



# **QUARTERLY MEETING**

**18 July 2018**

**Summons, Agenda, Minutes  
and Reports**

## QUESTIONS

**Council Procedure Rules 2.4 and 10** set out the procedures for asking questions at the County Council Meeting.

### 2.4 Reports, Statements and Questions

- (a) Any reports of the Executive or committees shall, whenever possible, be printed and circulated to Members of the Council before the meetings at which they are to be considered.
- (b) The Leader of the Council may make a statement to the Council on any matters relevant to the Council and any portfolio holder (including the Leader if he/she holds a portfolio) or Chairman of any overview and scrutiny committee may make a statement to the Council on any matters relevant to that portfolio or the work of that overview and scrutiny committee. Members of the Council may, without notice, ask the Member who made the statement questions arising from matters raised in that statement or may ask any questions on matters in that portfolio not mentioned in the statement, but unless notice has been given by 10 am the previous day the person to whom the question has been put may respond in writing, with a copy being placed in Members' Group Rooms. The provisions of Council Procedure Rule 10 (b), (c), (d) and (e) shall apply to questions under this Council Procedure Rule.
- (c) No Member shall speak more than once or for more than two minutes on any statement made by the Leader or a portfolio holder or Chairman of the Scrutiny Board or of an Overview and Scrutiny Committee, except that one representative of each Group may speak for 5 minutes when responding to the statement made by the Leader. The Leader or portfolio holder or Chairman of the Scrutiny Board or of an Overview and Scrutiny Committee making the statement is not limited in the time allowed to make the statement or limited in time or frequency of speaking when responding to questions.

### 10. QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

- (a) In addition to his/her right under Council Procedure Rule 2.4 to put questions or statements to the Leader or a portfolio holder or Chairman of an overview and scrutiny committee or in any report, a Member may ask the Chairman of any committee, other than an overview and scrutiny committee, any questions relating to the business of the Council or may ask the Chairman or nominated member of the North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority a question on the discharge of the functions of such Authority.
- (b) Every question shall be put and answered without discussion, but the person to whom a question has been put may decline to answer.
- (c) With the consent of the Chairman of the Council, the Member who has asked a question may ask a supplementary question arising out of the reply. In these circumstances the speaking time will be limited to one minute.
- (d) Where the information asked for in a question is contained in any of the Council's publications, it shall be deemed a sufficient reply if the publication containing the information is indicated.
- (e) Where the reply to any question cannot conveniently be given orally, it shall be deemed a sufficient reply if the answer is supplied to the Member asking the question as soon as reasonably possible and copies shall at the same time be placed in the Members' Group Rooms.
- (f) The Chairman shall call on Members to ask questions under this Council Procedure Rule in the order of respondent set out below and, within that order, in the order in which notice of questions was given to the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services) by noon the previous day. In the absence of prior notice having been given, Members must inform the Chairman of their wish to ask a question and these will be called in the order received, but after questions of which prior notice was given. Copies of all written Member questions received for a meeting of County Council will be circulated to all Members in the Council Chamber.
- (g) The time limit for questions under this Council Procedure Rule for each respondent will be 5 minutes. Once the time allocated for any respondent has expired at any meeting, the Chairman shall not permit any further questions to be asked of that respondent under this Council Procedure Rule but, if a question or response has been started it may be completed, irrespective of the time limit, as may any response to any question being asked when the time limit is reached.

#### Order of questions

- (i) to the Chairman of the Standards Committee;
- (ii) to the Chairman of an area committee;
- (iii) to the Chairman of any other of the Council's committees;
- (iv) to the Chairman or other representative of:-
  - ♦ North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority



## NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

You are summoned to attend the Meeting of the County Council to be held at County Hall, Northallerton, on **Wednesday 18 July 2018 at 10.30 am**, at which the following business will be transacted.

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### BUSINESS

1. To move that the **Minutes of the meeting of the County Council held on 16 May 2018** having been printed and circulated, be taken as read and be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

(Pages 6 to 13)

2. **Chairman's Announcements** - Any correspondence, communication or other business brought forward by the direction of the Chairman of the Council.

3. **A Statement by the Leader of the Council**

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4. **Public Questions or Statements**

Members of the public may ask questions or make statements at this meeting if they have given notice and provided the text to Barry Khan, Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services) – email: [barry.khan@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:barry.khan@northyorks.gov.uk)) or in writing to Barry Khan, Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services), County Hall, Northallerton DL7 8AD by **midday on Friday, 13 July 2018**. Each speaker should limit themselves to 3 minutes on any item.

If you are exercising your right to speak at this meeting, but do not wish to be recorded, please inform the Chairman who will instruct anyone who may be taking a recording to cease while you speak.

5. To consider the **Report and Recommendations of the Executive** and make decisions on them.

**(Pages 15 to 28)**

6. **Statements of Executive Members**, in the order set out below, **followed by the Annual Report of Overview and Scrutiny Committees**

**Executive Members:**

**(Pages 29 to 50)**

- (a) Executive Member for Access - County Councillor Don Mackenzie
- (b) Executive Member for Stronger Communities - County Councillor David Chance
- (c) Executive Member for Health and Adult Services - County Councillor Michael Harrison
- (d) Executive Member for Public Health, Prevention and Supported Housing - County Councillor Caroline Dickinson
- (e) Executive Member for Open to Business - County Councillor Andrew Lee
- (f) Executive Member for Customer Engagement - County Councillor Greg White
- (g) Executive Member for Finance and Assets and Special Projects - County Councillor Gareth Dadd
- (h) Executive Member for Children's Services - County Councillor Janet Sanderson
- (i) Executive Member for Education and Skills - County Councillor Patrick Mulligan

**Overview and Scrutiny Committee Chairmen:**

**(Pages 51 to 62)**

- (j) Scrutiny Board (Chairman: County Councillor Jim Clark).
- (k) Care and Independence Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Chairman: County Councillor John Ennis).
- (l) Corporate and Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Chairman: County Councillor Derek Bastiman).
- (m) Transport, Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Chairman: County Councillor Mike Jordan).
- (n) Scrutiny of Health Committee (Chairman: County Councillor Jim Clark).
- (o) Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Chairman: County Councillor Janet Jefferson).

Members of the Council may, without notice, ask the Member who made the statement questions arising from matters raised in that statement or may ask any questions on matters in that portfolio not mentioned in the statement, but **unless**

**notice has been given by 17 July 2018**, the person to whom the question has been put may respond in writing, and this is then circulated to all Members.

**7. Council Procedure Rule 10 Questions**

RICHARD FLINTON  
Chief Executive Officer

BARRY KHAN,  
Assistant Chief Executive  
(Legal and Democratic Services)

County Hall,  
NORTHALLERTON.

10 July 2018



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## **NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the County Council held at County Hall, Northallerton on 16 May 2018, commencing at 10.30 am

### **PRESENT:-**

County Councillor Helen Swiers in the Chair.

County Councillors Val Arnold, Karl Arthur, Margaret Atkinson, Andrew Backhouse, Bob Baker, Philip Barrett, Derek Bastiman, John Blackie, David Blades, Philip Broadbank, Eric Broadbent, Lindsey Burr MBE, Michael Chambers MBE, David Chance, Jim Clark, Liz Colling, Richard Cooper, Gareth Dadd, Caroline Dickinson, Stephanie Duckett, Keane Duncan, John Ennis, Caroline Goodrick, Helen Grant, Michael Harrison, Paul Haslam, Robert Heseltine, Mel Hobson, David Ireton, David Jeffels, Janet Jefferson, Andrew Jenkinson, Mike Jordan, Andrew Lee, Carl Les, Stanley Lumley, Cliff Lunn, Don Mackay, Don Mackenzie, John Mann, Stuart Martin MBE, John McCartney, Zoe Metcalfe, Heather Moorhouse, Patrick Mulligan, Richard Musgrave, Andy Paraskos, Stuart Parsons, Caroline Patmore, Chris Pearson, Clive Pearson, Joe Plant, Gillian Quinn, Tony Randerson, Janet Sanderson, Karin Sedgwick, Andy Solloway, Peter Sowray, Roberta Swiers, Angus Thompson, Cliff Trotter, Callam Walsh, Geoff Webber, John Weighell OBE, Greg White, Annabel Wilkinson and Robert Windass.

