

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
Education (Guidance about the cost of School Uniforms) Act 2021

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7 April 2022

PRE-SCRUTINY:- Informal Consultation on School Organisation for the Coquet Partnership

Development of Family Hubs

Annual Report of Principle Social Worker

Digital Skills Paper

This report sets out the findings of the informal meetings that have taken place with schools in the Berwick Partnership since April 2021 to discuss the organisational issues facing the partnership and to identify potential models of organisation that could address those issues. The results of an informal survey with parents and the wider community in the area served by Berwick Partnership are also included in the report.

Update for members on the development and progress of family hubs in Northumberland.

To advise and update the Scrutiny Committee about the input and work of the Principal Social Worker in 2020/21 and an overview of the quality of practice and development needs of frontline social workers.

To communicate to FACS plans to accelerate the delivery of digital work-based skills within Northumberland County

21 April 2022

PRE-SCRUTINY:- Outline Business Case for the New school Buildings for Astley Community High and Whytrig Middle Schools

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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: 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
3	2 September 2021	Schools Forum Role and Decision Making Powers	RESOLVED that the report be noted	No further action
4	2 September 2021	SEND Revisit	RESOLVED that: 1. The information be noted; 2. A regular update be provided to allow the Committee to provide advice and support.	A further update to return to the Committee at a later date.

5	2 September 2021	Peer Review For Care Leavers Service Update	<p>RESOLVED that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Members were assured that there was an action plan to take forward improvements to services for care leavers as part of continuous improvement planning in children's social care; and 2. Members would continue to have an overview of the Northumberland offer for care leavers and understand their role as corporate parents for care leavers. 	A further update to return to the Committee at a later date.
6	2 September 2021	Complaints Annual Report 2020/2021 – Adult Social Care, Children's Social Care, And Continuing Health Care Services	RESOLVED that the information be noted.	Report to be split between Adults and Children. Report on Adult's Social Care only to return to the Committee in a year.
7	7 October 2021	Seaton Valley Federation	RESOLVED that Cabinet be advised that the Committee supported the recommendations as outlined in the report.	At its meeting on 12 October, Cabinet considered the Committee's comments
8	7 October 2021	Proposals for Atkinson House	RESOLVED that Cabinet be advised that this Committee supported the recommendations as outlined in the report.	At its meeting on 12 October, Cabinet considered the Committee's comments
9	7 October 2021	School Organisation Plan for 2021 – 2024	RESOLVED that Cabinet be advised that the Committee welcomed the plan and supported the recommendations as outlined in the report.	At its meeting on 12 October, Cabinet considered the Committee's comments

10	7 October 2021	Education Infrastructure Contribution Policy	RESOLVED that Cabinet be advised that this Committee supported the recommendations outlined in the report.	At its meeting on 12 October, Cabinet considered the Committee's comments
11	7 October 2021	Children's Services Self-Assessment	RESOLVED that the information be noted.	A report to be brought on Home Placement Sufficiency.
12	4 November 2021	Performance and Finance Report (Children's Services)	RESOLVED that the contents of the report be noted.	Further report to be presented in 6 months
13	4 November 2021	Children's Home Placement and Sufficiency	RESOLVED that the contents of the report be noted.	Full strategy to come to Committee in Jan 22
14	4 November 2021	Social Worker Recruitment and Retention	RESOLVED that the contents of the report be noted.	No further action
15	4 November 2021	North East Submission to the Care Review	RESOLVED that the contents of the report be noted	No further action
16	2 December 2021	Health Education England & NCC Project Choice	RESOLVED that Cabinet be advised that this Committee supported the recommendations as outlined in the report.	At its meeting on 7 December, Cabinet considered the Committee's comments.
17	2 December 2021	Northumberland Strategic Skills Plan 2021-25	RESOLVED that Cabinet be advised that this Committee supported the recommendations as outlined in the report.	At its meeting on 7 December, Cabinet considered the Committee's comments.
18	2 December 2021	Northumberland Skills Pathfinder - Curriculum Research	RESOLVED that:	At its meeting on 7 December, Cabinet considered the Committee's comments.

			<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the content and general approach of the Northumberland Skills Pathfinder Curriculum Research be noted; 2. the use of the document with internal NCC stakeholder groups be authorised; and 3. that work be undertaken with schools and colleges to embed the knowledge of the Ofsted framework which included the use of a broad and balanced curriculum which was designed to meet the needs of their learners and residents. 	
19	6 January 2022	Relocation of Actkinson house	RESOLVED that Cabinet be advised that this Committee supported the recommendations as outlined in the report.	At its meeting on 11 January, Cabinet considered the Committee's comments.
20	6 January 2022	Seaton Valley Federation	RESOLVED that Cabinet be advised that this Committee supported the recommendations as outlined in the report.	At its meeting on 11 January, Cabinet considered the Committee's comments.
21	6 January 2022	National Funding Formula and School Funding 2022/23	RESOLVED that Cabinet be advised that this Committee supported the recommendations as outlined in the report.	At its meeting on 11 January, Cabinet considered the Committee's comments.
22	3 February 2022	School Admission Arrangements for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools for the 2023/2024 Academic Year	RESOLVED that Cabinet be advised that this Committee supported the recommendations as outlined in the report.	At its meeting on 8 February, Cabinet considered the Committee's comments.
23	3 February 2022	Virtual School Headteacher Annual Report 2021	RESOLVED that the education achievements of looked after children and the ongoing challenges caused by the disruption to education during the pandemic be noted.	No further action

24	3 February 2022	Northumberland Strategic Safeguarding Partnership (NSSP) Annual Report	RESOLVED that the content of the report be noted.	No further action
25	3 February 2022	Adult Learning Service Annual Report: Learning and Skills Service	RESOLVED that: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The content of the annual report be noted. 2. The approach to developing the Northumberland curriculum models to enhance the learning experience and support students to acquire the skills and knowledge to be successful in life be endorsed. 3. The performance given the continuing challenges of the global pandemic against operating circumstances and the valuable support provided to all learners with all services be recognised. 4. The progress in respect of the improvement actions set out in the 2019/20 report be noted. 5. The identified areas for improvement and the routines established to monitor progress be agreed. 	No further action
26	3 February 2022	Sufficiency Strategy	RESOLVED that the contents of the report and the Children in Care and Care Leavers Sufficiency Strategy be noted.	No further action
27	3 February 2022	Home Builds Progress	RESOLVED that the information be noted.	No further action

28	3 February 2022	Annual Engagement Statement	RESOLVED that the information be noted.	No further action
29	3 February 2022	OFSTED Inspection Framework	RESOLVED that the information and range of inspections be noted.	No further action
30	3 March 2022	Report on Final Decision on Statutory Proposals for Atkinson House		
31	3 March 2022	Director of Education Annual Report: Key Educational Outcomes (2020-2021 Academic Year)		
32	3 March 2022	Safeguarding Activity Trend		
33	3 March 2022	School Transport Governance Arrangements		