

Northumberland County Council

Family and Children's Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Work Programme 2017 - 2018

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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 Quarterly Report
Children Permanently Excluded from School
Schools performance

Issues to be raised:

Responding to the Introduction of National Schools Funding Formula and Education Act - Andy Johnson
Review of Looked After Children
Safeguarding and CSE Update (incl reporting and confidentiality procedures)
Work of the Children's, Adult and Community Safety Safeguarding Boards' Sexual Exploitation Sub Committee - Update
Academisation - white paper
Youth Offending
School Transport Safety

Themed Scrutiny:

Retention and Recruitment of Teachers

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29 June 2017

- Annual Report of the Virtual School Headteacher 2015-16 - including the educational achievement of looked after children
- Post 16 Transport Policy Change
- Regional Adoption Agency Report

20 July 2017

- Finance and Performance Quarterly Report
- Safeguarding Activity Trends
- Themed Scrutiny - Establishment of Teacher Recruitment and Retention Task and Finish Group

8 September 2017

- Education in Belford

21 September 2017

- School Transport Safety
- Northumberland Adult Learning Services Annual Report
- Trans Identity and gender diversity. Supporting young people in Northumberland
- Care Proceedings & Public Law Outline Annual Report
- Special Educational Needs & Disability Strategy

31 October 2017

- Proposed Closure of Acklington Church of England First School
- Consultation process for closing or making changes to Schools

16 November 2017

- Report by the Local Government & Social Care Ombudsman
- Education Infrastructure Contribution Policy
- Northumberland Safeguarding Children's Board (NSCB) Annual Report
- Safeguarding Activity Trends (quarterly report)
- Adoption Agency Annual Report
- Fostering Agency Annual Report
- Regional Adoption Agency Update

6 December 2017

- Update on Academic Outcomes
- Outcomes of consultation on school organisation in Belford
- Education in the West of Northumberland

18 January 2018

- Director of Education & Skills Annual Report
- Principal Social Workers Report
- SIF Improvement Plan
- The role of the Director of Children's Services - Test of Assurance
- School Admission Arrangements for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools for the 2019/20 Academic Year
- Report on the changes to School Funding Arrangements for 2018/19.

6 February 2018

- School Organisation Plan
- Teacher Recruitment & Retention - Report of Task and Finish Group
- Review of School Transport
- Supporting Families in Poverty - name changed from Children in Need
- Elective Home Education
- Finance and Performance - six monthly report

15 March 2018

- Special Educational Needs & Disability Area Outcomes
- Education in the West of Northumberland

3 April 2018

* to be agreed by the Business Chair