### **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

It was moved and seconded that County Councillor Robert Windass be elected as Chairman of the County Council to serve until the Annual Meeting of the Council in 2019.

**The vote was taken and, on a show of hands, the motion was declared carried, with none against, and no abstentions.**

### **Resolved -**

**44.** That County Councillor Robert Windass is elected as Chairman of the County Council, to serve until the Annual Meeting of the Council in 2019.

County Councillor Robert Windass then made his declaration of acceptance of the office of Chairman of the County Council.

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### **County Councillor Robert Windass in the Chair**

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The Chairman thanked the Council for his election and it was then moved by him and seconded:

"That this Council places on record its appreciation of the exceptional service rendered to it by County Councillor Helen Swiers as Vice-Chairman of the County Council from 2016 to

2017 and as Chairman of the County Council from 2017 to 2018 and also places on record its thanks to her sister Mrs Margaret Pick for the unfailing support which she has given the Chairman during her term of office.”

Leaders of other political groups spoke in support.

**The vote was taken and, on a show of hands, the motion was declared carried with none against, and no abstentions.**

**Resolved –**

**45.** That this Council places on record its appreciation of the exceptional service rendered to it by County Councillor Helen Swiers as Vice-Chairman of the County Council from 2016 to 2017 and as Chairman of the County Council from 2017 to 2018 and also places on record its thanks to Mrs Margaret Pick for the unfailing support which she has given the Chairman during her term of office.

The Chairman presented a past Chairman’s badge to County Councillor Helen Swiers.

County Councillor Helen Swiers responded expressing her thanks to all those who had supported her during her time in office.

**MINUTES**

It was moved and seconded that the Minutes of the meeting of the County Council held on Wednesday, 21 February 2018, having been printed and circulated, are taken as read and confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**The vote was taken and, on a show of hands, the motion was declared carried with none against and no abstentions.**

**Resolved -**

**46.** That the Minutes of the Meeting of the County Council held on Wednesday, 21 February 2018, having been printed and circulated, are taken as read and are confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**Appointment of Vice-Chairman**

It was moved and seconded that County Councillor Jim Clark be appointed as Vice-Chairman of the County Council, to serve until the Annual Meeting of the Council in 2019.

**The vote was taken and, on a show of hands, the motion was declared carried, with none against and no abstentions.**

**Resolved –**

**47.** That County Councillor Jim Clark is appointed as Vice-Chairman of the County Council, to serve until the Annual Meeting of the Council in 2019.

County Councillor Jim Clark then made his declaration of acceptance of the office of Vice-Chairman of the County Council and thanked the Council for his appointment.

### **Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman welcomed the Honorary Aldermen who were in the public gallery. The Chairman also reminded Members of the usual arrangements for the meeting.

### **Statement by the Leader**

County Councillor Carl Les made a statement, under Contract Procedure Rule 2.3, as Leader of the Council, a summary of the key points of which had previously been circulated and which appear in the Minute Book (pages 10161 to 10162). County Councillor Carl Les then responded to various questions.

### **Public Questions or Statements**

No notice had been received of questions or statements from the public.

### **Report of the Executive**

### **Response to the Notice of Motion**

The recommendation in paragraph 1 of the report (which appears in the Minute Book at page 10163) was moved and seconded.

**63 voted in favour of the motion.**

**5 voted against the motion and requested that their votes be noted: Cllrs Stuart Parsons; John Blackie; Lindsay Burr; Don Mackay; John McCartney.**

**There were no abstentions. The motion was passed.**

**Resolved -**

**48.** That the Scrutiny of Health Committee continues to lead the scrutiny of proposals for changes to mental health services in the county and reports back to Council as appropriate, unless the need arises for an urgent report back on developing issues, whereby a report would be submitted to the Executive.

### **Area Constituency Committees**

Appendix C of the report (which appears in the Minute Book at page 10163 to 10164) was moved and seconded.

**57 voted in favour of the motion.**

**11 voted against the motion and requested that their votes be noted: Cllrs Eric Broadbent; Tony Randerson; Geoff Webber; Philip Broadbank; Stephanie Duckett; Andy Solloway; Stuart Parsons; John Blackie; Lindsay Burr; Don Mackay; John McCartney.**

**There were no abstentions. The motion was passed.**



**Resolved -**

- 49.** That members support the proposal for the creation of Area Constituency Committees and so the introduction of the new role and remit as of the new municipal year.

**Amendments to the Constitution**

A motion was proposed by Cllr John Blackie and seconded by Cllr Stuart Parsons to change the names of the Area Constituency Committees as follows: Yorkshire Coast and Moors County Area Committee; Richmondshire and North Hambleton Area Committee; Ryedale and South Hambleton Area Committee; Harrogate Area Committee; Craven and Ripon Area Committee; Selby and Ainsty Area Committee.

**11 voted in favour of the motion and requested that their votes be noted: Cllrs Eric Broadbent; Tony Randerson; Geoff Webber; Philip Barrett; Stephanie Duckett; Andy Solloway; Stuart Parsons; John Blackie; Lindsay Burr; Don Mackay; John McCartney.**

**57 voted against the motion. There were no abstentions. The motion was defeated.**

The recommendation in paragraph 2 of the report (which appears in the Minute Book at pages 10163 to 10164) was moved and seconded.

**57 voted in favour of the motion.**

**11 voted against the motion and requested that their votes be noted: Cllrs Eric Broadbent; Tony Randerson; Geoff Webber; Philip Broadbank; Stephanie Duckett; Andy Solloway; Stuart Parsons; John Blackie; Lindsay Burr; Don Mackay; John McCartney.**

**There were no abstentions. The motion was passed.**

**Resolved -**

- 50.**
- (i) That the proposed refocusing of the Area Committees, as set out in paragraphs 4.0-4.12 of the report, subject to the addition to paragraph 4.10 of the ability to provide meaningful scrutiny of social care, children's social care, youth justice and related issues, within their area, complementing the strategic work undertaken by the relevant Scrutiny Committees, be proposed to full Council for approval, including:
- (a) that Area Committees be renamed "Area Constituency Committees";
  - (b) that the proposed amendments to the Area Committees Terms of Reference as set out by way of track changes on the version attached as Appendix 4 be approved;
  - (c) that the proposed amendments to Article 10 (Area Committees) as set out by way of track changes on the version attached as Appendix 5 be approved; and
  - (d) that the Monitoring Officer make further consequential amendments throughout the Constitution to reflect the agreed amendments and proposals.
- (ii) That, the proposed changes to the Constitution set out in the amendments chart in Appendix 6 be recommended to full Council for approval.

Cllrs Richard Musgrave and John McCartney left the meeting at this point in proceedings.

### **Home to School Transport**

The recommendations at paragraph 3 of the report (which appears in the Minute Book at pages 10164 to 10165) were moved and seconded.

**9 voted against the motion.**

**56 voted in favour of the motion. There was 1 abstention.**

**The motion was passed.**

#### **Resolved -**

- 51.** That the following proposals be approved from September 2018:-
  - a. Proposal 1: Removal of the FREE Transport statement for SEND Post-16 to 18 students with an EHCP from September 2018, to bring it in line with mainstream transport arrangements.
  - b. Proposal 2: Recognise SEND Post-19 students as adults in education, and identify unmet transport need in line with Health and Adult Services social care assessment.
  - c. Proposal 3: Promote Parental Transport Allowance to SEND sole-occupancy provision with a realistic enhancement to reflect the young person transport need (for those eligible for transport assistance under statutory duty).
  - d. That Proposal 2 in the report, to recognise SEND Post-19 students as adults in education, and identify unmet transport need in line with Health and Adult Services social care assessment, is more clearly explained in the Home to School Transport Policy (section 508F of the Education Act).
  - e. That the Director of Children and Young People's Services and the Executive Member set a rate for the proposed enhanced Parental Transport Allowance, subject to consultation
  - f. That the proposals be recommended to County Council at their meeting on 16 May 2018 for approval.

### **Appointments to Committees and Other Bodies**

The recommendations at paragraph 4 of the report (which appear in the Minute Book at page 10165 to 10166) were moved and seconded.

