



Children, Education and Skills Sub Committee

North Tyneside Council

4 September 2019

To be held on **Thursday 12 September 2019 in room 0.01**, Quadrant, The Silverlink North, Cobalt Business Park, North Tyneside, NE27 0BY **commencing at 6.00pm.**

Agenda Item	Page
1. Apologies for absence To receive apologies for absence from the meeting.	
2. Appointment of substitutes To be informed of the appointment of any substitute members for the meeting.	
3. To receive any declarations of interest You are invited to declare any registerable and/or non-registerable interests in matters appearing on the agenda, and the nature of that interest. You are also requested to complete the Declarations of Interests card available at the meeting and return it to the Democratic Services Officer before leaving the meeting. You are also invited to disclose any dispensation from the requirement to declare any registerable and/or non-registerable interests that have been granted to you in respect of any matters appearing on the agenda.	
4. Minutes To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 11 July 2019.	3-5

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5. **Work Programme 2019-20**

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To consider and determine the Sub-Committee's work programme for the year ahead.

6. **Update on Behaviour Management and Exclusion Policies within the Borough**

To receive an update on Behaviour management and Exclusion Policies within the Borough

7. **Special Educational Needs**

To receive an update on progress delivering the Local SEND Offer in North Tyneside.

8 **Corporate Parenting Overview**

To hear a presentation on Corporate Parenting

To all Members of the Children, Education and Skills Sub-committee

Councillor T Brady

Councillor S Brockbank

Councillor J Cassidy

Councillor N J Huscroft

Councillor K Lee

Councillor M Madden

Councillor A Newman

Councillor P Oliver (Deputy Chair)

Councillor E Parker-Leonard

Councillor S Phillips

Councillor M Thirlaway (Chair)

Councillor M Wilson

Parent Governor Representatives

Mrs Michelle Ord

Churches Representatives

Mr S Fallon

Rev. M Vine

These minutes are subject to confirmation at the next ordinary meeting of the Sub-Committee to be held on 12 September 2019

Children, Education and Skills Sub-Committee

11 July 2019

Present: Councillor P Oliver (Chair)
Councillors L Bell, S Brockbank, J Cassidy, K Lee, M Madden, E Parker-Leonard and M Wilson.

Mr S Fallon Church Representative
Rev. M Vine Church Representative

Other Members
Councillor P Earley

CES01/07/19 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors S Phillips and M Thirlaway and Mrs M Ord, Parent Governor Representative.

CES02/07/19 Substitute Members

Pursuant to the Council's Constitution the appointment of the following substitute member was reported:

Councillor L Bell for Councillor M Thirlaway.

CE03/07/19 Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were reported.

CE04/07/19 Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 18 March 2019 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

CES05/07/19 Multi-Agency Safeguarding Children Arrangements

The Sub-committee received an update on the new multi agency safeguarding arrangements in North Tyneside.

The Children and Social Work Act 2017 required all Local Safeguarding Children Boards (LSCB) to be replaced with new local multi agency safeguarding arrangements (MASA).

These arrangements were led by the three named statutory safeguarding partners (local authorities, chief officers of police, and clinical commissioning groups).

The Children and Social Work Act 2017 also reinforced the duty, which currently existed, under section 11 of the Children Act 2004, on local organisations and agencies who delivered services to children (called relevant agencies) to ensure that they considered the need to safeguard and promote the welfare of children when carrying out their functions. Responsibility for ensuring effective arrangements were in place lay with the three safeguarding partners who had a shared and equal duty to make arrangements to work together to safeguard and promote the welfare of all children in a local area.

Mr Richard Burrows, Independent Chair of the North Tyneside Safeguarding Children Board, reported that the new arrangements were an opportunity to be innovative, flexible and creative and the Council had supported and hosted discussions between the three strategic partners and consulted with the present Board.

The safeguarding Partners, in consultation with the Independent Chair and agencies who attended the Board had developed a plan (copies of which had been circulated to the Committee) which outlined the arrangements in North Tyneside. The plan was published on 24 June 2019 and Partners were working towards the new arrangements being in place by November 2019. Until then, North Tyneside Safeguarding Children Board (NTSCB) remained the statutory body for ensuring the effectiveness of arrangements to safeguard children.

