

**To the Chair and Members of the
SCHOOLS CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY PANEL**

**OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY SCHOOLS CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S PANEL
WORK PLAN REPORT 2012/13 (AUGUST UPDATE)**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. This report provides an update on the Panel's work plan.

EXEMPT INFORMATION

2. Not exempt

RECOMMENDATIONS

3. The Panel is asked to:
 - i. Consider and comment on the revised work plan attached at Appendix A.
 - ii. Agree a small working group of Members to undertake review work around sex education.
 - iii. Receive and comment on the notes of the meeting of the Children's Trust Board held on 7th June 2012 and the Corporate Parenting Board on 26th June 2012.

BACKGROUND

4. The Panel agreed its 2012/13 work plan at its meeting on 27th June. This report provides an update on key issues relating to the work programme following that meeting, this is attached at Appendix A. Members are reminded that the work plan is a live document to be regularly reviewed and updated. Annex 1 to Appendix A provides an ongoing summary of issues considered together with the impacts and outcomes resulting

from the Panel's work and this will also be updated on a regular basis.

ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

Review of Budget Issues

5. At its meeting on 27th June it was agreed that a sub group would meet to consider issues around overspends in the CYPS budget particularly around costs of agency staff and external placements. As an initial step it was agreed that the Chair and Vice Chair would meet with the Director of CYPS for initial discussions before meeting with the Group. Subsequent to this meeting the Chief Executive also indicated she would be happy to have initial discussions with the Chair and Vice Chair in respect of the overspends. Unfortunately due to leave commitments and other engagements it was not possible for the meeting to take place until the end of August. The Scrutiny Officer and the Chair and Vice Chair will provide a verbal progress update to the Panel at the meeting with a view to putting arrangements in place to progress this work.

Review of sex Education

6. The Panel agreed that before undertaking work in respect of sex education it would wait for the Health and Well Being Board to consider the issue of teenage pregnancy at its meeting in July before considering what further work it would wish to undertake. This would ensure there was no duplication and work of the Panel could feed into wider partnership work. At its meeting on July the Health and Well Being Board (HWBB) agreed that in order to tackle it effectively a more holistic overview of the issue needed to be taken with a focus on quality assurance to ensure that existing preventive measures are having the desired impact in reducing TP. It was also noted that whilst an overview of the issue is the right approach for the HWBB, key partnerships, such as the Work and Skills Board and Foundation Schools needed to be engaged to ensure that they also consider the issue of TP alongside their agendas. It is recommended that work on this review should take place following completion of the budget review working group. However, in order to plan this effectively the Panel may wish to establish a working group of Members to undertake some scoping before undertaking this work later in the year. It should also be noted that whilst there is a link with teenage pregnancy the discussions of the group were more focused around approaches to sex education.

Children's Trust Board (7th June) And Corporate Parenting Notes (26th June)

7. It was reported at the meeting on 27th June that Councillor Andrew Bosmans had been nominated as the Overview and Scrutiny representative on the Corporate Parenting Board and Councillor McNamee (and in her absence the Vice Chair Councillor Rachel Hodson) the Overview and Scrutiny representative on the Children's Trust Board. To ensure there is an opportunity to increase understanding of the work of these two bodies by the Panel, notes of the most recent meetings are attached at Appendix B and C for Member's information. Both Councillors are able to provide a verbal update where required or respond to any issues that may be raised.

OPTIONS CONSIDERED

8. There are no specific options to consider within this report as it provides an opportunity for the Panel to develop a work plan for 2012/13.

IMPACT ON COUNCIL'S KEY OBJECTIVES

Priority Theme	Mayor's Priorities for 2011/12	Implications of this initiative
1. Creating a strong, connected and inclusive economy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drive forward the Doncaster economy • Get the balance of public and private transport right • Promote Doncaster as a tourist destination • Regenerate Doncaster's town centres 	The Overview and Scrutiny function has the potential to impact upon all of the council's key objectives by holding decision makers to account, reviewing performance and developing policy through robust recommendations, monitoring performance of council and external partners services and reviewing issues outside the remit of the council
2. Developing stronger communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage community harmony and cohesion. Treat people as individuals, not by reference to labels and artificial groupings 	
3. Increasing and improving housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raise housing standards 	
4. Protecting and improving all our children's lives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to improve education and skills • Build on a strengthening Children's Service 	

