



Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date Thursday 2 July 2020
Time 9.30 am
Venue Remote Meeting - This meeting is being held remotely via Microsoft Teams

Business

Part A

Items which are open to the Public and Press
Members of the public can ask questions with the Chair's agreement, and if registered to speak.

1. Apologies for absence
2. Substitute Members
3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 2 March 2020 (Pages 3 - 8)
4. Declarations of Interest, if any
5. Any items from Co-opted Members or Interested Parties
6. Update on the Impact of COVID-19 on Children and Young People's Services
 - a) Report of the Corporate Director of Children and Young People's Services (Pages 9 - 12)
 - b) Presentation by John Pearce, Corporate Director of Children and Young People's Services and Richard Crane, Head of Education and Skills (Pages 13 - 30)
7. Refresh of the Work Programme 2020/21 - Report of the Corporate Director of Resources (Pages 31 - 42)
8. Such other business as, in the opinion of the Chairman of the meeting, is of sufficient urgency to warrant consideration

Helen Lynch

Head of Legal and Democratic Services

To: **The Members of the Children and Young People's Overview
and Scrutiny Committee**

Councillor H Smith (Chair)
Councillor C Potts (Vice-Chair)

Councillors P Atkinson, B Bainbridge, A Batey, D Bell, J Blakey,
J Charlton, B Coult, R Crute, S Durham, N Grayson, D Hall,
C Hampson, K Hopper, I Jewell, L Kennedy, L Mavin, M Simmons,
A Willis and M Wilson

Faith Communities Representatives:

Mrs C Johnston and Mrs J Bruton

Parent Governor Representatives:

Mrs J Norman

Co-opted Members:

Ms R Evans and Mrs P Parkins

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DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

At a Meeting of **Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee** held in Durham Johnston Comprehensive School, Crossgate Moor, DH1 4SU on **Monday 2 March 2020 at 9.30 am**

Present:

Councillor H Smith (Chair)

Members of the Committee:

Councillors C Potts, P Atkinson, B Bainbridge, D Bell, B Coult, C Hampson, I Jewell and M Simmons

Parent Governor Representative:

Mrs J Norman

Co-opted Members:

Mrs J Norman and Ms R Evans

Also Present:

Councillors E Adam, S Dunn, L Brown and E Scott

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A Batey, J Blakey, J Charlton, R Crute, K Hopper L Mavin and M Wilson.

2 Substitute Members

There were no substitute Members in attendance.

3 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 January 2020 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

4 Declarations of Interest, if any

Councillor Coult declared an interest in item no. 9.

5 Any items from Co-opted Members or Interested Parties

There were no items from Co-opted Members or Interested Parties.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Mr O'Sullivan, Head Teacher, Durham Johnston Comprehensive School, welcomed the Committee and introduced students from years 7-13 who were currently studying at Durham Johnston Comprehensive School.

The Chair welcomed the students in attendance and gave a brief description of the business of the Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee. She encouraged them to ask questions should they wish following each of the presentations.

The Chair welcomed Members of the Environment and Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee, who had been invited for the item on climate change.

6 Scrutiny in Durham

The Corporate Scrutiny and Strategy Manager in highlighting the role of Overview and Scrutiny engaged the young people in a quiz which provided details on the system of National and Local Government within England and details of the methods available to scrutinise these systems (for copy see file of minutes).

7 Schools Engagement for Climate Emergency

The Committee received a report of the Corporate Director of Children and Young People's Services, which provided an update on the engagement and opportunities for schools and young people to engage in climate change activities (for copy see file of minutes)

The Committee received a presentation by R Hurst, Education Advisor, Education Durham (for copy see file of minutes), which gave details on how human activity was contributing to climate change and what methods were being used in County Durham, which had declared a climate emergency.

The Education Advisor confirmed that there were projects and opportunities for schools to reduce their carbon footprint. All schools had the opportunity to sign up to the DCC Energy Management Service Level Agreement. Schools were able to monitor their energy use and would could access support services from the Outdoor Sustainability Education Specialists (OASES) and the Energy Team at County Hall. There were 240 schools signed up to the agreement which was 90%.