In addition, Cllr Caroline Patmore notified Council of proposed changes to two of the Council's overview and scrutiny committees, as follows: Transport Economy and Environment – Cllr Margaret Atkinson to come off and Cllr Karl Arthur to go on; Corporate and Partnerships – Cllr Paul Haslam to come off and Cllr Angus Thompson to go on.

**65 voted in favour of the motion.**

**1 voted against. There were no abstentions.**

The appointments to the overview and scrutiny committees and the St. Camillus Trust were passed.

The proposed continuation of the two additional seats, not subject to the rules of proportionality, created for the Employment Appeals Committee, previously agreed at Council on 19 July 2017, for the duration of the current Council through to April 2021 was not passed as this had to be a unanimous vote in favour.

**Resolved -**

**52.** That the following appointments be approved:

- (a) The Officer appointment of Jane Le Sage as a North Yorkshire County Council trustee of St. Camillus Trust until April 2021 as the replacement for Alan Clifton who has now left the Authority.
- (b) The proposed changes to two of the Council's overview and scrutiny committees, as follows: Transport Economy and Environment – Cllr Margaret Atkinson to come off and Cllr Karl Arthur to go on; Corporate and Partnerships – Cllr Paul Haslam to come off and Cllr Angus Thompson to go on.

**Report and recommendations of the Members' Independent Remuneration Panel**

A Motion was proposed by Cllr Tony Randerson that the County Council recommends no change to any County Council Allowances for the year 2018/19. Seconded by Cllr Eric Broadbent.

Cllr Tony Randerson requested a recorded vote and 8 councillors stood to show their support for a recorded vote. As the minimum requirement is for 20 county councillors to stand, a recorded vote was not taken.

**9 voted in favour of the motion.**

**53 voted against the motion. There were 4 abstentions.**

**The motion was defeated**

The recommendations in paragraph 5 at page 238 (which appear in the Minute Book at page 10400) were moved and seconded.

**44 voted in favour of the motion.**

**10 voted against the motion. There were 2 abstentions.**

**The motion was passed.**

**Resolved -**

**53.** That the County Council approves:

- (a) An increase of 4.5% to the Basic Allowance and all Special Responsibility Allowances
- (b) The removal of the Special Responsibility Allowance for the Scrutiny Board Chair
- (c) The reduction of the Special Responsibility Allowances for the Champion for

Young People and the Champion for Older People from 3 units to 1 unit

- (d) An increase in the Allowance paid to the Independent Chair of the Pension Board to £3,000
- (e) That, if there are any increases in the travel and subsistence rates payable to staff, a similar increase should be made to the rates in the Members' Allowances Scheme to come into effect at the same time
- (f) That item (iv) of the Terms of Reference of the Independent Remuneration Panel be amended to read "To carry out a full review of Special Responsibility Allowances for implementation every 4 years beginning from 2019/20."

### **Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2017/18**

The Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report was considered.

#### **Resolved -**

- 54.** That the Annual Report be noted.

At this point in proceedings Cllrs Cliff Trotter, Richard Cooper, and Helen Grant left the meeting.

### **Statements by Executive Members and Chairmen of Overview and Scrutiny Committees**

County Councillor Patrick Mulligan, Executive Member for Education and Skills Engagement made a statement, a summary of the key points of which had previously been circulated and which appears in the Minute Book (pages 10429 to 10430).

County Councillor Don Mackenzie, Executive Member for Access Engagement made a statement, a summary of the key points of which had previously been circulated and which appears in the Minute Book (pages 10431 to 10432), and responded to questions.

County Councillor David Chance, Executive Member for Stronger Communities Engagement made a statement, a summary of the key points of which had previously been circulated and which appears in the Minute Book (pages 10433 to 10435).

County Councillor Michael Harrison, Executive Member for Health and Adult Services Engagement made a statement, a summary of the key points of which had previously been circulated and which appears in the Minute Book (pages 10437 to 10438).

County Councillor Caroline Dickinson, Executive Member for Public Health, Prevention and Supported Housing Engagement made a statement, a summary of the key points of which had previously been circulated and which appears in the Minute Book (pages 10439 to 10440), and responded to questions.

County Councillor Andrew Lee, Executive Member for Open to Business Engagement made a statement, a summary of the key points of which had previously been circulated and which appears in the Minute Book (pages 10441 to 10442).

County Councillor Greg White, Executive Member for Customer Engagement made a statement, a summary of the key points of which had previously been circulated and which appears in the Minute Book (pages 10443 to 10445).

County Councillor Gareth Dadd, Executive Member for Finance and Assets and Special Projects Engagement made a statement, a summary of the key points of which had previously been circulated and which appears in the Minute Book (pages 10447 to 10450), and responded to questions.

County Councillor Janet Sanderson, Executive Member for Children's Services Engagement made a statement, a summary of the key points of which had previously been circulated and which appears in the Minute Book (pages 10451 to 1053).

The written statements of the Chairmen of the Scrutiny Board and the Overview and Scrutiny Committees having previously been circulated, and which appears in the Minute Book (pages 10455 to 10470) were noted.

#### **Council Procedure Rule 10 Questions**

There were no Council Procedure Rule 10 questions.

The meeting closed at 1:45pm.

**County Council Meeting****Wednesday 18 July 2018****Leader's Statement****Area Constituency Committees**

The first cycle of newly formed committees has passed, with all Chairs and Vice Chairs in place for this year, and outline work programmes agreed. It appears that all our MP's will attend the next meetings of the committees, where one item for discussion will be the future funding of Adult Social Care, one of the most serious challenges we face, presently accounting for 44% of our budget. One lesson learnt is that timetabling of meetings is much easier in Parliamentary recesses, so avoiding the predicted need to move meetings to Fridays. We are also building strong links with the constituency offices so ensuring an excellent two way flow of communications.

**Fire & Rescue**

The Policing and Fire Minister, and the Home Secretary, have accepted the Police Commissioner's business case requiring a change in governance. This is contrary to the serious concerns expressed by the 2 statutory consultees – ourselves and City of York – 6 out of 7 of our District / Borough Councils, whose views I made sure we captured in our submission, the Police & Crime Panel, and I believe all our MP's. As such this is greatly disappointing.

I would like to thank all present, and past, Members of the Fire & Rescue Authority who between them constituted views and experience spread across the County and City of York, acting for the benefit of the residents we were elected to serve.

**Pankhurst Parties**

This year sees the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of some women being given the right to vote, following the campaign led by Emily Pankhurst. There is a desire to see more women involved in higher positions in business, in the public sector, and in politics, and I'm sure all Group Leaders will agree with me when we call for more women to stand for Council. In a modern day campaign to achieve this, Members will have seen that this morning the Chairman received a petition calling for more women to come forward, and for political parties to encourage them.

**National Armed Forces Day**

Numerous events to celebrate Armed Forces Day are held each year across the County, no doubt because of the huge connections we have with the military, be they green, blue, or navy. Scarborough Borough Council have staged a major event each year, and I congratulate them on being selected to host the national AFD in 2020

Carl Les  
July, 2018

## The Report of the Executive

The Executive met on Tuesday 22 May 2018. County Councillor Carl Les in the Chair. County Councillors Gareth Dadd, Michael Harrison, Andrew Lee, Don Mackenzie, Patrick Mulligan, Janet Sanderson and Greg White.

The Executive met on Tuesday 12 June 2018. County Councillor Carl Les in the Chair. County Councillors David Chance, Gareth Dadd, Caroline Dickinson, Michael Harrison, Andrew Lee, Don Mackenzie, Patrick Mulligan, Janet Sanderson and Greg White.

Also in attendance: County Councillors Jim Clark, Mike Jordan and Karin Sedgwick

**1. Quarterly Performance and Budget Monitoring:** At the meeting held on 12 June 2018, the Executive considered the Quarterly Performance and Budget Monitoring Report. In addition to the performance data and analysis, the following financial reports were considered: Revenue Budget 2017/18; Capital Plan; and Annual Treasury Management and Prudential Indicators. It was noted that:

- Overall capital expenditure for 2017/18 is £103.5m against a budget of £118.8m – an underspend of £15.3m. When capital receipts and grants are taken into account the net position shows an underspend of £5.4m (**paragraphs 4.3 and 4.4 in Appendix 1 to this report**).

