

## Agenda

**Meeting: Harrogate and Knaresborough Area  
Constituency Committee**

**Venue: Dower House Hotel (Nidderdale Room),  
48 Bond End, Knaresborough HG5  
9AL (location map at page 5)**

**Date: 9.30am on Thursday 7 November 2019**

### Business

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Item No	Business	Suggested Start Time
1.	Welcome by the Chairman, introductions and apologies for absence	09:30
2.	Minutes of the meeting held on 19 September 2019 (Pages 6 to 12)	09:33
3.	Any Declarations of Interest	09:34

**4. Public Questions or Statements 09:35**

Anyone who would like to ask a question or make a statement at the meeting should email notice of their wish to do so, including the full text of what they intend to say, to [ruth.gladstone@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:ruth.gladstone@northyorks.gov.uk) as soon as possible, and by **midday on Monday 4 November** at the latest. Speakers are each asked not to exceed 3 minutes' speaking time and to read out only the statement/question of which they have submitted notice, without adding to or altering it. No person may submit more than one question or statement. No more than one question may be asked, or statement made, on behalf of one organisation. The overall time available for public questions or statements and people is 30 minutes.

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**5. National Productivity Investment Fund – West Harrogate Improvement Package – Progress Update – Report of the Corporate Director – Business and Environmental Services 10:05**  
(Pages 13 to 16)

Purpose: To update Members on the progress of the West Harrogate Improvement Package, to be funded by the National Productivity Investment Fund.

**6. School Exclusions and The Grove PRS Update – Report of the Corporate Director – Children and Young People's Service 10:20**  
(Pages 17 to 20)

Purpose: To provide an update to Members on school exclusions in the locality and the current position with regards to The Grove Academy.

**There will be a comfort break between 10.45am and 11am.**

**7. TalkTalk FibreNation Rollout in Harrogate – Presentation by a representative of TalkTalk 11:00**

Purpose: This is part of the on-going inquiry by the Committee into how digital infrastructure can support communities and economic growth in the constituency area.

**8. Bond End Junction Improvement - Update following Implementation - Report of the Corporate Director – Business and Environmental Services 11:30**  
(Pages 21 to 26)

Purpose: To update Members on the Bond End Junction Improvement Scheme, following completion in November 2018.

- 9. A1(M) Junction 47 Improvement – Progress Update** - Report of the Corporate Director – Business and Environmental Services **11:40**  
**(Pages 27 to 28)**

Purpose: To provide an update on the progress of the A1(M) Junction 47 47 improvement scheme.

- 10. Harrogate to York Railway Improvement Project – Update** - Report of the Corporate Director – Business and Environmental Services **11:50**  
**(Pages 29 to 31)**

Purpose: To provide an update on the Harrogate York railway improvement project.

- 11. Committee Work Programme** **12:00**  
**(Pages 32 to 38)**

Purpose: To ask Members to consider, amend and add to the Committee's work programme.

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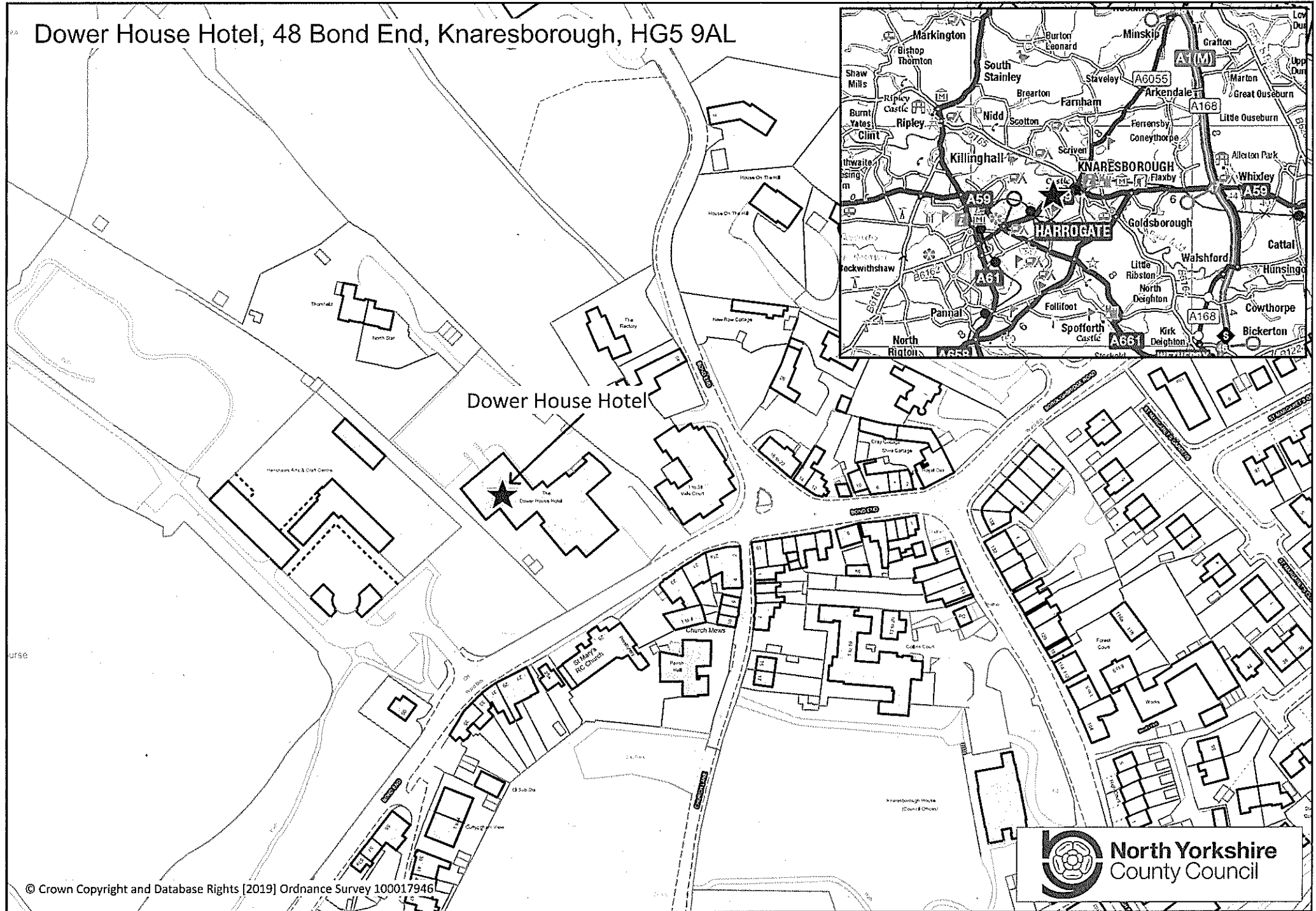
Note: A drop-in session with a representative from the Local Highways Office will be held immediately after this ACC meeting.

## HARROGATE AND KNARESBOROUGH AREA CONSTITUENCY COMMITTEE

### Membership

<b>County Councillors (13)</b>			
	<i>Councillors Name</i>	<i>Political Group</i>	<i>Electoral Division</i>
<b>1</b>	BROADBANK, Philip	Liberal Democrat	Harrogate Starbeck
<b>2</b>	CLARK, Jim	Conservative	Harrogate Harlow
<b>3</b>	COOPER, Richard	Conservative	Harrogate Central
<b>4</b>	ENNIS, John	Conservative	Harrogate Oatlands
<b>5</b>	GOODE, David	Liberal Democrat	Knareborough
<b>6</b>	HARRISON, Michael	Conservative	Lower Nidderdale and Bishop Monkton
<b>7</b>	HASLAM, Paul	Conservative	Harrogate Bilton and Nidd Gorge
<b>8</b>	MACKENZIE, Don	Conservative	Harrogate Saltergate
<b>9</b>	MANN, John	Chairman	Conservative
<b>10</b>	METCALFE, Zoe	Vice-Chairman	Conservative
<b>11</b>	TROTTER, Cliff	Conservative	Pannal and Lower Wharfedale
<b>12</b>	WEBBER, Geoff	Liberal Democrat	Harrogate Bilton and Nidd Gorge
<b>13</b>	WINDASS, Robert	Conservative	Boroughbridge
<b>Total Membership – (13)</b>		<b>Quorum – (3)</b>	

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## North Yorkshire County Council

### Harrogate and Knaresborough Area Constituency Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 19 September 2019 at 9.30 am at the Cairn Hotel, Ripon Road, Harrogate

**Present:-**

**Members:-**

County Councillor John Mann (in the Chair); County Councillors Philip Broadbank, Jim Clark, John Ennis, David Goode, Paul Haslam, Don Mackenzie, Cliff Trotter and Geoff Webber

**In Attendance:-**

County Council Officers:- Robert Ling (NYCC Assistant Director - Technology and Change), Daniel Harry (Democratic Services and Scrutiny Manager), Ruth Gladstone (Principal Democratic Services Officer) and Hannah Bowles (Business Support)

Two members of the public

**Apologies for Absence:-**

Apologies for absence were received from County Councillors Richard Cooper, Michael Harrison, Zoe Metcalfe and Robert Windass.

