



**Open Report on behalf of Andrew Crookham,
Deputy Chief Executive and Executive Director - Resources**

Report to:	Overview and Scrutiny Management Board
Date:	15 December 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 29 September 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 29 September 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 29 September 2022, when a report was last submitted, the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee has met on 21 October 2022 and 2 December 2022. The Public Protection and Communities Scrutiny Committee has met on 8 November 2022 and 13 December 2022. The key activities since September 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 August 2023: -

Scrutiny Committee	Monitoring Date	Monitoring Date	Monitoring Date
Adults and Community Wellbeing	24 Nov 22	23 Feb 23	25 May 23
Health			
Children and Young People	15 Dec 22	30 Mar 23	29 Jun 23
Public Protection and Communities			
Environment and Economy	26 Jan 23	27 Apr 23	24 Aug 23
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 21 October 2022 and 2 December 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 September 2022:

9 September 2022 (Reconvened on 21 October 2022)	
<i>Item</i>	<i>Summary of Outcomes</i>
Update on the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Transformation Programme	<p>The Committee was assured on the progress made through the SEND Transformation work and was satisfied with the positive impact of the project. The number of Education, Health and Care Plans were below original projections, and had increased by 4% in Lincolnshire in 2021, against 9.9% nationally, which evidenced that the transformation work was having a positive effect. Work was underway to help mainstream schools provide for children with SEND, with 14 children having successfully transitioned to mainstream settings so far this year.</p> <p>Further information was requested on the clinical support for children with high level mental health needs and this has been programmed for 21 April 2023.</p>
Service Level Performance Reporting against the Success Framework 2022-23 – Quarter 1	<p>The Committee was satisfied with the overall performance of the measures above and below target and explored the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covid had greatly impacted the allocation of child protection plans due to courts being closed. The backlog was being redressed now that public health measures had been lifted. • Kinship carers were always prioritised when rehoming children in care. It was the Council's policy that kinship carers be given the same allowances as other carers, which benefited the children and protected future budgets by helping to avoid further complex care provision arising. • Further information was requested in relation to 16/17 year old Children in Care participating in

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	learning and what was being done to reduce the number of Children in Care not in education, employment or training.
Children's Services Annual Statutory Complaints Report 2021-22	The Committee endorsed the annual complaints report for 2021/22. Members were informed that there had been a total of 144 contacts received in 2021/2022 from individuals wishing to complain about Children's Social Care, up from 136 last year. Of these, 35 complaints were resolved informally outside of the complaints process, 29 complaints were fully upheld, and 16 complaints were partially upheld.
Education Provision Planning (EXEMPT)	This item was considered as part of the agenda for 21 October 2022 (See Below).

21 October 2022	
<i>Item</i>	<i>Summary of Outcomes</i>
Children In Care and Care Leavers Strategy	<p>The Committee supported the recommendation to approve the Children in Care and Care Leaver Strategy which was approved by the Executive on 1 November 2022.</p> <p>Several Members of the Committee and the Corporate Parenting Panel had attended an informal session with officers in August 2022 where Members had the opportunity to provide feedback on the six priorities and the draft version of the Strategy. As a result of this early engagement, the Committee was content with the final version of the Strategy considered at the meeting on 21 October 2022.</p>
Building Communities of Specialist Provision: Together in Lincolnshire Progress Update	The Committee was satisfied with the progress made since October 2021 and agreed to receive an update on Year Five of implementation at the meeting on 20 October 2023. Members were updated on the progress made in Year Four of implementation and advised that inflationary pressures, particularly in the construction industry, were starting to reduce. However, budgets had been revised upwards to account for the overall changes in inflation.

21 October 2022	
<i>Item</i>	<i>Summary of Outcomes</i>
Education Provision Planning (EXEMPT)	The Committee supported the recommendations in the report and agreed to pass on comments. The recommendations were approved by the Executive Councillor for Children's Services, Community Safety and Procurement on 4 November 2022.