The paper is accessible via the following link:

<http://democracy.northyorks.gov.uk/committees.aspx?commid=18&meetid=3775>

### **The Executive RECOMMENDS:**

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| (a) | That it be noted that the County Council continues to perform well and demonstrate improvements in its services.   |
| (b) | The latest position for the County Council's 2017/18 Revenue budget as summarised in paragraph 2.1.2 of the report be noted.   |
| (c) | That the proposals for the use of the additional Adult Social Care funding as set out in paragraphs 2.3.1 to 2.3.8 of the report be endorsed that the proposed seek to limit exposure to recurrent financial risk for these schemes to a maximum of £3.4m, which reflects the value of the final year's grant allocation be noted. |
| (d) | That the position of the GWB as set out in paragraphs 2.5.1 to 2.5.3 of the report be noted.   |
| (e) | That the position on 'Strategic Capacity - Unallocated' reserve as set out in paragraphs 2.5.4 to 2.5.6 be noted.  |
| (f) | That it be recommended to County Council the proposed carry forward of £1,003k earmarked for BES development initiatives detailed in paragraphs 2.2.9 of the report.   |
| (g) | That the performance of the Treasury Management operation during 2017/18 and the outturn position on Prudent Indicators be noted.  |
| (h) | That the position on capital outturn as detailed in Appendices A to E of the   |

report be noted.

- (i) That it be recommended to the County Council, the proposed carry forward to 2018/19 of the net capital underspend totalling £4.0m as set out in paragraph 4.9 of the report.
- (j) The financing of capital expenditure as detailed in paragraph 5.11 and Appendix F of the report be approved.

CARL LES  
Chairman  
County Hall  
Northallerton

10 July 2018



## 4.0 CAPITAL EXPENDITURE OUTTURN AND FINANCING 2017/18

### OVERVIEW

4.1 This section of the report presents details of actual capital expenditure and its financing for 2017/18.

### CAPITAL PLAN

4.2 The original Capital Plan for 2017/18 was submitted to and approved by Executive on 31 January 2017 and subsequently by County Council on 15 February 2017 as part of the 2017/18 budget / MTFS set of reports. The latest revised and updated 2017/18 Plan was submitted to and approved by Executive on 30 January 2018 and subsequently by County Council on 21 February 2018 as part of the 2018/19 budget / MTFS set of reports.

### CAPITAL EXPENDITURE IN 2017/18

4.3 Capital expenditure in 2017/18 compared to the original Capital Plan and latest Capital Plan referred to in **paragraph 5.2** is as follows:

Item	Original Plan £m	Latest Plan £m	Capital Outturn £m	Variance Original Plan £m	Variance Latest Plan £m
Gross Capital Spend	106.5	118.8	103.5	-3	-15.3
Capital Plan Funding	-100.8	-109.6	-99.7	+1.1	+9.9
<b>Net Capital Spend</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>9.2</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>-1.9</b>	<b>-5.4</b>

4.4 The 2017/18 gross capital spending of £103.5m therefore represents a £15.3m underspend compared with the last Q3 Capital Plan update of £118.8m. When capital receipts and grants are taken into account the net position shows an underspend of £5.4m. The outturn variations referred to throughout the remainder of this report are based on a comparison with the last Q3 2017/18 Capital Plan reported to and approved by Executive in January 2018.

4.5 A summary of the outturn position is set out below for gross capital spend at Directorate level with a more detailed summary being provided in **Appendix A** and an individual statement for each Directorate at **Appendices B to E**. These Appendices also show the outturn position for related capital income from grants, contributions and revenue contribution, and a net spend which is funded from capital receipts and borrowing.

Service	Appendix	Gross Latest Plan £m	Gross Outturn Spend £m	Variance £m
HAS	B	0.3	0.2	-0.1
BES	C	72.3	67.5	-4.8
CYPS	D	34.3	30.6	-3.7
CSD	E	11.9	5.2	-6.7
<b>Total</b>		<b>118.8</b>	<b>103.5</b>	<b>-15.3</b>

4.6 A summary of the outturn variations at Directorate level is also shown in the table below:

Service	Appendix	Gross Spend Variation £m	Gross Income Variation £m	Net Spend Variation £m
HAS	B	-0.1	+0.1	0.0
BES	C	-4.8	+4.8	0.0
CYPS	D	-3.7	+3.7	0.0
CSD	E	-6.7	+1.3	-5.4
<b>Total</b>		<b>-15.3</b>	<b>+9.9</b>	<b>-5.4</b>

4.7 The key issues to highlight from the summary above are:-

- (a) the gross capital underspend of £15.3m includes £0.1m on Health and Adult Services, £4.8m on Business and Environmental Services, £3.7m on Children and Young People's Service and £6.7m on Central Services. The underspending in Business and Environmental Services is, in the main, as a result of lower than expected activity by the Local Enterprise Partnership in terms of the issuing of Growing Places loans and the awarding of Local Growth Fund grants. In Children and Young People's Service, the review of Basic Need priorities has resulted in a small number of schemes being put on hold as well as a number of schemes across both the Basic Need and School Condition areas being delayed due to planning. Underspending in Central Services relates, in the main, to delays in ICT Infrastructure planned spend, a lower than anticipated number of material damage claims and a slower draw down of loans by the various limited companies.
- (b) lower Directorate capital income of £9.9m.
- (c) leading to an overall net underspend of £5.4m.

## IMPLICATIONS OF 2017/18 CAPITAL UNDERSPENDING AND PROPOSED CARRY FORWARD TO 2018/19

- 4.8 The County Council's Financial Procedure Rules incorporate a carry forward facility for under/overspends both for approved capital expenditure and scheme specific capital income.
- 4.9 The various components of this net £5.4m underspend and the proposed carry forward to 2018/19 is as follows:-

Item	£m
Latest 2017/18 Q3 Capital Plan Update (Gross Spend)	118.8
2017/18 Capital Outturn (Gross Spend)	103.5
= Gross Capital Underspend	<b>15.3</b>
- Reduction in Grants and Contributions	-9.9
= Net Capital Underspend	<b>5.4</b>
- Capital Scheme variations not proposed for Carry Forward	-1.4
<b>= Adjusted Net Underspend Proposed for Carry Forward</b>	<b>4.0</b>

- 4.10 This proposed carry forward will not impact on the long term capital financing arrangements for the Capital Plan as borrowing and use of capital receipts can be used flexibly between years.

## FINANCING OF 2017/18 CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

- 4.11 Total capital expenditure of £103.5m in 2017/18 has been financed as follows:-

Item	£m
New Internal Borrowing	3.6
Grants and Contributions	91.0
Schemes financed from Revenue	6.8
Capital Receipts from Property Sales	0.5
NYNet Loan Repayment	1.6
<b>= Total Capital Spending to be Financed in 2017/18</b>	<b>103.5</b>

- 4.12 The £3.6m figure in the table above is a balancing figure, effectively the increased level of borrowing for capital purposes from internal sources.
- 4.13 In addition, the use of grant funding has been maximised in year, minimising the level of internal borrowing required to fund capital expenditure. This has been achieved through prioritising the funding of capital expenditure from grants and contributions.
- 4.14 A more detailed comparison of the above funding package with that underlying the original Capital Plan approved by Members in February 2017 and the last update approved in February 2018 is provided at **Appendix F**.

## CAPITAL RECEIPTS

4.15 The County Council's policy on capital receipts is that essentially all such receipts shall be used to finance capital expenditure in the year in which the receipts are generated:

4.16 The outturn position on Capital Receipts is as follows:

Item	£m
Receipts from the Sale of Other Land, Buildings and Equipment	0.5
Loans to Limited Companies Repayments	1.6
= Total Capital Receipts in 2017/18	<b>2.1</b>
Capital Receipts used to fund Capital Expenditure in 2017/18	-2.1
<b>= Capital Receipts Carried Forward to 2018/19</b>	<b>0.0</b>

4.17 Points to mention in relation to the above table are as follows:-

- (i) total capital receipts from the sale of land and property achieved of £0.5m compared with the estimates of £0.9m reflected in the 2017/18 original Capital Plan in February 2017 and £1.5m in the latest 2017/18 Capital Plan approved in January 2018. The shortfall is principally due to slippage of capital receipts from the sale of properties due to timing issues.
- (ii) all available Capital Receipts at 31 March 2018 (£2.1m) have been used to fund capital spending in the year. This approach is advantageous in terms of treasury management activities and reducing capital financing costs in 2018/19.

