

EDUCATION SCRUTINY BOARD

The Board, which is comprised of seven Members and four statutory co-optees, has worked very well together in 2003/4. We are fortunate in that the board has an excellent mix of people in terms of knowledge, skills and experience. The Board's officer support, particularly from Education Directorate, has been key to our success.

The board spent much of the year considering the topic of Post-16 Inclusion. This topic had been identified in an earlier scrutiny of pre-16 inclusion as a vital area to consider. The scope considered the outcomes for young people when they leave compulsory education. The scope of the topic was restricted to those people with a statement of special educational (SEN) needs in an age range of 14 to 19. Successful outcomes for young statemented people may include education, training or employment. The Board were involved with gathering a very wide range of evidence. Some evidence was taken from the Local Education Authority (LEA) and a large amount was gathered with other organizations outside the LEA such as Connexions, York College and the North Yorkshire Business and Education Partnership.

The Post-16 Inclusion topic report was recommended to the Executive Member for Education in March 2005 and published on the Council's web in April 2005. The report concluded that the City of York was better than the UK average at delivering a successful outcome for these young people. The report identified key SEN groups where outcomes could be improved and identified key points when action could be focussed. The report

included a total of fourteen improvement recommendations. I have made regular updates on progress to the Scrutiny Management Committee.

I am very pleased with the continuing hard work, commitment and enthusiasm of everyone on (and associated with) Education Scrutiny Board. Well done and congratulations on the year's contributions.

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Chair, Education Scrutiny Board

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