

Policy and Scrutiny

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

Report to:	Overview and Scrutiny Management Board
Date:	24 May 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 table below sets out the reporting timetable for 2018/19:

Scrutiny Committee	First Review	Second Review	Third Review
Adults and Community Wellbeing	26 April 2018	30 August 2018	29 November 2018
Health			
Children and Young People	24 May 2018	27 September 2018	20 December 2018
Public Protection and Communities			
Environment and Economy	28 June 2018	25 October 2018	31 January 2019
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 January 2018

Since the last report of this Committee to the Board on 25 January 2018, two further meetings of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee have taken place. The key issues that the Committee has considered since January are:

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

On 1 December 2017, the Committee considered report on *Building Communities of Specialist Provision for Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities*. This is a strategic long term strategy for special schools in the County which will ensure the best provision for our SEND pupils in the coming years. 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. On 5 December 2017, the Executive agreed to go out to public consultation on both the proposed strategy and the proposed changes to individual schools simultaneously. The proposed strategy was subject to public consultation over a 9 week period from 8 January 2018 to 14 March 2018.

The Committee received an update on the consultation and revised timeline at its meeting on 26 April 2018. The timeline has been amended to ensure all Academy Trusts and the Regional School Commissioner have sufficient time to consider the outcomes of the consultation and also to ensure that the final decision made by Executive was informed by public consultation, the decision of Academy Trusts and the Regional School Commissioner. The consultation findings will be considered by the Committee at the meeting on 19 October 2018 before a final decision by the Executive at its meeting on 6 November 2018. At the meeting on 19 October 2018, the Committee will be hearing the views from the headteachers of the special schools; parents who have petitioned against the proposals in relation to Gosberton House Academy in Spalding; and parents who have petitioned in favour of the SEND proposals.

Inclusive Lincolnshire Strategy

On 19 January 2018, the Committee considered an update 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. Subsequent to the meeting, the Chairman of the Committee suggested that it might be useful to establish a working group to look in more detail at the work being undertaken by officers and schools to reduce pupil exclusions in Lincolnshire's primary and secondary schools. The Committee agreed at its meeting on 9 March 2018 to establish a working group with the following members: Councillors M D Boles, S R Dodds, R J Kendrick, A P Maughan and R Wootten. The working group met for the first time on 4 May 2018 and will report back to the Committee at a future meeting.

Post 16 Transport Policy Statement 2018 -2019

At its meeting on 20 April 2018, the Committee received a pre-decision scrutiny report on the Post 16 Transport Policy Statement 2018-19. The Council provides subsidised transport for learners of sixth form age (extended to age 21 or 25 for learners with Special educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SENDs)) to a school sixth form, college of further education or other approved setting. This costs the authority around £2m per year, and the authority recovers approximately £1m of the costs through a charge to parents or students which is currently £570 per annum. The Committee strongly supported officers investigating the possibility of direct debit monthly payments by parents and carers to lessen the financial pressure on families. This cannot be achieved with the current IT systems as they are not able to handle receiving payments this way.

Future Work Planned

8 June 2018		
Item	Contributor	Purpose
Corporate Parenting Strategy	Andrew Morris, Corporate Parenting Manager	Pre-Decision Scrutiny (Council decision on 14 September 2018)
Looked After Children and Care Leavers Strategy	Andrew Morris, Corporate Parenting Manager	Pre-Decision Scrutiny (Executive decision on 3 July 2018)
Ofsted Inspection Outcomes	Debbie Barnes, Executive Director of Children's Services	Performance Scrutiny
Lincolnshire Local Authority School Performance 2016-17	Martin Smith, Children's Service Manager - School Standards	Performance Scrutiny
Lincolnshire Secure Unit – Ministry of Justice contract bid	Mark Rainey, Children's Services Commissioning Manager - Commercial Dave Clarke, Unit Principal, Lincolnshire Secure Unit	Pre-Decision Scrutiny (Executive Councillor Decision: 18 June 2018)
Lincolnshire Safeguarding Boards Scrutiny Sub-Group Update (16 April 2018 minutes)	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
Supported Accommodation for Looked After Children	Janice Spencer, Assistant Director – Children's Safeguarding	Pre-Decision Scrutiny (Executive Councillor Decision: Date to be determined)
Adoption Support Services – Parenting Programme	Simon Murphy Commissioning Officer	Pre-Decision Scrutiny (Executive Councillor Decision: 30 July 2018)
Lincolnshire Secure Unit – New Build Business Case	Mark Rainey, Children's Services Commissioning Manager - Commercial Dave Clarke, Unit Principal, Lincolnshire Secure Unit	Pre-Decision Scrutiny (Executive Councillor Decision: 30 July 2018)
Restorative Panels Pilot	Andy Cook, Youth Offending Manager	Policy Review
Partners in Practice	Tara Jones, Children's Service Manager – Partners in Practice	Policy Review
Corporate Parenting Sub Group Update (14 June 2018 minutes)	Cllr David Brailsford, Chairman of the Sub-Group	Member Report

