

Children & Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee

4 July 2017

Refresh of the Committee's Work Programme 2017 - 2018



Report of Lorraine O'Donnell, Director of Transformation and Partnerships

Purpose of the Report

- 1 To provide for Members consideration an updated work programme for the Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee for 2017-18.

Background

- 2 At its meeting on 7 April 2017, the Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered the actions identified within the Council Plan 2016 – 2019 for the Altogether Better for Children and Young People priority theme and agreed to refresh its work programme to include a number of these actions. In addition, topics have also been identified that are in line with the Sustainable Community Strategy, Cabinet Notice of key decisions, Partnership plans and strategies, performance and budget control data and government legislation

Detail

- 3 In accordance with this decision, a work programme for 2017 – 2018 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 in respect that topics can be added throughout the year.
- 4 Members are encouraged to identify areas of scrutiny investigation (in depth and light touch reviews) from the work programme. Members had previously identified an area for consideration as a scrutiny investigation as Children's Social Care.

Recommendation

- 5 Members of the Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee are asked to:
 - a) Discuss and agree the new work programme 2017 – 2018 as detailed in appendix two.
 - b) Identify a topic for in depth scrutiny review.

Background Papers

Council Plan 2016 – 2019

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Appendix 1: Implications (The following implications are taken directly from the report to Cabinet on 16th March 2016)

Finance - The Council Plan sets out the corporate priorities of the Council for the next three years. The Medium Term Financial Plan aligns revenue and capital investment to priorities within the Council Plan.

Staffing - The Council's strategies are being aligned to achievement of the corporate priorities contained within the Council Plan.

Risk - Consideration of risk is undertaken in the preparation of the Council Plan and Service Plans.

Equality and diversity/Public Sector Equality Duty - A full impact assessment has previously been undertaken for the Council Plan. The actions underpinning the Council Plan include specific issues relating to equality and aim to improve the equality of life for those with protected characteristics. The Plan has been influenced by consultation and monitoring to include equality issues. There is no evidence of negative impact for particular groups.

Accommodation - The council's Accommodation programme is a key corporate programme contained within the Council Plan.

Crime and disorder - The Altogether Safer section of the Council Plan sets out the Council's contributions to tackling crime and disorder.

Human rights – None

Consultation - Council and partnership priorities have been developed following an analysis of available consultation data including an extensive consultation programme carried out as part of the development of the Sustainable Community Strategy and this has been reaffirmed by subsequent consultation on the council's budget.

Procurement – None

Disability Issues - Accessibility issues are considered in the design of our planning document.

Legal Implications- None

Appendix 2

<p>OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME 2017 TO 2018</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: Carole Payne</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>				
Self-Harm by Young People	4 July 2017	Keith Allen	Update on progress of recommendations following the self-harm review	The initial update was given to members November 2015 members requested they receive further update.
Take up of Free School Meals and Holiday Hunger	16 January 2018	Roger Goodes, Alison Young/Karen Sproates	Increase awareness among parents, carers and school administration of the availability of DCC eligibility checking system and awareness of holiday hunger	Members will have an awareness of the systems used by DCC to promote the take up of free school meals. Members will be aware of where holiday hunger activities have taken place and will receive an evaluation of them.

			activities taking place in County Durham.	
Scrutiny/Working Group In depth review				
Role of the Social Worker (TBC)				
Overview/Progress				
Support for Care Leavers	4 July 2017	Linda Bailey/ Carole Gill	To provide members with information in relation to the support given to care leavers such as accommodation, finance, training and employment	Members will have an understanding of the support the council provides to its care leavers.
Case File Audit	TBC	Julie Scurfield	Members will receive information on the audit process of case files in Children's Services	Members will be able to ask questions on the process
CQC Review of Health Services for LAC	4 July 2017	Gill Findley	Findings from the CQC review of health services of looked after children and safeguarding.	Members will have an understanding of the findings from the review.
Elective Home Education	11 September 2017	Sheila Palmerley/Ian Shanks	To provide members with information in relation to the numbers of children in the county who are home	Members will have an understanding of the numbers of children involved and ask what is in place to ensure they are safe and receiving an education.

			schooled including checks and balances carried out	
Overview of Ofsted Inspections of County Durham Schools	11 September 2017	Phil Hodgson	Members are provided with a summary of Primary and Secondary school Ofsted inspections giving detail of the score of each school, whether this is an improvement or deterioration on previous scores and what is being done to improve.	Members will have a complete understanding of the rating of the County Council's schools and the help and support they receive to ensure they improve their existing grade if necessary or continue to perform at the high level they are now performing.
Managing School Exclusions	11 September 2017	Phil Hodgson	Members will receive an overview on the numbers of exclusions in county Durham and what is being done to help the young people involved and what more can be done in maintained schools and academies.	Members will be aware of the Ofsted grading for the County Council's Primary and Secondary schools and the work being done to improve or maintain current scores.
Looked After Children Annual Report	28 September 2017	Karen Robb	To provide members with an overview of the fostering and adoption service.	Members will have an understanding of the challenges facing the service, their recent achievements and their priorities going forward
LSCB Annual Report	28 September 2017	Jacqui Doherty	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.
Children's Services	28 September	Carole Payne	Members will receive an	From this, members will be able to identify

