

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

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**STATEMENT OF THE HIGHWAYS AND PLANNING SERVICES PORTFOLIO HOLDER
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A684 Bedale Aiskew Leeming Bar Bypass

Members will recall that at the meeting of the Executive on 17 January 2012 it was agreed to accept the Department for Transport (DfT) funding offer and take the A684 Bedale Aiskew Leeming Bar Bypass scheme forward. The DfT subsequently granted Programme Entry status for the scheme.

The scheme is currently on budget and on programme for a construction start in October 2014.

The Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) and Side Roads Order (SRO) were published in October 2012 with a closing date for objections of 11 December 2012. It is expected that there will be an announcement from the Secretary of State in early January as to whether a Public Inquiry will be necessary. If a Public Inquiry is required then this is likely to be held in May 2013.

Members will be aware that funding for the upgrade of the Leeming to Barton section of the A1 was approved in the Autumn Statement. Given the interaction between the Bypass and the A1 upgrade we will now be discussing opportunities for possible cost savings with the Highways Agency.

Countywide Civil Parking Enforcement

Members will recall that at the meeting of the Executive on the 25 September 2012 the countywide Civil Parking Enforcement business case was approved. Given the need to include off-street car parks in the proposal there was also a need to seek approval from each of the district councils, which I am pleased to say we have now achieved. Consequently the application was submitted to the Department for Transport at the end of October 2012. Work is ongoing with each of the District Councils to establish the operational arrangements. The countywide model will involve extending the existing Harrogate and Scarborough operations as set out below:

- Scarborough Borough Council managing the on and off street enforcement operation in Ryedale, Hambleton and Richmondshire;
- Harrogate Borough Council managing the on and off street enforcement operation in Craven and Selby.

Members should also be aware that there will be some minor signing and lining works in the coming months to ensure all restrictions are enforceable. The implementation date for countywide CPE is still scheduled for mid-May 2013.

Flooding

As I write this statement, we are once again dealing with flooding across a large part of the County caused by another dose of heavy and prolonged rainfall. A number of bridges and roads have been closed with staff working round the clock as part of a co-ordinated multi-agency response to protect life and property and to minimise disruption. Members will realise

that it is only 8 weeks ago that we were dealing with a similar event. The cost of dealing with that event was in the region of £1.8M and the cost of their event will have added to that figure. Alongside all of this we continue to deliver the winter service across the whole County.

Planning Services

Allerton Park Waste Recovery Park Planning Application (Waste PFI Project) was reported to Committee on 30 October 2012 following a Members' Site Visit on 23 October. Members supported the Officer recommendation and approved the application. The County Planning Authority has a duty to refer the application to the Secretary of State for consideration whether to 'call-in' the application for his own determination. This referral has been undertaken and a statutory Notice was received on 5 December 2012 to direct that the County Planning Authority may not issue the Decision Notice in respect of AWRP until such time as it receives the formal outcome of the referral from the Secretary of State.

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