

Northumberland County Council

Family and Children's Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Work Programme and Monitoring Report 2018 - 2019

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Terms of reference:

(a) To monitor, review and make recommendations about:

- Early Years
- Education and Schools
- Special education needs and disability
- Adult and Community Education
- Training and Vocational Education
- Lifelong Learning
- Youth Offending
- Social Services for Children and Young People
- Children's Health
- Teenage Sexual Health
- Looked After Children
- Safeguarding - Children
- Youth Services
- Family Services
- Children's Centres

(b) To oversee and monitor school improvement, as follows:

- (i) To receive feedback on the Ofsted inspection of schools.
- (ii) To support the work of the County Council and the progress of schools on the School Intervention and Support Programme in specified categories.
- (iii) To receive an annual report about the number of schools that have been on the School Intervention and Support Programme, the reason(s) for their inclusion, the support given by the Council and the success of this support.
- (iv) To receive an annual report on the performance of schools.

ISSUES TO BE SCHEDULED/CONSIDERED

Regular updates:

Safeguarding Activity Trends Report
Finance and Performance Six Monthly Report
Children Permanently Excluded from School/Elective Home Education
Schools performance

Issues to be raised:

Risk Management and Sexual Exploitation

Themed Scrutiny:

School Exclusions

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4 April 2019

- Review of the Implementation of the Post 16 Transport Policy
- Proposed consultation on extending the age ranges of Whitley Memorial CE and West End First Schools
- Children's Social Care Improvement Plan
- Opportunity North East - Information Item Only

30 April 2019

- Corporate Parenting Report

**FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES OSC
MONITORING REPORT 2018/2019**

Ref	Date	Report	Decision	Outcome
1	03.05.18	Consultation Exercise for Proposed Changes to Post 16 Transport Policy	RESOLVED that Cabinet be advised that this Committee supported the recommendations outlined in the report.	Cabinet considered the recommendation of the OSC when determining the report at its meeting on 8 May 2018. Chairmen's Group had asked that this Committee review the implementation of the Policy in Spring 2019.
2	03.05.18	Consultation on Education in the West of Northumberland	RESOLVED that Cabinet be advised that this Committee supported the recommendations outlined in the report.	Cabinet considered the recommendation of the OSC when determining the report at its meeting on 8 May 2018.
3	03.05.18	Outcomes of Consultation on a proposal for closure of Netherton Northside First School	RESOLVED that Cabinet be advised that this Committee supported the recommendations outlined in the report.	Cabinet considered the recommendation of the OSC when determining the report at its meeting on 8 May 2018.
4	07.06.18	Regional Adoption Agency	RESOLVED that Cabinet be advised that this Committee supported the recommendations contained in the Report.	Cabinet considered the recommendation of the OSC when determining the report at its meeting on 14 June 2018.
5	07.06.18	School Organisation Plan	RESOLVED that Cabinet be advised that this Committee supported the recommendations as outlined in the report.	Cabinet considered the recommendation of the OSC when determining the report at its meeting on 14 June 2018.
6	07.06.18	Annual Report of the Virtual School Headteacher 2016-17	RESOLVED that the information be noted	No further action required.

7	07.06.18	Safeguarding Activity Trends Report	RESOLVED that the information be noted and that additional regional comparison data would be provided within the next report.	Additional data to be included in the next report.
8	07.06.18	Teacher Recruitment & Retention - Report of Task and Finish Group	RESOLVED that an action plan would be provided at a future meeting.	Action Plan to be provided
9	05.07.18	Report on Outcomes of Statutory Consultation on Proposals for Education in the West of Northumberland	RESOLVED that Cabinet be advised that this Committee supported the recommendations as outlined in the report.	Cabinet considered the recommendation of the OSC when determining the report at its meeting on 10 July 2018. A report would be provided to this Committee in respect of proposals for school transport provision in the future.
10	05.07.18	Proposed Closure of Netherton Northside First School	RESOLVED that Cabinet be advised that this Committee supported the recommendations as outlined in the report.	Cabinet considered the recommendation of the OSC when determining the report at its meeting on 10 July 2018.
11	05.07.18	Elective Home Education	RESOLVED that Cabinet be advised that this Committee supported the recommendations as outlined in the report.	Update Report to be provided in July 2019.
12	05.07.18	Supporting Families in Poverty	RESOLVED that the information be noted.	No further action required.
13	05.07.18	CIN Census Benchmarking (Safeguarding Activity Trends Annual Report)	RESOLVED that the information be noted and it was recognised that the data was provisional and subject to change.	No further action required.
14	06.09.18	Regional Adoption Agency	RESOLVED that Cabinet be advised that this Committee	Cabinet considered the recommendations of the OSC when determining the report at its meeting on 11 September 2018.