Update	2017		update which is originally sent to Cabinet and incorporates an update on aspects of children's services. Information will also be received on the Ofsted Improvement Plan	specific areas where they may request more information. Members will be have an understanding of how work is progressing to meet the recommendations of the Ofsted report.
Child Poverty – Equality of Opportunity	28 September 2017	Carole Payne/Karen Davison	Members will receive information on what is being done by the Council and partners to address child poverty	Members will have an awareness of the various activities/programmes throughout the Council
Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services	7 November 2017	Donna Sweet	To provide members with an overview of CAMHS in County Durham including information on waiting times, availability of beds and the crisis liaison service.	Members will have an understanding of the services offered to CYP in County Durham by CAMHS
Unintentional injuries Framework	7 November 2017	Chris Woodcock	To provide members of CYP OSC with an overview of the framework.	Members will gain an understanding of the extent of unintentional injury among children and young people in County Durham.
Growing Healthy 0-19 in County Durham	7 November 2017	Gill O'Neil	Members will receive information on health visiting service and school nurse service and progress on the work being done with Leeds Becket University.	Members will receive the latest information in relation to 0-19 programme in County Durham.
Summary of Lessons Learned from Serious Case Reviews	21 November 2017	Jacqui Doherty	Members will receive an overview on the number of SCR and the lessons learned	This will provide members with the assurance that outcomes of SCRs are being addressed and followed through and that

			from them	the Local Authority is learning from serious case reviews.
What is Neglect?	21 November 2017	Carole Payne	Members will receive information in relation to what constitutes neglect with examples and what happens in cases of neglect.	Members will have a clear idea of what neglect is
Role of the Social Worker	21 November 2017	Mark Gurney	Members will be aware of the tasks undertaken by front line social workers, what support they receive and an insight into their workload and the legislation which governs their work.	Members will receive the information to give greater awareness of the role of the social worker.
One Point Service	16 January 2018	Karen Davison	Members will receive an overview on how the service works including their how they work with other agencies to help children and families in the community.	Members will have an awareness of the many areas of work that are covered by the one point service especially of their multi agency working.
Obesity (Joint with Adults, Health & Wellbeing)	5 February 2018	Chris Woodcock	To provide members with an overview of how the work of the Healthy Weight Alliance is working to improve Obesity in County Durham	Members will receive information in relation to the impact the work of the Health Weight Alliance is having on Obesity including childhood obesity
Early Years Strategy – Impact of the Council’s Decision on Children’s Centres	1 March 2018	Carole Payne	Members will receive an overview of the impact of the Council’s decision on Children’s Centres, to concentrate on people rather	Members will be aware of how the changes made in 2014/15 in relation to how children’s centres operate is impacting on vulnerable children and families.

			than buildings	
Young Carers in County Durham	1 March 2018	Julie Scurfield	Members will be updated on the numbers of young carers in County Durham and how the Council is working in partnership to support them.	Members will be aware of what assistance and support is available to young carers and how DCC work in partnership to achieve this.
Stronger Families Programme	1 March 2018	Karen Davison	Members will receive an update on the Stronger Families Programme	Members will be aware of how the County Council has delivered the stronger families programme to vulnerable families in county Durham.
Children's Services Update	1 March 2018	Carole Payne	Members will receive a report updating them on all aspects of Children's Services including progress made against the Ofsted recommendations	From this, members will be able to identify specific areas where they may request more information. Members will be have an understanding of how work is progressing to meet the recommendations of the Ofsted report.
Educational Services Academic Attainment	9 April 2018	Caroline O'Neil	Members will receive a report updating them on the attainment of the County's children through all educational key stages.	Members will be aware of how the County's children are performing against national averages.
The relationship between Maintained Schools and Academies	9 April 2018	Phil Hodgson	Members requested information on the relationship between maintained schools and academies in County Durham specifically additional pressures put on maintained schools.	Members will be provided with information of how maintained schools are supported by DCC and if this affects the relationship between them and academies.
JHWB Annual Report	To be circulated		Members will receive the	Information contained in the report will

	electronically		JHWB annual report.	include health issues affecting children and young people.
Health and Wellbeing Board Annual Report	To be circulated electronically		Members will receive the Health and Wellbeing Board annual report	Information contained in the report will include health issues affecting children and young people.
Performance & Quality Q 4 Q 1 Q 2 Q 3	4 July 2017 28 Sept 2017 16 January,2018 9 April 2018	Keith Foster TBC		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). From quarter 1 2016 members will receive information on the quality of services such as social work.
Budget Outturn Report Q 4 (16/17)&Q1(17/18) Q 2 Q 3	29 Sept 2016 16 January 2018 9 April 2018	Graham Stephenson		Ongoing – highlight areas of concern. Committee to receive updates on the affects and implications of MTFP on service groupings