

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

8 November 2017

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.

Scrutiny Board last met on 10 August 2017. At that meeting:

- Cllr Karin Sedgwick provided an overview of her work as the Older People's Champion and the issues that she was finding that linked to the work of overview and scrutiny
- There was a review of the outline programme of joint scrutiny being undertaken by the Scrutiny of Health Committee and the Care and Independence Overview and Scrutiny Committee on health and social care workforce planning
- A whole Council approach to the overview and scrutiny of the potential and actual impacts of the UK exit from the EU on North Yorkshire was outlined
- The role of Local Area Committees in overview and scrutiny at a local level was discussed
- Members were briefed on the Executive Performance Monitoring Report.

Members of Scrutiny Board also attended the Executive Performance Monitoring meeting on 15 August 2017, to raise questions regarding key areas of the Council's performance, including determining what work was being done to:

- Meet the challenge posed by the increasing complexity of the needs of the children that continue to be looked after, as the overall numbers reduce
- Reduce the number of Delayed Transfers of Care and meet the demanding target being set by the Secretary of State for Health
- Develop new ways of collecting and using customer data on road condition to improve the Council's highway services and maintenance programme.

The next meeting of Scrutiny Board is to be on 10 November 2017. The focus of discussions at that meeting will be upon overview and scrutiny practice and what mechanisms can be used to assess how good it is and where it can be improved.

Chairman
Cllr Jim Clark
20 October 2017