

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
YOUNG PEOPLE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

11th September 2009

Every Child Matters – Key Outcome “Enjoying and Achieving”

Purpose of Report

1. This report asks the Committee to:
 - a. note the information in this report.

2. Background

At the beginning of the year the Committee decided to develop and theme the Work Programme for 2009/10 around Every Child Matters five key outcomes i.e. be healthy, stay safe, enjoy and achieve, make a positive contribution, achieve economic well-being and North Yorkshires Children & Young Peoples Plan. The purpose being that this would enable the committee to monitor progress, performance and achievements whilst ensuring there is involvement and participation by young people.

Members of the Committee also requested that the Work Programme should have the flexibility to provide them with the opportunity to include priority matters as and when they arise.

3. Key outcome - Enjoy and Achieve

Members of the Committee have previously received a copy of the Children & Young Peoples Plan (CYPP) 2008-11 and pages 39 to 49 refer to the Enjoy & Achieve objectives. There are several priority areas under this key outcome:

- Improve equality of access to support available to help parents deal with their children’s problems.
- Improve educational standards for all children and young people
- Improve and broaden the school curriculum
- Enable children and young people to attend, participate in and enjoy their learning

In 2008, 65% of young people told us that they enjoyed school either always or most of the time, which is higher than the national figure of 58%.

Satisfaction levels relating to education standards and the curriculum were generally high amongst parents and carers, but there was a notable difference between respondents whose children had special needs or learning difficulties and those whose children did not.

The consultation process also revealed widespread support for focusing

attention on preparing all children and young people to succeed and identifying this as a priority for improvement across North Yorkshire.

Today's presentation looks to inform Members on the progress being made with regard to improving the educational standard of young people across North Yorkshire; the ongoing developments to broaden and improve the school curriculum; the support available for vulnerable groups of young people who are at risk of under achieving and not making the expected progress.

Recommendation

The Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee is recommended to:

- a. note the information in this report

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