

**Open Report on behalf of Richard Wills,
Director responsible for Democratic Services**

Report to:	Overview and Scrutiny Management Board
Date:	28 September 2017
Subject:	Scrutiny Committee Work Programmes: - <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee• Public Protection and Communities Scrutiny Committee

Summary:

On 29 June 2017, the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board agreed a process for reviewing the work programmes of scrutiny committees whereby the work programme of each scrutiny committee would be considered on a quarterly basis, with the focus on two or three scrutiny committee work programmes at each meeting of this Board. This would allow in-depth consideration of the work programme; both in terms of the outcomes from the items considered and intended future activity.

In accordance with the Board's agreed programme, this report sets out the work programmes of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee; and the Public Protection and Communities Scrutiny Committee.

Actions Required:

- (1) The Overview and Scrutiny Management Board is invited to consider whether it is satisfied with the content of the work programmes of:
 - the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee (Appendix A to this report); and
 - the Public Protection and Communities Scrutiny Committee (Appendix B).
- (2) Depending on its decisions in (1) above, the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board is invited to make suggestions on the content of the work programmes of the two committees listed above.

1. Background

One of the roles of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board is to challenge, review and hold to account the work programmes of each scrutiny committee.

On 29 June 2017, the Board agreed a process whereby the work programme of each scrutiny committee would be considered on a quarterly basis to allow for more in-depth consideration. To facilitate this, the chairman of each scrutiny committee would be invited to provide an update on the work of their committee and any working groups, and highlight future items that their committee will be focussing on.

On 29 June 2017, the following reporting timetable was agreed:

Scrutiny Committee	First Review	Second Review	Third Review
Adults and Community Wellbeing	27 Jul 2017	30 Nov 2017	29 Mar 2018
Health	27 Jul 2017	30 Nov 2017	29 Mar 2018
Children and Young People	28 Sept 2017	25 Jan 2018	26 Apr 2018
Public Protection and Communities	28 Sept 2017	25 Jan 2018	26 Apr 2018
Environment and Economy	26 Oct 2017	22 Feb 2018	24 May 2018
Highways and Transport	26 Oct 2017	22 Feb 2018	24 May 2018
Flood and Water Management	26 Oct 2017	22 Feb 2018	24 May 2018

Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee

The work programme of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee is attached at Appendix A. Councillor Robert Foulkes, the Chairman of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee, will be making a statement to provide supporting information on the content of the work programme.

Public Protection and Communities Scrutiny Committee

The work programme of the Public Protection and Communities Scrutiny Committee is attached at Appendix B. Councillor Nigel Pepper, the Chairman of the Public Protection and Communities Scrutiny Committee, will be making a statement to provide supporting information on the content of the work programme.

2. Conclusion

As part of the new reporting arrangements of the work programmes of scrutiny committees, the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board is asked to consider the work programmes of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee, and the Public Protection and Communities Scrutiny Committee.

3. Consultation

a) Have Risks and Impact Analysis been carried out?

Not Applicable

b) Risks and Impact Analysis

Not Applicable

4. Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee Work Programme
Appendix B	Public Protection and Communities Scrutiny Committee Work Programme

5. Background Papers

No background papers within Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the preparation of this report.

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CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Work To Date

Prior to the despatch of this agenda, three meetings of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee have taken place in the new County Council term. The key issues that the Committee has considered so far are:

Inclusive Lincolnshire Strategy

The Committee received a report at its meeting on 21 July 2017 regarding the progress made against the Inclusive Lincolnshire Strategy. The Inclusive Lincolnshire Strategy was implemented in 2016/17 to address the problem of a rising and unsustainable rate of permanent exclusions from Lincolnshire schools. Lincolnshire was consistently the highest excluder of primary aged children nationally and nearly the highest for secondary. Since its introduction, primary exclusions have halved, but secondary exclusions still remain high. A key priority for 2017/18 is to build on this position, by targeting support and challenge to the small number of vulnerable secondary schools (five in total) that account for the disproportionate number of secondary exclusions. The Committee will be closely monitoring progress on secondary exclusions and the work being undertaken to address this, and will be receiving an update at its January 2018 meeting. In addition, visits are being arranged for Committee members to providers of alternative provision for pupils excluded from school.

