

**NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**20 February 2019**  
**SCRUTINY BOARD – STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN**

Members will be aware that Scrutiny Board brings together the Chairs of the five thematic overview and scrutiny committees at the Council and the Older Peoples' and Young People's Champions. It provides an opportunity for a whole council view of scrutiny activity, which avoids gaps and overlaps and helps establish a lead committee for areas of joint interest. It also provides a forum in which the key performance issues for the Council can be reviewed and items for further scrutiny identified.

The planned meeting of Scrutiny Board on 23 November 2019 was cancelled due to clashes with other meetings.

In lieu of meeting, a briefing on the Q2 report performance management report was circulated to members of Scrutiny Board. Members of Scrutiny Board attended the Executive Performance Monitoring meeting on 27 November 2018. The issues below were identified for follow up with the Executive:

- Why is the Care and Support Team based in the customer contact centre experiencing an increase in the number of contacts it handles?
- What more could be done to support the market for domiciliary care?
- What more can be done to ensure that placements for older people are at approved budget rates, particularly in Harrogate and Craven?
- What is behind the increase in demand for child protection services over the past 18 months?
- What work is being done by the Council with the 23.6% of North Yorkshire local authority maintained schools that are forecasting a deficit balance carry forward position to 2019/20?
- What more can be done to enable children, young people and young adults to access vocational education and training, as opposed to academic, classroom-based provision?

The next meeting of Scrutiny Board is on 14 February 2019. In addition to scrutinising council-wide performance and reviewing scrutiny practice, the meeting will review:

- Anticipated Government guidance on local authority overview and scrutiny
- The NHS 10 year plan
- How scrutiny work is co-ordinated with the 6 Area Constituency Committees.

Chairman  
County Councillor Jim Clark  
4 February 2019.