



Open Report on behalf of Andrew Crookham, Executive Director - Resources

Report to:	Overview and Scrutiny Management Board
Date:	28 April 2022
Subject:	Scrutiny Committee Work Programmes: - <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee• Public Protection and Communities Scrutiny Committee

Summary:

As set out in the Council's constitution, a key role for this Board is monitoring the future work programmes of the other scrutiny committees. The role of the Board is to satisfy itself that it is content with each committee's work programme, rather than to discuss the detail of particular items listed in the work programme, as these discussions are appropriately held at the relevant meeting of the scrutiny committee.

This report focuses on the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee and the Public Protection and Communities Scrutiny Committee and includes information on activity since 27 January 2022, when reports on these two committees were last considered by the Board.

Actions Required:

- (1) The Board is requested to determine whether it is satisfied with the activity undertaken since 27 January 2022 by:
 - (a) the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee; and
 - (b) the Public Protection and Communities Scrutiny Committee.

- (2) The Board is requested to determine whether it is satisfied with the planned work programme of:
 - (a) the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee; and
 - (b) the Public Protection and Communities Scrutiny Committee.

1. Background

The Council's constitution includes in this Board's terms of reference the following two clauses: -

- To agree and monitor the ongoing overview and scrutiny work programme, in particular holding the chairmen and/or vice chairmen to account for their committee's work programme on a quarterly basis.
- To monitor and guide the activities of the other overview and scrutiny committees.

Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee and Public Protection and Communities Scrutiny Committee

Since 27 January 2022, when a report was last submitted, the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee has met on 4 March 2022 and is due to meet on 22 April 2022. The Public Protection and Communities Scrutiny Committee has met on 8 March 2022 and is due to meet on 19 April 2022. The key activities since January 2022 and the planned work programme of each committee are set out in Appendices A and B respectively. If members of the Board require further details on any item of previous activity, the full reports can be found on the County Council's website.

Committee Reporting Timetable

The table below sets out the planned reporting timetable until December 2022: -

Scrutiny Committee	Monitoring Date	Monitoring Date	Monitoring Date
Adults and Community Wellbeing	24 Mar 22	30 Jun 22	27 Oct 22
Health			
Children and Young People	28 Apr 22	25 Aug 22	24 Nov 22
Public Protection and Communities			
Environment and Economy	26 May 22	29 Sept 22	15 Dec 22
Highways and Transport			
Flood and Water Management			

2. Conclusion

The Board is asked to consider whether it is satisfied with the previous activity and the planned work programmes of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee, and the Public Protection and Communities Scrutiny Committee.

3. Appendices – These are listed below: -

Appendix A	Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee – Activity and Planned Work
Appendix B	Public Protection and Communities Scrutiny Committee – Activity and Planned Work

4. 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

ACTIVITY REPORT

Since its last report to the Board, the Committee has met on 4 March 2022 with a second meeting due on 22 April 2022. Full details on all the items considered at these meetings are available on the County Council's website:

<https://lincolnshire.moderngov.co.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?Committeeld=124>

Set out below is a summary of the outcomes since the last update in January 2022:

4 March 2022	
<i>Item</i>	<i>Summary of Outcomes</i>
Single Section 75 Agreement for Children and Young People's Mental Health Services and Council Funding	The Committee supported the proposal for the establishment of a new single Section 75 commissioning arrangement for children and young people's mental health services from September 2022. The new single agreement for Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) and Healthy Minds Lincolnshire would enable better use of resources and a more streamlined approach. The Executive approved the proposal on 5 April 2022.
Schools' Standards and Recovery	The Committee reviewed the educational standards within the sector led system and was satisfied with the recovery response and actions being undertaken in Lincolnshire's early year settings and schools following the Covid-19 pandemic. The Committee requested further information on the educational attainment of children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), boys versus girls attainment levels, recruitment and retention of teaching staff in areas of deprivation, and an analysis of any correlation between deprivation and educational attainment. A report on Educational Attainment in Lincolnshire Schools has been added to the agenda for 22 July 2022.

