



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

Report to:	Overview and Scrutiny Management Board
Date:	30 November 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 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 24 August 2023, 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 24 August 2023 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 24 August 2023, when a report was last submitted, the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee has met on 8 September 2023 and 20 October 2023. The Public Protection and Communities Scrutiny Committee has met on 19 September 2023 and 31 October 2023.

The key activities since August 2023 and the planned work programme of each committee and 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 June 2024: -

Scrutiny Committee	Monitoring Date	Monitoring Date	Monitoring Date
Adults and Community Wellbeing	26 Oct 23	25 Jan 24	25 Apr 24
Health			
Children and Young People	30 Nov 23	29 Feb 24	30 May 24
Public Protection and Communities			
Environment and Economy	25 Jan 24	28 Mar 24	27 June 24
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 8 September 2023 and 20 October 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 at these two meetings:

8 September 2023		
<i>Item</i>		<i>Summary of Outcomes</i>
1	Lincolnshire Secure Children's Home – Land Purchase and Section 203	The Committee supported the recommendations in the report and agreed to pass on comments. The recommendations were approved by the Executive on 3 October 2023.
2	Recommissioning of the Portage Service	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 22 September 2023.
3	Service Level Performance Reporting against the Success Framework 2023-24 - Quarter 1	<p>The Committee was satisfied with the Children and Young People Service Level Performance for 2023-24 Quarter 1.</p> <p>Members raised concerns about the potential impact on Children's Services due to the possible arrival of Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children (UASC) in Scampton later in the year, on top of the current 89 UASC already in Lincolnshire. Assurance was given that Children's Services and the Home Office were working to mitigate risks.</p> <p>Members considered the ramifications of the gradual increase of Children in Care (CiC) since 2021, which was compounded by national increased costs of placements for CiC since the pandemic, meaning a small increase of CiC could cause significant financial pressures. Assurance was provided that Children's Services prioritised early intervention to prevent young people from entering the care system, and CiC received an excellent service in Lincolnshire despite financial pressures.</p>

8 September 2023	
<i>Item</i>	<i>Summary of Outcomes</i>
4 Holbeach William Stukeley CofE Primary School - Single classroom extension, hall and staffroom extension (EXEMPT)	The Committee supported the recommendations in the exempt report and agreed to pass on comments. The recommendations were approved by the Leader of the Council on 19 September 2023.

20 October 2023	
<i>Item</i>	<i>Summary of Outcomes</i>
1 Recommissioning of Children and Young People's Online Mental Health Support Service	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 27 October 2023.
2 The Maples Short Breaks Provision - Re-commissioning	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 27 October 2023.
3 Potential Topics for Scrutiny Review by Scrutiny Panel A	In response to the request from the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board for any suggestions for a potential scrutiny review by Scrutiny Panel A, the Committee agreed to put forward Young Carers; Workforce Recruitment and Retention; and Physical Exercise in Communities and Schools, for the Board's consideration.
4 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, Procurement and Migration on 27 October 2023.
5 Expansion of Saxilby Church of England Primary School (EXEMPT)	The Committee supported the recommendations in the exempt report and agreed to pass on comments. The recommendations were approved by the Leader of the Council on 27 October 2023.

PLANNED WORK

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

08 December 2023			
<i>Item</i>		<i>Contributor</i>	<i>Notes</i>
1.	Insourcing of the catering service at Lincolnshire Secure Unit	Mark Rainey, Strategic Commissioning Manager – Children's Services	This item is for pre-decision scrutiny prior to an Executive Councillor decision between 8 – 22 December 2023.
2.	Service Level Performance Reporting against the Success Framework 2023-24 – Quarter 2	Jo Kavanagh, Assistant Director – Early Help	This is the quarterly performance report.
3.	Early Years and Childcare Sufficiency Report	Nicky Myers, Interim Head of Service Early Years and Childcare Support	The Childcare Act (2006) places a duty on Local Authorities to take reasonable steps to secure sufficient childcare, so far as is reasonably practicable, for working parents, or parents who are studying or training for employment. This item will set out the availability and sufficiency of childcare in Lincolnshire.
4.	Myle Cross & Cherry Willingham Childrens Centres Refurbishment – Alternative Provision (EXEMPT)	Dave Pennington, Head of Property Development Mark Rainey, Strategic Commissioning Manager – Children's Services	This item is for pre-decision scrutiny prior to a Leader decision between 8 - 22 December 2023.

