

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

Report to:	Overview and Scrutiny Management Board
Date:	27 September 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:

The Overview and Scrutiny Management Board reviews the work programme of each scrutiny committee on a quarterly basis, with the focus on two or three scrutiny committee work programmes at each meeting.

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).

1. Background

The Overview and Scrutiny Management Board review the work programmes of each scrutiny committee and each scrutiny committee on a quarterly basis. 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 on which their committee would be focusing.

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

Since the last report of this Committee to the Board on 24 May 2018, three meetings of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee have taken place. The key issues that the Committee has considered are:

Looked After Children and Care Leavers Strategy 2018-21

With effect from 1 April 2018, the Council's duty has been extended to provide support to all care leavers up to the age of 25, if they want it. This change and other developments were reflected in the Looked After Children and Care Leavers Strategy 2018-21, which was unanimously supported by the Committee on 8 June 2018. To achieve the desired outcomes for all looked after children and care leavers, the Strategy was developed to contain a number of important guiding principles. The Strategy has set the Council seven key priorities over the next three years to improve how looked after children and care leavers are enabled to realise their potential, through nurturing, resilient parenting and support.

Ofsted Inspection of Children's Services – Focused Visit

The Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills (Ofsted) implemented a new inspection regime for Local Authority Children's Services in January 2018 which replaced the Single Inspection Framework (SIF). Under the new framework an authority will continue to be inspected every three years but will also receive up to two focussed visits between inspections. A judgement is not awarded for a focused visit, but areas for improvement are identified.

On 8 June, the Committee considered the outcome of a recent focused visit and was advised an action plan was in place to address in the next twelve months the issues raised by Ofsted in relation to permanence plans; care orders; and the electronic recording system.

Accommodation Pathway for Young People

On 20 July, the Committee supported a proposal for an accommodation pathway for young people, which includes looked after children and care leavers. The pathway set out the options currently available, the options under development; and ambitions for future provision. The pathway includes 'Stay Close' whereby young people in residential care would move into local accommodation close to their previous residential home. This is being developed with North Kesteven and West Lindsey District Councils. There is also a development of local intensive supported accommodation in the south of the county, which would provide up to four semi-independent bed spaces.

The Committee highlighted to the Executive Councillor the importance of consultation and engagement with local residents on the options being developed for the south of the county; and recommended that work should continue with housing associations; and with district council partners.

Edge of Care Support Service

The Edge of Care Support Service offers support to struggling families with a view to stabilising these families in times of crisis; preventing the escalation of need; and lowering the risk of abuse and neglect. On 20 July, the Committee unanimously endorsed the recommendations for continued provision of the Edge of Care Support Service. The Committee's comments to the Executive Councillor included highlighting the need to ensure there was greater awareness of the service; and urged that any future provider had experience supporting volunteer networks, who provided excellent support to the service.

Pupil Exclusion Working Group

On 6 September, the Committee considered the recommendations from the Committee's Pupils Exclusions Working Group, which had met on three occasions between May and July. The Committee supported the five recommendations, which included the provision of data on all permanent exclusions to all councillors. The Committee will receive a further report on whether and how the recommendations are being implemented.

Future Work Planned

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)
Sector Led School Improvement Model – Progress Report and Lincolnshire Learning Partnership (LLP) Strategic Plan and Impact Evaluation	Martin Smith, Children's Service Manager - School Standards 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
Direct Working with Children and Young People	Danielle Marshall, Partners in Practice Manager	Briefing Item

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 Parkin, Chairman of the Sub-Group	Member Report
Theme Performance: Quarter 2	Sally Savage, Chief Commissioning Officer – Children's	Performance Scrutiny
Armed Forces Pupil Premium	Sue Williams, Children's Service Manager – Education Strategy	Briefing Paper
30 Hours 'Free' Childcare Provision Update	Michelle Andrews	Information Item

18 January 2019		
Item	Contributor	Purpose
Revenue Budget Proposals 2019/20 and 2020/21	Debbie Barnes OBE, Executive Director of Children's Services	Budget Scrutiny
Special Educational Needs and Disabilities and the process behind Education, Health and Care Plans	Sheridan Dodsworth Children's Services Manager - SEND	Policy Review
Fostering Allowance Review	John Harris, Children's Service Manager – Regulated (North and Fostering)	Policy Review
Corporate Parenting Sub-Group Update (6 December 2018 Minutes)	Cllr David Brailsford Chairman of the Sub Group	Member Report
0-19 Health Services Progress Report	Sally Savage, Chief Commissioning Officer – Children's	Policy Review

8 March 2019		
Item	Contributor	Purpose
Lincolnshire Local Authority School Performance 2017-18	Martin Smith, Children's Service Manager - School Standards	Performance Scrutiny
Lincolnshire Safeguarding Boards Scrutiny Sub-Group Update (<i>January 2019 minutes</i>)	Cllr Sarah Parkin, Chairman of the Sub Group	Member Report
Theme Performance: Quarter 3	Sally Savage, Chief Commissioning Officer – Children's	Performance Scrutiny
Elective Home Education Peer Review Outcome	Heather Sandy, Chief Officer for Education	Peer Review Outcome

26 April 2019		
Item	Contributor	Purpose
Corporate Parenting Sub-Group Update (<i>14 March 2019 minutes</i>)	Cllr David Brailsford, Chairman of the Sub Group	Member Report

7 June 2019		
Item	Contributor	Purpose
Lincolnshire Safeguarding Boards Scrutiny Sub-Group Update (<i>April 2019 minutes</i>)	Cllr Sarah Parkin, Chairman of the Sub-Group	Member Report
Theme Performance: Quarter 4	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.*) – due by January 2019
- Elements of Safeguarding Children and Social Care Work
- Restorative Practice - Lincolnshire Joint Diversionary Panels (JDP) – due Q3 2019

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PUBLIC PROTECTION AND COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Since the last report of this Committee to the Board on 24 May 2018, three meetings of the Public Protection and Communities Scrutiny Committee have taken place. The key issues that the Committee has considered are:

Integrated Communities Strategy

On 12 June 2018 the Committee consider the draft response to the Government Consultation on the Integrated Communities Strategy Green Paper which the Committee asked the Community Engagement Team to coordinate on behalf of Lincolnshire County Council.

