

Lancashire County Council

Children's Services Scrutiny Committee

Wednesday, 20th April, 2016 at 4.30 pm in Cabinet Room 'C' - The Duke of Lancaster Room, County Hall, Preston

Agenda

Part I (Open to Press and Public)

No. Item

1. **Apologies**
2. **Disclosure of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests**

Members are asked to consider any Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests they may have to disclose to the meeting in relation to matters under consideration on the Agenda.
3. **Minutes from the meeting held on 9 March 2016** (Pages 1 - 6)
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6. **Youth Offending Team** (Pages 15 - 22)
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8. **Work plan** (Pages 25 - 30)
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10. **Urgent Business**

An item of urgent business may only be considered under this heading where, by reason of special circumstances to be recorded in the Minutes, the Chair of the meeting is of the opinion that the item should be considered at the meeting as a matter of urgency. Wherever possible, the Chief Executive should be given advance warning of any Member's intention to raise a matter under this heading.

11. Date of the Next Meeting

Next meeting of the Committee to take place on the 7th
September 2016 at 4.30pm, Cabinet Room C, County
Hall, Preston

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Lancashire County Council

Children's Services Scrutiny Committee

Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday, 9th March, 2016 at 4.30 pm in Cabinet Room 'C' - The Duke of Lancaster Room, County Hall, Preston

Present:

County Councillor Gina Dowding (Chair)

County Councillors

Mrs S Charles	D T Smith
M Devaney	C Dereli
G Gooch	J Gibson
M Otter	Dr M Hassan
M Dad	

Co-opted members

Sarah Barraclough, Children's Partnership Board - Preston
Terri Hacking, Children's Partnership Board - Burnley and Pendle
Debra Wilson, Children's Partnership Board - Chorley, South Ribble and West Lincs
Elaine Shinks, Children's Partnership Board - Hyndburn, Rossendale and Ribble Valley

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Alice Marquiss-Carr.

2. Appointment of Chair and Deputy Chair

Resolved: Noted the appointment of County Councillor Gina Dowding as Chair and County Councillor Susie Charles as Deputy Chair.

3. Terms of Reference and Membership

Clarification was sought around the role of the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee in relation to the Health Scrutiny Committee. It was confirmed that any health services relating to children and young people would now fall under the remit of this Committee.

It was noted that a Youth Council representative had been requested and officers awaited confirmation. The Committee were also informed that all other

representation outlined in the terms of reference and membership had been confirmed.

Resolved: Noted the terms of reference and membership of the Committee.

4. Disclosure of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

Terri Hacking and Debra Wilson declared a general interest relating to their roles within children's services.

5. Children's Partnership Board Representatives - Services Overview

Sarah Barraclough, Head teacher at Ashton Primary School

Sarah presented information to the Committee on Child Protection and Safeguarding (from a primary school Head teacher's point of view) with questions taken from members.

Sarah discussed some of the ongoing communication issues around children's social care referrals, information sharing and IT systems (functionality of schools portal and data protection).

Although, where social workers were based in schools, considerable difference had been made to communication and information sharing.

Debra confirmed that a pilot was due to take place in Rossendale to look at the outcomes from referrals which would then be emailed to the safeguarding team in Lancashire Care Foundation Trust (LCFT) and if successful, this would be rolled out further.

Sarah also highlighted the issues around support services which included school nurses and the frequency of meeting attendance.

Debra reported that work was being undertaken by LCFT to look at the appropriateness of school nurses attending meetings which should help.

The Committee was informed that there had been general concerns around supervision for staff who worked with very challenging children which had yet to be embedded in schools, and this continued to be the case.

Sarah confirmed that these concerns had been raised at the school cluster meetings (for West Preston), however the concerns may not be mirrored at the same level across the county as Ashton Primary School was based in a particularly challenging area.

Terri Hacking, Children's Services Manager for Action for Children

Members were informed that Action for Children was a childcare provider in Lancashire with two children's centres in Burnley.