5. Improving health and support for independent lives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage attitudes of self-reliance, self-improvement and mutual respect within Doncaster communities 	on the residents of the borough.
6. Tackling crime and anti-social behaviour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce crime and all forms of anti-social behaviour 	
7. Creating a cleaner and better environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to protect the environment from developers, decay and architectural vandalism 	
8. Internal Transformation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure local people get value for money from council services 	

RISKS AND ASSUMPTIONS

9. To maximise the effectiveness of the Overview and Scrutiny function it is important that the work plan devised is manageable and that it accurately reflects the broad range of issues within its remit. Failure to achieve this can reduce the overall impact of the function.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

10. The Council's Constitution states that subject to matters being referred to it by other part of the Full Council, OSMC or the Executive and any timetables laid down by those references the Schools, Children and Young People's Panel will determine its own work programme (Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule 6c).
11. Overview and Scrutiny Panels Terms of reference - 3 states that the Panel be empowered to establish ad hoc working groups from within its membership, to undertake project and policy development work, to meet the objectives and targets of its annual work plan.
12. Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule 15 (a) states that where, in the opinion of the Chair of an Overview and Scrutiny Panel, the matters under discussion are relevant to matters referred to other Scrutiny Panel(s) he/she shall consider to what extent to invite the participation of the Chair and/or other Members of the other Panel in the deliberations.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

13. The budget for the support of the Overview and Scrutiny function 2012/13 is not affected by this report however, the delivery of the work plan will need to take place within agreed budgets. There are no specific financial implications arising from the recommendations in this report. Any financial implications relating to specific reports on the work plan will be included in those reports.

CONSULTATION

14. The work plan has been developed in consultation with Members and officers.

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Background Papers

17. Notes from work planning meeting held on 30th May 2012

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SCYP WORK PLAN 2012/13 (August Update)

	27 June@ 2pm	11 th Sept@2pm	26th Nov@2pm	10 th Jan @2pm	8Mar@10am
Policy Review/ Development		Youth Justice Plan (statutory plan).	Careers advice and guidance		
Performance	Quarter 4	Q1	Q2		Q3
Information Updates	Improvement Plan			Fostering – update on recruitment campaign	
Scrutiny (Holding to Account)	Cabinet Member priorities	Review of SEN			Follow up on implementation of recommendations 2011/12? Review of Cabinet Member priorities
Other	Work Plan	Work Plan	Work Plan	Work Plan	Work Plan

**Review work to take place from September – December in respect of CYPS overspends
And sex education**

SCYP OUTCOMES & IMPACTS 2012/13 (AUGUST UPDATE)

Meeting Date	ISSUE/ OUTCOME	COMMENT	WHO	WHEN	IMPACT
27.06.12	<p>Councillor Tatton Kelly –Cabinet Member For Children’s Services To Outline Priorities for the forthcoming year: Special Educational Needs, Truancy, Attainment, Safeguarding, Looked After Children, Domestic Violence.</p>	<p>To understand priorities and review progress later in year. During the course of the year continue to measure aspects through Quarterly Performance reports</p>	Panel	March 2013 meeting and quarterly performance reports	To provide accountability for improvement and improve transparency.
	<p>School Children & Young People Improvement Plan. Key areas raised included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Measures to improve educational attainment to exceed national targets and measures to effectively engage with academies. • Addressing persistent absences. • Reducing the no. of agency staff and improving retention of social care staff. • Improving outcomes for children leaving care. • Improving mental health processes and reviewing safeguarding practices and processes 	<p>Members were provided with an overview of the Plan and an opportunity to question the Director CYPS and Cabinet Member.</p> <p>Key aspects of the Plan to be further reviewed as part of quarterly performance report.</p>	Panel	Quarterly Performance reports.	<p>To provide understanding on the key issues being addressed within CYPS.</p> <p>To provide accountability for improvement against key themes within CYPS.</p>

