

North Yorkshire County Council

Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee

16 December 2016

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 A).

2.0 Work Programme Schedule

- 2.1 The Work Programme Schedule is attached at Appendix A

3.0 Mid Cycle Briefing Discussion

- 3.1 Your chairman and group spokespersons have met on a number of occasions since the last meeting about the make-up of the work programme.

- 3.2 Last year, the committee overhauled its work programme, moving away from agendas that seemed, at times, a mini re-run of Executive member business. The aim was to be more outward looking, more thematic with a stronger emphasis on evaluating outcomes.

- 3.3 Whilst wanting to devote more attention to "assurance" work, lead members have stressed that it is the impact on outcomes and performance which is of most interest, rather than (just) directorate compliance.

- 3.4 At their last meeting, Group Spokespersons received presentations on School Outcomes 2016. This covered a number of areas including

- Phonics
 - KS1/KS2
- Primary analysis: Attainment and progress
 - Comparison with Y&H regional and shire authority outcomes
 - Closing the gap
 - Below floor
 - Coasting
 - Early consideration of factors influencing KS2 outcomes in North Yorkshire
- GCSE:
 - Attainment and progress
 - Comparison with Y&H regional and shire authority outcomes
 - Closing the gap
 - Coasting

- Below floor
- A Level – Attainment

3.5 This information provides the basis of a significant scrutiny item. Whilst the original intention for the December meeting was to focus on KS1 and KS2 results, it was agreed that the topic be broadened out to take in this wider material.

3.6 Group Spokespersons also received a detailed briefing on the results of the recent SEND inspection, but in the context of wide development of SEND services in the county. Group Spokespersons have asked that the detailed presentation be made to you at your next meeting. This will also cover the overarching North Yorkshire priorities for SEND provision and the changes in support services at a locality level.

3.7 Rather than waiting to take these two important items (School Outcomes, and SEND Inspection/Update) to the next scheduled meeting on 24 March 2017, **your Chairman invites you to consider convening an additional committee meeting on Friday 10 February 2017** (a date currently set aside for a Group Spokespersons Mid Cycle Briefing)

4.0 White Paper

4.1 Members said they would like to take some time out to discuss the implications of the White Paper. Having since spoken to the group spokespersons and to the Director, what would be of most use is a broad ranging discussion/briefing on the changing landscape of education – the increasingly diverse nature of school status, the evolving role of local education authorities etc. If this is feasible, it would certainly help clarify thinking on the items listed in the work programme.

4.2 Planning for such a session is in progress. Whilst at one stage it seemed possible to do something along these lines straight after the end your Committee meeting, more time is needed. Current thinking is to spend some time on the topic at the end of your next meeting.

<h4>5.0 Recommendation</h4>

<p>5.1 The Committee is asked to confirm, comment or add to the areas of work listed in the Work Programme schedule.</p>
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YOUNG PEOPLES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Scope

The Council's corporate organisation and structure, resource allocation, asset management, procurement policy, people strategy, equality & diversity, performance management, communication and access to services.

Partnership working, community development, community engagement, community strategies and community safety. This Committee shall be the Crime & Disorder Committee for the purposes of Part 3 of the Police and Justice Act 2006.

Meeting Details

Committee Meetings	Friday, 16 December 2016 at 10.30am (possible change in start time)
	Friday, 24 March 2017 at 10.30am
	Friday, 9 June 2017 at 10.30am
	Friday, 8 September 2017 at 10.30am
	Friday 8 December 2017 at 10.30am
	Friday 9 March 2018 at 10.30am
Mid Cycle Briefings	Tuesday 22 November 2016 at 9.30am (rearranged from 4 November 2016)
	Friday 10 February 2017 at 10.30am
	Friday 21 April 2017 at 10.30am
	Friday 21 July 2017 at 10.30am
	Friday 20 October 2017 at 10.30am
	Friday 19 January 2018 at 10.30am