4 March 2022	
<i>Item</i>	<i>Summary of Outcomes</i>
Service Level Performance against the Corporate Performance Framework – Quarter 3	<p>As part of its consideration, the Committee explored:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Children in Care figures and the work being undertaken to raise the aspirations of children and young people in care. • Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children from Afghanistan and Ukraine and the support being provided to these children.
Sustainable Modes of Transport to School (SMOTS) Action Plan Update	<p>The Committee received assurance on the progress made so far against the SMOTS action plan. As part of its consideration, the Committee explored:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Safety Zones and requested further information on their enforcement. • Engagement with parents and carers to create sustainable transport schemes to reduce car usage. • The discretionary Post 16 Transport policy which requested a £570 contribution and the total expenditure to provide post 16 transport. • School crossing patrol sites which were prescribed based on assessments of safety outcomes and the most economically viable solution. • Transport for children in care.

22 April 2022	
<i>Item</i>	<i>Summary of Outcomes</i>
Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Partnership (LSCP) Annual Update	To be advised.
Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme <i>Pre-Decision Scrutiny (Executive decision on 4 May 2022)</i>	To be advised.
Proposal to expand The Fourfields Church of England School, Sutterton (Final Decision) <i>Pre-Decision Scrutiny (Executive Councillor decision 29 April 2022)</i>	To be advised.

22 April 2022	
<i>Item</i>	<i>Summary of Outcomes</i>
Welton Developer Contributions (EXEMPT) <i>Pre-Decision Scrutiny (Executive Councillor decision between 25 April 2022 and 3 May 2022)</i>	To be advised.

PLANNED WORK

Set out below are the items planned for future meetings of the Committee, up to December 2022.

17 June 2022		
<i>Item</i>	<i>Contributor</i>	<i>Notes</i>
Family Hub Feasibility Study – decision to progress to development stage	Tara Jones, Head of Service – Children in Care Transformation	This item is for pre-decision scrutiny prior to an Executive decision on 5 July 2022.
Recommissioning of Best Start Lincolnshire Services	Sara Gregory, Commissioning Manager – Children’s Strategic Commissioning	This item is for pre-decision scrutiny prior to an Executive decision on 5 July 2022.
Overview of the SEND Green Paper	Sheridan Dodsworth, Head of SEND	This item will set out what is being consulted on and the potential proposals in the SEND Green Paper published on 29 March 2022.
SEND Learning Platform	Sheridan Dodsworth, Head of SEND	This item enables the Committee to consider the progress of the SEND Learning Platform.
The Lincolnshire Secure Children’s Home- New Build (EXEMPT)	Tara Jones, Head of Service – Children in Care Transformation Matthew Stapleton, Senior Project Manager, Corporate Property	This item is for pre-decision scrutiny prior to an Executive decision on 5 July 2022.

22 July 2022		
<i>Item</i>	<i>Contributor</i>	<i>Notes</i>
Louth Children's Residential Home (TBC)	Wendy Lanes, Project Manager - Corporate Property	Pre-Decision Scrutiny (Executive Councillor decision TBC)
Overview of the Education White Paper	Matt Spoons, Head of Service – School Standards	This item will set out the intentions of the Education White Paper published on 28 March 2022.
Educational Attainment in Lincolnshire Schools	Matt Spoons, Head of Service – School Standards	This item was requested after consideration of the School Standards and Recovery report on 4 March 2022.
Education Investment Areas	Martin Smith, Assistant Director – Education	Lincolnshire has been identified as one of the 55 Education Investment Areas to improve education for disadvantaged children and young people. The county will receive targeted support including priority for new specialist sixth-form free schools, help for schools to retain the best teachers in high-priority subjects, and access to a new pilot programme to improve pupil attendance. This item will provide an overview of Education Investment Areas and what it will mean for Lincolnshire.
Service Level Performance against the Corporate Performance Framework – Quarter 4	Jo Kavanagh, Assistant Director – Early Help	This is the quarterly performance report.

