

# 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  
Joint Targeted Area Inspection

### **Issues to be raised:**

#### **Themed Scrutiny:**

School Exclusions

#### **Issues to be scheduled**

Teacher Recruitment & Retention T&FWG - Action Plan to be provided  
The Education Challenge

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7 January 2021

**Pre-scrutiny:** National Funding Formula and 2021/22 School Funding  
Annual Report of the Principal Social Worker  
Education Improvement Board  
Tootoot Briefing  
Finance and Performance Report

4 February 2021

**Pre-scrutiny:** School Admission Arrangements for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools for the 2022/2023 Academic Year  
**Pre-scrutiny:** Update on School Reorganisation Plan  
Adult Learning Service Annual Report: Learning and Skills Service Draft Self-Assessment  
Update on School Exclusions Action Plan  
Winter Support Grant (Inc Free School Meals)  
Schools Forum Summary of Decisions

4 March 2021

Director of Education Annual Report: Key Educational Outcomes – 2019-2020 Academic Year  
Update on Capital Investment in Schools  
Elective Home Education

1 April 2021

Mental Health Support in Schools

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

Ref	Date	Report	Decision	Outcome
1	6 June 2019	<b>Proposal And Rationale For Changes To Morpeth Children's Centre</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> 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	6 June 2019	<b>Corporate Parenting Report</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> 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	6 June 2019	<b>Annual Report of the Virtual School Headteacher 2017-2018</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that:- 1. The positive education outcomes be noted; and 2. The increasing strengths and improvement over time of Northumberland's Virtual School be noted.	No further action required.
4	6 June 2019	<b>Peer Challenge - Care Leavers Service</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the contents of the report be noted.	No further action required.
5	6 June 2019	<b>Twelve Month MASH Review</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the contents of the report be noted.	No further action required.
6	4 July 2019	<b>Outcomes of consultation on extending age ranges of Whitley Memorial CE &amp; West End First Schools</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> 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.
7	4 July 2019	<b>School Reorganisation Plan 2018-2021 - Annual Update</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> 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	4 July 2019	<b>Safeguarding Activity Trends (Six Monthly Report)</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the contents of the report be noted.	No further action required.
9	4 July 2019	<b>CIN Census Benchmarking (Safeguarding Activity Trends Annual Report)</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the contents of the report be noted.	No further action required.
10	4 July 2019	<b>Elective Home Education</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that: 1. The improvements which had been made since July 2018 in processes to identify, monitor,	No further action identified.

			support and safeguard families in Northumberland who electively home educate their children be noted; and 2. The on-going concerns regarding potential impact on safeguarding and education outcomes for children be noted.	
11	4 July 2019	<b>Outcomes of SEND Ofsted - update</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that:- 1. The contents of the report be noted; and 2. The ongoing developments be recognised	No further action identified. The Committee will continue to receive update reports.
12	4 July 2019	<b>Summer Activities and Holiday Hunger</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the information be noted.	No further action identified.
13	5 August 2019	<b>Ofsted Joint Targeted Area Inspection 17 - 21 June</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the report be noted.	No further action identified.
14	5 August 2019	<b>Final Business Case for Replacement Buildings for Hadrian Learning Trust Schools</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the Cabinet be advised that the committee supports the recommendations in the report.	Cabinet considered the recommendation of the OSC when determining the report at its meeting on 6 August 2019.
15	5 September 2019	<b>Proposal to extend the age ranges of Bedlington Whitley Memorial CE and West End First Schools</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> 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 10 September 2019.
16	5 September 2019	<b>Expansion of Whytrig Middle, Horton Grange Primary and New Delaval Primary Schools</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> 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 10 September 2019.
17	5 September 2019	<b>Alternative Education Provision</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> 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 10 September 2019.
18	5 September 2019	<b>Finance and Performance Six Monthly Report</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the current performance be noted with no further issues identified for further scrutiny at this time.	No further action identified.
19	5 September 2019	<b>Care Proceedings and Public Law Outline Annual Report on Progression</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the information be noted with no further issues identified for further scrutiny at this time.	No further action identified.
20	5 September 2019	<b>Adopt North East</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that:- The information in the report be noted; and	Further report to be provided in March 2020 to include details of the success, effectiveness and value for money.