The Education Advisor continued that there were various ways schools could control energy use, such as setting timers, upgrading lighting to LED, and engaging

with staff and students with regards to greater energy efficiency. The Enlighten Project was funded by Salix which was a 0% loan for 8 years and the idea was that savings from the conversion would pay for the works.

The Education Advisor responded to a number of questions from students.

In response to a question regarding the type of energy used and what schools and students could do to reduce energy consumption, the Education Advisor confirmed that schools energy consumption was mostly provided by fossil fuels and simple changes to behaviour could assist in reducing climate change. He advised that people should think about the way they travelled, use alternative transport if they could, and think about how the products we bought and food we ate were produced.

In response to a question with regards to what action was being taken in order to assist in the conversion to electric cars in future, the Education Advisor confirmed that the Council had rolled out charge points in most of their buildings and intended to upgrade schools and communities. Using Scaling On Street Charging Infrastructure (SOSCI) local authorities were working together in the north of England to provide on street residential chargepoints at community locations. This was an area with a large proportion of terraced housing so consideration was being given to householders who did not have driveways. New technology to potentially provide electricity through street lighting columns was also being considered. Councillor Scott confirmed that rapid charging ports were being installed in Neville's Cross.

One of the Students asked for comments on the number of youth strikes in relation to climate change in County Durham. The Education Advisor described this as a contentious subject and whilst he was thrilled to see students being passionate, he could not support or encourage children walking out of school and would advise them to look at other ways to campaign and raise awareness within school. He also would ask them to consider the location of the strikes and the impact of emissions when travelling to locations. He encouraged the students to look at how they could make more efficient choices as individuals, how they could encourage family members to change, and how they could encourage their school to make changes.

A student asked whether Durham Johnston were signed up to the Enlighten Project and the Head Teacher confirmed that he had been unaware of the scheme prior to the meeting, but he intended to make enquiries. The Education Advisor confirmed that a full refit of a new building would take approximately two weeks, but older buildings took longer as they were more likely to have structural issues such as asbestos contamination.

In response to a question about the Councils ability to choose their own source energy, the Education Advisor confirmed that energy suppliers were tendered

through North East Procurement Organisation. Low carbon energy providers were used where possible but there would be a significant cost increase associated if the Council were to go 100% green.

A question was raised with regards to the environmental impact of electric cars and whilst there was evidence that batteries had a life span of five years for car use, there were ongoing research projects into how they could be reused or collated to store energy. Manufacturers were encouraging people to lease vehicles therefore batteries would be widely recyclable, however electric cars would be replaced by new evolving technology, such as hydrogen powered vehicles.

With reference to Earth Hour, one student suggested increasing the regularity of switching off to four-weekly and the Education Advisor confirmed that advertising had began for 2020 but this was a global campaign, but perhaps schools could look at taking individual action more regularly.

With regards to cycling initiatives in County Durham, the Education Advisor confirmed that Durham had a good network of cycle paths and was part of the National Cycling Network and advised that contact details for the Sustainable Travel Officer would be forwarded to the school who would pass on the information.

In response to a question regarding the installation of solar panels, the Education Advisor confirmed that the key consideration was whether they could be south facing. A lot of schools had them installed but there were no longer government incentives as they were not as expensive as they had been in the past and they were reliant on the sun for power, but it still made sense as a long-term investment. The Education Advisor confirmed that a wind farm in the North Sea from the Redcar area to the Hull area that could generate enough power to cover the whole of North Yorkshire or 10% of the UK's electricity, was being constructed but would take 20 years to complete. Investigations were being carried out on storage methods such as compressed air.

Resolved

That the report and presentation be noted.

8 Education Attainment and Standards 2019

The Committee considered a report of the Corporate Director of Children and Young People's Services which provided a full summary of educational outcomes in County Durham 2019 and related updates on the focus and provision of education services (for copy see file of minutes).

R Crane, Head of Education responded to a number of questions from young people.

In response to a question with regards to Careers Advice, the Head of Education confirmed that Careers Advice should be offered in KS3 in schools – it was important that dedicated advice and support was offered and usually an interview was offered to students. This was an area which was required under Ofsted framework and inspectors ensured students were informed and schools held to account.

