

Meeting: Children, Education and Skills Sub-committee

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Title: Work Programme 2016/17 Mid-year update

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Service: Law and Governance

Wards affected: All

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To provide Members with an update on the work programme and the progress of the sub-committee's in-depth investigations with information on an option for a new in-depth investigation.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 The sub-committee is recommended to note the information provided in the report and agree on which, if any, topic will be the next in-depth review.

3. Information

- 3.1 The sub-committee agreed its work programme for the year at its meeting on 18 July 2016. During this meeting Members also agreed to establish a sub group to understand what elective home education was undertaken within the borough and examine the local authority's policies and procedures for children who were electively home educated. Whilst concerned about particular elements of the *Education for All* Bill it was accepted by the sub-committee that insufficient information on the proposals was available at the time and that it would be more appropriate to consider whether to establish a sub group to examine the proposals in the New Year.

3.2 Work Programme

- 3.2.1 Since the work programme was agreed in July 2016 the sub-committee has received all reports expected and the number of items of business for the January, February and March meetings has increased. These included the addition of reports on Dyslexia Services and an update on how the implementation of the recommendations from the Young Women and STEM sub group, which had all been accepted by Cabinet in June 2015, had progressed. An updated copy of the work programme is attached at appendix 1.

- 3.2.2 During the meeting, Members will have the opportunity to raise any others topics relevant to the remit of the sub-committee that they think should be included in the work programme. Additional topics raised will be scheduled accordingly in consultation with the Chair and the Deputy Chair.

3.3 Established Sub Groups

- 3.3.1 As has been practice in previous years, it is recommended that sub groups (of around 4/5 members) be established to carry out the scrutiny of the topics that have been selected for in-depth investigation. These sub groups operate in a more informal way and can consult with a wide range of witnesses in various settings, often over a shorter period of time. When dealing with a specific topic, this focused way of working is often more productive than trying to achieve the same in a formal committee setting. Whilst more than one topic can be prioritised across the municipal year, only one sub group per committee/sub-committee can be established at any one time due to resourcing restraints.
- 3.3.2 The ADHD sub group report had been submitted to Cabinet in November 2016 and its response to the recommendations made by the sub group is expected at its meeting on 16 January 2017. The decision of Cabinet will be reported to the sub-committee at the meeting.
- 3.3.3 The Elective Home Education sub group was established in July and began its work, as planned, in September 2016. Work is progressing well and Members of the Elective Home Education sub-group have met with relevant officers to discuss the legal position of the Council in relation to home education, draft procedures and guidance for parents. Consultation has also taken place with parents currently electively home educating in order to gather some first hand experiences and identify where changes could be made to improve the dialogue between parents and the local authority. The sub-group will meet in the near future to analyse the information gathered and form recommendations. It is anticipated that the review will be complete by the end of the municipal year.

3.4 Potential Sub Groups

- 3.4.1 As referred to in paragraph 3.1 above, the sub-committee agreed that they would consider whether an in-depth investigation into the Government's proposed education reform as outlined in the *Education for All Bill* was appropriate in January 2017.
- 3.4.2 Due to a new Prime Minister and different Cabinet appointments since the Bill was published there has been a change to Government priorities and the *Education for All Bill* has not been published. Further details on Government's education policies will be provided to the sub-committee at this meeting in a separate report from the Deputy Chief Executive.
- 3.4.3 In light of the developments with the *Education for All Bill*, the Chair of the Sub-committee is of the view that a sub group to examine its implications would not be timely and would not contribute to policy development; therefore a scoping exercise has not been undertaken for this topic. If, after the update on national education reforms has been received, the sub-committee considers a sub group is necessary, a scoping exercise can be undertaken.
- 3.4.4 A report on the Corporate Parenting Strategy was submitted to the 21 November 2016 meeting of the sub-committee and it was agreed that the transition process from children to adult services for disabled looked after children should be considered as an options for an in-depth study by the sub-committee in the New Year.
- 3.4.5 To ensure the work will deliver the greatest value in terms of policy development it is usual practice to evaluate the topics suggested for in-depth investigation against the

following criteria:

- Is it timely?
- Will it duplicate any other work ongoing within the Council or the NECA scrutiny work programme?
- Will it add value/contribute to policy development?

3.4.6 An initial scoping exercise and proposed remit for a sub group to examine the transition process from children to adult services for disabled looked after children is underway and copies will be circulated before the meeting.

4. Appendices

- Updated 2016/17 work programme.

5. Background Information

The following documents have been used in the compilation of this report and may be inspected at the offices of the author.

- Minutes of the meeting of Children, Education and Skills Sub-committee held on 20 June 2016.
- Minutes of the meeting of Children, Education and Skills Sub-committee held on 18 July 2016.
- Children, Education and Skills Work programme for 2016/17.
- Response to Scrutiny Report on Support for Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder in North Tyneside, 16 January 2017.
- Notes of the meetings of the Elective Home Education Sub Group meetings.
- Secretary of State for Education, Technical and Further Education Written statement - HLWS224, 27 October 2016.
- Minutes of the meeting of Children, Education and Skills Sub-committee held on 21 November 2016.

