

**North Yorkshire County Council
18 July 2012**

**Transport, Economy and Environment
Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

Chairman's Statement

The Committee is yet to meet as I write this Chairman's statement. The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 17 July 2012.

Currently the agenda includes:

- Highways Agency report on the investigation around the improvements on the A64 Hopgrove Roundabout
- Feedback from the consultation on Unsurfaced, Unclassified Roads
- The Local Nature Partnership
- Design Standards for Developer Funded Highway Works.

I would like to take this opportunity to focus on the work of our Scrutiny Task Group looking at a protocol for temporary vehicle activated signs.

The Scrutiny Task Group is comprised of; Myself (as Chairman of the Task Group) and County Councillors Michael Heseltine, Mike Jordan, Robert Heseltine and John Savage.

This piece of work has been underway since May this year and is looking at:

- The different funding/delivery models for the introduction of a Temporary VAS Protocol
- The effectiveness of mobile speed matrices, proposed temporary VAS and permanent VAS
- The relationship, in the Speed Management Protocol, between, mobile (proposed) temporary and permanent VAS
- Alternative/supplementary proposals for the introduction of speed indicator devices
- Evidence from participants/stakeholders on the proposals.
- The level of interest from parish councils for leasing a temporary/mobile VAS.
- The existing tools that are at the disposal of NYCC and relevant partner organisations to tackle speeding and what else they could do in this regard.

The Task Group are keen to hear from you if you have any information regarding the thoughts of the residents in your Division around the possible use of temporary Vehicle Activated Signs and the opportunity for Parish Councils to lease them from the County Council. Please email lorraine.laverton@northyorks.gov.uk with any feedback by Friday 3rd August 2012. Lorraine is the Corporate Development Officer supporting our work and will collate any response from you on our behalf.

As Chairman of the Task Group I have been attending the branch meetings of the Yorkshire Local Councils Association to hear first hand the thoughts of Parish Councils and I am pleased to say the feedback is generally positive. We have also had a very useful meeting with representatives of North Yorkshire Police, North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue, Community Safety Partnership and City of York Council.

The Task Group is scheduled to present its draft final report to the Transport, Economy & Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the 5th September 2012. The final report and recommendations will be presented to the Executive at its meeting on 25 September 2012.

County Councillor David Jeffels
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