In response to a question from a student about where does students from County Durham fit in relation to taking A 'levels and apprenticeships The Head of Education confirmed that there was a mix of students in County Durham, some take a traditional A level route while others followed the apprenticeship route.

With regards to stress and exams, one student said in addition to GCSE and A Level stress, there were year 8 children worried about end of year tests. The Head of Education confirmed that it was essential that schools had the right support in place and were able to accommodate young people during exam periods and this applied to primary schools too.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

9 What is there for young people to do in County Durham

The Committee considered a report of the Director of Children and Young People's Services which provided details of things for young people between 11-19 years, including those with additional needs such as SEND (for copy see file of minutes).

The Committee received a presentation from M Stenton, Head of Early Help, Inclusion and & Vulnerable Children (for copy see file of minutes).

S Blakeman, Education Development Advisor, confirmed that information from student voice survey had indicated that 19% of children were not engaging in the broad range of activities and asked three of questions of the young people to find out their opinion on the range of opportunities in County Durham.

1. What is there for you to do in County Durham?
2. What other opportunities might you like?
3. What barriers might prevent young people from getting involved?

In relation to question one Students suggested that children were able to access the Music Service; activities held by AAPs and in school. Drama offered in school provided opportunities to perform outside of school. Extracurricular activities available in school were quite good and included 6th form committees and societies. School and Public Libraries provided a large selection of books which many people

would not be able to afford to buy. There was also a range of sporting activities both in and out of school.

In relation to question two a student commented on the lack of facilities for young people in Durham City, there were many coffee shops but most young people ended up walking aimlessly around the city. At Maiden Castle there were sports facilities but to hire such as the 3G pitch cost £40 per hour. Activities were expensive and therefore only affordable for more affluent families. There should be a timetable of activities during weekends and holidays which cost £5 maximum, so that children could use pocket money to attend.

Durham University offered a number of workshops, but they were not always attended by less fortunate students.

Barriers included lack of information, cost, and social stigma.

Students confirmed that social media (in particular, Instagram), was the preferred method of communication, however the Head Teacher reminded Members that children under 13 were unable to access it and they advised parents against allowing children under 13 to use social media.

The Education Development Advisor confirmed that a Countywide Youth Council was being set up and would consist of two electorates from each Secondary School within the county. Meetings would be monthly and the Agenda would be drafted by young people, discussing issues which were important to them. The first meeting would be on 22 April and include items such as Climate Emergency, Budget and events would take place to include Primary and Secondary Schools. In addition to the Youth Council, the first ever Youth Awards would take place at the Radisson Hotel in Durham.

Resolved

That the report and presentation be noted.

**Children and Young People's Services
Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

2 July 2020



**Update on the Impact of Covid-19 on
Children and Young People's Services**

**Report of John Pearce, Corporate Director of Children and Young
People's Services**

**Councillor Olwyn Gunn, Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Children and
Young People's Services**

Electoral division(s) affected:

Countywide

Purpose of the Report

- 1 To provide members of the Children and Young People's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee an update on the impact of Covid-19 on Children and Young People's Services Service Grouping.

Executive summary

- 2 The presentation highlights the impact of Covid-19 on Children and Young Peoples Services and specifically on vulnerable children, children in receipt of free school meals, child poverty, education, and the reduction in safeguarding referrals

Recommendation(s)

- 3 Members of the Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee are requested to receive the report and presentation and comment accordingly.

Background

- 4 The impact of the Coronavirus has been felt across all children and young people's services and has required significant change to normal operating processes and service delivery arrangements since the pandemic commenced.
- 5 The impact of Coronavirus is most clearly visible in relation to school arrangements within the County, which is rarely out of the media.

However, it is also important to highlight that every part of Children and Young Peoples Services has had to consider the impact of the pandemic and undertake prioritisation and change to ensure children and young people and staff continue to be supported throughout this challenging period.