**Copies of all documents considered are in the Minute Book**

**40. Minutes**

**Resolved –**

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 29 August 2019, having been printed and circulated, be taken as read and be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**41. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**42. Public Questions or Statements**

There were no questions or statements from members of the public.

**43. NYCC Digital Strategy**

Considered -

Presentation by Robert Ling (North Yorkshire County Council's Assistant Director - Technology and Change) which provided an update on the development of a range of

technologies that would improve connectivity, access to services and opportunities for business.

The key points within the presentation were as follows:-

- Digital technology could be used to support communities and enable people to live independently in their own homes.
- The work being done in Sleights by Technology and Change, Health and Adult Services and the Stronger Communities Team had demonstrated what could be achieved with the introduction of relatively cheap, simple and widely available technologies.
- The County Council and others needed to enable people to exploit the opportunities that new digital technologies provided.
- Investment in digital skills was low locally, regionally and nationally and could be addressed.
- The third sector had a key role to play in driving innovation but this role needed to be recognised and the sector supported.
- There were ethical issues relating to the management and use of data that needed to be addressed.
- There were great opportunities to use data to predict demand and target investment and activity.
- More services were being provided digitally and in a way which made previously bureaucratic administrative processes simpler and easier to access and use.
- The emphasis was firmly upon human-centred design and enabling people. 'Digital by default' did not mean digital only.
- There were opportunities to invest more time, money and effort in predictive technologies and also in research and innovation more generally.

Members questioned Robert Ling and discussed the issues within the presentation. The following points were raised:-

- Work to understand links between the Digital Strategy and Green strategies was being undertaken. For example:- whilst digital technologies could be of huge benefit to traffic management, significant infrastructure was required; and whilst home working might decrease travel, power usage would increase in order to heat and light homes. The Digital Strategy created good opportunities to consider, for example, why was it necessary for people to travel to a hospital for a medical check-up when no physical examination would be take place, and could places be provided within local community centres from which people could work?
- The national average download speed was 45 mbit/s, whilst North Yorkshire's average speed was 30.2 mbit/s. The County Council had not set a target to improve North Yorkshire's average speed because the key issue was - how much public resource should be put into this, and what should the private sector be relied on to provide? For example, new housing was currently being developed without broadband and consequently public resources would be required to rectify that situation because most homeowners expected

broadband to be available. The issue was - should public resources be used for such purpose?

- A change in individuals' behaviour was needed to get them to choose to use video conferencing or Skype rather than having a face-to-face meeting. (It was noted that formal meetings of the County Council and its committees could not legally be conducted by Skype. In England, the law stated that County Councillors must be physically present at a meeting in order to be able to participate in it.)
- Ethical debates were needed about the purpose and frequency for which new technologies should be used. A Member highlighted that contact with other people was essential. The Member also highlighted that social media had huge power to manipulate people's views. It was further highlighted that photographs on social media were not always what they appeared due to the availability of software which was capable of altering images.
- Robert Ling welcomed the opportunity to speak to town councils and parish councils to get them to work alongside the County Council's Digital Strategy.
- A re-examination was being undertaken of initiatives within the SMART Harrogate programme, in respect of which infrastructure was needed. Whilst access to free Wi-Fi would be of huge social benefit, work was being undertaken to understand the benefits and costs to the County Council.
- It was clarified that references to 'monitoring people's movement' referred, for example, to how many times a particular street corner had been passed, rather than following where an individual went. However, new technologies could offer opportunities, subject to satisfactory responses to ethical questions, to tag persons who were suffering from dementia and had a tendency to become lost.

#### **Resolved -**

That the comments which Members have made during this debate be forwarded to County Councillor Don Mackenzie (Executive Member for Access).

#### **44. Update on Superfast Broadband**

Considered -

The briefing note of the Principal Democratic Services Officer which set out information about the further progress made by NYnet Ltd, under the Superfast North Yorkshire (SFNY) project, in bringing superfast broadband to the Harrogate and Knaresborough constituency area.

In summary, the report advised of the following:-

- The SFNY project recognised 53,779 premises in the Harrogate and Knaresborough constituency area. This was an increase of 1,326 premises, which reflected house building over a 7 year period.
- 80% of current premises in the constituency area were either already covered by Openreach and Virgin Media, or Virgin Media planned to provide coverage in the near future. A further 12% of premises had been provided with connectivity by SFNY Phase 1 and Phase 2. The remaining 7% (around 4,000) of premises did not have access to superfast broadband and formed part of the wider 'North Yorkshire Intervention Area'. Of these premises, 565 (1%) were in the SFNY Phase 3 deployment plan, with 189 already delivered. The



remaining 6% (around 3,435) of premises remained 'under consideration', together with other properties in the North Yorkshire Intervention Area.

- After Phase 3 deployment had been completed, 97% of properties in the constituency area would be covered by superfast broadband, assuming no deviation from the 574 premises in the plan. This compared favourable to North Yorkshire in total and reflected the lower level of market failure in this constituency area compared to other areas of North Yorkshire.
- New data now available for North Yorkshire showed an increase in the number of premises due to house building, but a reduction in the number of premises to which BT had deployed commercially compared with their original forecast.
- In conclusion, SFNY delivery was on track in terms of absolute numbers, although there was a larger remaining population yet to receive delivery than previously forecast due to the changes as described in the previous bullet-point.

County Councillor Don Mackenzie (the County Council's representative on the Board of NYnet Ltd) responded to questions. Members debated the issues, during which the following points were raised:-

- Members congratulated NYnet Ltd on its achievements to date and its further plans which would result in 97% of properties in the Harrogate and Knaresborough constituency area being covered by superfast broadband once Phase 3 had been completed. Phase 3 was scheduled to conclude in 2021.
- The County Council was committed to achieving 100% coverage. However, once coverage was in the high nineties, it would be necessary to question, on a case-by-case basis, whether it would be worth spending tax payers' money to connect some premises.
- SFNY was not relying on the receipt of further EU funding.

#### **Resolved -**

That the comments which Members have made during this debate be forwarded to County Councillor Don Mackenzie (Executive Member for Access).

Note: County Councillor Don Mackenzie abstained from voting.

#### **45. Changes to Mental Health Services in Harrogate and the Surrounding Area - Update**

Considered -

The briefing note of the Principal Democratic Services Officer concerning a recent community engagement about a proposal, from the Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust (TEWV), to increase the level of community mental health care, and to fund this by reducing the number of mental health in-patient beds.

Daniel Harry (Democratic Services and Scrutiny Manager) advised of the wider context in terms of what was happening across North Yorkshire and reported on discussions at meetings of the Scrutiny of Health Committee and at a joint meeting between elected Members from the City of York Council, Leeds City Council and North Yorkshire County Council's Scrutiny of Health Committee.

The key points reported were as follows:-

- The community engagement period had ended. However, the analysis would not be completed until November/December 2019 at the earliest. That analysis would then enable TEWV to better estimate the number of in-patient beds needed. Consequently, it was not currently known:- what the enhanced community model looked like; what conditions it would be able to cope with; and what the consequences of introducing it would be upon carers, relatives and social care services.
- Although the community engagement period had ended, follow-up engagement with key stakeholders and organisations, such as the Yorkshire Ambulance Service, still had to take place.
- There would always be a need for in-patient care for people who had serious mental health problems and who were either at a point of crisis or who could not be cared for anywhere else. The question was how much in-patient care would be needed and where it would be provided.
- The in-patient beds at the new hospital at Foss Park in York would be available to all those who needed them. The expectation was that this applied equally to people living in the greater Harrogate area. However, there was a question about whether there would be sufficient capacity at Foss Park (72 beds), in view of:- the closure of the Briary Wing at Harrogate Hospital (34 beds); the closure of the 2 mental health in-patient wards at the Friarage Hospital (21 beds); and not building a new in-patient unit at Cardale Park (36 beds).
- There was a lack of common ground between some elected Members and the provider in terms of level of need, with Members highlighting the increasing number of older people, including those with dementia and displaying levels of violence who could only be managed in hospital.
- Significant funding, in addition to the £500,000 per annum from closing in-patient beds, had been secured by TEWV for crisis care in the community.
- The Cardale Park site was owned by TEWV and had planning permission. The hope was that it would be used for some sort of health and social care development.

County Councillor John Ennis (Chairman of the Scrutiny of Health Committee) thanked Daniel Harry for his report and highlighted:- the great deal of uncertainty concerning the situation in Harrogate; that it would be naive to think that Harrogate could cope with only a community mental health service and without in-patient beds for those Harrogate residents who required them; and that a substantial drop in the number of in-patient beds was being proposed. He added that further information would be presented to the Scrutiny of Health Committee's meetings in December 2019 and March 2020. He also highlighted the level of uncertainty regarding the Cardale Park site.

