corporate Director Update	Update from Executive Member / Corporate Director as available	Executive Member / Corporate Director
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Please note that this is a working document, therefore topics and timeframes might need to be amended over the course of the year.