12 January 2024			
<i>Item</i>	<i>Contributor</i>	<i>Notes</i>	
1.	Children's Services Budget Proposals 2024/25	Heather Sandy, Executive Director – Children's Services Mark Popplewell, Strategic Finance Lead – Children's Services	The views of the Committee will be sought on the budget proposals for Children's Services for 2024/25.
2.	Childcare Reforms	Nicky Myers, Interim Head of Service Early Years and Childcare Support	This item is for pre-decision scrutiny prior to an Executive Councillor decision.
3.	Attendance in Schools, Elective Home Education and Children Missing Education Annual Report 2022/23	Jill Chandar-Nair, Inclusion and Attendance Manager	This is the annual report on school attendance, elective home education and children missing out on education.
INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS			
4.	Youth Offending Service – Progress against HMIP Inspection Recommendations	Andy Cook, Head of Service – Future4Me and Youth Offending	This item will provide a progress update on the implementation of the four recommendations from the HMIP inspection. This was requested by the Committee in April 2023.
EXEMPT ITEMS			
5.	Welton William Farr – New Sixth Form Block and Dining Remodelling (EXEMPT)	Dave Pennington, Head of Property Development	This item is for pre-decision scrutiny prior to a Leader decision between 22 – 26 January 2024.
6.	Primary School Mobile Replacement Scheme (EXEMPT)	Dave Pennington, Head of Property Development	This item is for pre-decision scrutiny prior to a Leader decision between 22 – 26 January 2024.

08 March 2024			
<i>Item</i>	<i>Contributor</i>	<i>Notes</i>	
1.	Ofsted Inspection of Children's Services - Improvement Plan	Andrew Morris, Head of Service - Leaving Care, Semi-Independent Living and Unaccompanied Children	This item will provide a progress update on the implementation of the two recommendations from the Ofsted inspection. This was requested by the Committee in July 2023.
2.	Lincolnshire School Performance 2022 - 23	Martin Smith, Assistant Director – Education Matt Spoons, Head of Service - School Standards Nicky Myers, Interim Head of Service Early Years and Childcare Support	This is the annual update report on school performance and Ofsted outcomes.
3.	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.
4.	Service Level Performance Reporting Against the Success Framework 2023-24 Quarter 3	Jo Kavanagh, Assistant Director – Early Help	This is the quarterly performance report.
5.	Lincolnshire Secure Children's Home (LSCH) (EXEMPT)	Dave Pennington, Head of Property Development Matt Clayton, Interim Head of Capital Reform and Education Sufficiency Dave Clarke, Service Lead - Secure Estate Rachel Freeman, Head of Service Children in Care and Residential Estates	This item is for pre-decision scrutiny.

08 March 2024			
	<i>Item</i>	<i>Contributor</i>	<i>Notes</i>
6.	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 Dave Pennington, Head of Property Development	This item is for pre-decision scrutiny prior to a Leader Decision between 18 – 22 March 2024.

19 April 2024			
	<i>Item</i>	<i>Contributor</i>	<i>Notes</i>
1.	Children and Young People Mental Health Transformation Programme	Charlotte Gray, Head of Service – Children’s Strategic Commissioning	This item was requested by the Committee in April 2023 to provide an update on progress with the children and young people mental health transformation programme.
2.	Children in Care Transformation Programme Update	Matt Clayton, Interim Head of Capital Reform and Education Sufficiency Tracey Robinson, Programme Manager – Sector Led Improvement & Children in Care Transformation Tara Jones, Assistant Director – Children’s Safeguarding	This item will provide an update on the progress made with the children in care transformation project.

PUBLIC PROTECTION AND COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

ACTIVITY

Since its last report to the Board, the Committee has met on 19 September 2023 and 31 October 2023. Full detail on these items is available on the County Council's website:

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

Set out below is a summary of the outcomes at these meetings:

19 September 2023	
<i>Item</i>	<i>Summary of Outcomes</i>
1 Registration and Celebratory Services Report	<p>The Committee was satisfied with the performance of the registration and celebratory services and requested a progress update in 12 months time.</p> <p>Concerns were expressed regarding the proposed registration of a death via the telephone and the implications of fraud. The Committee was advised that the new process was to be implemented by the Home Office and would meet public protection and fraud measures. Reassurance was given that with the National Medical Examiner Scheme, there would be even greater scrutiny of the cause of deaths.</p>
2 Integrated Risk Management Plan 2020 - 2024 - Yearly Update	<p>The Committee was assured on the information contained in the end of year Integrated Risk Management Plan performance update.</p> <p>Members were advised of the arrangement the fire service had with the National Farmers Union concerning accessing water at rural farms. The service had been able to secure dedicated adapters for all fire appliances which provided the service access to water bowsers many farmers already had on their farms. This was also alongside a fire safety message on how farmers can help themselves in the event of a fire and how to prevent fires happening in the first place.</p>