Across the two children's centres, Terri reported the reach was in excess of more than 1000 children and that they had been required to register those children at the children's centres. The average was reported to be at 108% (due to transient areas).

Terri highlighted some of the services currently available through the children's centres, which included:

- Identification of families pre-birth through the health agreement in place
- Working closely with children's social care to provide support to families
- Link with Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) through referrals
- Link with families and agencies through Common Assessment Framework (CAF)
- Health visitors support through baby clinics
- Engagement with BME communities through a diverse team of staff
- Working with families through the Continuum of Need levels
- Working with families with special educational needs and neglect

It was noted that children's centres formed a strong element of children's services, which was highlighted in the recent Ofsted inspection. Terri confirmed that concerns had been raised that this could change as a result of the transformation as services became more targeted (with the exception of health visitors and school nurses).

Debra Wilson, Service Line Clinical Lead for Universal Services, Lancashire Care Foundation Trust (LCFT)

Debra provided an overview to the Committee of the Universal Services within LCFT which included:

- 18 Child and Family Health Service teams
- Family Nurse Partnership in Preston and Burnley providing an advanced parenting programme
- Immunisation and vaccination teams (for school age immunisations)
- School nurses services which included the Healthy Child Programme with screening at reception and an offer of contact at Years 6 and 9
- Early help offer with therapeutic work available
- Work with CAMHS workers
- Domestic abuse notifications
- Lead Professional work for CAF particularly for under 5s
- Looked after children

In addition, Debra advised that there was a health visitor universal service available which included five mandated visits and support to parents around perinatal mental health and post-natal depression.

Debra confirmed that there had been and continued to be concerns around information sharing. It was conveyed that a Tier 2 information sharing agreement assisted with the process but noted that this was time consuming, particularly

around the sharing of information with schools where individual agreements for each school needed to be signed.

A positive working relationship was ongoing with children's social care although communication remained a concern. In addition there existed a difference between the practitioner threshold requirements and that of children's social care.

The Committee was informed that Elective Home Education (EHE) children continued to form part of the school nurse contract to delivers services.

Debra confirmed that in the instance that any safeguarding issues where a health visitor visit had been declined would be escalated to children's social care through discussion with GP's, midwives etc.

Elaine Shinks, Community Rehabilitation Company, Sodexo

Elaine reported that The Probation Service had been split into two service areas. The National Probation Service (public sector) provided the reports to courts, and dealt with the most high risk offenders. It was also confirmed that the National Probation Service defined the level of risk.

It was reported that the private sector service area worked with low to medium risk offenders and these could include offences against children, domestic abuse and substance misuse. In addition they also worked with women's centres and had staff who delivered services through these centres.

Members were informed that there was no direct responsibility for children, although the service could be part of the child protection plan and would therefore work alongside this. In addition, the service received children's details on first contact and would inform children's social care.

There had been, it was conveyed, varying experiences with children's social care and it was felt that communication had deteriorated between agencies.

Moreover, it was explained that there were very clear protocols around data protection, particularly in cases of safeguarding.

The Chair thanked all of the speakers for their informative presentations.

Resolved: To identify the issues raised from the four presentations to feedback to the Children's Services Directors and the Post Inspection Improvement Board

6. Draft Work Plan

The draft work plan was circulated with the agenda for discussion and recommendations.

Due to the number of transformation projects taking place across many of the children's services areas, it was recommended that it would not be beneficial to

discuss these service areas until they had been completed. However, it was noted that it would be beneficial to look at the services which were currently working well to ensure that there was no reduction in the quality of services.

The Committee were informed that information received from Louise Taylor indicated that the Youth Offending Team (YOT) and the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) services were due for an Ofsted inspection. The Committee discussed the benefits of looking at these two services through sub group work to be further clarified at the next meeting in April.

It was recommended that the two sub groups could utilise the two meeting dates currently in the diaries for June and July for this Committee if needed and a brief report outlining the aims, information and outcomes to the September meeting of the full Committee.