2 December 2022	
<i>Item</i>	<i>Summary of Outcomes</i>
Joint Diversionary Panel – Update on Recommendations from University of Lincoln Evaluation	The Committee was satisfied with the progress made against the recommendations contained within the evaluation and the on-going development of the Joint Diversionary Panel (JDP). The Committee explored how the JDP was being promoted to share this best practice with other local authorities and councillors. The Executive Director – Children’s Services agreed to look into providing some information to county councillors to raise awareness of the JDP.
Covid Impact and Response to Early Childhood Developmental Outcomes	<p>The Committee explored the impact of the pandemic on young children’s learning and development. Members were informed of the Health Visitor shortage and recruitment challenge, which was a national issue, and were pleased to hear that seven student health visitors had been offered positions which would have a positive impact on the staffing levels for next year.</p> <p>The Committee also explored the work being undertaken to address the number of parents/carers who Did Not Attend (DNA) appointments. In June 2022, 246.25 hours were ‘lost’, equivalent to 6.65 FTE staff, due to non-attendance at appointments. One option being considered was overbooking clinics where there was a high DNA rate.</p> <p>The Committee supported the approaches being used by the Early Years and Health Visiting services to support improving outcomes for children in Lincolnshire and requested further information in the future on whether the overbooking of clinics had reduced the impact of non-attendance at appointments.</p>

2 December 2022	
<i>Item</i>	<i>Summary of Outcomes</i>
<p>Service Level Performance Reporting against the Success Framework 2022-23 – Quarter 2</p>	<p>The Committee was satisfied with the overall performance of the measures above and below target and explored the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whether the cost of living crisis was having an impact on the number of children in care. It was reported that no impact had been seen yet and officers were working with families to provide support. • The number of unaccompanied asylum-seeking children was currently 48, of which four were under 16 years old. Providing accommodation was a big issue for several local authorities, but this was not an issue in Lincolnshire. • The need for more foster carers in Lincolnshire and the recruitment campaigns being undertaken. It was reported that since the John Lewis Christmas 2022 advert was launched, the Council had received 11 enquiries about foster care.
<p>Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF) Summer 2022 Update</p>	<p>The Committee was satisfied with the HAF Programme delivered for Summer 2022. The Committee was advised that 3752 children attended HAF provision over the summer, which was a 46.6% increase on Summer 2021. There was a further 515 children with bookings who unfortunately did not attend, and strategies, such as overbooking, were being put in place to mitigate against this for the Christmas programme.</p>
<p>Early Years and Childcare Sufficiency Report</p>	<p>The Committee explored the current childcare sufficiency position in Lincolnshire. Members were advised that the pandemic, cost of living increases for small businesses, higher insurance premiums and wages, and recruitment and retention of staff were having an impact on the viability of childcare providers.</p> <p>Several areas had been identified where there was a gap in childcare provision and proposals had been developed to increase childcare places where these gaps existed, some of which would require capital investment. It was recommended to capitalise £0.780m of Dedicated Schools Grant revenue funding which would require a Disapplication Request to the Department for Education for Secretary of State approval. The Committee supported this recommendation.</p>

2 December 2022	
<i>Item</i>	<i>Summary of Outcomes</i>
Lincolnshire Secure Children's Home New Build Business Case (EXEMPT)	The Committee supported the recommendations in the report and agreed to pass on comments. The recommendations were due to be approved by the Executive Councillor for Children's Services, Community Safety and Procurement between 07 – 12 December 2022.