			supported the recommendations as outlined in the report.	
15	06.09.18	Care Proceedings and Public Law OUTline Annual Report on Progression	RESOLVED that the information be noted.	No further action required.
16	06.09.18	Finance and Performance Six Monthly Report	RESOLVED that the information be noted.	A further report provided to a future meeting on the level of permanent exclusions. Report received 8.11.18
17	06.09.18	Children's Social Care Practice Week	RESOLVED that the information be noted.	No further action required.
18	06.09.18	CONFIDENTIAL REPORT - Ponteland Joint School and Leisure Facility Project Update	RESOLVED that Cabinet be advised that this Committee supported the recommendations as outlined in the report.	Cabinet considered the recommendations of the OSC when determining the report at its meeting on 11 September 2018.
19	08.11.18	Presentation from Northumberland College	RESOLVED that the information be noted and a further update be provided once the merger with Sunderland College had taken place.	An update to be provided following the merger with Sunderland College.
20	08.11.18	Northumberland Safeguarding Children Board - Annual Report	RESOLVED that the information be noted.	No further action required.
21	08.11.18	Update on Academic Outcomes (Presentation)	RESOLVED that the information be noted.	No further action required.
22	08.11.18	Children Permanently Excluded from School & Elective Home Education	RESOLVED that: 1. The content of the report be noted; and 2. A task and finish group be established to investigate the causes of the substantial increases in both fixed and permanent	A Task and Finish Group was established and will report back to Committee

			exclusion and to develop recommendations on working with partners, targeting resources and developing strategies to significantly improve the current situation.	
23	08.11.18	Schools Capital Programme	RESOLVED that the information be noted.	No further action required.
24	06.12.18	Youth Service Review Report	RESOLVED that the the proposed changes to the youth service be supported.	Report on outcomes of the review on the service following one year of operation.
25	06.12.18	Peer Challenge - Care Leavers Service	RESOLVED that: The purpose of the peer challenge and the outcomes be noted; and A report on progress against the actions identified in the action plan, including data on young people accessing further education, apprenticeships or gaining employment be brought back to the Committee in June 2019.	Further report on progress against the action plan in June 2019.
26	06.12.18	Fostering Agency Annual Report	RESOLVED that the contents of the report be noted and the Committee acknowledged the report and performance information for 2017-2018.	No further action.
27	06.12.18	Adoption Agency Annual Report	RESOLVED that the contents of the report be noted and the Committee acknowledged the report and performance information for 2017-2018.	No further action.

28	06.12.18	Northumberland Adult Learning Services Outcomes - Annual Report	RESOLVED that the information in the report be noted.	No further action.
29	10.01.19	Presentation on Outcomes of SEND OFSTED visit	RESOLVED that the information be noted and an update would be provided at a future meeting following the submission of the Written Statement of Action.	Further Report to be provided
30	10.01.19	Safeguarding Activity Trends Six Monthly Report	RESOLVED that the information be noted; and Data be provided in the next report on the historic and current use of agency workers.	Report in six months
31	10..01.19	Director of Education Annual Report	RESOLVED that the contents of the report be noted.	No further action
32	10.01.19	National Funding Formula & School Funding	RESOLVED that Cabinet be advised that this Committee supported the recommendations as outlined in the report	Cabinet considered the recommendations of the OSC when determining the report at its meeting on 15 January 2019
33	11.02.19	School Admission Arrangements for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools for the 2020/21 Academic Year	RESOLVED that Cabinet be advised that this Committee supported the recommendations as outlined in the report.	Cabinet considered the recommendations of the OSC when determining the report at its meeting on 12 February 2019
34	11.02.19	The Outline Business Case for the replacement of school buildings for Hadrian Learning Trust Schools	RESOLVED that Cabinet be advised that this Committee supported the recommendations as outlined in the report.	Cabinet considered the recommendations of the OSC when determining the report at its meeting on 12 February 2019

35	11.02.19	Annual Test of Assurance	RESOLVED that the Committee confirmed that the arrangements for discharging the role of Director of Children's Services passed the "test of assurance" required by Statutory Guidance.	No further action
36	11.02.19	Children's Social Care - Self Assessment	RESOLVED that the report be noted and that no further areas for scrutiny were identified.	The Continuous Improvement Plan would be reported to a future meeting.
37	11.02.19	Outcomes of OFSTED visit to Haydon Bridge High School	RESOLVED that:- 1. The acknowledgement made by OfSTED of the input and support from the local authority be noted; and 2. The contents of the report and the fact that progress had been made although the school continued to need to make significant improvements be noted.	Further report to be provided following the next Ofsted visit.
38	07.03.19	Finance and Performance Six Monthly Report	RESOLVED that the current performance be noted.	No further action.
39	07.03.19	Schools Resilience Programme in the west of Northumberland - an update	RESOLVED that:- (1) The progress made so far in enabling schools and academies in the west of Northumberland to become more resilient and the support provided from the Local Authority be noted; and (2) Notwithstanding the progress	A further update would be provided in due course.

			made, it be noted that some schools and academies in the west of Northumberland continued to need significant support to secure their sustainability in the long term.	
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