It was then recommended that the Fostering and Adoption service could be discussed at the September meeting.

Resolved:

- i. Committee noted the report and the draft work plan
- ii. Work plan to be updated following discussions held
- iii. Officers from SEND and YOT services to attend the meeting in April to give Committee overview of services
- iv. Review the information which has previously been presented to the Education Scrutiny Committee
- v. Volunteers for the two sub groups to Wendy Broadley prior to the next meeting
- vi. Meeting dates booked for June and July to be utilised for the sub group work if required
- vii. Next full Committee meeting to take place in April and then to meet on a quarterly basis with the following meeting in September

7. Recent and Forthcoming Decisions

The Committee's attention was drawn to forthcoming decisions and decisions recently made by the Cabinet and individual Cabinet Members in areas relevant to the remit of the Committee, in order that this could inform possible future areas of work.

Resolved: Committee noted the report.

8. Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business declared.

The Chair informed members that the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee have been approached to take part in an e-learning pilot which included a package of online training for Safeguarding Level 1, Safeguarding Level 2 and

Child Sexual Exploitation. It was explained that an email from Catherine Earnshaw would be circulated with further detail in due course.

Resolved: Committee agreed to take part in the e-learning pilot

9. Date of the Next Meeting

Next meeting of the Committee to be held on the 20th April at 4.30pm, Cabinet Room C, County Hall

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Children's Services Scrutiny Committee

Meeting to be held on Wednesday, 20 April 2016

Electoral Division affected:
(All Divisions);

Newton Consultants

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Executive Summary

Newton Consultants were commissioned to complete an eight week assessment to look at the breadth and width of children's services through an assessment to identify areas where improvements can be made.

Officers will provide the Committee with a presentation which will highlight progress made and update members with a synopsis of their findings.

Recommendation

The Committee is asked to note and comment on the presentation

Background and Advice

The assessment undertaken by Newton Consultants used an approach that took information from various sources which included:

- 14 days of live study with practitioners
- Over 2000 days of tick sheet studies – feedback suggested that practitioners were very engaged in the assessment
- 375 cases were reviewed
- Historical complete case data over the last 2-3 years
- Interviews with local teams

The scope of the review was to assess the end to end process looking at the pathway and resources.

From the 350 cases reviewed, almost half could have an improved pathway through reduction in drift and delay, improved effectiveness of work and improved threshold decisions.

The Officers will deliver a presentation to the Committee that will provide members with a summary of their findings.

Consultations

N/A

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

No significant risk management issues apply.

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List of Background Papers**

Paper	Date	Contact/Tel
n/a	n/a	n/a

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

Children's Services Scrutiny Committee

Meeting to be held on Wednesday, 20 April 2016

Electoral Division affected:

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities

(Appendix A refers)

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Executive Summary

Attached at Appendix A is a summary on the background of the SEND service to be presented by Brendan Lee, Head of Service Special Educational Needs and Disabilities.

Members were informed at the Committee meeting on 9 March that SEND was a service due shortly to be inspected by Ofsted and it was agreed that prior to an in-depth review the Committee would be provided with an overview of the service to enable them to consider which area would benefit from further scrutiny.

Recommendation

The Children's Services Scrutiny Committee is asked to consider and agree which area of the SEND service they will review through a sub group of the Committee.

Background and Advice

Special Educational Needs and Disability leads the Council's responsibility in implementing and meeting the statutory requirements for children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND).

The Service has four key functions that are covered by integrated teams for:

- Integrated Assessment and Monitoring
- Children with Disabilities
- Educational Psychology
- Specialist Inclusion Teachers.

Brendan Lee, Head of Service Special Educational Needs and Disabilities will present a briefing paper (attached as Appendix A) which sets out the background to the service and highlights aspects of the Ofsted inspection process.

The Committee will be asked to form a sub group to undertake a detailed review of part of the service and report back the findings to the September Committee meeting.