			The Director of Adult Services and Children's Services provide a report in March 2020 detailing the success, effectiveness and value for money of Adopt North East.	
21	16 September 2019	<b>Outcome of the Outline Business Case for the Haltwhistle Primary School Provision for Wise Academy Trust</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> 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 17 September 2019.
22	3 October 2019	<b>Annual Report of the Principal Social Worker</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the Committee note the contents of the report and acknowledge the work completed over the year.	No further action required.
23	3 October 2019	<b>Outcomes of SEND Ofsted - update</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the contents of the report be noted.	No further action required.
24	3 October 2019	<b>Exclusions Task and Finish Working Group Report</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that The content of the report be noted; and Costed recommendations from the Exclusions Task and Finish Working Group be presented to the Committee for their decision on how to take them forward.	Further report to be presented to Committee in November 2019.
25	27 November 2019	<b>Proposal to extend the age range of West Woodburn First School to become a primary school with effect from 1 September 2020</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that Cabinet be advised that this Committee supported the recommendations outlined in the report.	Cabinet considered the recommendation of the OSC when determining the report at its meeting on 2 December 2019.
26	27 November 2019	<b>The Development of Additionally Resourced Provision (ARP) for Pupils with SEND in Northumberland</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> 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 2 December 2019.
27	27 November 2019	<b>Key Education Outcomes - 2018-19 Academic Year</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that: 1. Cabinet be advised that this Committee supported the recommendation as outlined in the report; and 2. A report on pupil premium funding be provided at a future meeting.	Cabinet considered the recommendation of the OSC when determining the report at its meeting on 2 December 2019. A final report will be brought to the OSC in the new year.
28	27 November 2019	<b>Report of the Exclusions Task and Finish Working Group</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that: 1. The contents of the report be noted; 2. The recommendations of the report be noted; 3. The report to be forwarded to Cabinet for their consideration on 10 December 2019.	Cabinet considered the recommendation of the OSC when determining the report at its meeting on 10 December 2019.

29	5 December 2019	<b>Report of The Independent Chair of The Northumberland Safeguarding Children Board (Nscb)</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The content of the Northumberland Safeguarding Children Board final Annual Report be noted; and</li> <li>2. The Committee noted that the Northumberland Safeguarding Children Board had now been replaced by the Sub regional Strategic Safeguarding Partnership and the Northumberland Safeguarding Children Committee as set out in the Children and Social Work Act 2017.</li> </ol>	No further action identified.
30	5 December 2019	<b>The Annual Report of Northumberland County Council Fostering Service 2018-2019</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that:- <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The contents of the report be noted; and</li> <li>2. Members acknowledged the report and performance information in regard to the period April 2018 - March 2019.</li> </ol>	No further action identified.
31	9 January 2020	<b>School Funding 2020-21 (National Funding Formula)</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that:- <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The contents of the report be noted;</li> <li>2. The recommendations of the report be noted;</li> <li>3. The report to be forwarded to Cabinet for their consideration on 14 January 2020.</li> </ol>	Cabinet considered the recommendation of the OSC when determining the report at its meeting on 14 January 2020.
32	9 January 2020	<b>Presentation from Northumberland College following merger with Sunderland College</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the information provided be noted	A future report to given towards the end of 2020
33	9 January 2020	<b>Children Social Care and Universal Credit</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the position regarding access to universal credit data and the ongoing work being undertaken within the local authority on this issue be noted.	No further action identified
34	9 January 2020	<b>Young Carers</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the information provided be noted and the proposed changes to the provision of services to young carers be supported.	No further action identified
35	6 February 2020	<b>School Admission Arrangements for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools for the 2021/22 Academic Year</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that Cabinet be advised that this Committee supported the recommendations in the report.	Cabinet considered the recommendation of the OSC when determining the report at its meeting on 11 February 2020.



