



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

Report to:	Overview and Scrutiny Management Board
Date:	30 March 2023
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 15 December 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 15 December 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 15 December 2022, when a report was last submitted, the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee has met on 13 January 2023 and 3 March 2023. The Public Protection and Communities Scrutiny Committee has met on 31 January 2023 and 21 March 2023. The key activities since December 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 November 2023: -

Scrutiny Committee	Monitoring Date	Monitoring Date	Monitoring Date
Adults and Community Wellbeing	23 Feb 23	25 May 23	28 Sept 23
Health			
Children and Young People	30 Mar 23	29 Jun 23	26 Oct 23
Public Protection and Communities			
Environment and Economy	27 Apr 23	24 Aug 23	23 Nov 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 13 January and 3 March 2023. 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 December 2022:

13 January 2023	
<i>Item</i>	<i>Summary of Outcomes</i>
Children's Services Budget Proposals 2023/24	The Committee supported the budget proposals for Children's Services for 2023/24 and agreed to pass on comments to the Executive for consideration at its meeting on 7 February 2023. Members explored in detail the financial risks facing Children's Services, which included children in care, recruitment and retention of social workers, inflationary pressures, and the affordability of the national funding formula for mainstream schools.
Attendance in Schools, Elective Home Education and Children Missing Education Annual Report 2021/22	The Committee endorsed the annual report for 2021/22. The Committee explored the increase in the number of young people being electively home educated and requested that further detail in relation to this increase be circulated to Members. Members also requested that future annual reports should be modified to reflect 'Lincolnshire branding'.
Recommissioning of Children with Disabilities Services (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, Procurement and Migration on 26 January 2023.
Expansion of Branston Community Academy (EXEMPT)	The Committee supported the recommendations in the report and agreed to pass on comments. The recommendations were approved by the Leader of the Council on 23 January 2023.

03 March 2023	
<i>Item</i>	<i>Summary of Outcomes</i>
Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Partnership (LSCP) Annual Report	The Committee reviewed the annual report and was assured of the work of the Partnership to safeguard and promote the welfare of children in Lincolnshire, and requested a further annual update in April 2024. The Committee explored the impact of the LSCP's training offer for partners, which officers agreed to include more information on in the next annual report, and the school safeguarding assurance return rates.
Proposal for Fulstow Community Primary School to become a voluntary controlled church school (Final Decision)	The Committee supported the recommendation in the report and agreed to pass on comments. The recommendation was approved by the Executive Councillor for Children's Services, Community Safety, Procurement and Migration on 10 March 2023.
Cost of living increase for Foster Carers	The Committee supported the recommendation in the report and agreed to pass on comments. The recommendation was due to be approved by the Executive Councillor for Children's Services, Community Safety, Procurement and Migration between 20 and 31 March 2023.
Lincolnshire School Performance 2021 - 22	The Committee was assured on the outcomes for Lincolnshire schools for the academic year 2021/2022. It was confirmed that the data in the report was now validated and there were no changes to the performance outcomes. The Committee explored what the Council could do to influence the outcomes for academies, and requested more information on whether there was any correlation between the performance at Early Years and areas of deprivation and vulnerable communities.
Service Level Performance against the Corporate Performance Framework 2022-23 - Quarter 3	The Committee was satisfied with the performance of the service level performance measures for Children's Services that were either above or below the target range. The Committee explored the impact of court delays on moving a child from care to an adoptive family and how this was being addressed, and requested more information be included in the next report in relation to the number of 16-17 year old children in care participating in learning and how the targets, which fluctuate each quarter, are set, and a comparison of the children in care figures to all 16-17 year olds participating in learning.

PLANNED WORK

Set out below are the items planned for future meetings of the Committee:

21 April 2023			
<i>Item</i>		<i>Contributor</i>	<i>Notes</i>
1.	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.
2.	Social Care Reform Consultation	Carolyn Knight, Head of Service - Quality and Standards and Principal Social Worker	The report will set out the Government's consultation on the 'Children's Social Care: Stable Homes, Built on Love' Implementation Strategy which was launched on 2 February 2023.
3.	Outcomes from the Inspection of the Youth Offending Service by His Majesty's Inspectorate of Probation	Andy Cook, Head of Service - Future4Me/Youth Offending	The report will set out the findings from the inspection of the Council's Youth Offending Service which took place in January 2023.
4.	Sutterton Fourfields Primary School – Two Class Extension and Existing site drainage works (EXEMPT)	Dave Pennington, Head of Property Development	This item is for pre-decision scrutiny prior to a Leader decision between 2 - 5 May 2023.

