

Policy and Scrutiny

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

Report to:	Overview and Scrutiny Management Board
Date:	25 January 2018
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.

The following reporting timetable has been agreed:

Scrutiny Committee	First Review	Second Review	Third Review
Adults and Community Wellbeing	27 Jul 2017	30 Nov 2017	29 Mar 2018
Health			
Children and Young People	28 Sept 2017	25 Jan 2018	26 Apr 2018
Public Protection and Communities			
Environment and Economy	26 Oct 2017	1 Mar 2018	24 May 2018
Highways and Transport			
Flood and Water Management			

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 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 Since September 2017

Since the last report of this Committee to the Board on 28 September 2017, two further meetings of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee have taken place and a further meeting is taking place on 19 January (after the despatch of this agenda). The key issues that the Committee has considered since September are:

Proposed Changes to Enhanced Resource Provision Units Supporting Children with Hearing Impairments

On 20 October 2017, the Committee supported a consultation on *Proposed Changes to Enhanced Resource Provision Units Supporting Children with Hearing Impairments*. The Committee agreed to support the proposals for consultation. On 19 January 2018, the Committee is due to consider the outcomes of the consultation, with the report to the Executive Councillor favouring a proposal to decommission the Enhanced Resource Units and support children in mainstream schools.

Building Communities of Specialist Provision for Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities

On 1 December 2017, the Committee considered a pre-decision scrutiny report on *Building Communities of Specialist Provision for Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities*, which set out the proposed strategy for special school provision in the County. The proposed strategy has many aims including reducing the length of journeys to school for pupils with SEND by ensuring all special schools can meet all types of need and disability, so pupils can go to their nearest school.

The Committee stressed the importance of communicating with parents during the implementation phase of the proposals; and was assured that the eventual implementation of the proposals would be gradual. This consultation is ongoing and closes on 14 March 2018. The Committee is due to consider the outcomes of the consultation in June 2018.

Alternative Education Provision for Key Stage Four Pupils

On 1 December 2017, the Committee considered a report on the commissioning plan for *Alternative Education Provision for Key Stage Four Pupils* who are excluded from schools. This again was a pre-decision scrutiny item and the commissioning arrangements were supported by the Committee, which included provision for a minimum of 75 pupils, up to a maximum of 125 places.

National Funding Formula for Mainstream Schools

On 1 December, the Committee supported the recommendation in a pre-decision scrutiny item on the *National Funding Formula for Mainstream Schools*. This was

the final stage of a two part consultation process initiated by the Government. The Committee was concerned over the limited time given by the Government for the second part of the consultation period. The Committee also agreed to support efforts to support the lobbying of the Government for a fairer funding formula for schools in Lincolnshire, as it continued to be a comparatively low-funded area under the National Funding Formula

Inclusive Lincolnshire Strategy

On 21 July 2017, the Committee considered an item on the Inclusive Lincolnshire Strategy, which had been implemented in 2016/17 to address the problem of a rising and unsustainable rate of permanent exclusions from Lincolnshire schools. On 19 January 2018, the Committee is due to consider a report, which will outline progress on this topic.

Future Work Planned

9 March 2018		
Item	Contributor	Purpose
Proposal to amend the age ranges of Grainthorpe Primary School and Marshchapel Primary School (Final Decision)	Matthew Clayton, Admissions and Education Provision Manager	Pre-Decision Scrutiny <i>(Executive Councillor Decision: 23 March 2018)</i>
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 <i>(15 January 2018 minutes)</i>	Cllr Sarah Dodds, 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
Monks Abbey Primary School – Change to Planned Admission Number	Matthew Clayton, Admissions and Education Provision Manager	Pre-Decision Scrutiny <i>(Executive Councillor Decision – 8 May 2017)</i>
Supported Accommodation for Looked After Children	Janice Spencer, Assistant Director – Children's Safeguarding	Pre-Decision Scrutiny <i>(Executive Councillor Decision: Date to be determined)</i>
Corporate Parenting Sub-Group Update <i>(15 March 2018 minutes)</i>	Cllr David Brailsford, Chairman of the Sub Group	Member Report