7 September 2018		
Item	Contributor	Purpose
Inclusive Lincolnshire Strategy – Policy Review	Mary Meredith, Children's Service Manager - Inclusion	Policy Review
Lincolnshire Safeguarding Boards Scrutiny Sub-Group Update (9 July 2018 minutes)	Cllr Sarah Dodds, Chairman of the Sub-Group	Member Report
Theme Performance: Quarter 1	Sally Savage, Chief Commissioning Officer – Children's	Performance Scrutiny

19 October 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 (Final Decision)	Eileen McMorrow, Senior Project Officer SEND Review	Pre-Decision Scrutiny (Executive Decision – 6 November 2018)
Special Educational Needs and Disabilities and the process behind Education, Health and Care Plans	Sheridan Dodsworth Children's Services Manager - SEND	Policy Review
<p>Lincolnshire Learning Partnership (LLP) Strategic Plan and Impact Evaluation, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <i>educational policy updates and impact in Lincolnshire's schools;</i> ➤ <i>school improvement, including support for maintained schools and academies;</i> ➤ <i>small rural schools;</i> ➤ <i>monitoring the changing position and how the Local Authority is fulfilling its responsibilities;</i> ➤ <i>relationship with academies and Regional Schools Commissioner; and</i> ➤ <i>overview of academies and maintained schools.</i> 	Sue Williams Children's Service Manager – Education Strategy	Policy Review
Corporate Parenting Sub-Group Update (20 September 2018 minutes)	Cllr David Brailsford, Chairman of the Sub Group	Member Report

30 November 2018		
Item	Contributor	Purpose
Prevent and the Implications for Children and Young People	Nicole Hilton, Community Assets and Resilience Commissioning Manager	Policy Development
Significant Place Planning and the Process for School Reorganisation	Matthew Clayton, Admissions and Education Provision Manager	Policy Review
Lincolnshire Safeguarding Boards Scrutiny Sub-Group Update (<i>18 October 2018 minutes</i>)	Cllr Sarah Dodds, Chairman of the Sub-Group	Member Report
Theme Performance: Quarter 2	Sally Savage, Chief Commissioning Officer – Children's	Performance Scrutiny

Items to be programmed

- Home to School Transport Policy – 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.*)
- Elements of Safeguarding Children and Social Care Work

PUBLIC PROTECTION AND COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Work since January 2018

Since the last report of this Committee to the Board on 25 January 2018, one further meeting of the Public Protection and Communities Scrutiny Committee has taken place. The key issues that the Committee has considered are:

Engagement Strategy

Following the consideration of potential future options for the Engagement Strategy in December 2017 and a workshop open to all elected members which took place on Tuesday 9 January 2018, the Committee considered a pre-decision item at the March 2018 meeting.

The Committee endorsed the approach of the Council developing effective working practices to involve officers, members and the voluntary sector to effectively manage community resources in the future. The final Engagement Strategy was approved by Full Council on 11 May 2018.

Going forward, the Committee agreed to consider an annual review of consultation and engagement activity, to monitor how engagement can help the Council to effectively engage people and be better informed to improve service provision.

Citizens Advice Lincolnshire

In March 2018 the Committee considered a pre-decision item on Citizens Advice Lincolnshire. The Committee welcomed the funding that had been secured to continue to support the key work undertaken by the Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB).

The Committee noted some concerns from members in relation to the proposed changes and sought assurance that the support provided to residents would still be achieved. It was confirmed that in addition to the core service, additional support would continue to be provided by other organisations.

The Committee endorsed the excellent work undertaken by Citizens Advice Lincolnshire and highlighted that CAB was a highly trusted organisation.

Blue Light Collaboration Progress Report

At the March 2018 meeting the Committee considered an update on the Blue Light Collaboration. The Blue Light Programme is the umbrella term given to a range of projects that enable collaborative working across the three emergency services in Lincolnshire.