21 April 2023			
<i>Item</i>		<i>Contributor</i>	<i>Notes</i>
		Alison Toyne, Project Manager, Corporate Property	
5.	Lincoln St Francis School - Refurbishment and External Works as part of the SEND Building Communities of Specialist Provision Strategy (EXEMPT)	Eileen McMorrow, Programme Manager SEND Strategy Teri Marshall, Senior Project Manager – Corporate Property	This item is for pre-decision scrutiny prior to a Leader decision between 2 - 5 May 2023.

16 June 2023			
<i>Item</i>		<i>Contributor</i>	<i>Notes</i>
1.	Gosberton House Academy - New Block Extension and External Works as part of the SEND Building Communities of Specialist Provision Strategy (EXEMPT)	Eileen McMorrow, Programme Manager SEND Strategy Teri Marshall, Senior Project Manager – Corporate Property	This item is for pre-decision scrutiny prior to a Leader decision between 26 - 30 June 2023.

21 July 2023			
<i>Item</i>		<i>Contributor</i>	<i>Notes</i>
1.	Service Level Performance Reporting against the Success Framework 2022-23 – Quarter 4	Jo Kavanagh, Assistant Director – Early Help	This is the quarterly performance report.
2.	Holbeach William Stukeley Primary School – Single class extension, hall and staffroom extension (EXEMPT)	Dave Pennington, Head of Property Development Alison Toyne, Project Manager, Corporate Property	This item is for pre-decision scrutiny prior to a Leader decision between 26 – 31 July 2023.

08 September 2023			
<i>Item</i>		<i>Contributor</i>	<i>Notes</i>
1.	Service Level Performance Reporting against the Success Framework 2023-24 – Quarter 1	Jo Kavanagh, Assistant Director – Early Help	This is the quarterly performance report.

20 October 2023			
<i>Item</i>		<i>Contributor</i>	<i>Notes</i>
1.	Update on the Building Communities of Specialist Provision Strategy	Sheridan Dodsworth, Head of Special Educational Needs and Disability Eileen McMorow, Programme Manager, Special Schools Strategy Dave Pennington, Head of Property Development	This is the yearly update and will consider the progress made in Year 5 of implementation of the Strategy to enable all special schools to cater for all needs.
2.	Children's Services Annual Statutory Complaints Report 2022-23	Jo Kavanagh, Assistant Director - Early Help	This is an annual report which sets out the complaints received by Children's Services in relation to Children's Social Care.

01 December 2023			
<i>Item</i>		<i>Contributor</i>	<i>Notes</i>
1.	Service Level Performance Reporting against the Success Framework 2023-24 – Quarter 2	Jo Kavanagh, Assistant Director – Early Help	This is the quarterly performance report.

Items to be scheduled

- Review of Children and Young People Mental Health Services
- Children in Care Transformation Programme Update

PUBLIC PROTECTION AND COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

ACTIVITY

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<https://lincolnshire.moderngov.co.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?Committeeld=551>

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

31 January 2023		
	<i>Item</i>	<i>Summary of Outcomes</i>
1.	Revenue and Capital Budget Proposals 2023/24	The Committee supported the budget proposals for Public Protection and Communities Services for 2023/24 and agreed to pass on comments to the Executive for consideration at its meeting on 7 February 2023. Members explored in detail the financial risks facing all services and in particular those cost pressures pertinent to the Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue Service and Citizens Advice Lincolnshire. Assurances on mitigations were offered by Officers and Members were satisfied that despite increased costs and inflation rates, the services needs were being met and projects were not being delayed or deferred due to cost pressures.
2.	HMICFRS update for Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue	<p>This report provided the Committee with an update on the response to the Inspection Outcomes from His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services (HMICFRS) in December 2021.</p> <p>The report highlighted that since the inspection:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • there had been an increase in the number of qualified, highly trained inspectors and a clearly defined development pathway for those individuals had been identified; • there had been a change to the quality assurance guidelines to ensure that all fire safety education was risk assessed and quality assured; • action had been taken to ensure fairness and promote diversity which had included the development of a face to face training package which had been delivered to all staff in 2022, and that further training around specialist areas of equality, diversity and inclusion (EDI) would be rolled out on a

		<p>needs basis in 2023;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • assurance was provided that complaints of unfair behaviour were always investigated thoroughly; • there was sufficient resource within the full-time operational staff team, but recruitment and retention challenges for on-call team operational staff was ongoing. <p>Members requested that feedback from the staff survey be reported to a future meeting of the Committee as a standalone item.</p>
3.	Trading Standards Food Standards Enforcement 2021- 2022	<p>The report provided the Committee with a review of the delivery of food standards enforcement undertaken by Lincolnshire County Council Trading Standards in 2021-2022.</p> <p>Points that emerged in discussion/debate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the number of food inspections had reduced, however this was partly due to having several officers in training to become inspectors which was having an impact on available resources; • assurance was provided that all registered food businesses would receive notification of food safety requirements, including hygiene and labelling, upon registering; • assurance was provided that trading standards teams worked with businesses to enforce standards in relation to clear and correct labelling on food products; • any non-compliance where the supplier or manufacturer originated out of County would be referred back with the results of any sampling carried out; and • when necessary, Trading Standards Officers provided intelligence to other organisations, such as Crime Stoppers.
4.	Resettlement Schemes and Asylum Dispersal in Lincolnshire	<p>The report provided with an overview of refugee schemes and asylum dispersal, the national position and the response by Lincolnshire organisations to national policy decisions.</p> <p>Points that emerged in discussion/debate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • funding to support with the Homes for Ukraine scheme had provided the opportunity to recruit staff to support in meeting the increase in workload which included a permanent role within the Public Health team with a focus on monitoring work to support re-settlement schemes in a broader sense; • the Council was in receipt of grant funding for