Members discussed the situation, during which the following points were raised:-

- Many Members expressed support for the actions which the Scrutiny of Health Committee was taking, including joint meetings with elected members from York and Leeds Councils. Members asked to be contacted if they, as local Members, could do anything to assist the Scrutiny of Health Committee.
- Members expressed serious concern that no mental health in-patient beds would be available for Harrogate residents who needed them. Some Members

also supported the questioning about whether 72 mental health beds at the Foss Park hospital at York would be sufficient, bearing in mind the closures of the Briary Wing at Harrogate Hospital and the 2 mental health in-patient wards at the Friarage Hospital, together with the decision not to build a new in-patient unit at Cardale Park.

- Members expressed wide-spread concern about uncertainty regarding the site at Cardale Park. Several Members emphasised that Cardale Park must be used for some sort of health and social care development. They asked for reassurances about this and also to be kept fully informed. County Councillor Geoff Webber stressed that Cardale Park should not be used for employment or housing land.
- Concerns were expressed about travel and accessibility between the greater Harrogate area and the new hospital at Foss Park in York. Members highlighted that people having mental health difficulties relied on their families to help with recovery and that it would be difficult for families from some parts of the Harrogate and Knaresborough constituency area to travel to Foss Park.
- Traditionally the effectiveness of services provided in the community was more difficult to monitor than services provided by in-patient care. Proper monitoring was required.

Members also expressed the wish for the Area Constituency Committee to keep this issue on its Work Programme, in particular:- the proportion of mental health services provided in the community; the future of the Cardale Park site; and the situation regarding in-patient services provided at Foss Park in York.

#### **Resolved -**

That the comments which Members have made during this debate be forwarded to County Councillor Michael Harrison (Executive Member for Health and Adult Services), County Councillor John Ennis (Chairman of the Scrutiny of Health Committee) and Councillor John Mann (Chair of Harrogate Borough Council's Planning Committee).

#### **46. Committee Work Programme**

Considered -

The Committee's Work Programme, for the Committee to consider, develop and adopt.

Members raised the following suggestions:-

- The NYCC's draft response to the Government's Adult Social Care Green Paper should be deferred to Spring or Summer 2020 because it was unlikely to be available for consideration at the earlier meeting at which it was currently scheduled.
- The Cycle Path Network item, currently scheduled for the Committee's meeting on 9 January 2020, should be expanded to include urban footpaths. This was due to the Committee's support for people to walk, cycle or take public transport, instead of taking private vehicles on short journeys, in order to decrease traffic congestion. Following discussion, it was decided that the Committee should not also consider rural footpaths and public rights of way across fields at the same time because that was likely to lead to detailed discussions about very local issues which would be best dealt with outside the Committee's formal meetings. A Member highlighted his interest in encouraging cycling to school.

- An update was requested about 'Open Harrogate' which was a project to promote and support sustainable travel initiatives in Harrogate. Ruth Gladstone (Principal Democratic Services Officer) advised that such information could be emailed to Members immediately following this meeting.

The Chairman asked Members to email him, the Vice-Chairman and Ruth Gladstone if they had any further suggestions.

**Resolved -**

- (a) That the Work Programme be approved, subject to the following amendments:-
  - (i) NYCC's draft response to the Government's Adult Social Care Green Paper be deferred to a meeting to be held in Spring or Summer of 2020.
  - (ii) The topic regarding the Cycle Path Network, currently scheduled for the Committee's meeting on 9 January 2020, be expanded to include urban footpaths.
- (b) That the Principal Democratic Services Officer email Members following this meeting with an update about the Open Harrogate Project.

The meeting concluded at 12pm.

RAG/JR



**North Yorkshire County Council  
Harrogate and Knaresborough Area Constituency Committee - 7 November 2019  
National Productivity Investment Fund- West Harrogate Improvement Package  
Progress Update**

**1.0 Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To update members on the progress of the West Harrogate Improvement Package, to be funded by National Productivity Investment Fund (NPIF).

**2.0 Background**

- 2.1 In May 2018 Department for Transport allocated North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) with £3.2 million to be spent by March 2020, as part of a bigger package of works with local authority contributions and third part contributions bringing the total cost of improvements to £4.6 million.
- 2.2 Recognising Otley road as a busy transport corridor to the West of Harrogate, a number of junctions along the corridor that have already been identified as over capacity. There are a number of committed developments along the corridor and potential future sites in the area that improved highway capacity will help to unlock. There are currently no cycling facilities aside from advance stop lines along the corridor, this currently minimises the attractiveness of cycling the short trip to/from central Harrogate. Otley Road also provides access to Cardale Business Park, one of Harrogate's key employment districts. The current highway infrastructure along Otley Road is not sufficient to sustain the proposed levels of growth expected along the corridor.
- 2.3 Among the planned upgrades are improvements to junctions on Otley Road including smart traffic lights, extra traffic lanes, a new off road cycle lane to link into the developing cycle network and new or improved pedestrian crossings. These engineering measures will be complimented by an investment into the 'softer' measures such as publicity and education regarding sustainable travel.
- 2.4 The package of sustainable measures will help to improve safety and alleviate the levels of congestion currently experienced along the Otley Road corridor, accommodating the existing traffic and future growth of Harrogate as recognised in Harrogate Borough Council's proposed Local Plan.

**3.0 Identified Improvement schemes**

- 3.1 NPIF Sustainable Transport Package - West Harrogate will deliver the following schemes:

<b>Scheme</b>	<b>Proposed delivery start date</b>
<b>Harlow Moor Road Junction upgrade</b>	<b>February 2020</b>
<b>Otley Road Cycle route</b>	<b>February 2020</b>
<b>Rural Routes</b> Penny Pot Lane	<b>Complete</b>
Howhill Road to Hillfoot	<b>Complete</b>
<b>Roundabout Burnbridge</b>	<b>Non Delivery</b>
<b>Signal upgrades</b> Queens Road/West Avenue Pelican	<b>February 2020</b>
Otley Road/Pannal Ash road/ Manor Drive	<b>February 2020</b>
Otley Road/Wharfedale Ave Pelican	<b>February 2020</b>
Otley Road/Beckwith Knowle/Harlow Pines	<b>February 2020</b>
Otley Road/Beckwith Head Road/Crag Lane junction	<b>Complete</b>
Otley Road /Cold Bath Rd/Arthurs Ave	<b>Complete</b>

#### **4.0 Burnbridge Roundabout- Scheme update**

- 4.1 A feasibility study identified the need for third party land and significant level changes that would impact on the final delivery and cost of the scheme. Estimates were costed at over £2million.
- 4.2 In 2018 just before the bid was awarded NYCC introduced a right turn lane on Otley Road/Burnbridge lane, this was part of a Safety scheme that required delivery. Since the introduction of these measures (now over a year ago) the junction has seen a marked improvement in terms of the safety of manoeuvres and aiding the flow of traffic on Otley Road. It has therefore been identified that a roundabout is no longer required for this area, at this time.
- 4.3 The Department for Transport (DfT) have been made aware of the above and have given permission to spend the available funds on the remainder of the package of works, enabling NYCC to deliver enhanced designs at the Harlow Moor Junction upgrade and the Otley Road Cycle route.

#### **5.0 Otley Road Cycle Route – Scheme update**

- 5.1 The Cycle route has been designed off road along the wide footpath and verges of Otley Road. It has been designed to take cyclists on both sides of the road on majority segregated routes. The final design has included a number of new junction upgrades to introduce two new Toucan facilities for cyclists. The final design can be found on the below website link (6.3).
- 5.2 The design includes the use of the Stray, requiring a change in byelaw. This must be implemented by Harrogate Borough Council (HBC) under the Harrogate Stray Act 1985, and North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) local highways team are liaising with Harrogate Officers.. It is likely that the legal requirements associated with the Stray will not be concluded by March 2020. If this is the case the delivery will need to

be split into two phases. The first phase (Cardale Park to Harrogate Grammar School), to commence February 2020, the second phase (Harrogate Grammar School to the town centre) to be delivered at a later date once the use of the Stray and associated requirements have been concluded.

- 5.3 Harrogate Borough Council and North Yorkshire County Council Officers are currently considering locations where surfaced areas can be returned to grass, appropriate consultations and permissions must then take place. The Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster is the freeholder of the Stray. Harrogate BC cannot exercise the power to grant consent conferred to them under the Harrogate Stray Act 1985 without the agreement of the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, such consent should be in writing. HBC officers are in communication with appropriate Duchy representatives regarding the necessary processes.