In drawing up the plan Partners had sought to welcome a strategic approach to safeguarding, prevention and early intervention across adults, children and young people as represented by a “Think Family and Community” approach and to build on the developments that meant as a whole system partners could become more proactive to understanding vulnerability, risk and needs, especially in the local context as a borough.

One of the important changes was the placing on the three statutory partners to exercise a shared responsibility for safeguarding joint working arrangements and the assurance that these were effective. The new partnership was not a replacement for the LSCB as this requirement and its statutory underpinning was removed; the continuing role of ‘independence’ was set in the context of scrutiny and a role of independent advisor.

The new partnership offered potential to embed and align the protection of children and young people with the promotion of their welfare; which remained a primary basis of the legislation that applied to all agencies, organisations and practitioners in the borough.

The LSCB welcomed the commitment of statutory partners to take forward the learning from the LSCB on the basis of an inclusive and innovative approach to partnership. The recognition that the opportunity to be able to objectively review practice and arrangements was maintained was important as this could be one of the hallmarks of protecting vulnerable children and young people.

In response to a question regarding how the new arrangements would be reviewed it was noted that the Independent Advisor would work closely in the new arrangements and there would be an opportunity for more partners to be more directly involved and to focus on practice. In terms of risks, the three safeguarding partners would be required to make arrangements to identify serious child safeguarding cases and commission and oversee the review of those cases.

In relation to questions regarding involving young people and front line workers and organisations working with children it was hoped that there would be a change of focus to feed in the experience of young people and the Children and Young People's Partnership Board would support a wider community focused approach that enabled local people to play their part and the Executive Group membership would include a Head Teacher representative.

The Chair thanked the Independent Chair of the North Tyneside Safeguarding Children Board for his report and attendance at the meeting. .

It was **agreed** to note the information regarding the new multi agency safeguarding arrangements in North Tyneside.

CES06/07/19 Work Programme 2019/2020

The Sub-Committee considered the proposed outline Work Programme for 2019/20 and Members were invited to raise any other topics relevant to the remit of the sub-Committee that they thought should be included in the Work Programme.

The following topics were submitted:

- Anti-bullying Policy for Schools
- Education early years help for children and corporate parenting elements
- Skills Shortages

The Chair stated that whilst more than one topic could be prioritised across the municipal year, only one sub group could be established at any one time due to resourcing restraints.

The Chair invited Members to email to Councillor Thirlaway any further topics for the Work Programme.

It was **agreed** that the above proposed topics be added to the proposed areas in the outline Work Programme and the outline Work Programme be considered at the next meeting.

CES07/07/19 Cabinet Response to Collaborative Working Sub Group Report

The Sub-Committee received a report on the response from Cabinet to the final recommendations made by the Collaborative Working Sub Group on the Effectiveness of Collaborative Working in North Tyneside.

The report had been submitted to Cabinet on 28 May 2019 and Cabinet had agreed to accept all of the Overview and Scrutiny recommendations in the Action Plan.

It was **agreed** that the Report be noted.

Meeting: Children, Education and Skills Sub-Committee

Date: 12 September 2019

Title: Work Programme 2019/20

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Service: Law and Governance

Wards affected: All

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to enable the sub-committee to consider the formulation of its work programme 2019/20.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 The sub-committee is recommended to formulate and agree a work programme for 2019/20 and identify any further topics relevant to the remit of the sub-committee that could be included in the work programme.

3. Details

- 3.1 The sub-committee are invited to give consideration to determining its work programme for the year ahead. In doing so members may wish to take into account the following factors.
- 3.2 The sub-committee is one of a number of overview and scrutiny sub-committees. The role of overview and scrutiny is described in the Council's Constitution as follows:
"Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development involves councillors of all political parties, as leaders of their communities, examining the delivery of services and influencing decision makers to ensure that they meet the needs, and improve the lives, of people in North Tyneside.

It does this by:

- a) reviewing and challenging the impact of decisions and actions taken by the Elected Mayor, Cabinet and partner organisations;
- b) carrying out investigations into services and policy areas of interest and concern to communities in North Tyneside;
- c) involving communities in its work and reflecting their views and concerns; and
- d) supporting and assisting the Elected Mayor, Cabinet and partner organisations in the formulation of their future plans, strategies and their decision making by making evidence based recommendations to them on how services can be improved."

