

Northumberland County Council

Family and Children's Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Work Programme and Monitoring Report 2021 - 2022

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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
Joint Targeted Area Inspection

Issues to be raised:

Themed Scrutiny:

Issues to be scheduled:

School Capital Investment
Children Permanently Excluded from School/Elective Home Education

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2 September 2021

Schools Forum Summary of Decisions taken:
Spring Term

Complaints Annual Report 2020/2021 - Adult social care, children's social care, and continuing health care services

SEND Revisit

Care Leavers Action Plan

Report into the decisions taken by school's forum during the spring term. Request by the Committee.

Annual report on complaints and lessons learnt within Children's social care. Committee to identify any further areas for scrutiny.

Update to Committee on the outcome of the recent OFSTED inspection.

An update on the Care Leavers action planning following an inspection in 2018. A report on the improvements to the service was last presented in June 2019.

7 October 2021

PRE-SCRUTINY:- School Organisation Plan for 2021 – 2024

Finance and Performance report

Children's Services Self-Assessment

A refresh of the school organisation plan. The Committee has received regular updates on this plan and will continue to monitor it throughout 2021 – 2024. The Committee's comments will be presented to Cabinet at their meeting on 7 October 2021.

Regular report into the financial position and performance metrics of the service. The Committee is to receive assurance and identify any further areas for scrutiny.

Report on Children's Services Self-Assessment outcomes

	Children's Home Placement Sufficiency NE submission to the Care Review	Report on the number of places in homes for looked after Children
4 November 2021		
2 December 2021		
6 January 2022		
	Schools Forum Summary of Decisions taken: Autumn Term	Report into the decisions taken by school's forum during the Autumn term. Request by the Committee
3 February 2022		
	PRE-SCRUTINY:- School Admission Arrangements for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools for the 2023/2024 Academic Year	Annual pre-scrutiny report on school admissions arrangements. The Committee's comments will be presented to Cabinet at their meeting on 8 February 2022.
3 March 2022		

	<p>Director of Education Annual Report: Key Educational Outcomes (2020-2021 Academic Year)</p> <p>Safeguarding Activity Trend</p> <p>CIS Benchmarking Annual Report</p>	<p>Annual report on the key educational outcomes of the previous academic year. The Committee will be asked to identify any further areas for scrutiny.</p> <p>To provide analysis of social work activity trends and case allocation as well as highlighting national developments regarding the Department for Education safeguarding indicators.</p> <p>To inform members of how Northumberland compares with other areas in 2020/21 based on provisional data in the field of children in need and child protection.</p>
7 April 2022		

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Ref	Date	Report	Decision	Outcome
1	17 June 2021	Impact of COVID pandemic on SEND services	RESOLVED that the contents of the report be noted and the support provided over this period be recognised.	Further report to come to the committee on CYPS, waiting times and impact of COVID of children's mental health.
2	17 June 2021	Winter Support Grant Update	RESOLVED that: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The content of the report and the successful implementation of the initiatives undertaken with the funding from the Winter Support Grant be noted. 2. The strategy, roll-out and benefits of the activities for children and young people organised through the Holiday Activity Fund across Northumberland during the Easter Holiday be noted. 	No further action