## **6.0 Community support for the cycleway**

- 6.1 Following a public engagement event in January 2019 a 'Questions and Answers' page (Q and A) has been published on NYCC's website (via the link below), Officers continue to add to this as new issues are raised. Officers have addressed the issues raised and since January re-designs have included an additional Toucan crossing and additional signage. Officers have considered additional tree planting and will be working with the school to ensure this happens in agreeable locations to the Highway Authority and school. We have revisited the designs to save the tree at Victoria Road and sought to relocate a bus stop to address an existing problem. NYCC Officers have listened to the public and where feasible and appropriate concerns have been addressed. The programme has seen a delay while officers responded to feedback received and amended the Scheme where appropriate.
- 6.2 The final design will go through the necessary Safety Audit stages before delivery and immediately following implementation in accordance with national standards.
- 6.3 Further details of the Q and A can be found at; <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/west-harrogate-improvement-package>
- 6.4 Officers are aware of a recent online petition against the cycle route with approx. 277 signatures, although this has not yet been formally presented to NYCC. Approximately 130 letters of support for the route have also been received, by NYCC, HBC and the Duchy of Lancaster.

## **7.0 Harlow Moor Road Junction - Scheme update**

- 7.1 Improvements at the Junction of Harlow Moor Road with Otley Road will see the widening of the junction and the introduction of a left turn lane into Harlow Moor Road. This improvement will address the impact of queuing traffic in the short term but has also been designed to allow the capacity of future growth identified in HBC's Local Plan.
- 7.2 A number of utility diversions will be required, all necessary parties have been identified (Virgin, BT and Northern Power Grid) and programmes are being concluded. It is envisaged that work on the junction will start in February 2020. Details of the design can be found on the above website (at 6.3).

## **8.0 Rural Routes - Scheme update**

- 8.1 Improvements to the rural routes West of Harrogate have been concluded. This saw much needed resurfacing improvement work take place at Penny Pot Lane and Howhill Road to Hillfoot.

## **9.0 Signal Upgrade- Scheme update**

- 9.1 The upgrade at Crag Lane, delivered by Taylor Wimpey is now complete and Cornwall Road/ Otley road will be included in the delivery of the cycle route scheme. The remaining signal upgrades will be delivered by NYCC Signals team from January onwards. Elements of this work will need to be programmed in conjunction with the delivery of the cycle route and Hookstone junction improvement scheme.

## **10.0 Sustainable travel publicity info - Scheme update**

- 10.1 This element is being delivered by Network Strategy team in Highways and will be delivered through their Open Harrogate programme, there will be close engagement to ensure that the new developments and employment sites are actively encouraged to use the new cycle route.

## **11.0 NPIF Communications**

- 11.1 North Yorkshire County Council have updated their website with the most up to date designs. Once contractors are appointed and start times are known this information will also be on the website. Residents in the vicinity of the works will be provided with details of the works and necessary traffic management arrangements in advance of the works taking place.
- 11.2 Once work has started weekly updates regarding progress will also be shared with the public via the NYCC website and social media.

## **12.0 Financial Implications**

- 12.1 No significant financial implications have been identified as a result of the recommendations of this report.

## **13.0 Equalities Implications**

- 13.1 No significant equalities implications have been identified as a result of the recommendations of this report.

## **14.0 Legal Implications**

- 14.1 No significant legal implications have been identified as a result of the recommendations of this report

## **15.0 Recommendation**

- 15.1 That members are aware of the update and proposals for delivery of the schemes within Harrogate West Improvement Package and Officers provide a further progress update February/ March 2020.

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DATE: 22 October 2019



**North Yorkshire County Council**

**Harrogate and Knaresborough Area Constituency Committee**

**7<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

**School Exclusions and The Grove PRS update**

**1. Purpose of report**

**1.1** The purpose of this report is to provide an update to members on school exclusions in the locality and the current position with regards to The Grove Academy.

**2. Background**

**2.1** The Local Authority has a statutory responsibility under the Children and Families Act 2014 to keep its special educational provision under review, to ensure sufficiency in placements to meet the needs of children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND), working with parents/carers, young people and providers.

**2.2** In order to meet this responsibility, the Local Authority has developed the Strategic Plan for SEND Education provision 0-25 (the Strategic Plan) to address the needs of children and young people with SEND in North Yorkshire. This plan includes changes to the Pupil Referral Service (PRS).

**2.3** In January 2019 the Council Executive approved plans to change the funding model for all PRS across North Yorkshire to place based funding. The Executive agreed to:

- Proceed with the development of a revised model of Alternative Provision (AP) in localities in collaboration with secondary and PRS Head teachers and to finalise the new model by July 2019 with implementation from September 2020
- Phase the reduction in discretionary funding by continuing to pay 50% of discretionary funding from April 2019 until September 2020 to reduce the impact of the budget changes on the PRS/AP provision and provide greater organisational stability whilst the transition to the new model is implemented
- Continue to fund AP places at £19K until September 2019 and then £18K in line with national average
- Securing a saving from the discretionary funding to offset the pressure on the high needs block budget by between £1.3m and £1.5m
- Reallocating a proportion of discretionary money (£771,000) directly to locality education boards

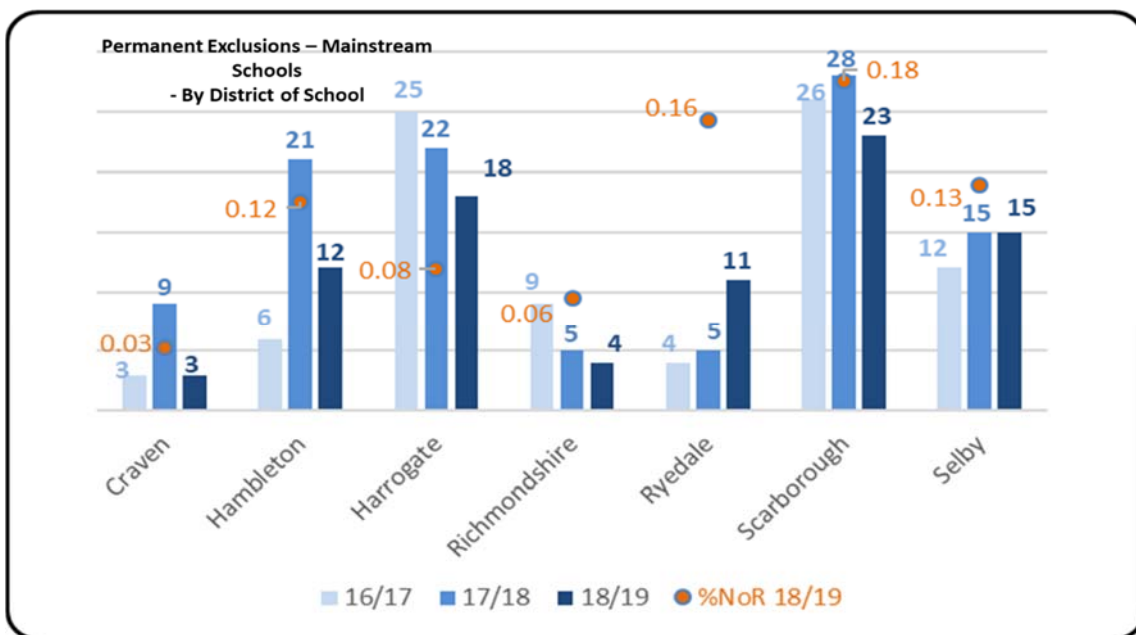
### 3. Exclusions in the locality

3.1 23% of the county’s fixed term exclusions happen in Harrogate, Ripon and Knaresborough. In 2018/19 this equated to 1327 fixed term exclusions of children and young people from mainstream schools. This number is similar to 2017/18 at 1329 but considerably higher than in 2016/17 which stood at 911.

3.2 There were a total of 436 children fixed-term excluded from mainstream schools (primary or secondary) in Harrogate in the 2018/19 academic year, approximately 2% fewer than the previous year (445). This was 22% of the North Yorkshire total for mainstream schools in 2018/19.

3.3 436 represented 1.92% of the mainstream school population in Harrogate in 2018/19, the North Yorkshire rate was 2.5% in this period.

3.4 There were a total of 18 permanent exclusions from mainstream schools (primary or secondary) in Harrogate in the 2018/19 academic year, approximately 22% fewer than the previous year (22). This was 21% of the North Yorkshire total for mainstream schools in 2018/19.



### 4. Progress to date

4.1 Work has been undertaken with local head teachers and PRS in partnership to develop new models of alternative provision across the county. The new models have been designed to be more flexible and offer preventative placements so that schools do not need to permanently exclude to access support. Approval to implement the new models was given by the Executive on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2019.