Children, Education and Skills Sub-committee: Work Programme for 2016/17

Agenda Item	Report	Officer	External representatives
20 June 2016 (report deadline – 9 June)			
Confirm start time and dates of meeting for 2016/17	Annual Council requested each committee do this at their first meeting of the year.	Elizabeth Kerr	
Work programme 2016/17	To consider and agree the Sub-committee's Work Programme for 2016-17.	Elizabeth Kerr	
Children and Young People's Plan 2014-18	Monitoring the delivery of the Plan. Recommendation 2 of the Child Poverty Sub Group report in 2014 was that the Sub-committee received a bi-annual performance report on the delivery of the Children and Young People's Plan 2014-18. Cabinet accepted the recommendation. An end of year summary is to be submitted to the June meeting with a mid year progress summary provided in December.	Bruce Parvin/Craig Anderson	
Attainment on LAC	To provide the committee with information on how the authority is supporting the attainment of LAC/disadvantaged children.	Jane Pickthall – Virtual Headteacher	
SEND Inspection report	Joint inspections by OFSTED and CQC of the way in which a local area carries out its statutory duties in relation to children and young people with SEND are underway. This report will detail what the inspection involves and how NTC is preparing for it.	Kath Robinson	
<i>Education Excellence Everywhere</i> White Paper	A presentation on the Education White Paper and other government proposals related to education.	Paul Hanson	
18 July 2016 (report deadline – 7 July)			
Child Sexual Exploitation update	To monitor the situation in North Tyneside regarding CSE. The Sub-committee agreed to have regular updates in March 2014.	Kevin Buck	
Home Education Information report	To provide information to the sub-committee to inform the remit of a proposed Sub-Group to examine the prevalence and impact of home schooling in North Tyneside. Agree remit and membership of sub group if considered appropriate.	Barbara Patterson	

Agenda Item	Report	Officer	External representatives
19 September 2016 (report deadline – 8 September)			
Education and Skills	To provide an update on the provision of careers education in schools.	Angela James & Mark Barrett/Tim Downing	
Principal Social Worker reports	To provide information on leaders creating the right Environment for Social Work and associated action plans.	Kevin Buck	
17 October 2016 (report deadline 6 October)			
Proposed merger between TyneMet College and South Tyneside College	Presentation on proposed merger between TyneMet College and South Tyneside College by representatives from each.	-	Bill Midgley - TyneMet
Early Help and Integrated Locality Teams	To receive a report on the reorganisation of children's centres and other services to deliver the offer in its entirety from a convenient and accessible community based facility and an update on the Troubled Families Programme 2015-2020.	Jill Baker	
Report of the ADHD Sub Group (originally for September meeting)	To agree the report of the ADHD sub group for submission to Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee.	Elizabeth Kerr	
21 November 2016 (report deadline – 10 November)			
Attainment and Progress Report (moved from October)	Report received annually on attainment and progress across the borough. To include information on attainment of Free School meals/Pupil Premium pupils to allow the sub-committee to monitor the effectiveness of the support and challenge programme of the FSM/PP programme to ensure comparable progress to those not in receipt of FSM as requested by O&S on 30/03/15.	Angela James	
Child Sexual Exploitation update	To monitor the situation in North Tyneside regarding CSE. Update to include specific numbers on whether the children at high risk of CSE are CLA, whether they are boys or girls, their ages and what schools they attended.	Kevin Buck	
North Tyneside Safeguarding Children Board's Annual Report 2015/16	To receive the annual report which demonstrates how the Board is effective in co-ordinating safeguarding and joint working arrangements to protect children and young people in the borough.	Sue Burns	Richard Burrows – Chair of the NTSCB

Agenda Item	Report	Officer	External representatives
Corporate Parenting Plan (originally October meeting)	Update report on progress – to include information on support offered during the transition from child to adult services with specific reference to disabled CLA.	William Kidd	
23 January 2017 (report deadline – 12 January)			
Children and Young People's Plan 2014-18	Recommendation 2 of the Child Poverty Sub Group report in 2014 was that CES Sub-Committee received a bi-annual performance report on the delivery of the Children and Young People's Plan 2014-18. Cabinet accepted the recommendation. An end of year summary is to be submitted to the June meeting with a mid year progress summary provided in December.	Bruce Parvin/Craig Anderson	
Dyslexia services	To receive a report on the support services available for young people with dyslexia and the diagnostic process.	Mary McKenzie/Rachel Hughes	
<i>Education Excellence Everywhere</i> White Paper - update	To provide an update on the <i>Education for All</i> Bill and the issues raised at the meeting in June 2016.	Paul Hanson / Angela James	
Work Programme 2016/17 update	To provide an update on progress against the agreed work programme and to consider what, if any, sub group to establish for the remainder of the year. To include options of a sub group into the Education For All White paper* and Transition from Children's to Adult's Services for disabled looked after children.	Elizabeth Kerr	
20 February 2017 (report deadline - 9 February)			
Apprenticeships update	To receive an update on the Authority's Apprenticeship scheme and how apprenticeships are being offered more widely.	Louise Robson	
Young Women and STEM update	To receive an update on the progress made against the recommendations of the Young Women and STEM Sub Group (reported November 2015 and accepted by Cabinet in February 2016)	Gareth McQuillan, Secondary Science Lead SIS	

Agenda Item	Report	Officer	External representatives
20 March 2017 (report deadline - 9 March)			
Child Sexual Exploitation update	To monitor the situation in North Tyneside regarding CSE and the progress made against the CSE sub groups recommendations.	Kevin Buck	
Early Help and Integrated Locality Teams	To receive a report on the reorganisation of children's centres and other services to deliver the offer in its entirety from a convenient and accessible community based facility and an update on the Troubled Families Programme 2015-2020.	Jill Baker	
Corporate Parenting Plan	Update report on progress.	William Kidd	
Report of the EHE Sub Group	To agree the report of the Elective Home Education Sub Group for submission to Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee.	Emma Fagan	

Also:

- When any proposals as a consequence of the Education Review are made, CES Sub-committee will receive the proposals before any decision is made by Cabinet for their scrutiny and comment.
- Visit to the TyneMet Ignite Centre