4.18 In terms of County Farms capital receipts, the County Council agreed on 6 May 2008 to maintain a flexible policy on the utilisation of capital receipts. The policy is to use receipts as appropriate to either finance the Capital Plan, to reduce debt or for other purposes, in accordance with the financial demands on the County Council, and with its policies, at the time when the receipts became available.

4.19 While the County Council did not realise any County Farm receipts in 2017/18, due to the availability of potential properties to market, the farm land market remains strong. The County Council will continue its use of auctions to dispose of property which has proved to be a more successful approach in recent years, but will continue to review alternative approaches.

## FUTURE AVAILABILITY OF CAPITAL RESOURCES

4.20 The Q3 Capital Plan update report identified a potential £5.4m of unallocated capital funding that might become available in the Capital Plan period. This sum arose mainly from additional capital receipts that had been identified, net of additional capital funding allocations approved by Executive. Following the 2017/18 outturn position and the latest forecast of capital receipts up to 2018/19 the surplus capital resources has reduced slightly to £5.3m.

- 4.21 However, it is currently difficult to predict the level of capital receipts that will be achieved over the next few years with any degree of certainty. Given this scenario, the current £5.3m forecast of surplus corporate capital funding does include some fairly significant potential receipts that are relatively uncertain in terms of timing and amount.
- 4.22 The surplus corporate capital resources could be made available for either:
- (i) new capital investment (i.e. additional schemes), or
  - (ii) reducing prudential borrowing in 2018/19 or subsequent years and therefore achieving debt financing cost savings in the Revenue Budget/MFTS or
  - (iii) holding for the time being with no immediate decision to either spend or reduce borrowing. This course of action would result in additional short-term interest being earned within Corporate Miscellaneous.
- 4.23 Members have previously agreed to adopt option (iii) above and retain any surplus capital funding for the time being. Another factor that influenced this decision was that the forecast funding levels include a capital receipts risk in terms of both forecast receipts slipping into a future year and/or not achieving their estimate.
- 4.24 Given the factors mentioned above, it is proposed that option (iii) be reaffirmed at this stage and that the unallocated funding is held in reserve for the time. Future further investment proposals are likely to include Capital projects and initiatives however and these will be incorporated into a future quarterly Capital report.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.25 The Executive is recommended:
- (a) to note the position on capital outturn as detailed in **Appendices A to E**
  - (b) to recommend to the County Council, the proposed carry forward to 2018/19 of the net capital underspend totalling £4.0m as set out in **paragraph 5.9**
  - (c) to approve the financing of capital expenditure as detailed in **paragraph 5.11** and **Appendix F**

## **CAPITAL OUTTURN 2017/18 - APPENDICES**

- Appendix A** Capital Expenditure and related Income 2017/18 compared with the Capital Plan (original and latest) at Directorate level
- Appendix B** Health and Adult Services
- Appendix C** Business and Environmental Services
- Appendix D** Children and Young People's Service
- Appendix E** Central Services
- Appendix F** Financing of Capital Expenditure 2017/18

		GROSS EXPENDITURE					GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS					NET EXPENDITURE				
Appendix		<u>Capital Plan</u>		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variation</u>		<u>Capital Plan</u>		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variation</u>		<u>Capital Plan</u>		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variation</u>	
		<u>Original</u>	<u>Latest</u>	<u>£000s</u>	<u>Original</u>	<u>Latest</u>	<u>Original</u>	<u>Latest</u>	<u>£000s</u>	<u>Original</u>	<u>Latest</u>	<u>Original</u>	<u>Latest</u>	<u>£000s</u>	<u>Original</u>	<u>Latest</u>
		Approved	Approved		Approved	Approved	Approved	Approved		Approved	Approved	Approved	Approved		Approved	Approved
		Feb 2017	Feb 2018		Feb 2017	Feb 2018	Feb 2017	Feb 2018		Feb 2017	Feb 2018	Feb 2017	Feb 2018		Feb 2017	Feb 2018
		<b>£000s</b>	<b>£000s</b>	<b>£000s</b>	<b>£000s</b>	<b>£000s</b>	<b>£000s</b>	<b>£000s</b>	<b>£000s</b>	<b>£000s</b>	<b>£000s</b>	<b>£000s</b>	<b>£000s</b>	<b>£000s</b>	<b>£000s</b>	<b>£000s</b>
Health and Adult Services	B	5,200	276	249	-	4,951 - 27	-	3,548 - 276	- 249	3,299	27	1,652	-	-	-	1,652 -
Business and Environmental Services	C	52,519	72,257	67,451	-	14,932 - 4,806	-	51,242 - 71,832	- 67,048	-	15,806 4,783	1,277	425	402	-	875 - 23
Children and Young People's Services	D	43,225	34,324	30,561	-	12,664 - 3,763	-	42,265 - 33,975	- 30,232	12,033	3,743	960	349	329	-	631 - 20
Central Services	E	5,569	11,897	5,203	-	366 - 6,694	-	3,773 - 3,511	- 2,168	1,606	1,344	1,796	8,386	3,036	-	1,240 - 5,350
<b>Total</b>		<b>106,513</b>	<b>118,754</b>	<b>103,464</b>	-	<b>3,049 - 15,290</b>	-	<b>100,828 - 109,594</b>	- <b>99,697</b>	<b>1,131</b>	<b>9,897</b>	<b>5,685</b>	<b>9,160</b>	<b>3,767</b>	-	<b>1,918 - 5,393</b>

## HEALTH AND ADULT SERVICES

## 2017/18 CAPITAL BUDGET - OUTTURN POSITION

CAPITAL PLAN HEAD	ORIGINAL PLAN	LATEST PLAN	OUTTURN	VARIANCE	COMMENTS
	£000	£000	£000	£000	
Maintaining Fabric / Facilities of Properties	905	275	248	27 CR	Expenditure lower than forecast at Q3
"Draft Care and Support Where I Live Strategy" Extra Care Scheme	2,950	1	1	-	
"Draft Care and Support Where I Live Strategy" Older People Resource Centre	1,000	-	-	-	
"Valuing People" Day Service Provision	345	-	-	-	
<b>TOTAL GROSS SPEND</b>	<b>5,200</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>27 CR</b>	
<b>CAPITAL GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS</b>					
Capital Grants					
- PSS Capital Grant	598 CR	275 CR	248 CR	27	
Revenue Contributions					
- Valuing People - Day Service Provision (from PIP)	2,950 CR	1 CR	1 CR	-	
<b>TOTAL GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS</b>	<b>3,548 CR</b>	<b>276 CR</b>	<b>249 CR</b>	<b>27</b>	
<b>TOTAL NET EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>1,652</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	