**4.2** Models have been developed based on the following agreed key principles:

- Young people remain part of their local home school community
- Home schools retain responsibility for young people on AP overseeing engagement and progress
- All children and young people on AP are entitled to high quality, full time and relevant education which enables them to fulfil their potential
- AP should be used proactively to personalise the learning programme of young people disengaging from a more traditional mainstream curriculum
- Young people on AP should receive high levels of pastoral and learning support and access to a broad social curriculum that prepares them for adulthood
- Young people on AP programmes should have access to qualifications appropriate to their abilities and that wherever possible contribute to Progress 8 performance

**4.3** In all other localities a new model has been agreed. Progress in transforming the model of Alternative Provision in Harrogate has not been made at the same rate as in the other four localities. The status of The Grove and its ability to remain open has been the subject of significant speculation throughout the process.

**4.4** The current Pupil Referral Services remain central to the delivery of the new AP models.

**4.5** Delta Multi Academy Trust are in advanced discussions with the Regional Schools Commissioner to re-broker the sponsorship of The Grove to another MAT. At no stage has any approach been made to the RSC to close the academy.

**4.6** An established MAT with a track record in special school and alternative provision have confirmed their interest and been approved to take over the sponsorship of The Grove under the new funding arrangements. They are now in negotiation with Delta and the RSC on finalising the transfer of the academy.

**4.7** The LA are continuing to work with local school leaders in Harrogate and surrounding areas on developing new arrangements for how young people access the support they need from alternative provision. The prospective new MAT are committed to working closely with the LA and local schools as soon as arrangements over sponsorship are finalised.

**4.8** The funding model agreed includes an additional £5k contribution from schools to jointly commission preventative places with the LA and local PRS. This is in addition to the standard place funding of £18k per place provided by the LA.

**4.9** The LA have agreed to 'front load' the place funding to aid budget stability at each PRS and AP. This means that the LA's place funding will be made available in its totality at the outset of each financial year.

## **5. Implementation September 2019 to September 2020**

- 5.1** Locality meetings have been established throughout the next academic year to work with school leaders and the local PRS to implement transition arrangements.
- 5.2** Local protocols are being developed and will be agreed in the locality forums to ensure equity of access and ensure the new provision is able to have most impact.
- 5.3** Transport has been highlighted as a significant barrier to schools to be able to access provision. The LA are undertaking detailed modelling of options with the aim of reducing the burden of travel costs for young people to access places preventatively.
- 5.4** In preparation for the launch of the new models from September 2020, it is intended that the title Pupil Referral Service is replaced with a new title that reflects the new designation of the PRS and to remove the stigma associated with provision for excluded children and young people.
- 5.5** A full review of all young people currently accessing PRS provision is being undertaken. This review will assist the LA and PRS to work with young people and their families to ensure they have the most suitable provision for their needs.

## **6. Recommendation**

- 6.1** It is recommended that members note the report on exclusions in the locality and the work underway to implement new models of provision for those at risk of exclusion.

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**North Yorkshire County Council  
Harrogate and Knaresborough Area Constituency Committee - 7 November 2019  
Bond End Junction Improvement - Update following Implementation**

**1.0 Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To update members on the Bond End Junction Improvement scheme, following completion in November 2018.

**2.0 Background**

- 2.1 In 2010, Harrogate Borough Council identified two places where the annual target for nitrogen dioxide, which mostly comes from traffic pollution, had been exceeded, these were in Knaresborough (Bond End) and Ripon (High Skellgate).
- 2.2 In 2013 Harrogate Borough Council submitted an Air Quality Action Plan to the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA). Details of the Action Plan can be found on Harrogate Borough Council's website at; [https://www.harrogate.gov.uk/downloads/file/1132/2013\\_air\\_quality\\_action\\_plan](https://www.harrogate.gov.uk/downloads/file/1132/2013_air_quality_action_plan)
- 2.3 North Yorkshire County Council implemented a revised junction arrangement in October 2018, which saw the removal of the existing signalised arrangement and the installation of two mini roundabouts and four zebra crossings.
- 2.4 The scheme set out with a clear objective of reducing nitrogen dioxide levels at the junction. The air quality modelling indicated that the scheme would deliver a reduction in nitrogen dioxide levels of up to 20% in the future modelled year, 2028, when compared to the do-nothing scenario.
- 2.5 Thorough traffic and air quality modelling informed the technical elements needed to meet the objectives. The junction layout with surrounding buildings created some unusual canyoning effects on pollution. By modelling the junction and surroundings, we could account for these and demonstrate that the greatest air quality benefits were not necessarily delivered by the greatest economic delay savings.

**3.0 Scheme Implementation**

- 3.1 Sustainable practices were adopted where the scheme allowed. Traditional stone footway and kerbing materials were re-used and, where extra quantities were required, recycled supplies were utilised. The raised planter was re-created, re-using the natural stone. Street lighting and zebra crossings were installed with low energy LED lanterns.

- 3.2 Recognising the constraints of the area, the high volume of traffic and its key location and proximity to residential properties meant that the contractor had a crucial role in the effective delivery of the project. The delivery team amended the tender process to include a quality presentation and submission, requiring tenderers to think about how they would deliver the work.
- 3.3 Before construction started, we held a 'meet the contractor' event for neighbouring residents and businesses. This set the scene for the quality of engagement that would follow. During the works the contractors prioritised liaison, keeping them well informed, answering their questions and accommodating special access needs. North Yorkshire County Council set up a dedicated webpage with where weekly posts included details of traffic management of the scheme, the progress and photographs.
- 3.4 During the works the traffic management created inevitable delays. In mitigation, long-distance diversionary signs were installed to discourage through traffic. The traffic management plans prepared during the tender were implemented, but adapted when this became necessary to accommodate pedestrian demands. This was further enhanced by peak-hour manual control of the temporary traffic signals during particularly disruptive work phases.
- 3.5 Works were delivered within the agreed programme and within the agreed budget of £480,000.

#### **4.0 Air Quality Results**

- 4.1 Air Quality monitoring continues to be managed by Harrogate Borough Council.
- 4.2 The scheme was complete in November 2018 and to date Harrogate Borough Council (HBC) officers do not have qualitative data available to understand the impact on Nitrogen Dioxide levels. From a quantitative consideration the impact on queues and delays has been significant and feedback from the community has confirmed this. Peak-hour delays are reduced, with the added air-quality advantage of less stop-start traffic.
- 4.3 Traffic modelling results had suggested there would be queuing impact on the high street, worse than existing as part of this scheme. This has not been identified following the scheme delivery. With traffic flowing better than the modelled scenarios it's possible that in the future these levels could be reduced below the modelled predictions.

#### **5.0 Lessons Learned- Scheme delivery**

- 5.1 A Communication Plan ensured regular contact and letter drops to the residential area, whilst we posted regular updates and progress photographs on NYCC's website.
- 5.2 Equally important was the need to ensure that the scheme met the needs of the local community, without losing focus on air quality. The provision of zebra crossings on each of the approach arms was an improvement over the existing facilities, as was widened areas of footways. One crossing was placed on a raised table to address concerns about down-hill speeds approaching and through the junction. 'Meet the contractor' and 'meet the designer' engagement events ensured that the community were engaged appropriately.

- 5.3 A number of other elements were accommodated or incorporated into the works to maximise the use of the disruptive traffic management. This included utilities connections, extending into adjoining areas of resurfacing and re-construction of a failing area of carriageway.
- 5.4 Whilst air quality was the primary objective, the scheme needed to be cognisant of the location's function as a place. Whilst being a busy primary traffic route, it's also a town centre location and residential street with neighbouring church, hotel and a charity's arts and crafts centre. These further objectives were met through enhanced pedestrian crossing provision and widened footways, making the junction safer and easier to negotiate on foot. The sense of place was topped off by the re-constructed raised flower bed, which was planted by the Town Council.
- 5.5 Safety Audits have demonstrated that the scheme is safe and has highlighted a number of amendments in connection with signing and lining for the highways team to address.

## **6.0 Next steps**

- 6.1 It was always recognised that the improvement scheme could never remove the air quality problem, but it could contribute in its improvement, it is anticipated that this improvement will result from improved traffic flow and less propensity for vehicles to come to a standstill, particularly during off-peak periods.
- 6.2 Further complimentary measures in the area would see further improvements in the future. North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) have installed two cameras to monitor the junction and its use, this data can be used to inform future air quality reduction actions as part of Harrogate Borough Council's Air Quality Action Plan. NYCC officers remain part of this working group.
- 6.3 Harrogate Borough Council continue to monitor this site with respect to Air Quality. It is expected that data nitrogen dioxide level data will be available in March 2020.

## **7.0 Financial Implications**

- 7.1 No significant financial implications have been identified as a result of the recommendations of this report.

## **8.0 Equalities Implications**

- 8.1 No significant equalities implications have been identified as a result of the recommendations of this report.