Children and Young People's Commissioning Strategies

At its 8 September 2017 meeting, the Committee considered the four commissioning strategies relating to children and young people. A number of issues were raised out of this item that will be looked at by the Committee in future. This included the new Emotional Health and Wellbeing Service which will go live in October 2017 and Intensive Needs Supported Accommodation. A number of concerns were raised by Committee members regarding impartial careers advice in schools and links to businesses to address the skills gaps, and this issue will be considered at a future meeting. The Committee also requested to receive training on Signs of Safety and a workshop on this will be arranged shortly.

Partners in Practice

Lincolnshire County Council is one of eight leading local authorities chosen by Government to be part of the Partners in Practice (PiP) programme. The PiP programme is scheduled to run until 31 March 2020 and is made up of three workstreams: practice and systems; governance and accountability; and people and leadership. The Committee received a report on the Partners in Practice programme at its meeting on 8 September 2017 which set out the eight projects sitting below the three workstreams that Children's Services will be undertaking. The PiP programme will improve practice in Lincolnshire and other Children's Services, transform the quality of children's social care services and early help arrangements, and support the reform of the wider system. The Committee requested to be kept informed on the progress and outcomes from the PiP projects and the outcomes from the independent evaluation that will be undertaken by the Department for Education to measure the impact of the projects. An update on Lincolnshire's PiP programme will

be coming to the meeting on 9 March 2018, and the Committee requested that the report included information about the financial benefits to Lincolnshire County Council of the PiP programme.

Work Planned

20 October 2017		
Item	Contributor	Purpose
Sector-Led School Improvement Model - Presentation	Martin Smith Children's Service Manager - School Standards	Policy Review
Corporate Parenting Sub-Group Update (21 September 2017 minutes)	Cllr David Brailsford Chairman of the Sub Group	Member Report
Lincolnshire Safeguarding Boards Scrutiny Sub-Group Update (26 September 2017 minutes)	Chairman of the Sub Group	Member Report

1 December 2017		
Item	Contributor	Purpose
A Proposed Future Model of SEN Provision from Lincolnshire Special Schools (TBC)	Eileen McMorro Senior Project Officer SEND Review	Pre-Decision Scrutiny (TBC)
0-19 Public Health Nursing	Sally Savage Chief Commissioning Officer – Children's	Performance Scrutiny
Lincolnshire Music Service	John O'Connor Children's Services Manager: Education Support Jen McKie Senior Music Adviser Lincolnshire Music Service	Policy Review
Theme Performance: Quarter 2	Sally Savage Chief Commissioning Officer – Children's	Performance Scrutiny

19 January 2018		
Item	Contributor	Purpose
Budget Proposals 2018/19	Debbie Barnes Executive Director of Children's Services	Budget Scrutiny
A Proposed Future Model of SEN Provision from Lincolnshire Special Schools	Eileen McMorrow Senior Project Officer SEND Review	Policy Development / Consultation
Early Years Childcare Provision	Michelle Andrews Children's Service Manager – Early Years	Policy Review
Inclusive Lincolnshire Strategy	Mary Meredith Children's Service Manager - Inclusion	Policy Review
Corporate Parenting Sub- Group Update (7 December 2017 minutes)	Cllr David Brailsford Chairman of the Sub Group	Member Report

9 March 2018		
Item	Contributor	Purpose
Lincolnshire Local Authority School Performance 2016-17	Martin Smith Children's Service Manager - School Standards	Performance Scrutiny
Restorative Panels Pilot	Andy Cook Youth Offending Manager	Policy Review
Partners in Practice	Tara Jones Children's Service Manager – Partners in Practice	Policy Review
Lincolnshire Safeguarding Boards Scrutiny Sub- Group Update (January 2018 minutes)	Chairman of the Sub Group	Member Report
Theme Performance: Quarter 3	Sally Savage Chief Commissioning Officer – Children's	Performance Scrutiny