36	6 February 2020	<b>Annual Test of Assurance</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the arrangements for discharging the role of Director of Children's Services passed the "test of assurance" required by statutory guidance.	No further action identified
37	6 February 2020	<b>Learning and Skills Service Draft Self-Assessment for 2018/19</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the report be noted.	No further action identified
38	6 February 2020	<b>SEND: Progress Update on the Written Statement of Action</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the contents of the report and ongoing developments be noted.	No further action identified
39	5 March 2020	<b>Ofsted: Inspection of Local Authority Children's Services</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the content of the report and the findings of the associated Ofsted report are noted.	No further action identified
40	5 March 2020	<b>Director of Education Annual Report: Key Education Outcomes - 2018-19 Academic Year</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. the contents of the report be noted; and</li> <li>2. a report providing an analysis of the use of Pupil Premium Funding be provided.</li> </ul>	No further action identified
41	5 March 2020	<b>Youth Service Review - Report following one year of operation</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the content of the report and the positive steps taken to implement the review be noted.	No further action identified
42	5 March 2020	<b>ASYE Academy Evaluation</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the information be noted.	No further action identified
43	5 March 2020	<b>West Woodburn - Outcomes of Informal Consultation</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that Cabinet be advised that this Committee supported the recommendations in the report.	Cabinet considered the recommendation of the OSC when determining the report at its meeting on 10 March 2020.
44	7 May 2020	<b>Outcomes of statutory consultation on a proposal to close West Woodburn First School</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> 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 7 May 2020.
45	16 July 2020	<b>Current Performance</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. the information in the report be noted;</li> <li>2. further information regarding exclusion levels be provided.</li> </ul>	Further information regarding exclusion levels be provided at a future date
46	16 July 2020	<b>Missing, Slavery, Exploitation and Trafficking Report (MSET)</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The report and range of support be noted.</li> <li>2. A breakdown of the figure for children vulnerable</li> </ul>	A breakdown of the figure for children vulnerable to exploitation in the Blyth or Cramlington locality be provided for each area.

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47	16 July 2020	<b>JTAI Action Plan</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the information be noted.	No further action
48	16 July 2020	<b>Northumberland Inspection of Local Authority Children's Services (ILACS) Action Plan</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the submission and content of the action plan be noted along with progress made since the inspection	No further action
49	16 July 2020	<b>Covid-19 - Northumberland County Council Response</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the reports on Northumberland County Council's response and recovery be received.	Further COVID 19 updates to be given to the committee
50	16 July 2020	<b>Covid-19 - Planning for Recovery in Northumberland</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the reports on Northumberland County Council's response and recovery be received.	Further COVID 19 updates to be given to the committee
51	17 September	<b>COVID Update</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the information be noted	Further COVID 19 updates to be given to the committee
52	17 September	<b>Pupil Premium Funding</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the content of the report be noted	No further action
53	17 September	<b>Complaints Annual Report 2019/2020 - Adult social care, children's social care, and continuing health care services</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the content of the report be noted	No further action
54	1 October	<b>COVID-19 Update</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the information be noted.	Further COVID 19 updates to be given to the committee
55	5 November	<b>COVID Recovery Report</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the information be noted.	Further updates to be given when necessary

56	5 November	<b>SEND Recovery Plan</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the information be noted.	No further action
57	3 December	<b>Care Proceedings and Public Law Outline Annual Report on Progression</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the contents of the report be noted.	No further action
58	3 December	<b>Northumberland Safeguarding Children Board Annual Report</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The contents of the report be noted;</li> <li>2. A report on the mental health programmes and support offers in schools and the wider community be brought to a future meeting; and</li> <li>3. A report to include data on the numbers of MSET children would be brought to a future meeting.</li> </ul>	A report on the mental health programmes and support offers in schools and the wider community be brought to a future meeting and a report to include data on the numbers of MSET children would be brought to a future meeting
59	3 December	<b>Free School Meals Presentation</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the information be noted.	Future report to return to the committee in February under Winter Support Grant