## **9.0 Legal Implications**

- 9.1 No significant legal implications have been identified as a result of the recommendations of this report

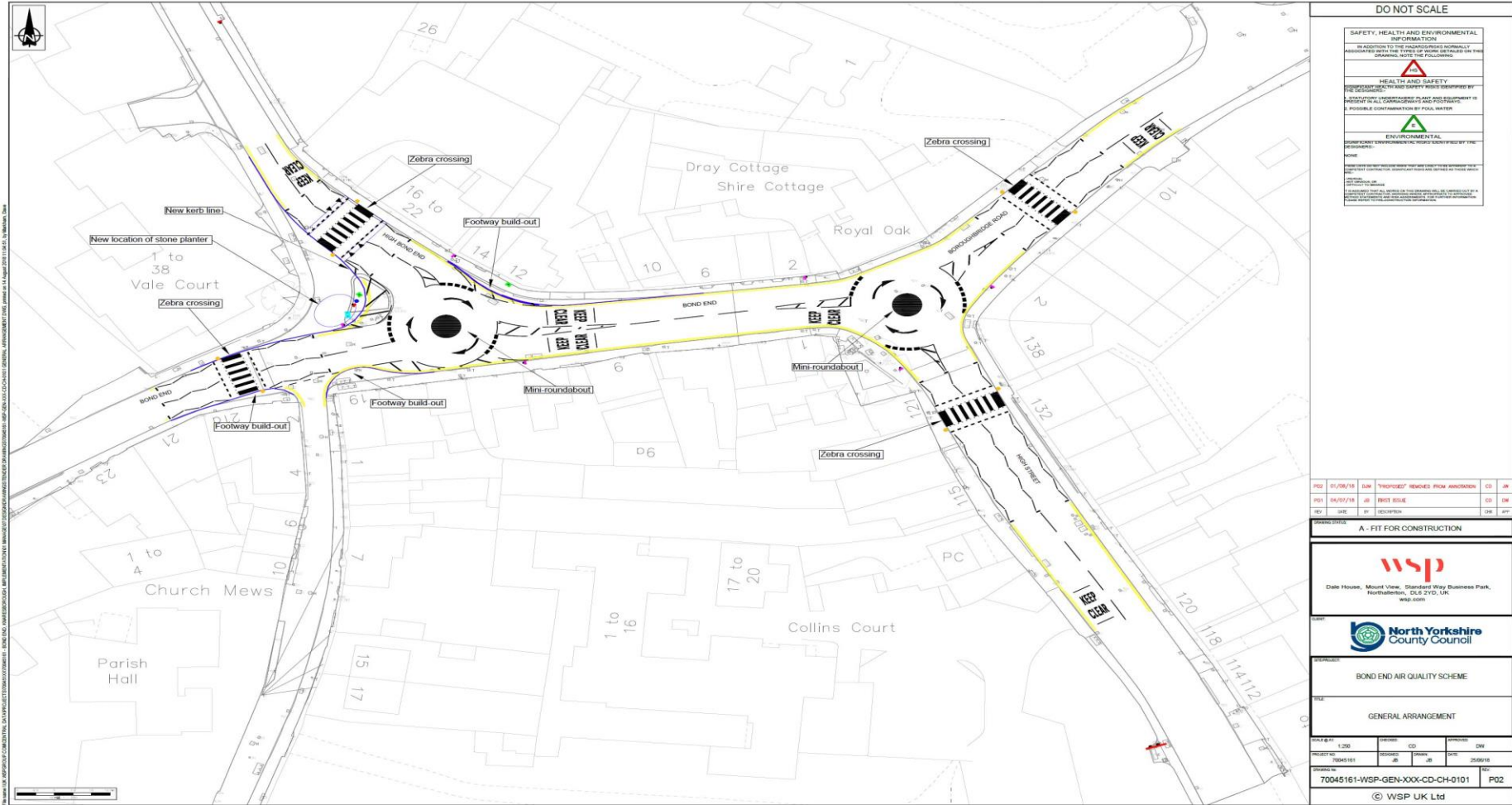
**10.0 Recommendation**

- 10.1 That Members note the updates provided, regarding the implementation of the Bond End Junction improvement scheme. Quantitative results are not yet available, these can be provided by Harrogate Borough Council's Environmental team once available in the new year.

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## North Yorkshire County Council

### Harrogate and Knaresborough Constituency Committee – 7 November 2019

#### A1(M) Junction 47 Improvement – progress Update

#### 1.0 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To provide an update on the progress of the A1(M) J47 improvement scheme

#### 2.0 Background

- 2.1 The A1(M) Junction 47 is currently a grade separated, four arm roundabout on the A59. It is located between York and Harrogate and is a major access into both urban areas for tourists, commuters and residents alike.
- 2.2 The junction has high traffic flows on all four arms which makes gap-seeking difficult leading to queuing and delay to journeys. This is a particular problem on both the A1(M) diverge (off) slip roads and the queuing can extend onto the mainline carriageway during peak hours.
- 2.3 The A168 runs north-south parallel to the A1(M) at this location and a link road connects the A168 to the A59 at a priority junction immediately east of A1(M) Junction 47. This junction has been identified as a location for safety improvements due to the number of recorded collisions.
- 2.4 Funding to improve safety and capacity at both these junctions by widening of the junction approaches, including the A1(M) slip roads, and providing linked signal control of both the roundabout and priority junction was confirmed with construction due to commence in spring 2017.
- 2.5 In early 2017 planning approval was given for the Flaxby Park development to the west of Junction 47. The developer's consent included a requirement to deliver a further package of improvements at Junction 47. To avoid a situation where improvement works carried out at the junction are followed closely by further developer works resulting in additional traffic disruption it was decided to delay the NYCC scheme to explore combining the two sets of works.
- 2.6 The scheme estimate is £5.19m and the breakdown of funding is;
- £2.47m YNYER LEP
  - £1.16m NYCC
  - £0.56m Highways England Growth & Housing Fund
  - £1.0m Developer

### **3.0 Progress Overview**

- 3.1 Developer contribution of £1 million was secured in February 2019 to enable an enhanced LEP + scheme at Junction 47 A1(M) to go ahead. This delayed the commencement of the design work to the enhanced LEP + scheme to include the changes required for the developer layout. The consultant has commenced the detailed design which included topographical and ground investigation works. The detailed design is expected to be complete in November 2019. Tenders will be sought in December 2019.
- 3.2 The current programme for the works is to start on site in March 2020 with anticipated construction period of 10 months. The majority of work will be undertaken overnight to minimise impact on traffic.

### **4.0 Recommendation**

- 4.1 Members of the Harrogate and Knaresborough Area Constituency Committee note the contents of the report.

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**North Yorkshire County Council  
Harrogate and Knaresborough Constituency Committee – 07 November 2019  
Harrogate Line Update**

**1.0 Purpose of the report**

- 1.1 To provide an update on the Harrogate York railway improvement project.

**2.0 Background**

- 2.1 The Harrogate Line project is a long standing piece of work undertaken by the County Council. The desired outcome of the project is to increase the frequency of rail services from 1 train per hour to a reliable 2 trains per hour in each direction between Harrogate and York
- 2.2 In May 2013 the Executive agreed to submit a bid to the NY Local Transport Body for funding for improvements to the Leeds – Harrogate – York railway line. In 2013, the improvements were estimated to cost in the region of £12.5m and looked at doubling significant lengths of the track to enable the desired increase in the frequency of services. This bid was successful with the allocation of £9.6m. Due to changes in the way Government allocated this funding the responsibility for this funding has now passed to the York, North Yorkshire and East Riding Local Enterprise Partnership
- 2.3 Following agreement of the funding by the Local Transport Body the County Council working with Network Rail undertook a series feasibility studies to seek to determine the exact details of the necessary infrastructure
- 2.4 Initially this involved the standard Network Rail scheme development procedure (known as GRIP 1 & GRIP 2) which concluded that double tracking is not required and a series of signalling and line speed interventions between Knaresborough and York will enable a reliable 2 trains per hour service to operate between Harrogate and York.
- 2.5 The details scheme are now being refined through the rail industry GRIP 3 and GRIP 4 stages (essentially preliminary design) and will increase operational capacity of the railway infrastructure by replacing Victorian era token exchange signalling with track circuit axel counters, increasing train speed on the points between single and double track sections and increase the overlap distance at the points at Cattal.
- 2.6 More recently in 2018, NYCC presented a report to the York North Yorkshire East Riding Local Enterprise Partnership (YNER LEP) infrastructure board seeking to reaffirm approval of £9.6 million funding to NYCC to deliver improvements to the rail infrastructure to enable two trains per hour to operate between York and Harrogate.

2.7 Funding from the LEP was approved but subject to a series of conditions, which have not yet been met. As a result, the scheme will be presented to the LEP infrastructure board in December 2019 for final consideration, further details on this will be discussed within the report.

### **3.0 Current Work**

3.1 As stated above at the current time Network Rail are unable to provide absolute certainty that the investment will be able to guarantee that 2 trains per hour can operate successfully between Harrogate and York. This is due to the uncertainty of the capacity of the East Coast Main Line north of York.