09 September 2022		
<i>Item</i>	<i>Contributor</i>	<i>Notes</i>
Children In Care and Care Leavers Strategy	Andrew Morris, Corporate Parenting Manager	This item is for pre-decision scrutiny prior to an Executive decision on 4 October 2022.
Service Level Performance Reporting against the Performance Framework 2022/23 – Quarter 1	Jo Kavanagh, Assistant Director – Early Help	This is the quarterly performance report.
The expansion of St Lawrence School, Horncastle (EXEMPT)	Dave Pennington, Head of Property Development	This item is for pre-decision scrutiny prior to a Leader decision between 14 - 21 September 2022.

21 October 2022		
<i>Item</i>	<i>Contributor</i>	<i>Notes</i>
Recommissioning of Children with Disabilities services	Rosemary Akrill, Senior Commissioning Officer	This item is for pre-decision scrutiny prior to an Executive decision on 1 November 2022.
Update on the Building Communities of Specialist Provision Strategy	Sheridan Dodsworth, Head of Special Educational Needs and Disability Eileen McMorrow, Programme Manager, Special Schools Strategy Dave Pennington, Head of Property Development	This is the yearly update and will consider the progress made in Year 4 of implementation of the Strategy to enable all special schools to cater for all needs.
Children's Services Annual Statutory Complaints Report 2021-22	Jo Kavanagh, Assistant Director - Early Help	This is the yearly update on the complaints received in relation to children's social care.

2 December 2022		
<i>Item</i>	<i>Contributor</i>	<i>Notes</i>
Joint Diversionary Panel – Update against Recommendations from University of Lincoln Evaluation	Andy Cook, Service Manager - Future4Me/ Youth Offending Chief Inspector Daryl Pearce, Lincolnshire Police Tony Pryce, JDP Coordinator	The key findings of the evaluation undertaken by the University of Lincoln of the Joint Diversionary Panel was presented in November 2021 and this item will provide an update on the progress made against the recommendations.
Service Level Performance Reporting against the Performance Framework 2022/23 – Quarter 2	Jo Kavanagh, Assistant Director – Early Help	This is the quarterly performance report.

Potential Items to be scheduled

- Response to the removal of the Local Authorities School Improvement Monitoring and Brokering Grant
- Home to Education Transport Transformation Update
- Review of Children and Young People Mental Health Services
- Water Fluoridation in Lincolnshire
- High Needs Transformation Programme – Update

PUBLIC PROTECTION AND COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

ACTIVITY

Since its last report to the Board, the Committee has met on 8 March 2022 with a second meeting due on 19 April 2022. Full detail on these items is available on the County Council's website:

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Set out below is a summary of the outcomes since the last update in January 2022:

8 MARCH 2022		
<i>Item</i>		<i>Summary of Outcomes</i>
1	Service Level Performance Reporting against the Performance Framework 2021-2022 – Quarter 3	<p>As part of its consideration, the Committee explored:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secondary fires in skips/refuse containers. • Deliberate Secondary Fires target not being met (affected by summer period and increase in activity in open spaces). • Reduction in the number of “chip pan” fires. • Sufficiency of recourse to deal with fire fatalities. • Positive impact of the Library service website and of mobile libraries in rural communities. • Avian flu update. • Lithium batteries in toys and safety concerns. • Appropriate labelling of imported goods sold in shops. • Ukrainian crisis - support to refugees.
2	Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership (LRSP) Annual Report	The Committee received the annual report and expressed satisfaction with the work carried out by the LRSP to reduce incidents (both injuries and fatalities) on county roads.
SITTING AS THE CRIME AND DISORDER SCRUTINY COMMITTEE		
3	Annual Review of Prevent	The Committee received the annual report which consisted of updates on terrorism threat in the UK, Lincolnshire Prevent, the Channel Panel, multi-agency working to protect those identified as vulnerable and wider community engagement. The Committee

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		commended officers on their work carried out to support a wide range of projects.
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19 APRIL 2022

<i>Item</i>		<i>Summary of Outcomes</i>
1	Animal Health and Welfare Enforcement within Trading Standards- Update Report	To be advised.
2	Future Supports to Volunteers	To be advised.
3	Lincs FRS HMICFRS inspection outcomes	To be advised.
4	Refugees Crisis- Update	To be advised.

