



REPORT OF: Democratic Services

REPORT TO: Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

ON: 10th September 2014.

RE: Work programme 2014-15 survey responses and priorities.

1. Purpose of the Report

For Members of the Children and Young People Committee to note the outcomes of the survey for work programme 2014-15 and agree in more depth the priorities for the remainder of the year.

2. Background

The first meeting of the Committee took place on 7th July 2014. The Executive Members for Health and Adult services accompanied by the Director of Public Services advising the membership of the priorities and risks for the year. They agreed that a survey would be sent to the membership for completion. The results of which would be brought back to the next meeting of the Committee.

On the 10th July survey questions were sent to the membership, who were advised that once a good number of responses had been received the Chair and Vice Chair would review the responses, and work groups would be set up outside of those meetings but the work programme would need to be realistic, following which the outline of the work programme would be brought to the next meeting of the Committee so that Members could agree which areas they would like to be involved in the various reviews.

3. Survey outcomes and work programme

73% of the membership responded to the Survey. The topics favoured were: the following headline areas were mentioned to the Committee:

- Independence through preventative support

- Reducing Health Inequalities in vulnerable communities
- The effective delivery of the nationally mandated Public health programmes:

Within those broad headings the Committee specifically chose to review

- Obesity
- Food banks food poverty and the effects of welfare reform
- And revisit loneliness and social isolation.

At the meeting on the 10th September a series of external partnership organisations have been invited: namely: East Lancashire Hospital Trust, Lancashire Care Foundation, Blackburn with Darwen Clinical Commissioning Group and Public Health to ask if they share the same priorities, commitments and challenges, and whether there is currently any joint working to deliver these priorities, or any scope to work collaboratively in the future.

Since the 7th July meeting there have been two working group meetings: Firstly Members met with representatives from Planning and Licensing to explain how permissions are granted to fast food outlets, when there may already be a high concentration of same service outlets in a small area. The group also discussed current and future legal limitations to suggestions of introducing a fifth licensing objective based on the ground of public health.

A further in depth briefing on Social Isolation / Loneliness is planned following the September meeting which will be followed up by asking external organisations such how and if they could contribute to supporting and working in partnership with us to delivering the social isolation policy.

4. Recommendations

3.1 That the responses to the Committees work programme for 2014/15 be noted.

3.2 That the work programme for the remainder of the year be agreed.

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