

North Yorkshire County Council**Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee****8 September 2017****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. Some changes to when items come before the committee have been made as a result of conversations between your group spokespersons and the Corporate Director for Children's Services.

3.0 Groups Spokespersons Briefing

- 3.1 Given the importance of the SEND proposals, which affect advice and specialist support for a child or young person with special educational needs or disabilities (SEND, and which can be seen and downloaded from the NYCC website: <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/send-specialist-support-and-provision>, all Committee members have been invited to attend the next mid cycle briefing on Friday 19 January 2018 at 10am.
- 3.2 A note which was pulled together for group spokespersons, outlining the committee's role in this matter is attached as an Appendix 2. You will note the suggestion a second date may be required for a main committee meeting. This would allow the committee to reach a definitive, overall view on the proposals, based on its previous position, and mandate your Chair to report to the Executive accordingly.
- 3.3 Spokespersons will look at the commissioned service Yorsexualhealth and how we support schools on the PHSE agenda, especially covering the statutory Sex and Relationships Education being introduced in September 2019.

4.0 Friday 5 Jan 2018 at 10am, County Hall: Childrens Mental Health

- 4.1 You will already have had an email from my colleague Daniel Harry about the briefing from Jayne Hill, of Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby Clinical Commissioning Group on Children's mental health and the CCGs 'Future in Mind' Local Transformation Plans. NYCC colleagues will also now attend to give a briefing on the draft Green Paper and present the SEMH implementation plan. In this way members will be presented with a complete picture, but it does mean a slightly longer session than originally envisaged. The draft programme currently looks like this:

10am – welcome and introductions by the committee chairs (Cllr Clark and Cllr Jefferson)

10.10am - Future in Mind Local Transformation Plans – Jayne Hill

10.35am - SEMH implementation plan and Draft Green Paper – Emma Thomas (Lonsdale)

11.00am – Q&A

11.45am – next steps and any issues for NYCC scrutiny

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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Background Documents Nil

YOUNG PEOPLES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Scope

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

Meeting Details

Committee meetings	Friday 8 December 2017 at 10.30am
	Friday 9 March 2018 at 10.30am
	Friday 29 June 2018 at 10.30am
	Friday 7 September 2018 at 10.30am
	Friday 7 December 2018 at 10.30am
	Friday 1 March 2019 at 10.30am
Mid Cycle Briefing	Friday 19 January 2018 at 10.00am
	Friday 1 June 2018 at 10.30am
	Friday 19 October 2018 at 10.30am
	Friday 18 January 2019 at 10.30am
	Friday 12 April 2019 at 10.30am

Programme

Friday 8 December 2017			
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	
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 place allocations are made;	Focus on an account of the customer experience	Paul Brennan William Burchill

Friday 9 March 2018			
Safeguarding	Chairman of Childrens Safeguarding Board presents Annual report. Dialogue about commitment of partners to Safeguarding agenda.	Part of a wider consideration of safeguarding. Possible specific focus on Child Sexual Exploitation	Nick Frost
Careers	Update on main issues connected with careers "Progression for Success" project.		Katharine Bruce
Item in relation to managing educational provision in a changing Landscape			
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?	
Friday 29 June 2018			
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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How does the authority address its statutory requirements • How does the Regional Schools commissioner act? • How does the authority champion excellent performance? • How do we/would we work with schools in Special Measures 	Paul Brennan
Pupil Premium	Challenging the use of the pupil premium. An exploration and analysis of schools that do well	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An understanding of local practices and what works best • Outcomes – which children appear to be benefitting. 	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do all schools comply with their statutory obligations with regards to publication etc 	
Early Years Service Across North Yorkshire	Review of Service and challenges		
Friday 7 September 2018			
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	
Closing the Gap	Focussing on the Opportunity Area		
Report on progress: Voice, Influence, Participation	Update	Possibly involving the Youth Executive	
School exclusions -	Prevalence, profile and role of local authority Update on success of proposals and initiatives shared with committee	Probable Introduction at Mid Cycle briefing 1 June 2018	Jane le Sage

Mid Cycle Briefing Items

Date	Probable Item
Friday 19 January 2018	Short Breaks Implementation SEND Strategic Review (Committee date (in February) to be decided - either before or after Executive report is published) Yorsexualhealth PHSE Agenda
Friday 1 June 2018	Small Schools - their sustainability and their future Consideration of possible scrutiny work based on understanding the current picture, reassurance that the right action is being taken, evaluating the future <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The action being taken to ensure small schools achieve good educational outcomes How we help schools, in a varied governance arrangements, be resilient to provide pupils with a depth of learning opportunity,

