

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

12 October 2011

SCRUTINY BOARD

STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN

The Scrutiny Board meeting scheduled for 28 September 2011 was cancelled due to lack of business.

Work is still taking place behind the scenes on the following developments:

Proposed Joint District / County Scrutiny Members Event

The joint District / County Scrutiny Members event that we were planning to hold in the autumn this year on Broadband has been postponed to next year. The objective will be to build up our understanding of the potential that Broadband offers and give us an opportunity to network with colleagues from across the County on this important development.

Scrutiny Arrangements in the District / Borough Councils

With a view to sharing best practice, colleagues on Scrutiny Board requested a survey be undertaken of how Scrutiny operates in the district//borough councils across North Yorkshire. We also included the City of York Council. It is fair to say that responses to the survey have not been forthcoming but I hope this is something we will be able to consider at the next meeting of Scrutiny Board.

I am seeking to develop a 12 month rolling work programme for Scrutiny Board which I hope we will discuss at our next meeting on 16 November 2011.

Finally, at the meeting in November I would also like to explore with colleagues the feasibility of holding Board meetings on the same day as we meet for Executive (Performance Monitoring). It is important that we all play a part in reducing travelling costs and working 'smarter'.

**County Councillor John Blackburn
Chairman of Scrutiny Board**

27 September 2011