

North Yorkshire County Council
Corporate and Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny Committee
7th December 2020

Council Plan Refresh

1. Purpose of Report

To update Corporate and Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny Committee on what is being considered as part of the refresh of the 2021 – 2025 Council Plan.

2. The Council Plan 2021 – 2025 will require approval by full Council on 17 February 2021 (alongside the Medium Term Financial Strategy), with prior consideration at the Executive (on 26 January 2021).
3. There were significant changes to last year's plan including the addition of a new ambition; therefore, a light refresh is being undertaken rather than a full rewrite. Ambitions, priorities, our approach and principles remain relevant and appropriate, and the current format provides an effective structure to articulate the Council's intentions.
4. The foreword will be reintroduced to set the scene for the plan and to cover COVID-19 and the Local Government Review. The significant work undertaken in response to COVID-19 will be reflected in the new key achievements section.
5. Updates are being made to the priorities under each ambition to reflect the ongoing challenges with COVID-19 and the impact it has had on the Council. In addition to this, the Growth plan and plan for Children and Young people are being refreshed in harmony with the Council plan. Therefore, there will be more changes under the Growth and Children's ambition to reflect this. Draft changes and additions to priorities are:

Leading for North Yorkshire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COVID-19 and recovery - protect the health and well-being of our residents and the local economy; we will work our partners to promote the recovery from the pandemic.
Every child and young person has the best possible start in life	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting outcomes will change to reflect new Children and young people's plan once it has been agreed • COVID-19 and recovery – ensure children's education, health and well-being is protected and strengthened and that children, young people and families continue to be effectively supported as we recover from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic
Every adult has a longer, healthier and independent life	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prevention – supporting people to live longer, healthier lives, independently in their own homes by preventing, reducing and delaying the need for longer-term social care services. Maintaining and developing our proactive outbreak management and prevention response to the COVID-19 pandemic and any future population outbreaks. • Integration – working with the NHS to develop integrated models of commissioning and service delivery in each area of North Yorkshire, to ensure that the people of North Yorkshire have a cost efficient, effective and joined up health and social care provision. Working closely with local health partners to optimise local discharge pathways, in

	<p>response to the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond, to make sure people make a safe and timely transition from health to social care.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Care Market – working with a range of organisations from the health, independent and voluntary sectors to develop a sustainable, diverse and innovative care market that meets the varied needs of the people of North Yorkshire and ensures quality and dignity for all. Providing targeted support to local providers to help them prevent and/or contain COVID-19 or similar outbreaks amongst their service users and staff.
<p>North Yorkshire is a place with a strong economy & a commitment to sustainable growth</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement and monitor a countywide framework for economic recovery – Providing the County Council's response to COVID-19 economic recovery, bridging the gap between the sub regional and local, addressing issues that are common to a number of authorities and sectors within North Yorkshire, and reflects the functions of the County Council. Focused on supporting the socio-economic well-being of our residents, businesses and visitors. • Create high quality places, increased housing provision and delivering infrastructure - Working with partners, NYCC will support the development and delivery of strategic housing and employment sites alongside the required infrastructure to create high quality employment opportunities, housing provision (especially affordable housing), education and health care for everyone. Working with partners and stakeholders NYCC will support the regeneration of town centres rethinking the allocation of road space to create public realm that is accessible, safe, healthy and business friendly. NYCC will take a leadership role ensuring agility to take advantage of evolving government policy and funding opportunities. • Increase skills levels and ensure that the workforce meets the needs of the County - Ensure a clear pathway for young people from education to training and employment. Undertake measures to support the development of the workforce that meet the social and economic needs of the County. NYCC will work with partners, including the Local Enterprise Partnership, to support skills and training provision in North Yorkshire and seek to ensure that it meets the needs of North Yorkshire businesses and supports the aspirations of all the people of North Yorkshire especially as we emerge from the Coronavirus pandemic and adapt to new ways of working. • Live Well - Through working in partnership, to create fair employment and good work for all, we encourage a healthy standard of living and enable all working age people to live well. The focus will be on creating Strong Communities that are complete and compact. In doing this we will seek to address inequality of opportunity, and recognise the challenges presented by health inequalities across North Yorkshire. Ensuring public safety through North Yorkshire County Council's outbreak management plan we will focus

	<p>on workplace settings, as they evolve, Leisure and Tourism and Housing, specifically houses of multiple occupancy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creating the right conditions for business growth and investment - By promoting good growth across the County that is clean and inclusive. NYCC will seek to support investment projects by working closely with partners to facilitate business growth, inward investment and development of low carbon technologies and seek to raise the median and lowest wage levels across the County. Through its Trading Standards and licensing functions NYCC will continue to support legitimate businesses to trade successfully, recover from the economic impact of the Coronavirus pandemic and promote good growth. • Enhancing the environment, developing tourism and the green economy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ By taking measures to reduce the Council's carbon footprint to net zero by 2030, NYCC move towards the UK's net zero carbon emissions goal by 2050 (UK Government target). ○ We will grow the green economy and support economic resilience by protecting the County's environment, ecology and heritage assets and by supporting environmental initiatives, which increase the value of agriculture, enhance biodiversity and reduce the impact of climate change, particularly in relation to severe flood events. ○ Continue to support regional tourism by delivering world-class events and develop the County's cultural offer for the benefit of local communities and the visitor economy.
<p>We are an innovative and forward thinking Council</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure working environments for staff meet their needs and makes them more effective in their jobs, whilst facilitating increased home working where appropriate or needed • New innovative models of service delivery with partners and communities to further improve services, but also to reflect changes to the way we all work and live following the Coronavirus pandemic

6. Corporate and Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny Committee is asked to comment on the draft new and amended priorities under each ambition.
7. As last year, it is proposed to circulate by email the draft plan to all members of the Council as soon as possible after 15 December 2020, with a request for comments by 6 January 2021.

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Background information: The current Council Plan (2020 - 2024) is available at www.northyorks.gov.uk/council-plan

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