Consultations

N/A

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

This report has no significant risk implications

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Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

Appendix A

Special Educational Needs and Disability leads the Council's responsibility in implementing and meeting the statutory requirements for children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND).

The Service is split into 3 area teams:

- Central (Preston, Chorley, South Ribble and West Lancashire)
- East (Burnley, Pendle, Hyndburn, Rossendale and Ribble Valley)
- North (Lancaster, Fylde and Wyre).

The Senior Managers for each of the areas also have responsibility for overseeing an element of service delivery in addition to their other key functions.

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- Children with Disabilities
- Educational Psychology
- Specialist Inclusion Teachers.

Integrated Assessment and Monitoring:

The Integrated Assessment and Monitoring (I.A.M.) team have the statutory responsibility for the identification, assessment and monitoring of special educational needs and/or disabilities for children and young people aged 0-25.

This involves:

- Carrying out Statutory Integrated Assessment of Education, Health and Care needs and where appropriate co-producing Education, Health and Care Plans (EHC Plans) with parents and other professionals, with outcomes that meet identified needs.
- Determining the type and level of provision required to meet identified need and achieve outcomes.
- The review and monitoring of existing SEND through the annual review process and considers whether the identified needs and provision required to meet these is still appropriate.
- Ensuring effective transitions for all children and young people with SEND.
- Responding to priority correspondence where appropriate.
- Attending mediation to try to resolve issues with parents.
- Continuing work with parents, preparing the Local Authority case and attendance at SENDIST Tribunals, where appropriate, following the lodging of an appeal.
- Providing support and advice to schools, other settings, young people and families around issues relating to SEND.

- Undertaking the role of "critical friend" to schools and other settings around issues relating to SEND.

Children with Disabilities:

The Children with Disabilities (CwD) team carries out the full range of statutory duties in relation to assessment, Child Protection, care proceedings, Children Looked After, Children in Need, Leaving Care and disability legislation for young people and their families who have a severe level of disability.

This involves:

- High quality assessment and planning.
- Ensuring that children, young people and families are involved in decision making.
- Enabling and monitoring effective safeguarding practices.
- The negotiation, co-ordination, provision and commission of services.

Educational Psychology:

The Educational Psychology (E.P.) team carry out a range of functions to support the Local Authority in identifying children and young people with SEND needs.

This involves:

- The provision of advice and information to support early intervention and / or prior to a request for statutory assessment being made.
- Liaison with other professionals.
- The assessment and clear identifications of SEND needs as part of the statutory integrated assessment process.
- The provision of advice and interventions as to how these needs can be met.
- Supporting the Local Authority in decisions regarding the placement of children and young people who may need specialist provision.
- Participating in the annual review process, where appropriate.
- Participation in mediation and Tribunals, where appropriate.
- Critical incident Support Team offering support to schools and settings experiencing traumatic events beyond their usual capacity to cope.

Specialist Inclusion Teachers:

The Specialist Inclusion Teacher Team (S.I.T.) enable the Local Authority to meet its statutory duties in the provision of early identification, advice, support and intervention of SEND.

This involves:

- Specialist support and assessment of children and young people 0-25.

- Early Years specialist teachers and Higher Level Teaching Assistants who provide support, advice and assessment for children attending nurseries and schools.
- Advice to Private, Voluntary and Independent settings through the area SENCo.
- Support for settings where children are in receipt of Additional inclusion Support funding or who have a Statement or EHCP.
- Portage – home visiting, advice and support for families with children of pre-school age with SEND.
- Specialist support and advice for families with pre-school children with hearing impairment, visual impairment or multi-sensory impairment.
- The provision of advice, support and assessment for settings, schools and colleges with children or young people with Hearing Impairment, Visual Impairment, Multi-Sensory Impairment, Autistic Spectrum Disorder and Physical Difficulties.