19 September 2023

<i>Item</i>		<i>Summary of Outcomes</i>
3	Trading Standards Impacts and Outcomes Annual Report 2022-2023	<p>The Committee received assurance on the performance and delivery of the Trading Standards Service in 2022/23.</p> <p>There was recognition that the 30% failure rate pertaining to the underage purchasing of vapes from 40 individual premises was disappointing. It was felt that the reason for this was due to a lack of education amongst businesses. To address this, over a hundred business advice packs had been sent to potential sellers. Where an underage individual case was identified, the individual business would be targeted.</p>
4	Service Level Reporting against the Success Framework 2023-24 - Quarter 1	<p>The Committee was satisfied with the Public Protection and Communities Service Level Performance for Quarter 1 of 2023/24. Some of the topics explored by Members included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How success was being measured with regards to domestic abuse cases. It was confirmed that the Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) was supporting 198 new cases and 85 repeat clients. • The effectiveness of three month closure orders. With a closure order, the premises would be closed for three months which prevented anyone trading from the premises for that period. Further closure orders could be applied for, following the initial three months, if it could be proven that further illegal activity was taking place.
SITTING AS THE CRIME AND DISORDER COMMITTEE		
5	Stay Safe Partnership Annual Update	<p>Support was extended by the Committee to the continued delivery of the Stay Safe Partnership project to schools in the proposed format.</p> <p>Since Covid-19, learning was now back in the classroom and the sessions were interactive, with different scenarios and topics. At the end of each session, a survey of the young people was also undertaken. From the surveys, young people had highlighted they were worried about older groups of teenagers in a park; they did not like litter or walking down a street where there was lots of pubs with people outside drinking and smoking; or dark spaces. The issues raised from the surveys were fed back into local neighbourhood policing teams, which showed the young people that their voices could make a difference.</p>

31 October 2023

Item

Summary of Outcomes

SITTING AS THE CRIME AND DISORDER COMMITTEE

1	<p>Safer Lincolnshire Partnership - Fraud Update Report</p>	<p>Support was extended by the Committee to the continued delivery of the work of the Safer Lincolnshire Partnership's Crime and Disorder Priority Group in the proposed format.</p> <p>Members explored how to access a call blocker through the Council's Scams Officer. There were no set criteria, but the person requiring the blocker needed to be vulnerable, or at risk of fraud and each individual case would be assessed by the Scams Officer. A call blocker could also be obtained via the National Trading Standards system, or could be purchased from Truecall, who were the industry leaders in this area. Officers agreed to provide further information for circulation to the Committee after the meeting.</p>
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SITTING AS THE PUBLIC PROTECTION AND COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

2	<p>Re-procurement of Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue Fleet Maintenance Services</p>	<p>The Committee supported the recommendations in the report and agreed to pass on comments. The recommendations are due to be approved by the Executive Councillor for Fire and Rescue and Cultural Services on 10 November 2023.</p>
3	<p>Future Funding for Citizens Advice</p>	<p>The Committee supported the recommendations in the report and agreed to pass on comments. The recommendations were approved by the Executive on 7 November 2023.</p>
4	<p>Potential Topics for Scrutiny Review by Scrutiny Panel A</p>	<p>In response to the request from the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board for any suggestions for a potential scrutiny review by Scrutiny Panel A, the Committee agreed to put forward Vapes for the Board's consideration.</p>
5	<p>LFR Control Programme (EXEMPT)</p>	<p>The Committee supported the recommendations in the report and agreed to pass on comments. The recommendations were approved by the Leader of the Council and the Executive Councillor for Fire and Rescue and Cultural Services on 7 November 2023.</p>

PLANNED WORK

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

12 DECEMBER 2023			
	<i>Item</i>	<i>Contributor</i>	<i>Notes</i>
1.	LCC Coronial Toxicology Contract	Emma Golds, Senior Commercial and Procurement Officer	This item is for pre-decision scrutiny prior to an Executive Councillor decision between 15 – 22 December.
2.	Outcomes of His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire and Rescue Services (HMICFRS) Inspection of Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue	Mark Baxter, Chief Fire Officer	The report is to inform the Committee of the outcomes from the HMICFRS inspection.
3.	Community Risk Management Plan (CRMP) 2024-28 - Pre-consultation	Mark Baxter, Chief Fire Officer	The report is a pre-consultation activity with the Committee to gather views on the new CRMP.
4.	Multiply - Numeracy Programme Update – Year 2	Thea Croxall, Adult Learning & Skills Manager – Economic Development Rebecca Clark, Senior Project Officer (Multiply)	This report is an update on the Multiply - Numeracy Programme.
5.	Service Level Performance Reporting against the Success Framework 2023-2024 – Quarter 2	Nicole Hilton, Assistant Director - Communities Lee Sirdifield, Assistant Director - Corporate Mark Baxter, Chief Fire Officer Steven Batchelor, Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership Senior Manager Mark Keal, Head of Trading Standards Clare Newborn, Head of Community Safety James Chapple, Head of Registration, Celebratory and Coroners Services	This is a quarterly report on performance of services.