8 June 2018		
Item	Contributor	Purpose
Building Communities of Specialist Provision – A Collaborative Strategy for Children and Young People with Special Education Needs and Disabilities in Lincolnshire	Eileen McMorrow, Senior Project Officer SEND Review	Pre-Decision Scrutiny <i>(Executive Councillor Decision - Date to be confirmed)</i>
Lincolnshire Safeguarding Boards Scrutiny Sub-Group Update <i>(16 April 2018 minutes)</i>	Cllr Sarah Dodds, 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
Corporate Parenting Sub Group Update <i>(14 June 2018 minutes)</i>	Cllr David Brailsford, Chairman of the Sub-Group	Member Report

Items To Be Programmed

- Lincolnshire Learning Partnership (LLP) Strategic Plan and Impact Evaluation, including:
 - *educational policy updates and impact in Lincolnshire's schools;*
 - *school improvement, including support for maintained schools and academies;*
 - *small rural schools;*
 - *monitoring the changing position and how the Local Authority is fulfilling its responsibilities;*
 - *relationship with academies and Regional Schools Commissioner; and*
 - *overview of academies and maintained schools; and.)*
- Home to School Transport Policy Significant Place Planning and the Process for School Reorganisation.
- Safeguarding Children and Social Care Work
- Educational Progress of Looked After Children (LAC)
- Post Adoption Support
- Support for Foster Carers
- Funding for Special Education Needs, and the process behind Educations Health and Care Plans.

PUBLIC PROTECTION AND COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Work Since September 2017

Since the last report of this Committee to the Board on 28 September 2017, three further meetings of the Public Protection and Communities Scrutiny Committee have taken place. The key issues that the Committee has considered are:

Future Structure for the Heritage Service

The Future Structure for the Heritage Service Working Group met three times in late September / early October 2017, and provided robust and challenging feedback to officers. The Working Group reviewed the opportunities and risks presented by the different governance options and reported back to the Committee in October 2017.

The Working Group concluded that more time was needed to make a decision on what the right fit for the service would be. The Committee endorsed the need for officers to focus on the offer LCC wanted to make and what the service would look like before considering what the best delivery model would be. Because of this the Committee acknowledged that timescales would need to be reviewed, with any decision now going into the new financial year.

Road Safety Partnership Annual Report

In October 2017 the Committee considered the Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership (LRSP) Annual Report which provided the committee with the opportunity to review detailed information on the fatal, and killed and serious injury (KSI) casualty figures for Lincolnshire. The report also provided data on trends, comparisons and areas of priority for the Road Safety Partnership moving into 2018.

The Committee endorsed the work of the Road Safety Partnership and requested to continue to review this information on an annual basis.

Fire and Rescue – Fire Peer Challenge Report

In December 2017 the Committee reviewed the outcome of the Fire and Rescue Fire Peer Challenge following a Local Government Association and National Fire Chiefs Council Fire Peer Challenge over the period 26 – 29 September 2017.

Feedback from the Peer Challenge was generally positive. An action plan is currently being developed to address those ‘areas for consideration’ identified in the report and this will be presented to the Committee in June 2018 for review.

Engagement Strategy

In December 2017 the Committee reviewed the working being undertaken to bring together the Council's engagement and customer-related documents into one Engagement Strategy. The Committee considered potential future options in the development of the strategy and supported the use of a workshop open to all elected

members which took place on Tuesday 9 January 2018, to consider potential future options.

Adult Offending and Assisting Rehabilitation through Collaboration

Sitting as the Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee the Committee reviewed information on the delivery of Assisting Rehabilitation through Collaboration (ARC) and how it is reducing offending by the most prolific offenders in Lincolnshire through the use of a multi-agency approach.

The Committee endorsed the progress made by the scheme to reduce offending throughout the county.