Inspection:

Ofsted and the CQC are proposing to inspect local areas on the implementation of the SEND reforms from May 2016. Although the inspection report will be narrative, it is expected that there will be follow up action to these.

- The Inspections will begin in May 2016.
- Previous Inspection (CSC) outcomes will be taken into consideration when determining the order in which LAs will be inspected.
- The inspections will take place on a 5 year cycle.
- The outcome of the inspection will be a narrative report however, there may be follow up activity.
- The Inspection team will have a core of 1 HMI, 1 CQC Inspector and 1 LA Inspector. However, this may increase to reflect the size and complexity of the LA being inspected.
- The Inspectors will be looking at the implementation of the SEND reforms within the local area since September 2014 and will consider 0-25 and those at SEN Support and with a EHC Plan / SSEN.
- Inspectors will also consider those Electively Home Educated and those placed out of the area.
- Inspectors are likely to visit:
 - 3 Early Years settings
 - 3 primary schools (including some special but not all)
 - 3 secondary schools (including some special but not all)
 - 3 FE Colleges
- They will ask safeguarding questions at the providers.
- There will be individual case tracking across services.
- The inspectors will use the data available locally and nationally to define the inspection.

Children's Services Scrutiny Committee

Meeting to be held on Wednesday, 20 April 2016

Electoral Division affected:

Youth Offending Team

(Appendices A and B refers)

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Executive Summary

Attached at Appendix A is a summary on the background of the YOT service to be presented by Barbara Bath, Head of Service Adoption, Fostering and Residential YOT.

Members were informed at the Committee meeting on 9 March that YOT was a service due shortly to be inspected by Ofsted and it was agreed that prior to an in-depth review the Committee would be provided with an overview of the service to enable them to consider which area would benefit from further scrutiny.

Recommendation

The Children's Services Scrutiny Committee is asked to consider and agree which area of the YOT service they will review through a sub group of the Committee

Background and Advice

Attached at Appendix A is a briefing that informs members of Children's Services Scrutiny Committee of the current position of Lancashire Youth Offending Team, including; governance, finance (see also Appendix B), performance and service delivery, service developments and challenges to service delivery.

Barbara Bath, Head of Service Adoption, Fostering and Residential YOT will present the report to the Committee

The Committee will be asked to form a sub group to consider which area of the service will be subject to a review. The sub group will report its findings to the September Committee.

Consultations

N/A

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

This report has no significant risk implications

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Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate		

YOT briefing for Children's Services Scrutiny Committee

Subject: Lancashire Youth Offending Team (LYOT) Position Statement

Purpose: To inform members of Children's Services Scrutiny Committee of the current position of Lancashire Youth Offending Team, to include; governance, finance, performance and service delivery, service developments and challenges to service delivery.

Governance

LYOT is governed by Lancashire's Youth Justice Management Board (YJMB) chaired by Bob Stott, Director of Education Schools and Care. The board has representation from Lancashire County Council, the Youth Justice Board (YJB), Police, Police and Crime Commissioner, Health, Probation, Community Rehabilitation Company and Courts. The purpose of the Board is to oversee the performance, financial management, effective partnership working and service delivery. The YJMB ensures timely submission of data, compliance with secure estate placement information, completion of national standards audits and reviewing community safeguarding and public protection incidents.

Performance and service delivery

The service priorities for LYOT are to provide a service to children and young people age between the ages of 10-17 years and their families to prevent and reduce offending behaviour. LYOT also provides restorative justice services to the victims of the young people referred.

The national targets for Youth Offending Services are;

- To reduce first time entrants to the criminal justice system.
- To reduce re offending.
- To reduce the number of young people in custodial settings.

The current performance for first time entrants into the youth justice system demonstrates reducing numbers, this has been consistent for a number of years. LYOT's performance is better than comparators i.e. regional, national and family YOTs and places LYOT in the top 25% of all YOTs in England and Wales.

