

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

16th May 2007

YOUNG PEOPLE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN

The Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee has met twice since the last full Council. The committee continues to address a full work programme that reflects the County Council priorities and the five key outcomes under Every Child Matters. The following items have been considered by the Committee as part of their varied work programme.

Joint Young People and Economic Development and Regeneration Overview & Scrutiny Committee Task Group Meeting for Adult Learning and 4Youth Services – 22nd March 2007

Members of the Task Group met to consider findings of the Post Implementation Review Report from the Adult Learning and 4Youth Services. After consideration, although there were still some reservations, the Task Group agreed to sign off the Report on the new management arrangements.

The group decided that ongoing monitoring of the new services, now completely separate, would be best carried out under the auspices of the appropriate committees. YPOSC decided that, in view of the reservations, a further report would be brought to the next mid-cycle briefing.

In-depth Scrutiny Reviews

Sports Participation and Provision

Members of the Task Group continue to consult with young people, officers and managers from a number of areas linked to sports provision. In particular the Task Group are focusing on the sports provision for the harder to reach groups of young people including looked after children, BME groups, and young people with special needs.

Outdoor Education Service

The Committee are also undertaking a piece of scrutiny work on the Outdoor Education Service. The aim of the review is to take a holistic look at the Service, including improved outcomes for young people, the challenges and priorities facing this service and future development requirements.

Overview Reports – 20 April 2007

- Outdoor Education Service
The Head of the Outdoor Education Service provided members of the committee with an overview of the current service. Members agreed that this is a valuable resource in North Yorkshire and expressed support for the service.
- Children's Social Care - Performance Management and Monitoring Arrangements

- Members were given a fascinating overview of the performance framework and performance management practice that has been implemented in Children's Social Care following the JAR Inspection.

Integrated Services In Localities

- The committee heard of the progress being made on developing Integrated Services within localities. This is work in progress and the committee has requested an update in 6-9 months.
- Parenting Strategy
Members were briefed on the purpose and motivation for developing a countywide Parenting Support Strategy and the progress made so far. The committee have asked that the final Strategy together with the Implementation Plan is brought back to committee in the New Year.

Forward Plan

At its next meeting on 15th May, the Committee will consider the performance and Action Plan of the Children & Young Peoples Service following the Joint Area Review Inspection. Members of the committee will also have an opportunity to hear from two partner organisations, the North Yorkshire & York PCT on health improvement issues for young people and from the North Yorkshire Police on their plans to engage and interact with children and young people across North Yorkshire.

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