- 6 In developing responses, the Service has been mindful to align its efforts to the following:
 - The significant amounts of government guidance and legislation that has been issued in relation to Social Distancing, PPE, Testing, School Arrangements, Changes to SEND and Social care Regulations
 - The local guidance and response arrangements developed by the Council and relevant partners
 - The needs of children, young people and their families to ensure we understand the impact of the coronavirus on them and to deliver services in the most effective way possible in the circumstances
- 7 The service also has arrangements in place as part of the broader council and partner recovery programmes to plan for the gradual return to a new normal over the coming months/years.
- 8 Arrangements have been made for John Pearce, Corporate Director for Children and Young Peoples Services and Richard Crane, Head of Education and Skills to give members information in relation to how the service has needed to change to continue to deliver services to children, young people and their families.
- 9 It will provide an overview which looks at each of the main services and some of the creative and adapted responses which have been provided and how these have been experienced by children and families.

Conclusion

- 10 The outbreak of the Coronavirus has been challenging and unprecedented for all local services. The presentation highlights the main impacts and responses provided as well as providing an understanding of how this has been received by children and families.

Background papers

- List any papers required by law / None

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Appendix 1: Implications

Legal Implications

The Service is monitoring and considering the implications of legal changes on children and young people's services, including changes to regulations, legislation and court work

Finance

The Council has an agreed approach to identifying additional costs associated with Covid-19. These include additional pressure on budgets as a result of increases in children looked after.

Consultation

N/A

Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty

N/A

Climate Change

N/A

Human Rights

N/A

Crime and Disorder

N/A

Staffing

The Service has implemented a range of measures to ensure staffing levels are maintained within services during Covid-19.

Accommodation

The Services is managing the use of accommodation in line with Government advice and Council policy.

Risk

A Risk Management process is in place within the Council to manage the additional risks associated with Covid-19

Procurement

N/A

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The Impact of Covid-19 on Children and Young People's Services

2nd July 2020

Altogether better



Overview of Content

- Impact of Covid-19 on Children and Young Peoples Services
- How Services have responded
- Feedback from children/families and schools

Altogether better



Child Safeguarding - Impact

- Vulnerable Children not attending school.
- Reduction in safeguarding referrals.
- Reduced face to face visits.
- Slowdown of court work causing delay in progressing plans for children looked after.
- Increases in CLA causing additional pressure on placement sufficiency.
- No major impact on availability of social care workforce

Children Safeguarding – Response 1

- All child cases have been risk rated and visiting frequencies enhanced/monitored.
- New weekly monitoring system with schools and vulnerable child attendance and welfare checks.
- 3 Hub Model of working within Children's Social Care – operating from fewer buildings.
- Greater use of technology by staff to maintain contact with children across all services.
- Children on 'shielded' lists alerted to frontline staff so that appropriate arrangements can be made.
- Youth Justice Service adapted to lockdown and introduced virtual working. Face to face visits according to risk.

Altogether better



Child Safeguarding – Response 2

- Enhanced partner data sharing during Covid to support safeguarding - CAMHs, Substance Misuse, Young Carers
- New process developed to support schools with children not meeting thresholds but still concerns about their welfare.
- Weekly review of key performance information and targeted audit programme to provide assurance of quality of work.
- Working to re-start face to face family time for children looked after and their birth families.
- Closer working between early help and statutory social care services and daily senior management meetings.

Altogether better



Children's Residential Services - Impact

- Park House (Respite) – temporarily closed.
- Aycliffe Secure - staff shortages (including experienced staff).
- DCC Children's Homes - some staffing challenges, but operated normal services.
- Implications for children's units of Governments 'test and trace' for children's homes.

Altogether better



Children's Residential - Response

- All children at Park House risk assessed and where necessary community alternatives provided. Aiming to reopen the facility soon.
- Aycliffe Secure reduced capacity and temporarily stopped admissions (now planning to steadily increase numbers with a small no. of welfare cases now being admitted).
- Staff trained/re-deployed to Children's Homes and Aycliffe Secure as required from other CYPS Services.
- Development of additional provision e.g. new DCC children home

Special Educational Needs - Issues

- Most children with SEND not attending school.
- Sustainability of some Independent Providers