Although LYOT has seen the reducing numbers of young people entering the youth justice system, those young people who remain in the system have the most complex needs and often the most challenging ingrained behaviour and reoffending remains an issue. The number of young people who are high risk to themselves or to the public remain high. For example there have been 5 serious incidents within the last 4 months where young people known to the YOT have made serious attempts at suicide.

The % of reoffenders in the overall population of offenders has recently increased significantly and stands at 41.3% of the total cohort for the period Apr 13 to Mar 14. This places Lancashire YOT in the third quartile of all YOTs. The high percentage reflects there being less young people in the system, and, those remaining in the youth justice system being those with more complex needs and challenging behaviour. It is worth noting that the absolute number of young people who are reoffending in Lancashire has been reducing across the County since 2008.

Lancashire YOT are now in the second year of a three year national Reducing Reoffending Project. As part of the second year, LYOT have commissioned a PHD student to undertake research and learning to support reducing reoffending.

The performance of reducing the use of custody have been excellent and stable for many years now. The current rate for Jan 15 to Dec 15 is 0.56 per 1,000 population of 10-17 year olds.

Currently, there are 26 young people from Lancashire placed in custody (5 remanded to custody and 21 sentenced to custody). Due to the closure of Hindley YOI the majority of young people are now placed in Wetherby YOI, this creates additional pressures for young people and their families in respect of contact, access to YOT staff and attendance at Court.

Service Developments

LYOT is in the process of implementing a nationally revised assessment system 'AssetPlus', this has been the most fundamental change to the Youth Justice system since the implementation of YOT's. LYOT is to go live with the new system this summer. LYOT have heavily invested in the preparation for AssetPlus. Social Workers have been trained to train and support staff across the County. The forecast benefits of AssetPlus to young people are: a more efficient and better quality assessment, leading to better quality plans and improved outcomes.

Lancashire's YJMB have temporarily appointed a LYOT Health Co-ordinator to oversee the delivery of the LYOT's Health Improvement plan. Significant developments have been progressed including a new consultation service from Speech and Language Therapists, the early implementation of AssetPlus screening tools for physical and mental health, communication, and use of alcohol. A health performance framework has been developed and outcomes are now reported to the YJMB and Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCG). YOT Health clinics are in development where all young people new to the service will receive a comprehensive health assessment with pathways in place to all relevant health services.

The Ministry of Justice (MoJ) are currently reviewing the Youth Justice system with the focus on reducing offending and improving education for those young people who offend. The interim feedback is that improvements are required in the secure estate. The final report is due in July 2016.

HMI for Probation who have responsibility for inspecting YOT's have undertaken an annual review of YOT services with young people. 126 young people known to LYOT completed the survey in 2015-16. Overall the feedback is extremely positive. A headline quote from the survey:- 'Respondents were asked a number of questions about their overall view of the YOT and whether it had helped them to stop offending children and young people were overwhelmingly positive.

Challenges

The impact of financial challenge to the authority and reducing budget over the years to LYOT has and will bring significant challenges to service delivery, in particular parenting support, and prevention of offending. LYOT will rely on external services for this provision, previously grant funding enabled these services to be delivered in house. The challenge remains in developing an effective and consistent pathway to LCC's Well-being, Prevention and Early Help service, a service which is itself is undergoing a transformation. The reduction in resources in LYOT include a reduction in managers, business support, performance and information staff and front line practitioners.

LYOT is currently undergoing a restructure, to be implemented by the 1 September 2016.

Finance arrangements

The YOT's budget is a pooled budget with partnership contributions from Lancashire County Council, Youth Justice Board, Police, Probation and Health. There is no prescriptive model for partnership contributions. Below is a table of partner contributions over the last 5 years. The National Probation Service have recently undergone a national review. The outcome for LYOT will be a reduction in the contribution of seconded Probation Officers from the current 7 to 4.

