

North Yorkshire County Council

22 July 2015

Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Chairman's Statement

1. My statement for this full council includes details of the Committee workshop held on 26 June 2015.
2. The purpose of the workshop was to set down the foundations of a work programme for the next two years up to the end of this term of the County Council in May 2017.
3. The Workshop was centred on the three priorities within the North Yorkshire Children's Trust Young and Yorkshire Plan 2014 -17:
 - Ensuring that education is our greatest liberator
 - Helping all children enjoy a happy family life
 - Ensuring a healthy start to life
4. The Committee was split up into three groups to consider which issues it would like to focus on from these priorities. It was really pleasing to see the members working so well together during the group discussions.
5. The issues chosen were:
 - School Leadership and Governance
 - Developing Stronger Families Programme – Mainstreaming Good practise from a Child's view
 - Right staff, capacity & capability to meet caseloads in Children and Families service
 - Information Advice Guidance (Careers advice) and work experience
 - Hospital admissions for children and young people
 - Resilience of outcomes/improvement at KS2 & 4
 - Early intervention in Schools on Smoking, Drugs, Alcohol
6. The Committee now has seven meetings left within the term of this County Council. It is intended to deal with one of these issues in some detail at one of its meetings, with the intention that School Leadership and Governance will be considered at the next meeting on 23 October 2015. This will mean that the Committee will have significant time at the meeting to drill down on the issue and to invite involved staff, users and children to the meeting to get their views.
7. Overview and Scrutiny is about improving outcomes for people and with this new approach, it is an opportunity for the Committee to give added further value that will help the County Council reach the outcomes that are set out within the Young and Yorkshire Plan.

County Councillor Janet Jefferson

Chairman

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County Hall, Northallerton

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