20 April 2018		
Item	Contributor	Purpose
Prevent and the Implications for Children and Young People	Nicole Hilton Community Assets and Resilience Commissioning Manager	Policy Development
Corporate Parenting Sub- Group Update (March 2018 minutes)	Cllr David Brailsford Chairman of the Sub Group	Member Report

8 June 2018		
Item	Contributor	Purpose
Lincolnshire Safeguarding Boards Scrutiny Sub-Group Update (April 2018 minutes)	Chairman of the Sub Group	Member Report
Theme Performance: Quarter 4	Sally Savage Chief Commissioning Officer – Children's	Performance Scrutiny

20 July 2018		
Item	Contributor	Purpose
A Proposed Future Model of SEN Provision from Lincolnshire Special Schools	Eileen McMorro Senior Project Officer SEND Review	Pre-Decision Scrutiny (Executive / Executive Councillor decision TBC)
Prevent and the Implications for Children and Young People	Nicole Hilton Community Assets and Resilience Commissioning Manager	Policy Development
Corporate Parenting Sub-Group Update (June 2018 minutes)	Cllr David Brailsford Chairman of the Sub Group	Member Report

Items to be Programmed

- School funding and the impact of the National Funding Formula implementations
- Lincolnshire Learning Partnership (LLP) Strategic Plan and Impact Evaluation
- Home to School Transport Policy including post 16 transport and grammar school transport (The outcome of the scrutiny review in 2016 on Grammar School Transport was to reconsider the current policy in two years' time.)
- Education including educational policy updates and the impact in Lincolnshire's schools; monitoring the changing position and how the Local Authority is fulfilling its responsibilities; relationship with academies; school improvement; overview of academies and maintained schools; and small rural schools
- Significant place planning and school reorganisation
- Safeguarding children and social care work
- Supported accommodation
- Educational progress of Looked After Children (LAC), including electronic Personal Education Plans (ePEPs)
- Post Adoption Support
- Support for foster carers

PUBLIC PROTECTION AND COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

June 2017 – September 2017

The Committee continues to scrutinise the services covered within Public Protection and Communities remit. This includes County Public Protection, Community Resilience and Assets and Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue, and is reflected in the planned programme of work.

Performance of the Library Services Contract

The Committee has continued to fulfil its role in scrutinising performance of the first year of the out-sourced Library Contract to Greenwich Leisure Limited (GLL). At the meeting in July 2017 the Committee supported the ongoing development of the library service by GLL, including a set of proposed 'Year 2 Developments' which included delivering the Arts Council funded 'ForgingLincs' project and implement revised District Mobile Library routes.

The Committee will continue to monitor the performance of the Library Services Contract on an annual basis going forward.

Future of the Heritage Service

The Committee has continued to have input into the future of the Heritage Service and formed a Working Group in July 2017 to explore potential future options of reducing the costs of the Heritage Service, whilst improving and enhancing its public offer and becoming financially self-sustainable.

Both the Working Group and wider Committee will need to consider whether the preference is to keep control and build business, income and market, or cede control of these assets but realise more immediate savings. As part of this process the Committee will consider a mixture of options, including retaining the service in-house and a mixture of external options.

The Working Group will make a recommendation back to the Committee in October 2017 before considering the final proposals in early 2018.

Fire and Rescue

At the July 2017 meeting the Committee scrutinised the progress made against the Retained Duty System (RDS) improvement action plan; following on from a report presented in November 2016 on the RDS Improvement Strategy.

The Committee paid particular attention to how Fire and Rescue could get across the message to larger employers of the benefits of releasing staff to become retained fire fighters and the benefits this can bring to local communities.

The Committee also received reassurance that Fire and Rescue continues to be a priority service area.