3.2 In order to determine the capacity of the East Coast Main Line (ECML), Network Rail and industry partners need to complete an extensive piece of timetable modelling work which will generate a proposed future timetable for the East Coast Main Line. The work will be completed by a Network Rail Event Steering Group (ESG) and is due to be complete at the end of November / early December. Once this piece of work has been complete, it will provide Network Rail with suitable outputs to determine whether the Harrogate Line scheme can deliver the required 2 trains per hour outcome.

3.3 Despite the uncertainty around the future East Coast Main Line timetable, work has continued to progress on the scheme. Should the outcome of the ECML timetabling work confirm the 2 trains per hour can operate this will enable the Harrogate Line project to remain on schedule to deliver within the funding timescales (31 March 2021).

### **4.0 Next Steps**

4.1 Once the East Coast Main Line timetabling work is complete in December 2019, Network Rail, Northern and North Yorkshire County Council will present the results to the LEP infrastructure board in December for a final decision on the £9.6million funding.

4.2 Should the ECML timetable work confirm that the required outcome of 2 trains per hour is deliverable the County Council will commission the next phases of the scheme development and deliver (GRIP 5 to GRIP 8) from Network Rail in January 2020. Should the scheme continue it is anticipated that the desired 2 trains per hour service between Harrogate and York will commence as part of the December 2020 rail timetable changes.

4.3 Should the required 2 trains per hour outcome not be achievable the Local Enterprise Partnership is likely to withdraw its funding offer and the project will cease. Should this be the case arrangements are in place to minimise the impact of abortive expenditure on the County Council. These are however subject to commercial confidentiality arrangements.

### **5.0 Starbeck Level Crossing**

5.1 The stated aim of the project is to deliver a doubling of frequency of trains to two trains per hour between Harrogate and York will not have any impact on the number of closures of Starbeck Level Crossing. Currently services from Leeds to Harrogate actually terminate and turn around at Knaresborough and as such already run through Starbeck Level Crossing. The desired increase in services from Harrogate to York will therefore be achieved by continuing these trains that currently terminate at Knaresborough through to terminate at York station

## **6.0 Financial Implications**

- 6.1 The project is anticipated to cost £12.6 million, made up of £9.6million Local Growth Funding, and £3.0million from North Yorkshire County Council.
- 6.2 All development works to date have been financed by North Yorkshire County Council.

## **7.0 Equalities implications**

- 7.1 Consideration has been given to the potential for any adverse equalities impacts arising from the recommendations of this report. As this report is for information only it is the view of officers that the recommendations do not have any adverse impacts on any of the protected characteristics identified in the Equalities Act 2010 and that no equalities scoping assessment is required. However, it is worth noting that fully developed schemes will require a full Equalities Impact Assessment.

## **8.0 Legal Implications**

- 8.1 As the report is for information only there are no legal implications associated with the recommendations.

<h2><b>9.0 Recommendations</b></h2>
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>9.1 It is recommended that Members note the content of the report.</li></ul> |
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**North Yorkshire County Council  
Harrogate and Knaresborough Area Constituency Committee  
7 November 2019  
Committee Work Programme**

**Purpose of Report**

To ask Members to consider, amend and add to the Committee's work programme.

**Work Programme**

The Committee's work programme is attached as Appendix 1. This has been updated since the Committee's last meeting.

Appendix A to Appendix 1 is the list of business considered at previous meetings.

**Remit of the Committee**

The Area Constituency Committees:

- Act as a forum for Members to bring forward issues affecting their local Electoral Divisions
- Hear and respond to questions and statements from members of the public relating to anything affecting the community within the constituency area
- Agree a Work Programme which lists items of business which the Committee wishes to consider at future meetings
- Undertake meaningful scrutiny of local health issues within their constituency area, complementing the strategic work undertaken by the Scrutiny of Health Committee
- Undertake meaningful scrutiny of local transport issues within their constituency area, complementing the strategic work undertaken by Transport, Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- Act as consultees in major decisions that affect their constituency area (including responding to consultations)
- Make recommendations on the application of Innovation funding (supported by the Stronger Communities Team)
- Develop a working relationship with the local MP, sharing updates and information on relevant local issues being addressed by the committee.

A map showing the constituency's area is at Appendix 2.



## **Work Programme Items**

The intention is for the Committee to develop a work programme that: is owned by the Committee; has items on it that are important locally but relevant at a strategic, county level; evolves over time and is not static.

The Committee Chairman, Vice-Chairman and the Democratic Services Officer will keep the work programme up to date and determine which items need to be considered at a public committee meeting and which could be picked up elsewhere.

Alternative ways of dealing with issues that come to the Committee could include:

- Referral to an officer at the County Council and/or District Council for a response;
- Referral to the Democratic Services Officer to conduct further research to ascertain whether it was appropriate for the committee to review;
- Referral to County Council and/or District Council Overview and Scrutiny;
- Referral to the Chairman and Vice-Chairman to consider, outside of a formal committee meeting;
- Referral to the appropriate Executive Member to consider.

The Committee meets 4 times a year and, as such, the time that can be spent on scrutiny is limited. As such, effective management of the Committee's business and work programme is crucial.

### **Recommendation**

Members are asked to consider, amend and add to the Committee's work programme.

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### Harrogate and Knaresborough Area Constituency Committee Work Programme 2019/20

#### 9.30am on Thursday 7 November 2019 at the Dower House Hotel, 48 Bond End, Knaresborough

Subject	Description
National Productivity Investment Fund – West Harrogate Improvement Package – Progress Update	To update Members on progress.
School Exclusions and The Grove PRS Update	To update Members on progress.
TalkTalk FibreNation Rollout in Harrogate	This is part of the on-going inquiry by the Committee into how digital infrastructure can support communities and economic growth in the constituency area.
Bond End Junction Improvement – Update following Implementation	To update Members on the Bond End Junction Improvement Scheme, following completion in November 2018.
A1(M) Junction 47 Improvement – Progress Update	To update Members on progress.
Harrogate to York Railway Improvement Project – Update	To update Members on progress.

*Note: A Highways drop-in session with a representative from the Local Highways Office will be held after this ACC meeting*

#### 9.30am on Thursday 9 January 2020 at the Cairn Hotel, Ripon Road, Harrogate

Subject	Description
NYCC 2020 Budget	To brief ACC Members and invite recommendations for referral to the Executive's meeting to be held on 28 January 2020.
Cycle Path Network	To consider the cycle path network as a way to achieve a range of objectives including linking-up communities and services.
Public Footpaths in Urban Areas – Briefing note	To provide an update on work being undertaken/planned to produce a Walking Infrastructure Plan, including any known arrangements to consult local Members.
Following the General Election in December 2019, the Member of Parliament for the Harrogate and Knaresborough Constituency will be invited to attend this meeting.	For the Committee to have a discussion with the MP.

**9.30am on Thursday 19 March 2020 at the Cairn Hotel, Ripon Road, Harrogate**

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Description</b>
Community Safety - Non-Crime Data	To invite ACC Members to identify community safety issues arising from non-crime data from North Yorkshire Police (ie where there are no arrests) and how to respond to such issues.
County Lines Gangs	To investigate what housing associations and private landlords should do to ensure that “cuckooing” is not taking place in their properties for drug dealing.
Stroke Service Provision for Harrogate and the Surrounding Area * (see footnote)	Review of first 12 months of operation of new hyper acute stroke service. (Also to be considered at Scrutiny of Health Committee’s meeting on 13 March 2020.)
Mental Health Services in Harrogate and the Surrounding Area * (see footnote)	To receive a further update and, in particular:- the proportion of mental health services to be provided in the community; the future of the Cardale Park site; and the situation regarding in-patient services provided at Foss Park in York. (Mental Health Services in Harrogate and the surrounding area is likely to be considered at the Scrutiny of Health Committee’s meeting on 13 March 2020.)

**Harrogate and Knaresborough Area Constituency Committee Work Programme 2020/21**

**June 2020 (date, time and venue to be notified)**

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Description</b>
NYCC’s draft response to the Government’s Adult Social Care Green Paper	The ACC has previously asked for the County Council’s draft response to be shared with the Chairman of this Committee. The ACC also agreed that, if the Chairman considers it necessary, the draft response shall be submitted to this ACC for discussion.
Walking Infrastructure Plan	To consult Members on a Walking Infrastructure Plan.

**September 2020 (date, time and venue to be notified)**

No topics have been identified for this meeting to date.

**November 2020 (date, time and venue to be notified)**

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Description</b>
Schools, Educational Achievement and Finance	To consider an annual report about schools, educational achievement and finance, to include attainment data, the landscape regarding organisational status/school places, school finances, and the position in relation to exclusions. <i>Note: The CYPS Directorate is reporting annually, in autumn, from 2020, to each of the 6 ACCs.</i>

**March 2021 (date, time and venue to be notified)**

No topics have been identified for this meeting to date.