12 DECEMBER 2023			
<i>Item</i>	<i>Contributor</i>	<i>Notes</i>	
SITTING AS THE CRIME AND DISORDER SCRUTINY COMMITTEE			
6.	Serious Violence in Lincolnshire - A Partnership Response – Position Report	Clare Newborn, Head of Community Safety Zoe Walters, Business Manager, Safer Lincolnshire Partnership Angela Nauth, Serious Violence Coordinator, Safer Lincolnshire Partnership Angela Nauth, Community Safety Strategy Coordinator (Serious Violence)	This report is an annual position overview of activity undertaken and planned to tackle serious violence.

30 JANUARY 2024			
<i>Item</i>	<i>Contributor</i>	<i>Notes</i>	
1.	Revenue and Capital Budget Proposals 2024/25	Keith Noyland, Strategic Finance Lead - Place, Fire & Rescue	The views of the Committee will be sought on the budget proposals for the service areas for 2024/25.
2.	Local Resilience Form (LRF) Business Plan 2023-2026	Mark Baxter, Chief Fire Officer	This report will provide an overview of the LRF's strategic objectives and deliverables for the next three years.
3.	Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue (LFR) Attendance at Flooding Incidents - Annual Report on Performance	Mark Baxter, Chief Fire Officer	This is the annual position and activity overview report on LFR attendance at flooding incidents.
4.	Trading Standards Food Standards Enforcement	Mark Keal, Head of Trading Standards	This is an annual position report on food standards and enforcement across the county.
SITTING AS THE CRIME AND DISORDER SCRUTINY COMMITTEE			
5.	Safer Lincolnshire Partnership - Annual Report Update	Zoe Walters, Business Manager, Safer Lincolnshire Partnership	This is an annual position report on the works of the Safer Lincolnshire Partnership.

19 March 2024			
<i>Item</i>		<i>Contributor</i>	<i>Notes</i>
1.	Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership Annual Report	Steven Batchelor, Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership Senior Manager	This is the annual report from the Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership.
2.	Service Level Performance Reporting against the Success Framework 2023-2024 – Quarter 3	Nicole Hilton, Assistant Director - Communities Lee Sirdifield, Assistant Director - Corporate Mark Baxter, Chief Fire Officer Steven Batchelor, Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership Senior Manager Mark Keal, Head of Trading Standards Clare Newborn, Head of Community Safety James Chapple, Head of Registration, Celebratory and Coroners Services	This is a quarterly report on performance of services.
SITTING AS THE CRIME AND DISORDER SCRUTINY COMMITTEE			
3.	Drug and Alcohol Core Priority Group Report	Jemma Clarke, Community Safety Strategy Coordinator	This is the annual update on the Drug and Alcohol Core Priority Group.
4.	Domestic Abuse Strategy – Update Report 2023	Jade Thursby, Domestic Abuse Business Manager	This report updates the Committee on the delivery and outcomes of the Domestic Abuse Strategy.

14 May 2024			
<i>Item</i>		<i>Contributor</i>	<i>Notes</i>
1.	Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue New Crewing Arrangements – Post Implementation Review	Mark Baxter, Chief Fire Officer	This report will set out the outcomes of the post implementation review of the new crewing arrangements.
2.	Citizens Advice Annual Report	Monica Stark, Chair CA Lincs	This is an annual report on Citizen’s Advice.

14 May 2024		
<i>Item</i>	<i>Contributor</i>	<i>Notes</i>
SITTING AS THE CRIME AND DISORDER SCRUTINY COMMITTEE		
3.	Safer Together Partnership – Update Report	Clare Newborn, Head of Community Safety
		This is an update on the Safer Together Partnership.

Potential Items to be Scheduled:

- Community Safety and Public Trust in Police (Winter 2023/24)
- Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue Progress Against the Recommendations on Culture by His Majesty's Inspectorate for Fire and Rescue Services (Winter 2023/24)
- Leverton Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue Project (Summer 2024)