Future Work Planned

23 JANUARY 2018 – 10:00am		
Item	Contributor	Purpose
Revenue and Capital Budget Proposals 2018/19	Nick Borrill, Chief Fire Officer; County Officer - Public Protection; Nicole Hilton, Chief Community Engagement Officer	PRE-DECISION SCRUTINY Executive – 06 February 2018 Budget proposals for 2018/19.
Domestic Abuse Support Services Re-procurement	Sara Barry, Safer Communities Manager	PRE-DECISION SCRUTINY Executive Councillor(s) – 30 January 2018
Emergency Planning Item - Grenfell Tower Response	Ian Reed, Emergency Planning and Business Continuity Manager	To provide an overview of the Grenfell Tower fire and to review the lessons learnt and potential implications for Lincolnshire County Council.
Sitting as the Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee		
Alcohol related Anti-Social Behaviour and Alcohol Related Violence in Lincolnshire	Sara Barry, Safer Communities Manager	Consideration of the work being undertaken through the Community Safety Partnership in relation to Anti-Social Behaviour and Alcohol Related Violence in Lincolnshire.

13 MARCH 2018 – 10:00am		
Item	Contributor	Purpose
Engagement Strategy	Nicole Hilton, Chief Community Engagement Officer, Bev Finnegan, Programme Manager, Community Engagement	PRE-DECISION SCRUTINY Executive – 04 April 2018

13 MARCH 2018 – 10:00am		
Item	Contributor	Purpose
Quarter 3 Performance Report (1 October to 31 December 2017)	Nick Borrill, Chief Fire Officer, County Officer - Public Protection, Nicole Hilton, Chief Community Engagement Officer	Review of the Key Performance and Customer Satisfaction Information.
Blue Light Collaboration Progress Report	Nick Borrill, Chief Fire Officer, Tim Joyce	Review of the current progress towards integrated Blue Light Collaboration in Lincolnshire.
Sitting as the Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee		
Lincolnshire Community Safety Partnership Priorities	Sara Barry, Safer Communities Manager	Consultation item on the future priorities for the Lincolnshire Community Safety Partnership.

24 APRIL 2018 – 10:00am		
Item	Contributor	Purpose
Future Model of the Heritage Service	Nicole Hilton, Chief Community Engagement Officer, Louise Egan, Libraries & Heritage Client Lead	PRE-DECISION SCRUTINY Executive – 3 July 2018
LFR Wellbeing Strategy	Simon York, Area Manager; Debbie Yeates, Area Manager Corporate Support	To provide an overview of the new fire and rescue strategy to promote health and wellbeing within the workforce

12 JUNE 2018 – 10:00am		
Item	Contributor	Purpose
Quarter 4 Performance Report (1 January to 31 March 2018)	Nick Borrill, Chief Fire Officer, County Officer - Public Protection, Nicole Hilton, Chief Community Engagement Officer	Review of the Key Performance and Customer Satisfaction Information
Fire Peer Challenge Action Plan	Nick Borrill, Chief Fire Officer	Update on progress Fire Peer Challenge action plan
Consultation & Engagement Activity Review	Nicole Hilton, Chief Community Engagement Officer Bev Finnegan	A review of council wide consultation & engagement activity and how it helps the Council to effectively engage people and be better informed to improve service provision.

12 JUNE 2018 – 10:00am		
Item	Contributor	Purpose
Volunteers	Nicole Hilton, Chief Community Engagement Officer Bev Finnegan	An update on the range of volunteering roles within the Council, the policy and documents that enable effective management, and how the invaluable contribution will be recognised during Volunteers Week. Additionally, expectations, outcomes and achievements of current grant funding to support volunteering.

24 JULY 2018 – 10:00am		
Item	Contributor	Purpose
Performance of the Library Services Contract – Year Two Review Report	Nicole Hilton, Chief Community Engagement Officer Michaela Finan	Review of GLL's second year performance and key performance indicators (KPI).
LFR Prevention and Protection Activities	Simon York, Area Manager	To provide an overview of the current activities undertaken to promote fire safety to the community and business
Financial Inclusion	Nicole/Bev Finnegan/ Lynne Faulder	Background on national documents and reports (including parliamentary / government), the financial inclusion challenges facing Lincolnshire, where we are within the local context, including key drivers, and priorities.

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