Summary of Key Points

- Performance within LYOT is positive with year on year reductions in the numbers of first time offenders and the number of young people who reoffend.
- The complexities and risk factors of the cohort of young people who do reoffend is however high.
- Youth Justice Services are undergoing a nation review, the recommendations of which should be known in the summer months.
- Reducing resources will impact on service delivery, particularly in respect of parenting support and prevention, and, YOT Social Work caseloads. The service is undergoing a restructure to be fully implemented this summer.

Appendix B

YOT Partnership Funding

Funding Partner	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
LCC (incl Bail Support)	£2,578,000	£2,578,000	£2,053,000	£1,945,000	£1,305,000
YJB	£1,918,751	£1,619,215	£1,619,215	£1,337,925	£1,003,444
Police	£153,600	£153,600	£153,600	£155,100	£155,100
Health	£232,922	£232,076	£232,076	£232,076	£232,076
Total	£4,883,273	£4,582,891	£4,057,891	£3,670,101	£2,695,620

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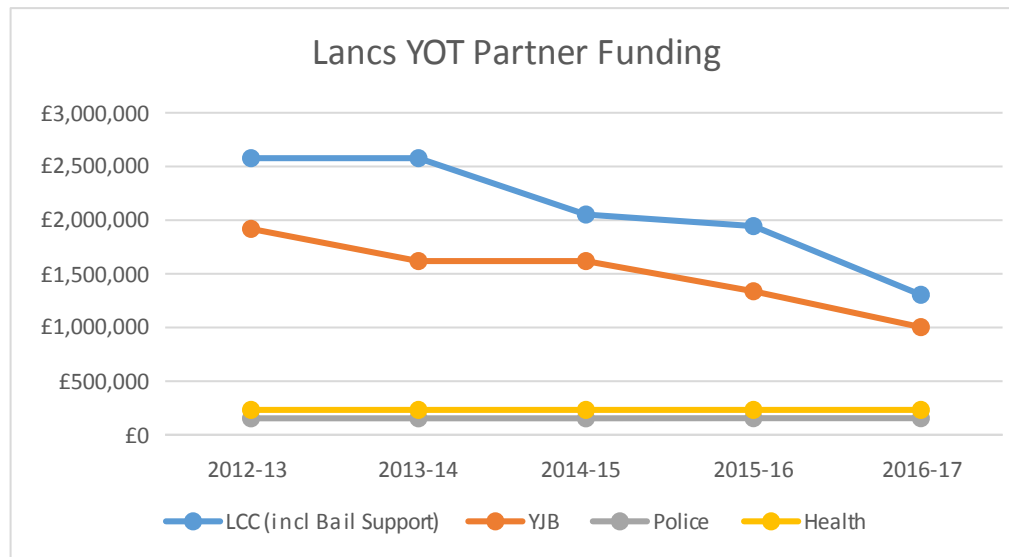
excludes Probation funding, verbal explanation to be provided

Also, excludes minor grants:

YJB Restorative Justice

YJB Unpaid Works Orders

YJB Junior Attendance Centres



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Electoral Division affected:
(All Divisions);

Update from the Chair

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Executive Summary

The Committee will receive an oral update from CC Gina Dowding as Chair of the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee on recent activities undertaken on behalf of the Committee

Recommendation

The Committee is asked to note and comment on the update from the Chair

Background and Advice

County Councillor Gina Dowding and County Councillor Susie Charles as Chair and Deputy Chair of the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee often attend a number of meetings on behalf of the Committee to gather additional information on topics for scrutiny. The Committee will receive an oral update from the Chair on recent activity at each Committee meeting

Consultations

n/a

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

There are no risk management implications within the report

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Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate		

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Work plan

(Appendix A refers)

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Executive Summary

The Plan at Appendix A is the work plan for the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee, including current sub-group reviews.

The topics included were identified at the briefing session that members took part in in February 2016.

Recommendation

The Children's Services Scrutiny Committee is asked to note and comment on the report

Background and Advice

A statement of the current status of work being undertaken and considered by the Committee is presented to each meeting for information.