**BUSINESS & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

**2017/18 CAPITAL BUDGET - OUTTURN POSITION**

CAPITAL PLAN HEAD	ORIGINAL PLAN	LATEST PLAN	OUTTURN	VARIANCE	COMMENTS
	£000	£000	£000	£000	
<b>GROSS EXPENDITURE</b>					
Structural Maintenance of Roads & Bridges	39,244	49,846	50,364	518	Accelerated programme funded by increase in grant funding and use of Cat 4 Reserve
Integrated Transport Block Provision (inc. fees)	1,214	1,599	1,444	155 CR	Delays in programme offsetting accelerated roads programme
New and Replacement Road Lighting	800	3,046	2,826	221 CR	
Regional Funding Allocation	180	69	33	36 CR	
Local Sustainable Transfer Fund	-	-	3 CR	3 CR	
Waste Management Service	844	36	315	278	Capitalisation of revenue expenditure met from revenue contributions - additional expenditure in year relates to purchase of gantries
Waste Procurement Project	1,272	400	405	5	
LEP Growing Places Fund	344	2,424	965	1,459 CR	Fewer loans than originally anticipated
Local Growth Deal	8,000	13,458	10,838	2,620 CR	Underspend due to programme changes
Bedale-Aiskew-Leeming Bar Major Scheme	616	739	530	210 CR	
Kex Gill	-	603	-	603 CR	Delays to original plans for capital spend
Junction 47 Improvements	-	-	18	18	
A174 Sandsend Slope Stabilisation	5	9	21	12	
Scarborough Integrated Transport Scheme	-	28	303 CR	332 CR	Part I Claim list creditor no longer required
<b>TOTAL GROSS SPEND</b>	<b>52,519</b>	<b>72,257</b>	<b>67,451</b>	<b>4,806 CR</b>	
<b>CAPITAL GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS</b>					
Capital Grants					
- Local Transport Plan Grant	32,030 CR	31,917 CR	31,917 CR	-	
- NPIF Grant	-	5,104 CR	3,604 CR	1,500	
- DfT Grant (Potholes)	2,358 CR	2,358 CR	2,534 CR	176 CR	
- Environment Agency Grant (Dalton Br)	-	364 CR	364 CR	-	
- BALB Section 31 Grant	-	-	-	-	
- LEP Growing Places Grant	344 CR	1,387 CR	965 CR	422	
- Local Growth Deal	11,000 CR	22,024 CR	18,865 CR	3,159	
- Waste Grant	461 CR	15 CR	15 CR	-	
- Other Capital Grants	-	594 CR	594 CR	0	
Capital Contributions	-	1,793 CR	3,132 CR	1,339 CR	Contributions towards structural maintenance
Capital Receipts - LEP Growing Places Loan Repayments	-	1,037 CR	-	1,037	
Capital Receipts - Waste	-	-	274 CR	274 CR	
Revenue Contributions					
- Road Lighting Columns	-	2,246 CR	2,366 CR	120 CR	
- BALB (PIP)	616 CR	-	-	-	
- Structural Maintenance of Roads	4,000 CR	-	897 CR	897 CR	
- Other Revenue Contributions	433 CR	1,424 CR	819 CR	606	
<b>TOTAL GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS</b>	<b>51,242 CR</b>	<b>71,832 CR</b>	<b>67,048 CR</b>	<b>4,783</b>	
<b>TOTAL NET EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>1,277</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>402</b>	<b>23 CR</b>	

CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICE

2017/18 CAPITAL BUDGET - OUTTURN POSITION

CAPITAL PLAN HEAD	ORIGINAL PLAN	LATEST PLAN	OUTTURN	VARIANCE	COMMENTS
	£000	£000	£000	£000	
<b>GROSS EXPENDITURE</b>					
<b>NYCC MANAGED SCHOOLS SCHEMES</b>					
Basic Need Schemes	17,801	14,122	12,769	1,354 CR	Combination of schemes being progressed ahead of schedule and those on hold pending review of pupil numbers/rescoping of schemes.
School Condition Schemes	17,924	7,291	6,214	1,077 CR	Combination of under and overspends against plan.
Capital Maintenance Programme	0	5,644	4,974	670 CR	Higher than anticipated Devolved Capital Contributions from schools.
General Compliance & Health & Safety	350	415	175	240 CR	Block sum budget used to support works in schools resulting from safeguarding audits and Ofsted inspections. Difficult to anticipate actual requirement due to nature of works.
School Reorganisation	693	60	63	3	
Strategic Management of Capital Programme	0	621	621	-	
<b>NON NYCC MANAGED SCHOOLS SCHEMES</b>					
Self Help Schemes	3,000	3,100	2,698	402 CR	
Devolved Capital	1,920	1,845	2,558	713	
<b>NYCC NON SCHOOL MANAGED SCHEMES</b>					
Catering Equipment	240	315	259	56 CR	Level of replacement of equipment lower than anticipated
Prevention & Commissioning					
- Childrens Centre Capital	744	676	7	669 CR	Delays relating to legal matters have resulted in the grant not being passported to the Early Years Providers.
- Youth Centres	208	-	-	-	
Integrated Childrens Systems Grant	-	-	1	1	
Social Care Maintaining Fabric	111	214	223	8	
Aiming High for Disabled Children - Short Breaks	71	-	-	-	
Outdoor Education	40	20	-	20 CR	No defined programme and budget under review.
Invest to Save - Woodfield Development & Other Projects	123	-	-	-	No defined programme and budget under review.
<b>TOTAL GROSS SPEND</b>	<b>43,225</b>	<b>34,324</b>	<b>30,561</b>	<b>3,763 CR</b>	

CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICE

2017/18 CAPITAL BUDGET - OUTTURN POSITION

CAPITAL PLAN HEAD	ORIGINAL PLAN	LATEST PLAN	OUTTURN	VARIANCE	COMMENTS
	£000	£000	£000	£000	
<b>CAPITAL GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS</b>					
<b>NYCC MANAGED SCHOOLS SCHEMES</b>					
Capital Grants					
- Basic Need Grant	9,793 CR	6,362 CR	10,788 CR	4,426 CR	Basic Need Grant 2017/18 lower than in previous years. Works have been progressing to plan resulting in the transfer of earmarked grant held in Capital Grants Unapplied Reserve.
- Devolved Capital Grant	-	443 CR	432 CR	11	
- School Condition Grant	17,998 CR	12,207 CR	10,668 CR	1,539	School Condition Grant not fully utilised in 2017/18 has been rephased to fund schemes on site in 2017/18.
- Universal Infant Free School Meals Grant	410 CR	535 CR	534 CR	1	
Capital Contributions					
- Capital Contributions	-	-	8 CR	8 CR	S106 contributions from developers lower than anticipated; liaising with district councils with regard to outstanding amounts.
- Section 106 Income	8,517 CR	8,099 CR	1,626 CR	6,473	
Revenue Contributions					
- Direct Revenue Fundings - Other		344 CR	329 CR	15	
<b>NON NYCC MANAGED SCHOOLS SCHEMES</b>					
- Devolved Capital Grant	1,920 CR	1,845 CR	2,558 CR	713 CR	
- Sports Organisation Grants	-	100 CR	100 CR	-	
- Capital Contributions - Self Help Schemes	500 CR	500 CR	1,068 CR	568 CR	
- Revenue Contributions - Self Help Schemes	2,500 CR	2,500 CR	1,530 CR	970	
<b>NYCC NON SCHOOL MANAGED SCHEMES</b>					
Capital Grants					
- Aiming High for Disabled Children's Grant	71 CR	-	-	-	
- Early Education for 2 Year Olds Grant	267 CR	-	-	-	
- Early Education 30hrs	-	656 CR	7 CR	649	
Capital Contributions from External Bodies	-	20 CR	-	20	
Revenue Contributions					
- Catering Equipment	240 CR	315 CR	259 CR	56	
- Other	49 CR	28 CR	37 CR	9 CR	
<b>TOTAL GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS</b>	<b>42,265 CR</b>	<b>33,975 CR</b>	<b>30,232 CR</b>	<b>3,743</b>	
<b>TOTAL NET EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>960</b>	<b>349</b>	<b>329</b>	<b>20 CR</b>	

