

North Yorkshire County Council
Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee

29 June 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 Looked After Children Strategy

- 3.1 We have a legal responsibility to look after children who cannot, for whatever reason, live with their immediate families. We aim to support children living with relatives, family friends or in foster families. We also have three small children's homes in the county, looking after young people between the ages of 13 to 17.
- 3.2 The council takes this responsibility very seriously and have set up the 'looked after children members group' to oversee the work of what is called corporate parenting, and to protect and improve the futures of looked after children and young people.
- 3.3 The group is made up of councillors, with officers regularly attending meetings to provide information or answer questions. It meets quarterly and receives feedback from the young people's council, which is run by looked after young people and care leavers with the aim of ensuring that young people are consulted on matters which affect their lives and that their rights are upheld.
- 3.4 LAC members also inspect residential children's homes and take the opportunity to talk to the young people living there, raising any issues on their behalf.
- 3.5 During discussion at a recent meeting, members heard that as refresh of the LAC Strategy is planned, with approval processes being completed in the autumn this year. It was agreed that this scrutiny committee should have the opportunity to review this work at your September meeting.

4.0 Delivery of 30 Hours free childcare programme

- 4.1 Nationally, from 1st September 2017, every eligible working family can apply to access 30 hours of funded childcare each week in term time or 1140 funded hours stretched over the year. Recently, the Secretary of State for Education has written to all authorities praising councils for delivering this programme, alongside all the other childcare entitlements for families.

- 4.2 The Secretary of State has asked what more can be done to improve 30 hours provision for all families, including parents who have special educational needs and disabilities. Advice is being sought from all authorities about their experiences of the first year of this initiative.
- 4.3 Your Chairman suggests you consider adding this to your work programme for some early scrutiny work in the Autumn.

5.0 Healthy Child Programme

- 5.1 The Healthy Child Programme is a national programme set up by the Department of Health. It is defined as good practice guidance for prevention and early intervention services for children and young people. Responsibility for commissioning these services transferred to the Local Authority along with other Public Health functions in April 2013. The council used that opportunity to pull together strands that had previously been commissioned separately by either the Children and Young People's Service or Public Health.
- 5.2 The 0-19 healthy child programme contract is due to come to an end in 19/20. There is an opportunity to expand the scope beyond the current services and consider aligning improvements or assess the impact with any emerging reshaping opportunities within SEND and Inclusion, Education and Skills and Children and Families that may take place 2018-20.
- 5.3 It is assumed that this committee would want to be part of that conversation. Rather than the issue being referred separately to the two relevant scrutiny committees - Scrutiny of Health and YP Scrutiny Committees – you might prefer to appoint a joint member group, much in the same way as you did for the recent review of children's mental health services, to hold an informal engagement opportunity sometime in the autumn.

6.0 Recommendation

- 6.1 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

	Friday 7 September 2018 at 10.00am	
	Friday 7 December 2018 at 10.30am	
	Friday 1 March 2019 at 10.30am	
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	Friday 19 October 2018 at 10.30am	
	Friday 18 January 2019 at 10.30am	
	Friday 12 April 2019 at 10.30am	

Programme

Friday 29 June 2018			
Coastal Opportunities	Plan and Profiles		Katharine Bruce
Safeguarding	Chairman of Childrens Safeguarding Board Dialogue about commitment of partners to Safeguarding agenda.	Part of a wider consideration of safeguarding. Possible specific focus on Child Sexual Exploitation	Nick Frost
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;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How does the authority address its statutory requirements 	

	appoint additional governors; suspend delegated budget.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	
Early Years Service Across North Yorkshire	Review of Service and challenges		
Friday 7 September 2018			
Report on progress: Voice, Influence, Participation	Update	Possibly involving the Youth Executive	
Small Schools	How the authority continues in its role of championing children and challenge schools no matter their governance	The action being taken to ensure small schools achieve good educational outcomes	
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?	
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
Friday 7 December 2018 at 10.30am			
School Preparedness	how pupils and parents are supported when they start school		
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	

Mid Cycle Briefing Items

Date	Probable Item
Friday 19 January 2018	Short Breaks Implementation SEND Strategic Review Yorsexualhealth PHSE Agenda
Friday 19 October 2018	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