	<p>Finance & Improvement Report 2011/12 – Q4. Key areas considered/issues raised:</p> <p>Noted improvements in CYPs as indicated by recent inspection results. Recognised further work to be undertaken.</p> <p>Concerns raised around CYPS overspend including increased demand for social care, availability of foster care provision, overpayments on foster care, external placements, use of agency staff.</p> <p>Measures to reduce staff sickness levels</p> <p>NEETS 16-18 – noted good progress but concerns around 18-25 group.</p> <p>Concern raised around health of Children in Care</p>	<p>Panel agreed to continue monitoring actions to improve areas of underperformance.</p> <p>Identified need for working closely with ward Members to use local intelligence as well as appropriate benchmarking data to bring about improvements.</p>	<p>Panel</p>	<p>Quarterly Performance Reports</p>	<p>OSMC able to hold Director to account. Focus on key areas of overspend & underperformance and consider actions for improvement. Identify issues for future consideration and track progress through future reports.</p>
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THE CORPORATE PARENTING BOARD MINUTES

26 June 2012

Present: Christopher Hickson - Foster Carer
Councillor Eric Tatton Kelly – Cabinet Member for CYPS
Councillor Andrew Bosmans – Overview and Scrutiny
Chris Pratt – Director, CYPS
Arif Dar – Head of Service, Children In Care
Christine Hargreaves – Head of Virtual School
Debbie Burton - Active Involvement Coordinator/Young People’s Training Coordinator
Gary Wells – Assistant Director, Housing
Mary Shepherd – Associate Director of Quality Patient Safety
Nicola Langton – Foster Carer
Janet Roberts – Foster Carer
John-Paul Heseltine – Young Person
Raza Zade – Young Person
Savanagh Crooks – Young Person
Kimberley Griffiths – Young Person
Jamie Hartshorne – Young Person
Daniel Lee – Young Person
Kate Utley – Notetaker

Apologies: Vicki Lawson – Assistant Director, CYPS
Pat Higgs – Assistant Director, Adults and Communities
Theresa Siverns – Head Teacher, Mallard Primary School
Pippa Dodghson – Head Teacher, Hall Cross Secondary School
Janice Jinks – Foster Carer
Paul Cattell – Adopter

	Action
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Group agreement to be devised which all board members must sign. This will hold all Board members responsible for any actions they have agreed to undertake.	All
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Need to ensure all Board members are committed to the task, if not replacements should be sought	Chris Pratt
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Liz Sarvent, adopter has resigned from the board therefore a replacement adopter needs to be sought	Claire Holmes, Adoption Team Manager & Tim Clayton, Service Manager
<ul style="list-style-type: none">More young people should be involved with the CPB	All
<ul style="list-style-type: none">A young person with a disability should be a board member to represent children and young people with disabilities	Christine Hargreaves to liaise with Karen Mosgrove, Service Manager, CDHT
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Social workers should be involved with the CPB	All
<ul style="list-style-type: none">A link should be formed with the Children’s Trust Board, and members from that board should attend the CPB and vice versa	Deborah Burton
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Changes in Foster Carers’ Allowances – young people	Young people to arrange a

raised concern about this. A full explanation of the allowances is available on the DMBC website.	meeting with the foster carers' representatives, or Tim Clayton to discuss further
<p>Young person's ideas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charity Shop • Facebook – could be used to complete questionnaires etc • Website • Photo story of involvement <p>CIC Council can action these but need the support of the CPB, this was agreed. They may also need support from other areas of the council such as communications, this was also agreed.</p>	All
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young people would like a £10000 budget to action their proposals 	Young people to complete an action plan which will show how they plan to spend the money
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Businesses in the area could be approached to support the children and young people in care, eg by providing free t-shirts 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One off event should be held for foster carers, children & young people to ask them what ideas they have about the facebook page/website 	Debbie Burton
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A training package to be designed for CPB members, which explains what the Children In Care Council does 	Debbie Burton
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The CIC Council presentation should be distributed to as many people as possible 	Christine Hargreaves
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CIC Council to present the 'Pledge' at the next CPB meeting 	Savanagh Crooks
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More consistency and stability required with regards to social workers 	Chris Pratt
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plans for next year – young people being trained on how to complete inspections 	Debbie Burton
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposal from housing – 1 or 2 properties to be made available in Balby for use by young people. 	Gary Wells to formally present the action plan to council
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunity for the young people to chair the CPB meeting 	Debbie Burton
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased communication about the CIC Council and CPB to foster carers, so they can make the children and young people in placement aware of them 	Fostering Team

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 4 September 2012 6-8pm. Future meetings will be held on Tuesday 2 October, Tuesday 6 November and Tuesday 4 December.