Altogether better



Special Educational Needs - Response

- Undertaking Risk assessments for children with EHCPs to help inform school return (safer at home or school).
- Monitoring of SEND children placed with independent providers (many out of county)
- Provided advice and support to schools on a range of issues in relation to Inclusion, vulnerable learners and transitions.
- Regional intelligence sharing on locally commissioned providers to provide oversight.
- Continued work on new EHCP requests and annual reviews wherever possible
- SEND partnership continuing to meet virtually

Altogether better



Child Poverty - Issues

- Expected higher degree of poverty impacting on children during and beyond COVID
- Loss of parental employment and reduced family income, reduced employment opportunities.
- Increasing number of young people NEET/Not Known (currently 5.9%).
- Significant increase in 18-24 year olds claiming UC (6,305 in March to 7,995 in April 2020).
- Impact on DurhamWorks performance (recruitment and progressions).

Altogether better



Child Poverty – Response 1

- Early Help services working with Community Hubs to support the needs of the community – Food/finance etc.
- Working with schools to ensure children on FSM continue to receive lunches, vouchers and supplies of food parcels for families in need.
- Early Help provided Family activities included online cooking sessions, budgeting, relationship, promoting credit union etc.
- Holiday activities for children provided with food since Easter and plans for summer holidays.

Child Poverty – Response 2

- DurhamWorks advisors supporting young people - phone, text, email (14,466 interventions in April and May 20).
- Partners/subcontractors delivering online learning in warehousing, construction, ICT) as well as employability and health and wellbeing support.
- Increased focus on supporting vulnerable year 11s into further education.
- Bidding for additional resources (e.g. £4m bid submitted to Youth Futures Foundation).

Altogether better



Education/Early Years – Issues

- Closure of schools to all but children of key workers and vulnerable children.
- Government announcements on school re-opening causing some uncertainty in schools.
- Some nurseries closing and furloughing staff

Education/Early Years – Response 1

- Around 240 schools continued to be open throughout the period.
- Substantial amount of guidance developed by the Councils Education and Corporate Teams to support/advise schools.
- Significant planning taking place across sector with schools/ Unions/ Public Health/ H&S on school re-opening, including clarity on councils position.
- Regular liaison with DfE leads to understand/discuss national position and identify local implications

Altogether better



Education/Early Years – Response 2

- Promoted resources to schools to support the mental health and emotional wellbeing of children and young people.
- Over 1,400 DfE Laptops being allocated for children with a social worker/disadvantaged children in Year 10.
- Introduced short-term Free Flexible Entitlement (FFE) funding arrangements for Childcare providers to help them to remain open.
- Promoted the availability of Early Years provision to DCC key workers, parents with vulnerable children & partners.

Impact on families - 1

- Developing a celebration/promotional tool to show the creative things that vulnerable children have done during lockdown, such as artwork, media, stories etc.
- Promotional video showing feedback on services during Covid-19.

<https://youtu.be/OUeos849xoc>

- “I appreciate your call and have some great news - I start a job at EDF in Sunderland in June, I really appreciate DurhamWorks input” – Young Person.

Altogether better



Impact on families - 2

- In a survey of families/children involved with social care and early help (151 responses received):
 - ✓ 89% identified that someone had spoken to them about Covid-19
 - ✓ 70% gave services a 10 rating in terms of ease of contacting the service
 - ✓ 95% said we had managed to keep in contact as often as they need.
- Information updated on local offer website www.durham.gov/localoffer

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Next Steps

- Services focussed on restoration/recovery as country moves out of lockdown.
- Re-opening schools is high priority and robust programme of work in place to manage government requirements alongside safety of staff and children
- Restore/Re-open those services where face to face contact with a child/family is vital
- Be clear on those services where we can continue to use technology effectively.

Altogether better



**Children and Young People's
Overview and Scrutiny Committee**



2 July 2020

**Refresh of the Work Programme
2020/21**

Report of John Hewitt, Corporate Director of Resources

Electoral division(s) affected:

None

Purpose of the Report

- 1 To provide Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee (CYPOSC) with an updated work programme for 2020/21.