The Committee supported the co-ordinated council-wide response to the green paper from a Lincolnshire perspective. The Committee endorsed a draft Integrated Communities Strategy Green Paper consultation response which is a community-focussed, shared vision of what success looks like, even if the scale and route to achieve it might vary from place to place.

The Committee were advised that the response had been submitted on 8 June 2018.

Fire Peer Challenge Action Plan

Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue (LFR) undertook a Local Government Association and National Fire Chiefs Council Fire Peer Challenge over the period 26 – 29 September 2017. On 12 June 2018 the Committee considered the key outcomes and findings from the Peer Challenge process and reviewed progress made against the action plan.

The Committee commended Fire and Rescue on the findings of the Fire Peer Challenge Report, as it recognised that issues were being addressed in a robust and professional manner.

Performance of the Library Services Contract

On 24 July 2018 the Committee welcomed Greenwich Leisure Limited to review the performance of the Library Services contract. As part of this item the Committee were informed that overall performance was good, with KPI's being met. However, it was noted that there had been a couple of KPI's which were not met, but this had been due to the adverse weather experienced in the County in February and March 2018, as the larger library vehicles could not get out in the snow.

The Committee endorsed the development of an improved IT model and acknowledged that customer expectations in terms of IT were growing rapidly, and there was a need to balance this with what it was possible and cost effective to deliver. The Committee also supported that GLL continue to support and review the mobile service to make it as efficient as possible.

Lincolnshire Registration, Celebratory and Coroners Services

On 11 September 2018 the Committee received an update on the Registration, Celebratory and Coroners Service. The Committee were assured that the RCCS continues to meet the needs of families at sensitive and key times in their lives as well as supporting individuals and families on their route to British Citizenship.

The Registration Service is also subject to annual inspection in relation to its commitment to the Government's standards for Customer Service Excellence. The Service held a 100% compliance rating for 8 years, although one non-compliance was advised in 2017 due to the lack of credit/debit card payments for financial transactions. The Committee highlighted concern about the lack of credit/debit card payment facilities but were reassured this was in development for early 2019.

In addition, the Committee considered the national discussion and debate on the removal of the costs of copy certificates at the point of registration for stillbirths, and the possible extension to all deaths of those under the age of 18. As a result, the Committee resolved to support a formal recommendation to the Executive Councillor for Culture and Emergency Services to consider the waiver of the £4 statutory fee for copy certificates in Lincolnshire for both the registration of stillbirths and for all deaths under the age of 18.

Future Work Planned

23 OCTOBER 2018 – 10:00am		
Item	Contributor	Purpose
Future Model of the Heritage Service	Nicole Hilton, Chief Community Engagement Officer	PRE-DECISION SCRUTINY To seek approval to go out to Consultation on the approved options for the Future Model for the Heritage Service and Archives
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.
Commissioning Strategies - Public Protection	Chris Davison, County Officer - Public Protection	Consideration on the work to review the Public Protection Commissioning Strategy

23 OCTOBER 2018 – 10:00am		
Item	Contributor	Purpose
Trading Standards Priorities	Sara Barry, Safer Communities Manager	Review of the identified service priorities for the Trading Standards service in Lincolnshire.
Fire and Rescue Statement of Assurance 2017-18	Nick Borrill, Chief Fire Officer	

11 DECEMBER 2018 – 10:00am		
Item	Contributor	Purpose
Quarter 2 Performance Report (1 July to 30 September 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.
Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services Report	Nick Borrill, Chief Fire Officer	
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.

22 JANUARY 2019 – 10:00am		
Item	Contributor	Purpose
Revenue and Capital Budget Proposals 2019/20	Nick Borrill, Chief Fire Officer, Chris Davison, County Officer - Public Protection, Nicole Hilton, Chief Community Engagement Officer	PRE-DECISION SCRUTINY Budget proposals for 2018/19.
Future Model of the Heritage Service	Nicole Hilton, Chief Community Engagement Officer	Interim report and update on consultation activity.

22 JANUARY 2019 – 10:00am		
Item	Contributor	Purpose
Sitting as the Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee		
Safer Lincolnshire Partnership Priorities – Anti-social Behaviour	Sara Barry, Safer Communities Manager	Review of work being undertaken as part of the Safer Lincolnshire Partnership to tackle Anti-social Behaviour.

12 MARCH 2019 – 10:00am		
Item	Contributor	Purpose
Quarter 3 Performance Report (1 October to 31 December 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.
Future Model of the Heritage Service	Nicole Hilton, Chief Community Engagement Officer Sara Jackson	PRE-DECISION SCRUTINY Final Recommendation / Implementation Plan
Sitting as the Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee		
Safer Lincolnshire Partnership Priorities – Domestic Abuse	Sara Barry, Safer Communities Manager	Review of work being undertaken as part of the Safer Lincolnshire Partnership to tackle Domestic Abuse

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