

Children & Young People Select Committee

A meeting of Children & Young People Select Committee was held on Wednesday, 21st April, 2021.

Present: Cllr Carol Clark (Chairman), Cllr Barbara Inman, Cllr Clare Gamble, Cllr Ray Godwin, Cllr Ross Patterson, Cllr Lauriane Povey, Cllr Maurice Perry (sub for Cllr Andrew Sherris), Cllr Sally Ann Watson

Officers: Martin Gray, David Willingham, Lesley Harrison, Craig Piggott, Joanne Mills (CS); John Devine, Rachel Harrison, Michael Henderson, Rebecca Saunders- Thompson, Judy Trainer (DS)

Also in attendance: Cllr Lisa Evans (Cabinet Member), Joanna Roberts (1625 Independent People); Nicki Watkinson (North Yorkshire County Council)

Apologies: Cllr Andrew Sherris

CYP 47/20 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

CYP 48/20 **Minutes of the meeting held on 17 March 2021**

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CYP 49/20 **Scrutiny Review of Care Leavers EET**

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AGREED That the information be noted.

**CYP
50/20**

Progress Update - Scrutiny Review of Inclusion in Schools

The Select Committee were presented with a Progress Update on the Scrutiny Review of Inclusion in Schools.

Members thanked officers for their hard work in achieving all the review's recommendations and acknowledged the progress that has been made in respect of this issue.

AGREED that the Progress Update be noted and the Action Plan be signed off as complete.

**CYP
51/20** **Select Committee Work Programme 2021/22**

The next meeting of the Children and Young People Select Committee would be an informal meeting to review the summary of evidence for the Scrutiny Review of Care Leavers EET. The meeting would be held remotely on Wednesday 19 May 2021.

AGREED That the Work Programme be noted.

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52/20** **Chairs Update**

There was no update.