Executive summary

- 2 Overview and Scrutiny work programmes are designed to be flexible to accommodate items which may arise throughout the year. For 2020/21 this flexibility is essential to enable the scrutiny function to respond to the changing landscape of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 3 The proposed CYPOSC work programme has been framed around COVID-19 and in the context of the new shared County Durham vision 2035 has been developed with partners around three strategic ambitions –'more and better jobs', 'long and independent lives' and 'connected communities'.
- 4 CYPOSC work programme has been developed to reflect new powers which enable local government meetings to be held remotely during this period. Holding virtual meetings has prompted us to consider how best to carry out the scrutiny role in these new and challenging circumstances.

Recommendations

- 5 Members of the Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee are requested to:
 - a) Receive and comment on the proposed work programme for 2020/21.

- b) Agree the work programme for 2020/21 as attached at appendix 2 and the flexibility it offers to respond to emerging issues.

Background

- 6 Scrutiny has adapted to the unprecedented situation of a global pandemic with a flexible and pragmatic approach to the 2020/21 work programme. New regulations enable committee meetings to be held remotely and formal scrutiny meetings will be held virtually for the foreseeable future.
- 7 To assist with the new approach to meetings we propose to keep agenda short to ensure meeting time is focussed on those matters which are the highest priority. Where agreed by the Committee, regular overview reports will instead be circulated separately via email for comment and information. We hope by doing so, we can help make progress of moving meetings on-line as smooth as possible and manage our workload efficiently and effectively.
- 8 As we all become more familiar with holding remote meetings, we will review our agendas and work programmes with the Chair and Vice Chair and make any necessary changes in consultation with the Committee.
- 9 This prioritisation of the work programme will enable the scrutiny function to operate flexibly and take into consideration any changing national, regional or local responses to COVID-10 pandemic.
- 10 The overview and scrutiny committee's work programmes are informed by:
- County Durham Vision 2035
 - Council Plan
 - Cabinet's Notice of Key Decisions
 - Sustainable Community Strategy
 - Partnership Plans and Strategies
 - Performance and Budgetary control data
 - Changes in government legislation
 - Key questions for improving performance.
- 11 In addition, scrutiny work programmes are informed by the four priorities of Inspire the Council's Transformation Programme:
- Redesign our services to better meet the customer's need at reduced cost to the Council
 - Help communities become more resilient and self-reliant
 - To move our partnership working from good to great

- To become renowned for our skilled and flexible workforce and our employee engagement.

CYPOSC Work Programme

- 12 During 2019/20 Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee has undertaken budgetary and performance monitoring, scrutiny reviews and considered overview presentations.
- 13 Scrutiny review work included:
- Review of Elective Home Education in County Durham
 - Progress update on Role of the Social Worker from a Child's Perspective Review.
- 14 Areas of Overview activity:
- Durham Safeguarding Children Partnership Arrangements
 - County Durham Health and Wellbeing System Plan 2019
 - Ofsted Educational Framework 2019
 - Consultation on the High Needs Block Funding for Children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities
 - West Lane Hospital Update
 - Liquid Logic Implementation
 - 0-19 Healthy Child Programme
 - Social Worker Academy Progress
 - Best Start in Life
 - Children and Young People's Mental Health and Wellbeing
 - Under 18 Conceptions and Sexual Health
 - Mainstream Primary and Secondary School Funding formula 2020/21
 - Child Poverty in County Durham
 - Draft Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy
 - Signs of Safety Implementation
 - Children's Social Care Response to ILACS Inspection
 - Children's Social Care Quality Assurance Framework
 - Pre-Birth Service Update
 - Schools Engagement for Climate Emergency
 - What is there for Young People to do in County Durham?
- 15 Budgetary and performance monitoring:
- Quarterly budgetary monitoring for Children and Young People's Service
 - Quarterly corporate performance monitoring overview for Children and Young People's Service.

Areas for Consideration in the CYPOSC Work Programme

- 16 Members of CYPOSC are asked to agree the proposed work programme for 2020/21 that has been prepared and is attached at appendix two. The work programme is very comprehensive drawing on topical areas across the remit of the committee and it should be noted that it is also flexible.
- 17 The work programme includes an indication of those reports which will be considered by CYPOSC at a remote meeting and those which will be circulated to members. The dates when reports are taken to CYPOSC or circulates may flex with the additional demands on and the capacity of services during the COVID-19 response period.

