

Northumberland County Council

Family and Children's Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Work Programme and Monitoring Report 2019 - 2020

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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

### **Issues to be scheduled**

Teacher Recruitment & Retention T&FWG - Action Plan to be provided  
School Exclusions T&FWG - Report  
Youth Service Review - Report after 1 year of operation  
Outcomes of Haydon Bridge Ofsted - report following next visit  
Schools Resilience Programme in the West of Northumberland - update  
Principal social worker annual report  
ASYE Social Worker Academy  
Adult Learning Services transfer to North of Tyne Combined Authority

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5 August 2019

- Final Business Case for Replacement Buildings for Hadrian Learning Trust Schools

5 September 2019

- Finance and Performance Six Monthly Report
- Care Proceedings and Public Law Outline Annual Report on Progression
- Safeguarding Partnership
- Regional Adoption Agency - update
- Alternative Education Provision

3 October 2019

- Outcomes of SEND Ofsted - update

7 November 2019

- Proposal to extend the age range of West Woodburn First School to become a primary school

5 December 2019

- Northumberland Adult Learning Services Outcome Annual Report
- Fostering Agency Annual Report
- Presentation from Northumberland College following merger with Sunderland College

9 January 2020

- Director of Education Annual Report
- Outcomes of SEND Ofsted - update following submission of Written Statement

6 February 2020

- School Admission Arrangements for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools for the 2021/22 Academic Year
- Annual Test of Assurance

5 March 2020

2 April 2020

- Final Resilience programme report - schools in West

7 May 2020

**New Items to be agreed by Chairmen's Group**

**FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES OSC  
MONITORING REPORT 2019/2020**

| <b>Ref</b> | <b>Date</b> | <b>Report</b>  | <b>Decision</b>   | <b>Outcome</b>   |
|------------|-------------|--|---|--|
| 1          | 06.06.19    | Proposal And Rationale For Changes To Morpeth Children's Centre                                  | 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 11 June 2019. |
| 2          | 06.06.19    | Corporate Parenting Report   | RESOLVED that the progress that had been made in relation to the Corporate Parenting Strategy and the work plan be noted.   | No further action required.  |
| 3          | 06.06.19    | Annual Report of the Virtual School Headteacher 2017-2018  | RESOLVED that:-<br><br>1. The positive education outcomes be noted; and<br>2. The increasing strengths and improvement over time of Northumberland's Virtual School be noted. | No further action required.  |
| 4          | 06.06.19    | Peer Challenge - Care Leavers Service  | RESOLVED that the contents of the report be noted.  | No further action required.  |
| 5          | 06.06.19    | Twelve Month MASH Review   | RESOLVED that the contents of the report be noted.  | No further action required.  |
| 6          | 04.07.19    | Outcomes of consultation on extending age ranges of Whitley Memorial CE & West End First Schools | 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 9 July 2019.  |

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| 7  | 04.07.19 | School Reorganisation Plan 2018-2021 - Annual Update                 | 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 9 July 2019. |
| 8  | 04.07.19 | Safeguarding Activity Trends (Six Monthly Report)                    | RESOLVED that the contents of the report be noted.   | No further action required.   |
| 9  | 04.07.19 | CIN Census Benchmarking (Safeguarding Activity Trends Annual Report) | RESOLVED that the contents of the report be noted.   | No further action required.   |
| 10 | 04.07.19 | Elective Home Education  | RESOLVED that:-<br><br>(1) The improvements which had been made since July 2018 in processes to identify, monitor, support and safeguard families in Northumberland who electively home educate their children be noted; and<br>(2) The on-going concerns regarding potential impact on safeguarding and education outcomes for children be noted. | No further action identified.   |
| 11 | 04.07.19 | Outcomes of SEND Ofsted - update                                     | RESOLVED that:-<br><br>(1) The contents of the report be noted; and<br>(2) The ongoing developments be recognised  | No further action identified. The Committee will continue to receive update reports.                        |
| 12 | 04.07.19 | Summer Activities and Holiday Hunger                                 | RESOLVED that the information be noted.  | No further action identified.   |