

# **NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**18 FEBRUARY 2009**

## **TRANSPORT AND TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES**

### **OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

#### **STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN**

The Transport and Telecommunication Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee has met once since the last full Council meeting. The Committee held its scheduled meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> February 2009.

#### **Committee Meeting – 4 February 2009**

##### **Roads to re-use and recycling Presentation by Phil Jepps Balfour Beatty**

The annual report from Balfour Beatty concerning the re-use and recycling for highways was well received by the Committee. Mr Jepps informed Members about the progress being made which sees an increase from 59% being recycled in 2004 to 70% in 2008 and with a reduction in landfill 32,000 tonnes. We were also pleased to hear that since our scrutiny review in 2005 the company had:

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| * Appointed a recycling manager                     | * Identified market leading initiatives                              |
| * Set up recycling centres as individual operations | * Reduced the quantity of excavated material subject to landfill tax |
| * Engaged supply chains                             | * Increased the quantity of recycled material being re-used          |
| * Measure recycled content of excavations           | * Partial recycling of gully waste                                   |
| * Built up knowledge and experience                 |  |

In the future they hope to:

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| * Trial re-heat asphalt   | * Continue engaging supply chain                               |
| * Undertake detailed feasibility study of owning part of the supply chain | * Continue to build knowledge and experience of sustainability |
| * Measure the recycled content of all key products purchased              | * Potential mobile recycling of all gully waste                |

##### **95 ALIVE York and North Yorkshire Road Safety Partnership**

Following our consideration of the 95 Alive road safety partnership in December 2008 we decided to present a report to the County Council's Executive and the North Yorkshire Strategic Partnership (NYSP) 'Safer Communities' thematic partnership to inform them of the findings of that consideration.

The Committee concluded that the 95 ALIVE road safety partnership was well on its way to fulfilling its promise to reduce the numbers of killed and seriously injured on the County's roads. We also agreed that the Partnership is managing its performance well providing key evidence through several data sources. This is a picture that Councillors agreed should be regularly monitored and therefore an annual report will be scheduled within the Committee's work programme. We have also agreed that our next in-depth scrutiny review (to be undertaken later in 2009) will look at 'speed management'.

## **Airport Consultative Committee Representatives**

Following our report to the Executive the County Council now has a representative on the Airport Consultative Committees of:

- Leeds / Bradford Airport - County Councillor Michael Heseltine
- Robin Hood Airport - County Councillor Gillian Ivey
- Durham / Tees Valley Airport - County Councillor Eric Broadbent

We were interested to hear the reports from each of the representatives and noted the draft Airport Master Plan of Robin Hood Airport. We were particularly interested to hear about the proposal to create a train stop that, if it were agreed, would serve the airport and help to reduce car traffic around the area. Councillor Ivey also informed us of the proposed improvements to the M18 at junction 3 and the link road to the airport (Finningley and Rossington regeneration Route Scheme FARRRS link).

The Committee agreed that an annual report should be included on the work programme.

## **Joint Scrutiny Review – Transport for Young People (TrYP)**

There are a number of challenges facing North Yorkshire in relation to the 11-19 Strategy but in particular the issue of School to School Transport has been raised as a significant challenge.

The Joint Scrutiny Review Group continues to development a wider understanding of the transport issues for young people in North Yorkshire. We look forward to the draft final report of the Task Group being presented to the April Committee meeting.

## **Next in-depth scrutiny review**

The Committee's next in-depth scrutiny review is scheduled to commence in the Autumn of this year and will look at Speed Management.

**County Councillor Eric Broadbent**

**Chairman**

**Transport and Telecommunication Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee**

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