**CENTRAL SERVICES**

**2017/18 CAPITAL BUDGET - OUTTURN POSITION**

CAPITAL PLAN HEAD	ORIGINAL PLAN	LATEST PLAN	OUTTURN	VARIANCE	COMMENTS
	£000	£000	£000	£000	
<b>GROSS EXPENDITURE</b>					
Bright Office Strategy	2,358	-	-	-	
ICT Infrastructure (FCS)	2,359	1,899	511	1,388 CR	Review of priorities resulting from changing technologies has led to lower than anticipated expenditure
New Ways of Working		2,485	587	1,898 CR	
NY Data Observatory	-	9	-	9 CR	
Super Fast Broadband Scheme	70	-	-	-	
Oracle Upgrade	-	18	6	12 CR	
Purchase of Vehicles, Plant & Equip	100	100	79	21 CR	Additional revenue funding identified for the purchase of Directorate vehicles thus reducing the requirement for funding from prudential borrowing
Affordable Housing Fund	182	-	-	-	
Material Damage Provision	500	500	136	364 CR	Lower than anticipated number of material damage claims
Loans to Limited Companies etc.	-	6,887	3,885	3,002 CR	Loans drawn down in instalments has resulted in less made than anticipated
<b>TOTAL GROSS SPEND</b>	<b>5,569</b>	<b>11,897</b>	<b>5,203</b>	<b>6,694 CR</b>	
Capital Grants					
- Performance Reward Grant	70 CR	-	-	-	
- Regional Improvement Grant	-	9 CR	-	9	
Loans to Limited Companies Repayments (classed as Capital Receipts)	1,000 CR	1,000 CR	1,575 CR	575 CR	
Revenue Contributions					
- Bright Office Strategy PIP Funding	890 CR	-	-	-	
- Capital Expenditure from Revenue Schemes	1,813 CR	2,503 CR	593 CR	1,910	
<b>TOTAL GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS</b>	<b>3,773 CR</b>	<b>3,511 CR</b>	<b>- 2,168 CR</b>	<b>1,344</b>	
<b>TOTAL NET EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>1,796</b>	<b>8,386</b>	<b>3,036</b>	<b>5,350 CR</b>	

## NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

18 July 2018

**STATEMENT OF THE ACCESS PORTFOLIO HOLDER COUNTY COUNCILLOR  
DON MACKENZIE (INCLUDING HIGHWAYS, ROAD AND RAIL TRANSPORT,  
BROADBAND, MOBILE TELEPHONY)**

**A59 at Kex Gill**

The A59 was closed on 30 May following the appearance of an 8m-long crack in the road surface of this trans-Pennine route. Investigations confirmed instability in the steeply-sloping ground underneath the road. At the time of submitting this statement for publication the road remains closed but, following temporary measures to stabilise the ground, it is expected to re-open on Sunday 8 July, with traffic signals in place for single-lane working.

Longer-term stabilising works will start shortly, which may involve further periods of closure.

Following the closure of this road for two months in January 2016 – on that occasion caused by slippages in the slope above the highway – the decision was taken to commence a diversion scheme, which would take the road away from its current alignment on a ledge on a steep slope at Kex Gill. This scheme has progressed very quickly. Extensive ground and environmental surveys have taken place in what is an area of significant importance for flora, fauna and peat deposits. A shortlist of four options for a diversionary route was the subject of a wide public consultation in September and October 2017, which also included three information events held in Harrogate, Skipton and in the village of Norwood, close to Kex Gill. There was overwhelming support for the scheme.

Last month the Council published its proposed realignment route and a further period of public consultation, again involving a public information event at Norwood, took place, ending last week. A report will come to the Executive at its meeting next Tuesday outlining the latest consultation responses, and asking for the preferred re-alignment to be adopted. If approved, a full business case for funding will be prepared and submitted to the Department for Transport, which has been kept fully informed throughout this fast-tracked scheme. Further discussions will also take place with landowners and nearby householders.

The County Council is aware that closing a major road affects many people: local businesses which rely upon passing trade, residents close to the closure points, and the travelling public who use this important trans-Pennine route. We have made every effort to keep everyone fully informed by all possible means of communication. I take this opportunity to thank highways officers for their excellent efforts since 30 May, and local member, Stan Lumley, who has done so much to help us engage with his residents during this time.

**Safer Roads Bid - £11.5m awarded**

North Yorkshire County Council has been awarded £11.5m from DfT's Safer Roads Fund to carry out safety improvements on four roads in our county. Those roads, identified by the Road Safety Foundation, are:

- A167 from Busby Stoop Roundabout (A167/A61) to Topcliffe
- A682 from the A65 at Long Preston to the Lancashire border
- A684 from the A1(M) at Leeming Bar to the Cumbria Border
- A6108 from Ripon to Scotch Corner

I have authorised the Corporate Director, Strategic Resources, to accept the grant funding.

The improvements on the A167 are already largely completed since we received pre-publication confirmation that these would be funded.

Works on the A682 are expected to be carried out during this financial year, whilst the programme for the A684 will be over three years up to 2021. The scheme for the A6108 will be delivered over a three year period from 2020.

There will be public consultations on any elements of each scheme which entail significant changes either to the roads themselves or to traffic management arrangements.

Whilst our county's roads are statistically very safe, this funding enables us to bring about further safety measures for our residents, businesses and visitors. Full details of all the bids are to be found here: <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/safer-roads-fund-bids>

### **A684 Bedale, Aiskew, Leeming Bar Bypass**

This £30m new road was opened in August 2016, and, in accordance with government requirements, an initial assessment of the success of the scheme in achieving its objectives has taken place. Using traffic data collected in September and October 2017, and comparing it with pre-construction figures, the following key points were concluded:

- Bypassed communities have experienced 47% reduction in traffic volumes
- Travel times and reliability have improved
- Noise levels down
- Air quality up
- Fewer accidents

A full report is available on the NYCC website.

### **Integrated Passenger Transport (IPT)**

This is the busiest time of the year for our IPT team following the school admissions process, when some 3700 mainstream pupil bookings are set up for the new school year, and special arrangements are made for more than 350 SEND pupils. The team will also deal with applications from 800 pupils who will pay for their transport to school using spare seats on buses. This year there is the additional challenge presented by the changes in transport for special needs pupils and the enhanced parental allowances on offer.

This work is done alongside Area Transport Reviews in Hambleton, Harrogate and Richmondshire involving hundreds of bus schedules. The team has again had to act quickly to replace transport provision over a single weekend following the failure of another bus operator.

Once again, I express my thanks to the IPT team for the vital work, which they do so well, quietly and efficiently behind the scenes.

### **£1m award to improve mobile phone coverage**

The Council has received an award of £1m from the North Yorkshire LEP to be used to improve mobile phone coverage in rural areas. There is a steady increase month by month in the number of communities with access to 4G. We are working with all four mobile phone operators to ensure coverage continues to improve. Part of this funding award will be used to provide five masts to boost telecoms infrastructure.

DON MACKENZIE

**NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL****18<sup>th</sup> July 2018****STATEMENT FROM PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR STRONGER COMMUNITIES,  
LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES, CORPORATE DEVELOPMENT,  
SCRUTINY, AREA COMMITTEES, PERFORMANCE MONITORING AND  
LOCALITY BUDGETS****COUNTY COUNCILLOR DAVID CHANCE****STRONGER COMMUNITIES****Go Local**

Members will be aware of Go Local – the overarching community transport brand co-created with the community transport sector – from my previous updates to Council. The aim of the brand is to increase the public's awareness, perceptions and usage of community transport – an important element of the transport network, especially in a rural county such as North Yorkshire.

Led by a small steering group of community transport representatives and officers from the Stronger Communities Team, Communications and Integrated Passenger Transport, work has intensified on preparing the brand for launch. The group intend to do a phased launch beginning in early autumn in order to monitor demand and understand impact. It is important that as a County Council we continue doing what we can to support community transport, and I look forward to updating Members on this project later in the year.

**Inspire, Achieve, Innovate – One Year On**

It has now been one year since the Programme launched its new investment prospectus – Inspire, Achieve, Innovate – to communities at a series of roadshows throughout the county. The Programme wanted to build on experience of its first two years of operation, as well as respond to an LGA target to “achieve even more” after identifying the potential of the Stronger Communities Programme by implementing a new model that would maximise the effectiveness of available resources, develop long term strategic partnerships, deliver needs led investment, and encourage social action.

It has been a pleasure to see how communities and voluntary organisations have embraced this change in approach. 98 Inspire grants have been approved to date. These are awards of up to £1,000 designed to encourage people to get involved with their local community to deliver projects or activities that promote social interaction, neighbourliness cohesion and improve wellbeing. Two-thirds of those awards have been made to support new grass roots social action groups and projects that have not previously had any involvement with the Programme.

The main investment stream – Achieve Together – focuses on longer term, sustainable, needs led projects, delivered in partnership and where possible, at scale. Due to the level of collaboration, planning and development time involved with Achieve Together projects there is a lengthy lead in time between initial proposal and funding award. 8 projects have been approved through this stream to date.