PLANNED WORK

Set out below are the items planned for future meetings of the Committee, up to April 2023:

13 January 2023			
	<i>Item</i>	<i>Contributor</i>	<i>Notes</i>
1.	Children's Services Budget Proposals 2023/24	Heather Sandy, Executive Director – Children's Services	The views of the Committee will be sought on the budget proposals for Children's Services for 2023/24.
2.	Attendance in Schools, Elective Home Education and Children Missing Education Annual Report 2021/22	Jill Chandar-Nair, Inclusion and Attendance Manager	This is the annual report on school attendance, elective home education and children missing out on education.
3.	Recommissioning of Children with Disabilities services (EXEMPT)	Mark Rainey, Strategic Commissioning Manager Charlotte Gray, Head of Service – Strategic Commissioning	This item is for pre-decision scrutiny prior to an Executive Councillor decision between 20 – 27 January 2023.
4.	Branston Academy – Dining Hall Extension and Classroom Remodelling (EXEMPT)	Dave Pennington, Head of Property Development, Corporate Property Neal Kathel, Project Team Leader, Corporate Property	This item is for pre-decision scrutiny prior to a Leader decision between 23 – 27 January 2023.

3 March 2023			
<i>Item</i>	<i>Contributor</i>	<i>Notes</i>	
1.	Fulstow Primary School (To be confirmed)	Matthew Clayton, Interim Head of Service – Children’s Transformation and Capital Reform & Sufficiency	This item is for Pre-Decision Scrutiny.
2.	Lincolnshire Local Authority School Performance 2021 - 22	Martin Smith, Assistant Director - Education	This is the annual update report on school performance and Ofsted outcomes.
3.	Service Level Performance Reporting against the Success Framework 2022-23 – Quarter 3	Jo Kavanagh, Assistant Director – Early Help	This is the quarterly performance report.
4.	Response to the removal of the Local Authorities School Improvement Monitoring and Brokering Grant	TBC	This item will outline some options and recommendations for responding to the removal of the funding for Local Authorities School Improvement Monitoring and Brokering Grant for school improvement activities supporting maintained schools.

21 April 2023			
<i>Item</i>	<i>Contributor</i>	<i>Notes</i>	
1.	Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Partnership (LSCP) Annual Update	Chris Cook, Chair of LSCP Stacey Waller, LSCP Manager	This is the annual update report from the Partnership.

21 April 2023			
<i>Item</i>		<i>Contributor</i>	<i>Notes</i>
2.	Update on Community Response to High Level Mental Health Needs	Charlotte Gray, Head of Service – Strategic Commissioning	The majority of clinical support for children with high level mental health needs is now provided through a community response since the closure of the residential mental health provision in Lincolnshire. This item will provide an update on the community response which will highlight the impact of the new crisis team and inpatient reduction. This item was requested at the reconvened 9 September 2022 meeting.

Items to be scheduled

- Review of Children and Young People Mental Health Services

PUBLIC PROTECTION AND COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

ACTIVITY

Since its last report to the Board, the Committee has met on 8 November 2022 and 13 December 2022. Full detail on these items is available on the County Council's website:

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8 NOVEMBER 2022		
<i>Item</i>		<i>Summary of Outcomes</i>
1.	FRS Attendance at Flooding Incidents - Annual Report on Performance	The Committee received a report on performance of the Fire and Rescue Service attendance at flooding incidents (which was not forming part of the Service's statutory requirements) and assurance was provided that the Service was dealing appropriately and in a timely manner with incidents and risk across the county.
2.	Lincolnshire Crewing Arrangements consultation outcome	The Committee received a report that informed Members of the outcome of a consultation by Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue on proposed changes to crewing arrangements across Fire Stations. Members sought assurance that mitigations were in place where concerns around the welfare of crews were raised by the Fire Brigades Union. The Committee requested that an update be brought back in Autumn 2023 after six months of implementation.
3.	Briefing paper - Lincolnshire's Ukraine response	Members of the Committee received an update on the work taking place under a multi-agency umbrella (Lincolnshire County Council, Lincolnshire's District Councils, and other partners) to deliver the government's requirements in relation to the Ukraine humanitarian crisis. The Committee requested a further update in January 2023 on the Homes for Ukraine Sponsor Scheme and other resettlement schemes.