3.3 The Children, Education and Skills Sub-Committee has responsibility to perform these roles in relation to the following areas:

- Schools
- Adult Education
- Work Based Learning
- 14-19 Skills
- Safeguarding
- Child Protection
- Early Years
- Children's Centres
- Youth Offending
- Preventative Services
- Substance Misuse Services
- Looked After Children
- Youth Services and Play
- Connexions
- Children's Health and Wellbeing
- Vocational Learning

3.4 To ensure that the work programme is effective it is suggested that when evaluating topics for inclusion in the work programme the following criteria should be considered:

- Is it timely?
- Will it duplicate any other work ongoing within the Council or the North of Tyne Combined Authority scrutiny work programme?
- Will it add value/contribute to policy development?

3.5 The sub-committee has the option of establishing sub-groups (of around 4/5 members) to carry out in-depth investigations. The sub-groups operate in a more informal way and can consult with a wide range of witnesses in various settings, often over a shorter period of time. When dealing with a specific topic, this focused way of working is often more productive than trying to achieve the same in a formal committee setting. Whilst more than one topic can be prioritised across the municipal year, only one sub-group can be established at any one time due to resourcing restraints.

3.6 A proposed outline work programme for 2019-20 is attached. Members of the sub-committee are invited to raise any others topics relevant to the remit of the sub-committee that they think should be included in the work programme. Additional topics raised will be scheduled accordingly in consultation with the Chair and the Deputy Chair.

4. Appendices

Appendix 1 - Outline Children, Education and Skills Sub-Committee work programme 2019/20

5. Background Information

The following documents have been used in the compilation of this report and may be inspected at the offices of the author:

- Children, Education and Skills Sub-Committee minutes and work programme 2018/19

Children Education and Skills Sub-Committee Work Programme 2019/2020

Chair: Councillor Matthew Thirlaway

Deputy Chair: Councillor Pat Oliver

Agenda Item	Purpose	Lead Officer(s)	Outcome/Issues
12 September 2019			
Update on Behaviour Management and Exclusion Policies within the Borough	To receive an update on Behaviour management and Exclusion Policies within the Borough	David Griffiths Jonathan Chicken	
Corporate Parenting Overview	To hear a presentation on Corporate Parenting	Nik Flavell	
Special Educational Needs Overview	To receive an update on progress delivering the Local SEND Offer in North Tyneside.	Mark Mirfin	
Work Programme 2019/20	To determine the sub-committee's work programme for the year ahead. Items already identified by Members and officers will be presented, with the opportunity for the sub-committee to raise any additional topics for potential consideration.	Nik Flavell Maria Parkinson	
21 November 2019			
Child Sexual Exploitation Update	To receive an update on any developments relating to child sexual exploitation in North Tyneside since the last report in November 2018.	TBC	
Childrens' Social	To receive an update on what the work involves,	Nick Flavell	

Workers	experience of frontline staff, experience of ASYE (Assessed and supported year in employment), supervision, barriers.		
Troubled Families Programme	To provide an update on the Troubled Families Programme.	Lesley Davies	
Agenda Item	Purpose	Lead Officer(s)	Outcome/Issues
23 January 2020			
Attainment figures for Looked After Children in order to see attainment gap	To receive a report on the educational attainment of pupils including those eligible for pupil premium funding.	David Griffiths	
Progress of Adopt North East	To receive information on the Regional Adoption Agency: Adopt North East	Bryan Glover	
Changes to Local Safeguarding Arrangements	To update the Sub-Committee on the new multi-agency safeguarding arrangements in North Tyneside.	Richard Burrows/Sue Burns	
26 March 2020			
Overview of anti-bullying policy for schools – LA support for schools	To receive an overview of anti-bullying policy for schools.	TBC	
Proposals for In-depth Investigation/Working Group			
Early Years Help Offer and Children being prepared for School		Lesley Davies	

Proposals at Committee held on 11 July 2019			
Anti bullying policy for schools			
Education early years help for children			
Skills Shortages			

In-depth investigations

Name of sub-group	Membership	Brief outline of scope and timescale	Lead officer(s)	Progress