		<p>education provision for Afghan schemes;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a need for more timely communication between Serco and local authorities in the coordination of services for new arrivals to hotels had been acknowledged by Robert Jenrick, MP and work had been carried out to address issues raised which would enable more efficient communication in future; • the Government was looking for available housing with the aim of moving asylum seekers out of hotels and into alternative suitable accommodation; and • the benefits of working in partnership with other organisations across the East Midlands to establish support for asylum seekers was highlighted, for example having set up volunteer opportunities for individuals which provided much needed social interaction.
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5.	Safer Lincolnshire Partnership Update	<p>The Committee received an update on the strategic activity of the Safer Lincolnshire Partnership (SLP) over the last year. Points that emerged in discussion/debate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • assurance was sought that there would be no delay in notifying, reviewing or information sharing to the SLP of new homicide cases as a result of the delegation of Domestic Homicide Reviews to the Lincolnshire Domestic Abuse Partnership; • a need for MPs to lobby for more police funding in Lincolnshire was emphasised. The Committee was reassured that the Chief Constable for Lincolnshire Police was holding regular meetings with MPs, and the Police and Crime Commissioner had lobbied government for further funding; • concerns were raised over reports of the proposed cuts to PCSOs in Lincolnshire and the impact the lack of support would have on communities. The Committee requested that a letter of support was drafted by the relevant Executive Councillor and co-signed by the Committee in relation to identifying a funding formula that would work.

21 MARCH 2023		
Item		Summary of Outcomes
1.	Service Level Performance Reporting against the Success Framework 2022-2023 – Quarter 3	A verbal update will be provided at the Board’s meeting.
2.	Road Safety Partnership Annual Report	
SITTING AS THE CRIME AND DISORDER SCRUTINY COMMITTEE		
3.	Drug and Alcohol Core Priority Group Report	A verbal update will be provided at the Board’s meeting.

PLANNED WORK

Set out below are the items planned for future meetings of the Committee:

9 MAY 2023			
<i>Item</i>		<i>Contributor</i>	<i>Notes</i>
1	Citizen’s Advice Annual Report	Monica Stark, Chair CA Lincs Jenny Barnett, CEO CA Lincs	This is an annual report on Citizen’s Advice.
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2	Prevent - Annual Report	Clare Newborn, Head of Community Safety Service Richard Clare, Strategic Prevent Lead, Safer Communities	This is an annual report on the Prevent Programme.

20 JUNE 2023			
<i>Item</i>		<i>Contributor</i>	<i>Notes</i>
1	Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue Service (FRS) - Equality Diversity and Inclusivity – Feedback & Key Findings from Staff Survey	Mark Baxter, Chief Fire Officer Ryan Stacey, Assistant Chief Fire Officer	This report is on the key findings from the survey that was carried out as a result of the HMICFRS inspection.

20 JUNE 2023			
<i>Item</i>		<i>Contributor</i>	<i>Notes</i>
2	Fire and Rescue Statement of Assurance 2022-23	Mark Baxter, Chief Fire Officer	This is an annual report from the FRS on systems and measures in place with respect to financial governance and operational matters for the period 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023 and whether these were fit for purpose and effective.
3	Voluntary Sector (VS) – Annual Position Report	Lee Sirdifield, Assistant Director – Corporate Ben Rollett, Chief Executive, Voluntary Centre Services	This report provides the Committee with an annual overview of the activities and projects delivered by the VS.
SITTING AS THE CRIME AND DISORDER SCRUTINY COMMITTEE			
4	Preventing Women and Girls from Entering the Criminal Justice System Strategy	Zoe Walters, Community Safety Strategy Co-Ordinator (Reducing Offending)	This report provides an overview of the activity undertaken in diverting Women and Girls from entering the Criminal Justice System.

25 JULY 2023			
<i>Item</i>		<i>Contributor</i>	<i>Notes</i>
1	Integrated Risk Management Plan 2020-2024 – Yearly Update	Mark Baxter, Chief Fire Officer	This report provides the Committee with an annual progress report on the Integrated Risk Management Plan 2020-2024.

