

North Yorkshire County Council

11 November 2015

Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Chairman's Statement

1. There has not been a meeting of the Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee since the last Council meeting, as the meeting scheduled for 23 October has been rearranged for this Friday, 13 November.
2. The meeting on the 13 November is the first of the meetings where the committee has selected an issue to look at in detail. That issue is school leadership and governance in closing the gap in educational achievement within North Yorkshire.
3. It is intended that the committee (during an all-day meeting) will consider evidence, written and oral, from a number of sources including representatives from school governors, head teachers, the Council's Children's and Young People Service, Teaching School Alliances, York University and Joseph Rowntree Trust as well as an up to date presentation on North Yorkshire 2015 educational outcomes.
4. The Committee will look to test the impact of the work that the Council is currently undertaking with school leaders and governors in closing the gap and the progress of the ten priorities described in the Council's closing the gap strategy. After considering the evidence, the Committee will make recommendations, where appropriate, on improvements the council could take to help leaders at school take effective and swift action on closing the gap in educational attainment.
5. The Committee on 13 November will also consider items on the findings from the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Young People Task and Finish Group and a 12 months update on the report by the Task and Finish Group that looked at Online Safety.

County Councillor Janet Jefferson

Chairman

Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee

County Hall, Northallerton

26 October 2015