At the September 2017 meeting the Committee also scrutinised the change of Fire and Rescue service delivery strategy and transition from Home Safety Checks to

Safe and Well Visits. The Committee supported the current pilot of Safe and Well Visits to broaden the check to incorporate a wider range of issues, recognising the effectiveness of the fire service's preventative work.

Future Work Planned

The Committee continues to actively monitor and have input into the future work programme and has highlighted the importance of sitting as the Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee to consider Lincolnshire Community Safety Partnership Priorities and reassurance on the work being undertaken on Neighbourhood Policing.

The forward Work Programme for the Committee is shown below:

31 OCTOBER 2017 – 10:00am		
Item	Contributor	Purpose
Annual Prevent Review Report	Nicole Hilton, Chief Community Engagement Officer, Paul Drury, Programme Officer - Prevent	The Lincolnshire Annual report on Prevent related activities in relation to local authority responsibilities as defined under Counter Terrorism & Security Act 2015.
Fire and Rescue Statement of Assurance	Nick Borrill, Chief Fire Officer	To consider and note the contents of Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue Authority's Statement of Assurance 2016 - 2017.
Road Safety Partnership Annual Report	Steven Batchelor, Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership	Annual update on the Road Safety Partnership including information on fatal, killed and serious injury figures for Lincolnshire.
Future Governance Structure for the Heritage Service	Nicole Hilton, Chief Community Engagement Officer, Louise Egan, Libraries & Heritage Client Lead	Update and Policy Development item on the work being undertaken on the potential future governance models for the Heritage Service.

31 OCTOBER 2017 – 10:00am		
Item	Contributor	Purpose
Citizen Engagement Strategy (Next Steps paper)	Nicole Hilton, Chief Community Engagement Officer	Policy Development item describing the initial work streams and timeframes for the exploration of the potential options for the Citizen Engagement Strategy

12 DECEMBER 2017 – 10:00am		
Item	Contributor	Purpose
Quarter 2 Performance Report (1 July to 30 September 2017)	Nick Borrill, Chief Fire Officer, Daryl Pearce, County Officer - Public Protection, Nicole Hilton, Chief Community Engagement Officer	Review of the Key Performance and Customer Satisfaction Information.
Fire and Rescue – Fire Peer Challenge Report	Nick Borrill, Chief Fire Officer	To present the outcomes from the Local Government Association (LGA) / Chief Fire Officers Association (CFOA) Fire Peer Challenge.

23 JANUARY 2018 – 10:00am		
Item	Contributor	Purpose
Revenue and Capital Budget Proposals 2018/19	TBC	Pre-Decision Scrutiny Item on the budget proposals for 2018/19. The comments of the Committee will be passed to the Executive for consideration.
Future Governance Structure for the Heritage Service	Nicole Hilton, Chief Community Engagement Officer, Louise Egan, Libraries & Heritage Client Lead	PRE-DECISION SCRUTINY Executive – 4 April 2018
Assisting Rehabilitation through Collaboration (ARC)	Daryl Pearce, County Officer - Public Protection	Review of the collaboration work aiming to reduce reoffending in Lincolnshire.

13 MARCH 2018 – 10:00am		
Item	Contributor	Purpose
Citizen Engagement Strategy	Nicole Hilton, Chief Community Engagement Officer, Bev Finnegan, Programme Manager, Community Engagement	PRE-DECISION SCRUTINY Executive – 4 April 2018 Council – 18 May 2018

24 APRIL 2018 – 10:00am		
Item	Contributor	Purpose
Quarter 3 Performance Report (1 October to 31 December 2017)	Nick Borrill, Chief Fire Officer, Daryl Pearce, County Officer - Public Protection, Nicole Hilton, Chief Community Engagement Officer	Review of the Key Performance and Customer Satisfaction Information.

Items to be programmed

- Joint Ambulance Conveyance Project
- Domestic Abuse
- Blue Light Collaboration Programme
- Fire and Rescue Integrated Risk Management Plan

Sitting as the Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee

- Lincolnshire Community Safety Partnership Priorities
- Neighbourhood Policing
- Assisting Rehabilitation through Collaboration (ARC)

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