Programme

Friday 24 March 2017			
SUBJECT	AIMS/PURPOSE	COMMENTS	LEAD
Resilience of outcomes/improvement	Review of outcomes	The original intention was to consider how the resilience of pupils at KS2 can be reflected	Jill Hodges, CYPS

		within KS4 pupils. Mid Cycle Briefing to review scope. May also include review of directorate activity on Closing the Gap	
Closing the Gap in Educational Achievement	Having looked at this topic last year, Committee agreed to follow up developments, assess progress. How young people are supported to meet their needs and aspirations. How residents learn throughout their lives, are skilled and ready for Employment and fulfil their potential.	Would be a review of the strategy. Essentially, are the objectives of the strategy being met?	CYPS
Youth Justice Review	The work, and future, of the Youth Justice System. What works to prevent youth crime and rehabilitate young offenders, and how this is applied in practice; how the youth justice system interacts with wider services for children and young people; and whether delivery models and governance arrangements remain fit for purpose and achieve value for money.	Initial briefing to the February 2017 Mid Cycle Briefing, by which time a clearer picture will emerge of the direction the North Yorkshire Justice Board intends to take	Lisa Gregoire-Parker
Hospital Admissions	Especially mental health services support for young people, managing cases in the community. The contribution of inappropriate placements and/or insufficient community resources.	Possibly then followed up by a series of discussions with key health personnel on causes of admission, substance abuse, self-harm, eating disorders etc.	
Friday 6 June 2017			
SUBJECT	AIMS/PURPOSE	COMMENTS	LEAD
School Admissions - status	How work under diversified schools governance. Our admission procedures now and how we expect them, and schools and MAT's attitudes to them, to change. How		CYPS

	place allocations are made; an account of the customer experience		
Traded Services	The status, future and effect on traded services of recent and planned changes in educational provision.	Possibly looking at the range of services being provided, whether "traded" or otherwise, and how the pattern of services are likely to change in the future	CYPS
Place planning. Shaping future education provision	Our projections about need/demand and how the LEA shapes/influences provision. Working with the schools commissioner	Possibly linked to admissions analysis and understanding of exclusions	CYPS
School exclusions	Prevalence, profile and role of local authority. How do we respond, what are the support arrangements, how is the picture changing		CYPS
Roles and Responsibilities of Parent Governors	The changing role of governors and their responsibilities for performance. What is the picture regarding effective governance and the extent to which schools are transparent and open about their decision making? How the local authority provides training and support, information and clerking services. With whom do councillors, as community leaders in particular, need to work.	There is a desire to understand better the new lines of accountability: How can we be sure about the integrity of financial information and the robustness of controls and risk management; are governance arrangements ensuring that school bodies, governors in particular, are applying appropriate values and exhibiting appropriate behaviour.	CYPS
Friday 8 September 2017			
SUBJECT	AIMS/PURPOSE	COMMENTS	LEAD
Supporting Underperforming Schools - especially those in Special Measures	How does the authority address its statutory requirements such as: requiring schools to "enter into arrangements", specified support; appoint additional governors; suspend delegated budget.		CYPS

Pupil Premium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An understanding of local practices and what works best and comparing local schools' application of the funding and schools in other councils. • Outcomes - which children appear to be benefitting. • Do all schools comply with their statutory obligations with regards to publication 	Challenging the use of the pupil premium.	CYPS
Safeguarding	Chairman of Childrens Safeguarding Board presents Annual report. Dialogue about commitment of partners to Safeguarding agenda.	Possibly part of a wider consideration of safeguarding.	CYPS
Early Intervention in Schools on Smoking, Drugs, Alcohol	Preventing drug, alcohol and tobacco use in young people and interventions for those already experiencing harm.	Possible focus on commissioning - is it integrated across prevention and specialist interventions and the wider children's agenda	Public Health/Health/Providers

Mid Cycle Briefing Items

Date	Probable Item
Friday 10 February 2017	Child Poverty – review of the strategy
	SATs – a directorate perspective on parental concerns
	Planning for items before the March committee meeting
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth Justice Review • Closing the Gap in Educational Achievement • Place planning. Shaping future education provision • Traded Services • Hospital Admissions
Friday 21 April 2017	Keeping Children Safe in North Yorkshire
	Prevention Strategy - informal review of current position
	Planning for items before the June Committee meeting

Date	Probable Item
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Admissions - status • School exclusions • Roles and Responsibilities of Parent Governors
21 July 2017	Short Breaks Implementation of changes - 1 year review
	Planning for items before the September Committee meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting Underperforming Schools - especially those in Special Measures • Pupil Premium • Safeguarding • Early Intervention in Schools on Smoking, Drugs, Alcohol