Consultations

N/A

Implications:

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Risk management

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Children's Services Scrutiny Committee – Work plan 2016/17

Updated 20.4.16

Date of Meeting	Topic	Author	Purpose/Key issues
9 March 2016	Children's Partnership Board representatives	Debra Wilson Terri Hacking Sarah Barraclough Elaine Shinks Alice Marquis-Carr	Each CPB representative to provide the Committee with a brief verbal overview of their role.
	Draft work plan	Wendy Broadley	Following on from the briefing session held for members on 9 Feb a draft work plan has been formulated for discussion by the Committee.
20 April 2016	Newton Consultants	Steven Knight Emily Roach	A presentation to the full Committee on the outcome of the work the consultants have done on the Children's Pathway Review including a synopsis of their findings.
	Special Educational Needs & Disabilities (SEND)	Brendan Lee	To provide the Committee with background on the service and identify areas for scrutiny by a sub-group in advance of an inspection of the service
	Youth Offending Team (YOT)	Barbara Bath	To provide the Committee with background on the service and identify areas for scrutiny by a sub-group in advance of an inspection of the service
	Update from the Chair	CC Gina Dowding	The Chair to update the Committee on recent activity
	Work plan	Wendy Broadley	The Committee to agree the work plan going forward and to consider what methods of scrutiny they intend to use.

Date of Meeting	Topic	Author	Purpose/Key issues
8 June 2016	Not a formal meeting of the Committee. To be used for sub group work		
20 July 2016	Not a formal meeting of the Committee. To be used for sub group work		
7 September 2016	Fostering & Adoption Services	tbc	A background summary of the service with areas identified that would benefit from additional scrutiny.
	Annual report of the Lancashire Children's Safeguarding Board	Jane Booth	
19 October 2016	Not a formal meeting of the Committee. To be used for sub group work		
30 November 2016	Not a formal meeting of the Committee. To be used for sub group work		
18 January 2017	Tbc		
1 March 2017	Tbc		
12 April 2017	Tbc		

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Committee Sub Group Summary

Name of Sub Group review	Completion Date and/or Committee Date reporting to

Potential Future Agenda items (suggested by):

- Children with SEND services (CC Dowding)
- Leaving Care (CC Dowding)
- Fostering and adoption services (CC Dowding)
- Children's Centres and the new draft plan for the transformation of services (CC Dowding)
- School Nurses (member briefing session)
- Childhood Obesity (member briefing session)

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Electoral Division affected: None

Recent and Forthcoming Decisions

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Executive Summary

To advise the committee about recent and forthcoming decisions relevant to the work of the committee.

Recommendation

Members are asked to review the recent or forthcoming decisions and agree whether any should be the subject of further consideration by scrutiny.

Background and Advice

It is considered useful for scrutiny to receive information about forthcoming decisions and decisions recently made by the Cabinet and individual Cabinet Members in areas relevant to the remit of the committee, in order that this can inform possible future areas of work.

Recent and forthcoming decisions taken by Cabinet Members or the Cabinet can be accessed here:

<http://council.lancashire.gov.uk/mgDelegatedDecisions.aspx?bcr=1>

The County Council is required to publish details of a Key Decision at least 28 clear days before the decision is due to be taken. Forthcoming Key Decisions can be identified by setting the 'Date range' field on the above link.

For information, a key decision is an executive decision which is likely:

(a) to result in the council incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are significant having regard to the council's budget for the service or function which the decision relates; or

(b) to be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards or electoral divisions in the area of the council.

For the purposes of paragraph (a), the threshold for "significant" is £1.4million.

The onus is on individual Members to look at Cabinet and Cabinet Member decisions using the link provided above and obtain further information from the officer(s) shown for any decisions which may be of interest to them. The Member may then raise for consideration by the Committee any relevant, proposed decision that he/she wishes the Committee to review.

Consultations

N/A

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

There are no significant risk management or other implications

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact/Directorate/Tel
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N/A

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A