

## NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

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**STATEMENT OF THE HIGHWAYS AND PLANNING SERVICES  
PORTFOLIO HOLDER COUNTY COUNCILLOR GARETH DADD****HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION****Scarborough Agency Transfer**

On 1 April 2011, staff and responsibility for the highways network within the Scarborough Town area transferred from Scarborough Borough Council to North Yorkshire County Council.

North Yorkshire County Council and Scarborough Borough Council staff have worked hard to ensure the transfer was smooth and service delivery has continued as normal throughout the transition, with the public being kept informed at every stage.

The coming year will see the existing Scarborough Dean Road Depot closing, with highway services transferring to a new depot at Seamer Carr which is currently in the planning stages. The staff and services operating in the Scarborough Town area are scheduled to move in to the new depot before Christmas.

All highway and transportation queries or requests for the Scarborough Town area should now be directed to the Area 3 Whitby office.

**Winter Damage Funding**

The severe winter weather we experienced in December 2010 has taken its toll on the road network across the county. At the end of 2009/10 winter season we estimated that approximately £30m worth of accelerated damage had occurred on the network and we allocated over £10m of additional funding towards dealing with those locations with the worst problems and a number of schemes were delivered using this funding. Further damage has occurred as a result of the 2010/11 severe winter weather and, despite the work already carried out, it is estimated that accelerated damage due to winter conditions is now estimated to be in the region of £36m. In determining the highways capital programme for 2011/12, £2.6m has been allocated from the Integrated Transport Capital Fund to address winter damage. The Department for Transport announced on 24 March 2011 that a further total of £200m was to be made available across the country to address winter damage problems, and that North Yorkshire County Council's total allocation is £6.632m. The highways capital programme covering the additional £6.632m has been agreed by the BES Executive Members and members will shortly receive details of any schemes in their local area.

## **LTP**

At last December's meeting of the Council we approved the Local Transport Plan 3. LTP3 became County Council policy with effect from 1 April 2011. The document is posted on the Council's web site.

At that time full details of the Government's capital settlements for transport and the overall revenue settlements were not known. It was therefore agreed that an addendum to the LTP3 be prepared setting out further details of targets and indicators to be used to monitor the implementation of the plan.

That addendum of LTP3 indicators was considered by the BES Executive Members on 8 April and Key Outcome Indicators agreed. The Addendum to the LTP, along with the Key Indicators is now also published on the web site.

## **North Yorkshire Housing Strategy Local Investment Plan**

The Executive approved the North Yorkshire Housing Strategy and Action Plan on behalf of the County Council on 28 September 2010. The Strategy sets out the main strategic housing issues and challenges within North Yorkshire.

It was always intended that the strategy would be used to feed into a Local Investment Plan (LIP) to secure public sector housing investment (in particular from the Homes and Communities Agency) for North Yorkshire. The Local Investment Plan has now been approved by the Local Government York and North Yorkshire Housing Board at its meeting on 28 March 2011. The NYCC Executive is being invited to approve the document on 24 May 2011.

The purpose of this Plan is to make the business case to show the huge potential that can be unlocked through investment in housing in North Yorkshire. It will help to ensure that funding is targeted effectively to deliver key development projects and value for money.

The Local Investment Plan covers the period to 2021, but delivery is in two phases; short and medium term proposals for 2011-15 and longer term plans/aspirations for 2016-21.

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