25 JULY 2023			
<i>Item</i>		<i>Contributor</i>	<i>Notes</i>
2	Service Level Performance Reporting against the Success Framework 2022-2023 – 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, Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership Senior Manager	This is the quarterly performance report.
3	Performance of the Library Service Contract - 7 Year Review Report [Libraries Year 7 Update (2022-23)- Progress and Developments]	Louise Egan, Library & Heritage Client Lead	This is the yearly performance report on the Library Service contract and will cover Year 7 of the contract.
SITTING AS THE CRIME AND DISORDER SCRUTINY COMMITTEE			
4	Anti-Social Behaviour (including Community Trigger Strategy)	Lisa Duckworth, Community Safety Strategy Co-ordinator (Anti-Social Behaviour)	This report provides an overview of activity to tackle anti-social behaviour and makes reference to the use and effect of the Community Trigger Strategy by the public.
Briefing Reports / Information Only			
5	Refugee Resettlement and Asylum Dispersal Arrangements - 6 Monthly Update	Lauren Grosvenor, Programme Manager, Public Health	This is a 6-monthly update briefing report which provides the Committee with an overview of refugee schemes and asylum dispersal, the national position and the response by Lincolnshire organisations to national policy decisions.

19 SEPTEMBER 2023		
<i>Item</i>	<i>Contributor</i>	<i>Notes</i>
1 Service Level Performance Reporting against the Success Framework 2023-2024 – Quarter 1	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 the quarterly performance report.
2 Celebratory Services Annual Report	James Chapple, Head of Registration and Coroners Services	This is an annual report on Celebratory Services.
3 Coroners Service Annual Update Report	Paul Smith, Senior Coroner for Lincolnshire	This is an annual report on the Coroners Service.
4 Outcomes of His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services Inspection of Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue Service	Mark Baxter, Chief Fire Officer	This report will set out the outcomes from the HMICFRS inspection of LFRS.
5 Community Risk Management Plan 2024-28 - Pre-consultation	Mark Baxter, Chief Fire Officer	This report will set out the proposed Community Risk Management Plan for 2024-28.
6 Trading Standards, Impacts and Outcomes Framework – Annual Report	Mark Keal, Head of Trading Standards	This is an annual report on the Trading Standards' regulatory services.
SITTING AS THE CRIME AND DISORDER SCRUTINY COMMITTEE		
7 Stay Safe Partnership Annual Update Report	Clare Newborn, Community Safety Manager Kathryn Smith, Community Safety Strategy Coordinator (Preventative Education)	This is the annual report from the Stay Safe Partnership.

31 OCTOBER 2023			
Item		Contributor	Notes
1	Citizen’s Advice Lincolnshire (CAL) Grant Funding Agreement	Semantha Neal Assistant Director, Prevention & Early Intervention	This report provides an overview of the negotiations, procurement process and commissioning arrangements for CAL.
2	FRS Attendance at Flooding Incidents - Annual Report on Performance	Mark Baxter, Chief Fire Officer	This is an annual performance report on a non-statutory function of the FRS.
SITTING AS THE CRIME AND DISORDER SCRUTINY COMMITTEE			
3	Safer Lincolnshire Partnership – Fraud Update Report	Vicky Salmon, Community Safety Strategy Co-ordinator	This is a position report that gives an overview of the activity undertaken by the SLP to tackle fraud.
4	Safer Together Partnership – Update Report	Clare Newborn, Community Safety Manager	This is an update on the Safer Together Partnership.

12 DECEMBER 2023			
Item		Contributor	Notes
1	Service Level Performance Reporting against the Success Framework 2023-2024 – 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, Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership Senior Manager	This is the quarterly performance report.

12 DECEMBER 2023			
<i>Item</i>		<i>Contributor</i>	<i>Notes</i>
2	Multiply - Numeracy Programme Update – Year 2	Thea Croxall, Adult Learning & Skills Manager – Economic Development	This report is an overview of the year 2 outcomes of the Multiply - Numeracy Programme.
SITTING AS THE CRIME AND DISORDER SCRUTINY COMMITTEE			
3	Domestic Abuse Strategy (DAS) – Update Report 2023	Jade Thursby, Domestic Abuse Business Manager	This report updates the Committee on the delivery and outcomes of the DAS.
4	Serious Violence in Lincolnshire - A Partnership Response – Position Report	Jade Thursby, Domestic Abuse Business Manager Angela Nauth, Community Safety Strategy Coordinator (Serious Violence)	This is a position report on the efforts of the partnership to disrupt and tackle serious violence in Lincolnshire.

Potential Items to be Scheduled

- Community Safety and Public Trust in Police
- The use of CCTV in tackling criminal activity
- Revenue and Capital Budget Proposals 2024-25 (Pre-Decision Scrutiny- Executive TBC)
- SLP Annual Report Update Jan 2024