Conclusion

- 18 The work programme identifies areas of work that fall within the remit of Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee and is flexible in its delivery.

Background papers

- None

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Appendix 1: Implications

Legal Implications

Not applicable

Finance

Not applicable

Consultation

Not applicable

Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty

Not applicable

Human Rights

Not applicable

Crime and Disorder

Not applicable

Staffing

Not applicable

Accommodation

Not applicable

Risk

The Overview and Scrutiny work programme is an important element of the Council's governance and risk management arrangements.

Procurement

Not applicable

<p>OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME 2020 TO 2021</p> <p>Children and Young People's OSC</p> <p>Lead Officer: Tom Gorman</p> <p>Overview and Scrutiny Officer: Ann Whitton</p> <p>IPG contact:</p>	<p>Note:</p> <p>O/S Review - A systematic 6 monthly review of progress against recommendations/Action Plan</p> <p>Scrutiny/Working Group – In-depth Review</p> <p>Overview/progress – information on an issue; opportunity to comment, shape, influence, progress with a scrutiny review</p> <p>Performance – ongoing monitoring (quarterly) performance reports/budgets</p>
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	When	Who	Outcome	Comment
<i>O/S Review Updates</i>	(subject to management arrangements for remote meetings)			
Role of the Social Worker from a Child's Perspective	Briefing Note	January 2020	To provide progress on the members recommendations at least six months following	Members will receive information on how their recommendations are progressing.

			the report being considered by Cabinet	
Private Children's Homes <i>Joint with Safer Stronger Communities OSC</i>	Briefing Note	February 2020	Members will consider evidence from DCC, Partners, Children's Homes and Children in Care Council.	Members will have an awareness of the number of private children's homes in County Durham and their impact.
Scrutiny/Working Group In depth review				
Overview/Progress	(subject to management arrangements for remote meetings)			
Impact of Covid 19 on CYPS Service Grouping	2 July 2020	John Pearce	Members will receive a report on of how Covid 19 has impacted on the service grouping.	Members will be aware of the work that has taken place during the pandemic and of the impact on children, young people and families
Young Carers	29 September 2020 TBC	Martyn Stenton Alison Hicks	Members will receive information on what support is offered to young carers in County Durham	Members will be aware of the support and opportunities available for young carers.
Child Poverty Overview	29 September 2020 TBC	Karen Davison	Members will receive a progress update on the authority's plans to address	Members will have an awareness of the various activities and plans provided by the Council and its partners.

			child poverty including the impact of Covid 19	
Neglect in County Durham	9 October 2020 TBC	Karen Davison	Members will continue to monitor neglect in the county and receive information how the County Council is addressing child neglect including the impact of Covid 19	Members will be aware of the number of child neglect cases and what the service is doing to help children and families.
CAMHS Update	9 October 2020 TBC	Michelle Trainer	Members will receive an update on the performance of CAMHS in relation to transitions to Adult Services and the Action plan for tier 4 services	Members will gain an awareness of how mental health services for children and young people in County Durham under the management of Tees, Esk and Wear Valley FT are managed and what the trust has in place to address the CQC recommendations in relation to tier 4 services. Invite members of AWHOSC
Care Leavers	6 November 2020 TBC	Chris Ring	Members will consider the support in place for care leavers in relation to accommodations, education, employment and training and the impact of Covid 19.	Members will be aware of the support offered to County Durham's care leavers.
Best Start in Life	11 January 2021 TBC	Michelle Baldwin	Members will receive information on giving children the best start in life including plans and initiatives going forward.	Members will be aware of initiatives to give children the best start in life and performance information and plans going forward. Members of AWH OSC will be invited to attend.

