

### **Young People's Working Group: Remit**

#### **Background**

City of York Council's Young People's Working Group (YPWG) is an advisory group to the Council's Executive. It has no formal decision making powers but can make recommendations to the Executive or to the Executive Member for Children and Young People. The Executive reviews its minutes.

#### **Membership**

Membership of the Working Group comprises those Elected Members agreed by Full Council, plus up to four members of York's Youth Council. It is for the Youth Council to decide whether to nominate four individuals, or to rotate attendance at YPWG meetings.

In addition, YPWG may from time to time co-opt other Members, or invite their attendance, recognising in particular the valuable contribution of the voluntary sector to this area of work.

#### **Remit**

The main function of the YPWG is to provide a conduit for Elected Members and young people to exchange views. Elected Members and Council Officers may use the Working Group as means of seeking young people's views on a range of issues. Equally, young people may use the group to raise issues that concern them. Each meeting of the Working Group will, as a matter of routine, have on its agenda an item enabling young people to raise such issues as they may determine.

Elected Members who serve on the YPWG undertake to act as champions for young people's views and interests in other Council forums where they may have a role, including Full Council, the Council's Executive, relevant Scrutiny Committees, and the Social Inclusion Working Group.

The Executive Member for Children and Young People has a specific legal responsibility to further the interests of children and young people, and will look to the YPWG to assist him/her in discharging this role. The Executive Member for Children and Young People will work with the Youth Council and with the YPWG to prepare an annual report to be laid before Full Council.

To ensure that the YPWG is able to take into account the views of all children and young people, including those not represented on the Youth Council, members of the group will be invited to attend the consultation events for primary and pre-school children that will be facilitated by the Youth Council.