PLANNED WORK

Set out below are the items planned for future meetings of the Committee, up to December 2022.

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<i>Item</i>		<i>Contributor</i>	<i>Notes</i>
1	Celebratory Services - Annual Report	James Chapple, Head of Registration and Coroners Services	This is an annual report of the Celebratory Services.
2	Citizen's Advice - Update Report	Monica Stark, Chair CA Lincs Jenny Barnett, CEO CA Lincs	This is an annual report summarising Citizen's Advice support across the county.
3	Cyber fraud - Impact on Vulnerable Individuals during the Pandemic	Martyn Parker, Assistant Director - Public Protection	The Committee will receive a report in relation to cyber fraud levels and impact during the pandemic.

19 JULY 2022			
<i>Item</i>		<i>Contributor</i>	<i>Notes</i>
1	Service Level Performance Reporting against the Performance Framework 2021-2022 – Quarter 4	Martyn Parker, Assistant Director - Public Protection Nicole Hilton, Assistant Director - Communities Lee Sirdifield, Assistant Director - Corporate Mark Baxter, Chief Fire Officer Steven Batchelor, LRSP Senior Manager	This is the quarterly performance report.
2	Integrated Risk Management Plan 2020-2024 – Yearly Update	Mark Baxter, Chief Fire Officer	This is an annual update in relation to planning process and frameworks.
3	Fire and Rescue Service (FRS) Attendance at Flooding Incidents – Annual Report on Performance	Mark Baxter, Chief Fire Officer	This is a report on the levels and types of flooding activity/incidents attended by the FRS.
4	Libraries Year 6 Update (2021-22)- Progress and Developments	Louise Egan, Library and Heritage Client Lead	This is an update on the Library Services Contract for Year 6.
5	Coroners Service Update Report (TBC)	Paul Smith, Senior Coroner for Lincolnshire	This report will include updates on the appointments of a Head of Service and Coroners Services Manager, an update on the potential Merger with NE Lincs Service and any further challenges faced due to the pandemic.

20 SEPTEMBER 2022			
<i>Item</i>		<i>Contributor</i>	<i>Notes</i>
1	Service Level Performance Reporting against the Performance Framework 2022-2023 – Quarter 1	Martyn Parker, Assistant Director - Public Protection Nicole Hilton, Assistant Director - Communities	This is the quarterly performance report.

20 SEPTEMBER 2022			
<i>Item</i>	<i>Contributor</i>	<i>Notes</i>	
	Lee Sirdifield, Assistant Director - Corporate Mark Baxter, Chief Fire Officer Steven Batchelor, LRSP Senior Manager		
2	Re-Commissioning of Domestic Abuse Services [Pre-decision Scrutiny]	Carl Miller, Commercial and Procurement Manager	The views of the Committee will be sought ahead of the item being considered by the Executive for a decision on 4 October 2022.
3	Serious and Organised Crime – Fraud and Modern-Day Slavery	TBC	This is an annual report.

8 NOVEMBER 2022			
<i>Item</i>	<i>Contributor</i>	<i>Notes</i>	
1	Community Hub Year 6 Update (2021-22)	Louise Egan, Library and Heritage Client Lead	This is an annual report of the Community Hub programme.

13 DECEMBER 2022			
<i>Item</i>	<i>Contributor</i>	<i>Notes</i>	
1	Service Level Performance Reporting against the Performance Framework 2022-2023 – Quarter 2	Martyn Parker, Assistant Director - Public Protection Nicole Hilton, Assistant Director - Communities Lee Sirdifield, Assistant Director - Corporate Mark Baxter, Chief Fire Officer Steven Batchelor, LRSP Senior Manager	This is the quarterly performance report.
2	Fire and Rescue Statement of Assurance 2021-22	Mark Baxter, Chief Fire Officer	This is an annual report from the Fire and Rescue Service.

Potential Items to be Scheduled

- Safer Together Update
- Community Trigger Strategy
- Anti-social Behaviour
- Sources of intelligence used by Trading Standards