Children and Young People's Mental Health	1 March 2021 TBC	Michelle Baldwin	Members will receive a detailed presentation on public health initiatives relating to children and young people's mental health and emotional wellbeing including the impact of Covid 19.	Members will be aware of plans and programmes going forward to address the children and young people's mental health agenda. Members of AWH OSC will be invited to attend.
Special Educational Needs and Disabilities	1 March 2021 TBC	Martyn Stenton/ Paul Shadforth	Members will receive an overview of the service to support children, parents and carers with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities that will touch on the legislation, EHCPs and work with partners.	Members will have an awareness of the challenges involved in delivering the service ahead of review work.
Educational Outcomes	12 April 2021 TBC	Richard Crane	Members will receive information on the performance of County Durham's children in what was a unique academic year.	Members will be aware of performance of children across all age groups.
Briefing Note				
Heathy Weight Alliance	Briefing Note (July/August 2020)	Philip Ray	Members continue to monitor childhood obesity and will receive a progress update on the work being	Members will be aware of the progress being made and of new and ongoing projects to help children and families. Members of AWH OSC will be invited to attend this session.

			carried out to help children and families.	
Student Voice Survey	Briefing Note (July/September 2020)	Stephen Tracey	Members will receive an outline of the results of the most recent student voice survey.	Members will be aware of what children and young people are saying in the survey, comparisons from the last survey results and any developing trends.
Children's Commissioning Strategy	Briefing Note (September/October 2020)	Mark Smith	Members will receive information on the action plan attached to the strategy	Members will be aware of the priorities within the strategy and how they are being met
JTAI Action Plan Progress on actions	Briefing Note (October/November 2020)	Michael Banks	Members will receive information on the progress against the actions identified in the JTAI Action Plan	Members will be aware of progress being made against actions and will be able to discuss and ask questions.
ERASE	Briefing Note (October/November 2020)	Lisa Wood/ DS Ian Haddick TBC	Members will be updated with ERASE activities and the impact the initiative is having on County Durham's children and young people.	Members will be aware of work that has been done to keep children and young people safe in county Durham.
Pre Birth teams	Briefing Note (November/December 2020)	Jac Tyler	Members will be provided with information on how the service is performing.	Members will be aware of the progress made in the new service areas and how this has impacted on the lives of children.
Stronger Families Programme	Briefing Note (December 20/January 2021)	Karen Davison	Members will monitor the Council's performance to hitting its national target for the Stronger Families Programme including the impact of Covid 19.	Members will be aware of how the Council is meeting national targets for the Stronger Families Programme and how many families in County Durham have benefitted from the programme.
Smoking in Pregnancy	Briefing Note (January/February 2021)	Tammy Smith	Members will receive information on the programmes and projects in	Members will be aware of the programmes and projects in place to help mothers to give up smoking.

			place for expectant mothers to stop smoking and what support is available to help them.	
Breast Feeding	Briefing Note (January/February 2021)	Tammy Smith	Members will receive information on how DCC and partners are encouraging mothers to breastfeed from birth and to continue after six weeks	Members will be aware of the programmes available from DCC and partners, support available to mothers and of current performance.
Signs of Safety Model of Practice	Briefing Note (March 2021)	Chris Ring	Members will receive a progress update on the impact of the implementation of the Signs of Safety Model Practice	Members will be aware of how the signs of safety model is impacting on practice.
LSCB Annual Report	Circulate Electronically	Independent Chair DSCB	Members will be appraised of the achievements of the LSCB over the last 12 months and of their priorities for the coming year.	Members will have the opportunity to raise questions with the LSCB rep in relation to the Annual Report.
Corporate Parenting Annual Report	Circulate Electronically	Cllr Jewell, Chair CPP/Jayne Watson	Members will receive the CPP annual report	Members will be aware of the work of CPP and its priorities going forward.
DPH Annual Report	Send electronically		Members will receive the DPH report electronically	
HWB Annual Report	Send electronically		Members will receive the annual HWB annual Report electronically	

Performance and Budget	(subject to management arrangements for remote meetings)			
Performance & Quality Q 4 (2019/20) and Q 1(2020/21) Q 2 Q 3	29 Sept 2020 11 January,2021 12 April 2021	Stephen Tracey		Ongoing – to provide members with information on performance of the service grouping and highlight areas of prominence (those going well, and those giving cause for concern).
Budget Outturn Report Q 4 (19/20)&Q1(20/21) Q 2 Q 3	29 Sept 2020 11 January 2021 12 April 2021	Andrew Baldwin		Ongoing – highlight areas of concern. Committee to receive updates on the affects and implications of MTFP on service groupings