Date	Probable Item
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the factors regarding small school success • Mitigating the risk of falling demographics, parental popularity, changes to budget, leadership and issues relating to staff recruitment and retention. • How the authority continues in its role of championing children and challenge schools no matter their governance <p>Corporate Parenting and LAC – relationship with scrutiny. Review of latest guidance for councillors</p> <p>Hospital Admissions - Especially mental health services support for young people, managing cases in the community.</p>
Friday 19 October 2018	<p>Early Intervention in Schools on Smoking, Drugs, Alcohol. Preventing drug, alcohol and tobacco use in young people and interventions for those already experiencing harm</p> <p>Possible focus on commissioning - is it integrated across prevention and specialist interventions and the wider children's agenda</p>

YP Scrutiny Committee Involvement in NY Strategic Plan for Provision of SEND

The Committee agreed with its Chair's suggestion that scrutiny review the SEND Strategic Plan proposals. This paper highlights the key considerations and options.

1. Thoughts on Scrutiny Role

Critical Friend

- Advising the Executive on the merits of the proposals.
- Can be expected to reach a views on proposed service change, and its impact in the longer term.
- The possibility and likelihood of scrutiny reaching a definitive view on the final CYPs recommendations depends on the timetable.

Local Interest and responsibility

- Committee is a consultee, but not a decision maker.
- There is an expectation that scrutiny members will put themselves in the position to be able to comment upon hat service change means for locality and service users.

Holding the Executive to account

- Compliance and Assurance eg scrutiny evaluates the consultation process.

2. First Scrutiny meeting: 19 January (currently scheduled Mid cycle briefing date)

Governance Issues/Considerations

- Predicted level of member attendance (not scheduled meeting)
- The authority of the meeting is limited. It is not a formal meeting in public

Format

- Both Janes to attend.
- We need only use can use the consultation document as a centrepiece for informal briefing and discussion session.
- At the moment would be informal briefing. Not in public.
- Likelihood is an invitation extend to all committee members.

Probable Content at the briefing – what Jane and Jane will do

- Explain the service change - understanding the proposals - a broadened version of the members' seminar, but centred on the consultation document.
- Statutory context, guidance, best practice considerations

- Existing provision - how it will change. What will be different and why.
- Help members understanding the values and principles behind them.
- Get the message across that the proposals are a package, incorporating a number of related service areas
- Understanding the relationship between the strategic plan and the Capital Plan

What members will do – the committee as a consultee

- Are proposals they fit for purpose - best practice, modern, thought through. Are they coherent, sufficiently ambitious
- Why - what does it mean for localities and service users
- Are they consistent with how we go about business strategically in relation to our strategic objectives - inclusion young and Yorkshire

What members will do - Assurance

- How the initial informal engagement phases shaped the consultation document proposals and approach.
- A view on the formal consultation as an effective process

Probable Outcome

Members reach conclusions and ask for statement to be drafted (RB) and submitted, under Chairman's name, to PH/directorate

3. Second Scrutiny (Committee) meeting

Key dates

- Executive meeting early March 2017
- Report published on end February

Purpose

Follow up to view taken at first meeting. Committee reaches a definitive, overall view on the proposals, based on previous position, but including commentary on:

- If the proposals have changed
- A view on how the responses handled
- Is there evidence that people understood and are behind the proposals
- Have concerns been addressed
- Any proposals which improvement resulting in changes will be measured

Issues/Consideration

- Will be formal meeting in public
- Must make it clear that scrutiny is an alternative source of lobbying; that is not scrutiny's role

Option A: Committee meets before Executive report published ie before 26 February

- Briefing to committee on emerging thoughts and results
- probably doesn't include conclusions and recommendations.

Option B: If committee meets after publication of Executive report but before Executive meeting, ie between 27 February and, realistically, Friday 2 March

Briefing and information given is essentially the same as given to Executive

Desired Outcome

Committee agrees conclusions and outlines statement which will be submitted and presented by Chairman at Executive early March 2018

4. Post-Implementation

- Medium term. Ongoing - as and when circumstances dictate, but if happens will be low key -probably to members Mid Cycle Briefing.
- Long term - Down the line, say, 18 months or so something more formal to committee with metrics