ITEM 8

North Yorkshire County Council

Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee

7 December 2018

Work Programme

1.0 Purpose of Report

1.1 This report asks the Committee to confirm, amend or add to the list of matters shown on the work programme schedule (attached at Appendix 1).

2.0 Work Programme Schedule

2.1 The Work Programme Schedule is attached at Appendix 1.

3.0 Exclusions

3.1 When you reviewed all things connected with Exclusions for Schools in North Yorkshire – prevalence, intervention initiatives etc – you concluded that the directorate understands the prevalence of exclusions in the county and that appropriate and innovative priority action was planned. Members revisited this at a recent briefing meeting to assess progress.

You concluded from the evidence that the most important factors are still being addressed with the right level of resources, and in a way that will make a very real difference to people's lives.

4.0 High Needs Block Funding Consultation: Budget Scrutiny

- 4.1 Alongside the work on Exclusions, at the recent Mid Cycle Briefing, members reviewed the consultation on the reshaping of the high needs budget, covering three specific proposals for change:
 - Changing the process for top up funding for children and young people with Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs) from a resource allocation system to a banding system.
 - Changing the way provision for secondary aged pupils who are permanently excluded or at risk of permanent exclusion is commissioned and funded in North Yorkshire.
 - Bringing arrangements for provision and funding for young people with EHCPs receiving post 16 education, into line with statutory guidance
- 4.2 Members were cautiously supportive of these proposals, recognising the worrying financial pressures associated with the spike in high needs demand. Members do believe, though, that proposal ii) is likely to attract strong feelings and responses from schools, parents and the community.

4.3 Before reaching a definitive position, however, members agreed to wait until they are in a position to gauge how people have responded, and how the portfolio holder and directorate interpret what those responses mean for implementation. Some of the underlying issues around these financial pressures will be a feature of the Corporate Director's report on the reasons for the projected £11m overspend for 2018/19 for CYPS and what corrective action is planned.

5.0 Recommendation

5.1 The Committee is asked to confirm, comment or add to the areas of work listed in the Work Programme schedule.

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21 June 2018 Background Documents Nil

YOUNG PEOPLES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

<u>Scope</u>

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

Meeting Details

Committee Meetings	Friday 7 December 2018 at 10.30am (SUGGEST START TIME OF 10am)
	Friday 1 March 2019 at 10.30am (SUGGEST START TIME OF 10am)

Programme

Friday 7 December 2018 at 1	0.00am			
School Preparedness	how pupils and parents are supported when they start school		Martin Kelly & Judith Kirk leading.	
Elective Home Education	where parents or carers of a child decide to educate their child at home instead of sending them to a school.	Review of approach	Martin Kelly & Judith Kirk leading.	
Delivery of 30 Hours free childcare programme				
Budget Scrutiny				
Friday 1 March 2018 at 10.00am				
Supporting Underperforming Schools -	especially those in Special Measures	Review of approach		
Governance	the extent to which schools are transparent and open about their decision making, focussing on (the changing) Roles and Responsibilities of Parent Governors	Review of approach	Judith Kirk leading	

Mid Cycle Briefing Items

Date	Probable Item		
	 Exclusions - follow up to review last year. Briefing 		
Friday 19 October 2018	2. 0-19 Healthy Child Programme - engagement session		
	3. Management of Committee business		
	1. SEND Special Provision Capital Funding (SPCF) – LA Plan for use of Years 2 and 3		
	funding.		
Friday 18 January 2010	2. Admissions Cycle Experience		
Friday 18 January 2019	3. Chairman asked for introductory briefing on Transitions of children with additional		
	needs into adulthood		
	4. Management of Committee business		