13 DECEMBER 2022

<i>Item</i>		<i>Summary of Outcomes</i>
1.	Coroner's Body Removal & Transport Re-Procurement	The Committee is due to receive a report that seeks approval from the Executive Councillor for NHS Liaison Community Engagement, Registration and Coroners to re-procure the 'Body Removal and Transportation' contracts. The Committee will consider whether it supports the recommendations to the Executive Councillor and also agree to pass on comments that may emerge from the debate to support with the decision making (between 16 and 23 December 2022). A verbal update will be offered at the Board's meeting.
2.	Service Level Performance Reporting Against the Performance Framework 2022-2023 - Quarter 2	The Committee is due to receive a report on Quarter 2 performance. A verbal update will be offered at the Board's meeting.
3.	Fire and Rescue Statement of Assurance 2021-22	The Committee is due to receive a report that contains the Fire and Rescue annual Statement of Assurance on financial, governance and operational matters. A verbal update will be offered at the Board's meeting.
4.	Multiply – numeracy programme update	The Committee is due to receive a report that provides an overview of the planned activity proposed under the 2022/23 Multiply programme. A verbal update will be offered at the Board's meeting.
SITTING AS THE CRIME AND DISORDER SCRUTINY COMMITTEE		
5.	Reducing Offending – The Work of the Safer Lincolnshire Partnership	The Committee is due to receive a report that provides an overview of the actions undertaken by the Safer Lincolnshire Partnership to tackle proven reoffending in Lincolnshire. A verbal update will be offered at the Board's meeting.

PLANNED WORK

Set out below are the items planned for future meetings of the Committee, up to March 2023:

24 JANUARY 2023			
<i>Item</i>		<i>Contributor</i>	<i>Notes</i>
1.	Revenue and Capital Budget Proposals (Pre-Decision Scrutiny)	Keith Noyland, Strategic Finance Lead - Place, Fire & Rescue	This is the annual pre-decision scrutiny on budgets for the Service areas covered by PPC.
2.	Trading Standards Food Update (Inc. Sources of intelligence used by Trading Standards)	Mark Keal, Trading Standards Manager	This is an annual update by Trading Standards.
3.	Lincs Fire and Rescue – Progress on Response to Inspection Outcomes from Her Majesty’s Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services	Mark Baxter, Chief Fire Officer	This is an update on the response to the HMICFRS inspection outcomes.
4.	Resettlement Schemes (inc. Homes for Ukraine Sponsor Scheme)	Semantha Neal, Assistant Director, Prevention & Early Intervention	This is an update report on the multiagency efforts undertaken to respond to the Ukraine humanitarian crisis and other resettlement schemes which are in place.
SITTING AS THE CRIME AND DISORDER SCRUTINY COMMITTEE			
5.	Safer Lincolnshire Partnership Update	Claire Seabourn, Safer Lincolnshire Partnership Business Manager	This is the annual Safer Lincolnshire Partnership update.

14 MARCH 2023			
<i>Item</i>		<i>Contributor</i>	<i>Notes</i>
1.	Service Level Performance Reporting against the Success Framework 2022-2023 – Quarter 3	Martyn Parker, Assistant Director - Public Protection Nicole Hilton, Assistant Director - Communities Lee Sirdifield, Assistant Director - Corporate Mark Baxter, Chief Fire Officer Steven Batchelor, Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership Senior Manager	This is a quarterly report on performance of services.
SITTING AS THE CRIME AND DISORDER SCRUTINY COMMITTEE			
2.	Prevent Annual Report	Clare Newborn, Interim Head of Service - Community Safety Manager	This is an annual report on Prevent Programme.
3.	Substance Misuse	Jemma Clarke, Community Safety Strategy Coordinator	This report offers an overview of efforts to tackle substance misuse and the current picture in Lincolnshire.

Potential Items to be Scheduled

- Anti-social Behaviour (Inc. Community Trigger Strategy)
- Citizen’s Advice- Annual Report (May 2023)
- Community Safety and Public Trust in Police
- Domestic Abuse Strategy – Update Report 2023
- Safer Together Update
- Service Level Performance Reporting against the Success Framework ‘22-23 – Q4 (July 2023)