## Business Considered at Previous Meetings

<b>9.30am on Thursday 14 June 2018 at the Cairn Hotel, Ripon Road, Harrogate</b>	
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Description</b>
Area Constituency Committees - A suggested way forward	To update Members on role of the Area Constituency Committee and outline suggestions for: a standard agenda; co-option of members; management of regular updates; and links with NYCC Overview and Scrutiny
Harrogate and Knaresborough Area Constituency Committee Area Profile	To provide an overview of some of the key issues in the area covered by the Area Constituency Committee
<i>Note: A Highways drop-in session with representatives from the Local Highways Office was held after this ACC meeting</i>	
<b>9.30am on Thursday 30 August 2018 at Harrogate Civic Centre, St Luke's Mount, Harrogate</b>	
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Description</b>
Adult Social Care Green Paper/Funding	To highlight local funding issues and invite Committee Members to identify local concerns that should be taken into account as part of the development of, or consideration of, the Green Paper.
Area Profile Follow-Up – Stronger Communities Programme	To inform the Committee of the work of the Stronger Communities Programme, in the Harrogate and Knaresborough constituency area, linked to older people and adults.
Appointment to Outside Body – King James' Foundation, Knaresborough	To appoint to a vacancy for the County Council's representative on the King James' Foundation, Knaresborough.
<i>Note: A Highways drop-in session with representatives from the Local Highways Office was held after this ACC meeting</i>	
<b>9.30am on Thursday 8 November 2018 at the Cairn Hotel, Ripon Road, Harrogate</b>	
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Description</b>
Harrogate Traffic Congestion Study	To seek comments, from Councillors sitting on the Area Constituency Committee, for submission to the County Council's Executive prior to the Executive deciding whether to hold a public consultation early in 2019 on the results of the most recent analysis from the Harrogate Congestion Study.
A1(M) Junction 47 Improvement – Progress Update	To provide an update on the progress of the A1(M) J47 improvement scheme.
Harrogate to York Railway Enhancement Update	To update the Committee on the progress of the project for the Harrogate to York railway service enhancements.
Roll-out of Broadband Phase 3	To advise Members of the roll-out for the Harrogate and Knaresborough constituency area.
<i>Note: A Highways drop-in session with a representative from the Local Highways Office was held after this ACC meeting</i>	

**9.30am on Thursday 21 March 2019 at the Cairn Hotel, Ripon Road, Harrogate**

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Description</b>
Briefing on Changes to Mental Health Services in Harrogate and the Surrounding Area	To update Members on changes to mental health services in Harrogate and the surrounding area.
Briefing on Changes to Hyper Acute Stroke Services in Harrogate	To update Members on changes to the provision of hyper acute stroke services in Harrogate and the surrounding area.
Schools, Educational Achievement and Finance	To inform Members of the local educational landscape, educational achievement and the financial challenges which affect schools in the Harrogate and Knaresborough constituency area.
Receipt of Petition "Save North Yorkshire's Pupil Referral Service"	To advise of the receipt of a petition and the consideration which has already been given to the matter which is the subject of the petition and to ask the Committee to consider a response to the petition.

*Note: A Highways drop-in session with a representative from the Local Highways Office was held after this ACC meeting*

**9.30am on Thursday 29 August 2019 at the Cairn Hotel, Ripon Road, Harrogate**

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Description</b>
Results of Harrogate and Knaresborough Congestion Study Public Engagement	(i) To update Members of the Area Constituency Committee on the headline results of the Harrogate and Knaresborough congestion study public engagement, and to report on emerging trends and potential next steps; and (ii) to seek the Area Constituency Committee's views on potential recommendations to the Executive on next steps.

*Note: A Highways drop-in session with a representative from the Local Highways Office was held after this ACC meeting*

**9.30am on Thursday 19 September 2019 at the Cairn Hotel, Ripon Road, Harrogate**

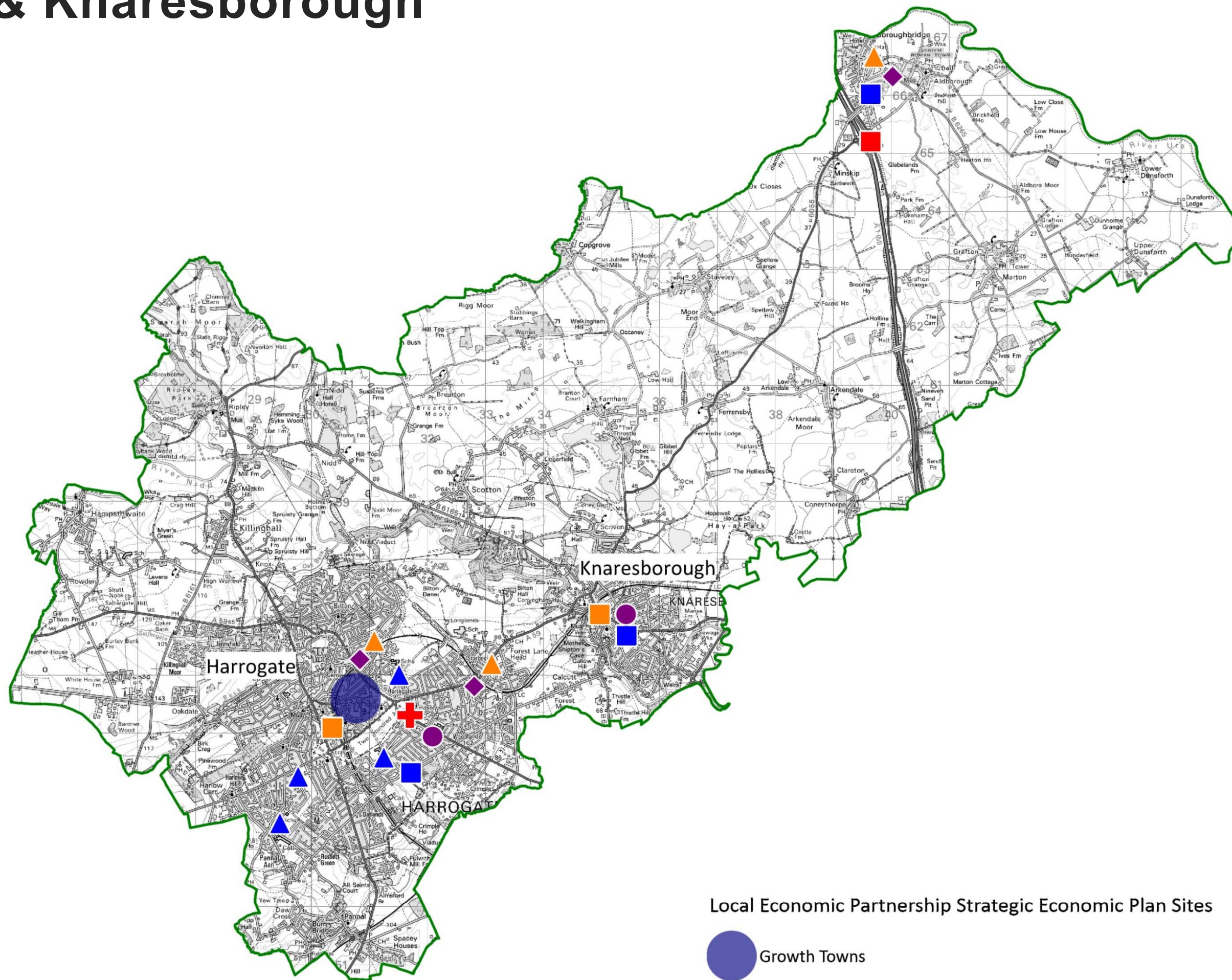
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Description</b>
NYCC Digital Strategy – Report of Robert Ling (NYCC's Assistant Director - Technology and Change)	To provide an update on the development of a range of technologies that will improve connectivity, access to services and the opportunities for business.
Superfast Broadband – Progress update	To advise Members of progress subsequent to the ACC's meeting on 8 November 2018.
Mental Health Services in Harrogate and the surrounding area - Update	To advise of the outcome of engagement (24 June 2019 - 13 September 2019) on the new model for enhanced community care, details of proposed closure of 2 mental health in-patient wards at Harrogate Hospital and projected use of York mental health hospital.

*Note: A Highways drop-in session with a Communication Officer from the Local Highways Office was held after this ACC meeting.*

# Harrogate & Knaresborough ACC Area

## Key to symbols

- + Acute Hospitals
- Secondary Schools
- ▲ Secondary Academies
- Libraries
- ▲ Community Libraries
- Highways Area Offices
- ◆ NYCC Care Homes
- Extra Care Locations



## Local Economic Partnership Strategic Economic Plan Sites

- Growth Towns