In March 2017, key recommendations were agreed by the Executive including an agreement to enter into a Collaboration Agreement and enter into a works contract for the combined station at South Park.

The Committee considered the progress towards the development of Blue Light Collaboration and endorsed the continued progress on this key scheme.

Future Work Planned

Integrated Communities Strategy

The Government published the Integrated Communities Strategy Green Paper in March 2018 to set out a framework for building integrated communities. The Integrated Communities Strategy green paper invites views on the government's vision for building strong integrated communities where people – whatever their background – live, work, learn and socialise together, based on shared rights, responsibilities and opportunities.

The Committee plans to consider the Council's response to this consultation at the June 2018 meeting to input into a response which outlines the most effective ways to address integration challenges.

Safer Lincolnshire Partnership Priorities

Sitting as the Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee the Committee will review the revised Safer Lincolnshire Partnership Priorities at its meeting in June 2018. The Safer Lincolnshire Partnership (SLP) is the single multi-agency forum for addressing community safety issues across Lincolnshire.

Each priority brings together service providers, experts and local representatives in order to provide an efficient and effective response to those issues affecting Lincolnshire communities and individuals.

Following the review of the future priorities, the Committee aims to examine each area in more detail at future meetings. These areas include - Anti-social Behaviour, Domestic Abuse, Reducing Offending and Serious and Organised Crime.

Public Protection and Communities Scrutiny Committee Work Programme

12 JUNE 2018 – 10:00am		
Item	Contributor	Purpose
Quarter 4 Performance Report (1 January to 31 March 2018)	Nick Borrill, Chief Fire Officer, Chris Davison, 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, Programme Manager, Community Engagement	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.
Fire and Rescue 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.
Integrated Communities Strategy	Nicole Hilton, Chief Community Engagement Officer, Paul Drury, Programme Officer	Consideration of the Integrated Communities Strategy Green Paper published by the government in March 2018.
Sitting as the Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee		
Safer Lincolnshire Partnership Priorities	Sara Barry, Safer Communities Manager	Consultation item on the future priorities for the Safer Lincolnshire Partnership.

24 JULY 2018 – 10:00am		
Item	Contributor	Purpose
Performance of the Library Services Contract – Year Two Review Report	Nicole Hilton, Chief Community Engagement Officer	Review of the second year performance and key performance indicators (KPI) for the Library Services Contract.
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.

24 JULY 2018 – 10:00am		
Item	Contributor	Purpose
Financial Inclusion	Nicole Hilton, Chief Community Engagement Officer; Bev Finnegan, Programme Manager, Community Engagement	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.
Supporting Volunteers	Nicole Hilton, Chief Community Engagement Officer; Bev Finnegan, Programme Manager, Community Engagement	An update on the range of volunteering roles, the policy and documents that enable effective management including outcomes and achievements of current grant funding to support volunteering.

11 SEPTEMBER 2018 – 10:00am		
Item	Contributor	Purpose
Quarter 1 Performance Report (1 April to 30 June 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 and Rescue – Retained Duty System (RDS) Review	Debbie Yeates, Area Manager Corporate Support	To provide an update on the implementation of the RDS review action plan.
Lincolnshire Registration, Celebratory and Coroners Services Update	Donna Sharp, County Services Manager (Registration & Celebratory Service and Coroners Service)	Update Report
Sitting as the Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee		
Safer Lincolnshire Partnership Priorities - Domestic Abuse	Sara Barry, Safer Communities Manager	Update on Domestic Abuse support, including the progress towards the revised Abuse Support Services Re-procurement.

23 OCTOBER 2018 – 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.
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.
Trading Standards Priorities	Sara Barry, Safer Communities Manager	Review of the identified service priorities for the Trading Standards service in Lincolnshire.
Future Model of the Heritage Service Update	Nicole Hilton, Chief Community Engagement Officer	Pre-decision / Executive Cllr Decision for approval to go to Consultation.

11 DECEMBER 2018 – 10:00am		
Item	Contributor	Purpose
Emergency Medical Response co-responding	TBC, Brigade Manager Response and Corporate Support	To provide an update on the medical response activities delivered by Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue.
Sitting as the Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee		
Serious and Organised Crime	Sara Barry, Safer Communities Manager	Review of work being undertaken as part of the Safer Lincolnshire Partnership to tackle Serious and Organised Crime.

Items to be Programmed

- Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services Report (proposed October 2018)
- Safer Lincolnshire Partnership Priorities – Anti-social Behaviour
- Safer Lincolnshire Partnership Priorities – Reducing Offending

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