### **Stronger Communities Evaluation**

The Contract for the evaluation of the Stronger Communities Programme closed in June with 9 tenders received. Assessments of the bids are underway and it is expected the Contract will be awarded in August. An evaluation partner will work with the Stronger Communities Programme and its VCSE investment collaborators on a long term and ongoing basis to 2022. The assessment will evaluate the Programme's investment, support and activities against five key questions to help understand its impact and effectiveness towards achieving its ambition and outcomes for the Council and communities across North Yorkshire.

### **Essential Life Skills Fund**

In May this year I updated Members on the Essential Life Skills Fund, an element of the Scarborough Opportunity Area funded by the Department for Education. Stronger Communities were invited to support the Fund because of their knowledge and experience operating grants programmes. The second and final round of applications to the Fund closed at the end of June; 23 applications were received with requests totalling just over £900,000.

## **LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES**

Area Constituency Committees – the first round of meetings of the new committees has been completed and the way in which they will approach their work has been agreed. The next meetings will see the local MPs invited to attend to discuss issues that are relevant to the area and have a strategic importance. Whilst the agendas for those meetings have yet to be firmed up, topics are likely to include: the funding of social care and the green paper; suicide prevention; the expansion of Catterick Garrison; sustainability of rural schools; and key transport routes and infrastructure.

Members should be aware that Northamptonshire County Council Best Value Inspection Report highlighted a number of issues that led to the demise of that Council. These included poor financial control; lack of clarity in reporting; lack of challenge, with people being told what they wanted to hear, and scrutiny arrangements being constrained by Executive. It was found that Members had been actively discouraged from asking questions at audit and scrutiny committees and the Council blindly pursued a strategic vision for the Authority at all costs.

Whilst there is no immediate concern that something similar would happen here, it is good to bear in mind the lessons learnt as this is only one of a number of high profile incidences over the past 10 years where governance has failed in the public sector.

DAVID CHANCE



**NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL****18 JULY 2018****STATEMENT OF THE ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND HEALTH INTEGRATION  
PORTFOLIO HOLDER COUNTY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL HARRISON****Adult Social Care Peer Review**

The Council has recently commissioned a peer review to look at our use of resources. The review took place over three days in June and a range of colleagues and partners were interviewed as part of the process. The review focused on whether investment is being made in the right place and at the right stage of the social care pathway. The review team were asked to identify interventions that may reduce costs and improve or at least maintain impact and outcomes. A final report will be published which will form the basis of an action plan and I will ensure it is shared with elected members in due course.

**Appointment of Independent Chair NY Safeguarding Adults Board**

Dr Sue Proctor has been appointed as the new Independent Chair for the North Yorkshire Safeguarding Adults Board, in succession to Colin Morris who sadly died earlier this year. Dr Proctor brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to the role. In recent years she has led two extensive investigations into allegations of historical sexual abuse. Her work has already made a significant impact nationally and I am look forward to her arrival to lead the Board.

**Health & Wellbeing Board**

The HWB has changed its approach to how it does its business. The Board now has a formal business part of the meeting and development sessions focusing on key themes and priorities, two of which are Mental Health and Digital.

Digital: This is looking at the opportunities which digital solutions provide to both health and care. This year long piece of work will result in a shared digital strategy with tangible and digital solutions being evidenced across the county maximising the use of broadband and related technology.

Mental Health: The Board hosted a Mental Health Summit on 30 May. The Summit was organised to recognise that mental health is one of the biggest health issues facing the people of North Yorkshire and to promote greater awareness. It was also the first time the Health and Wellbeing Board, members of the public and leaders from the public, private and community sectors had come together to identify what could be done to tackle mental ill health and improve services, with a focus on children & young people, working age adults and older people. Output and proposals for further action will be presented to the Health and Well-being Board at its next meeting.

## **Service Provision**

Harrogate: The final two residents have moved out of Woodfield House in Harrogate with the new extra care scheme at The Cuttings, Starbeck opening this summer. I would like to thank residents, families and colleagues for all they have done to ensure a smooth transition for everyone involved.

Pickering: 5 dementia residential beds were opened on the 2<sup>nd</sup> July at 5 Whitby Road following investment in the Scarborough / Ryedale locality as a result of the re-provision of 101 Prospect Mount Road. Capacity has been made to increase this to 10 beds which will be opened on a phased basis.

## **Delayed Transfer of Care**

The County Council has consistently improved their performance in this key area since a greater focus was placed on managing transfers of care last year, with April being our best ever performance. Additional work is being done for those people who are delayed in mental health and community beds to bolster the efforts we are making for those in an acute hospital setting. We will continue to work to prevent any delayed discharge in order to ensure the people we support are assisted to where they need to be for a safe and timely discharge from hospital.

## **70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of National Assistance Act and NHS**

5<sup>th</sup> July marked the 70<sup>th</sup> birthday of the NHS. At the same time, it was also the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the National Assistance Act, which was the cornerstone of the social care system in this country. At times, both the NHS and social care are subject to close scrutiny and criticism. However, these anniversaries are an opportunity to take stock of the progress that has been made over the past seven decades and to thank colleagues who work in these services. The Government has recently announced additional support to the NHS of 3.4% above inflation which equates to £20.5bn by 2023/24. I am now seeking a similar commitment for a long-term settlement for social care which provides certainty for individuals and families and allows councils and other care providers to be able to plan for the future as the two are inextricably linked.

## **Kathy Clark**

Finally I am sure Members will want to join me in thanking Kathy Clark Assistant Director Commissioning and Quality, who takes retirement and leaves her current role at the end of August. Kathy has worked closely with many of us and her contribution and leadership has been much appreciated over the last 4 years that she has worked with the County Council. I would like to wish her all the best for the future.

Dale Owens, Assistant Director for Care and Support, will replace Kathy and interviews are taking place for the vacant Assistant Director post in July.

**Michael Harrison**

**NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL****18 July 2018****STATEMENT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH, PREVENTION & SUPPORTED HOUSING  
PORTFOLIO HOLDER COUNTY COUNCILLOR CAROLINE DICKINSON****Public Mental Health**

I attended a mental health summit at the end of May which was hosted by the Health and Wellbeing Board. I do not need to remind colleagues of the challenges in providing access to high quality mental health services consistently across the county. A key theme of the summit was ensuring that we were moving in the right direction in improving services. However, we must also continue to address the causes and consequences of mental ill health in the population.

The World Health Organisation observes that people with severe mental illness have their lives shortened by 10 to 25 years compared with the general population. Although suicide is a significant cause of death the vast majority of people with mental illness die early from “physical medical conditions”. It is estimated that 95% die from potentially preventable causes including heart disease, strokes, respiratory illness, diabetes and hypertension.

The Council has a relatively small role for delivering mental health services – most of these are commissioned by the NHS. However, we have invested substantially from the public health grant in creating the Stronger Communities Programme and the Living Well team which together form the core of our approach to public mental health. In addition we have worked to raise awareness of mental health and wellbeing through training and targeted campaigns as well as initiatives to reduce stigma.

In light of the fact that people with mental health problems tend to have poorer physical health, we are working to ensure that our public health services provide them with the support needed to lead healthier lives. For example, some 78% of people who quit smoking through our smoking cessation services come from priority risk groups including mental health service users.

We have a suicide prevention strategy and the public health team has been working with the Police and other partners most recently in a joint approach on Project Kraken, a counter terrorism initiative to produce signs along the coast providing information for the Samaritans and border force patrols to raise awareness of vulnerability and suspicious activity. This work was featured in an ITV news report.

As part of the wider suicide prevention work we commissioned a targeted campaign aimed at men aged 30-49 years living in Malton, Selby and Scarborough Town areas. The campaign engaged with men from the target group to develop the approach and materials to promote positive mental health. The project was shortlisted for a Public Sector Communications Award.

## **Public Health and Economic Growth**

Two years ago our Director of Public Health focused on the link between good work and health in his award winning Annual Public Health Report. We know the issues for young people in our rural county in terms of transport to access employment and training opportunities. The availability of affordable housing is also a challenge for this group. Recent national data has identified that the peak age for loneliness and social isolation is 16 to 25 years. Our public health team are working with colleagues across the Council and districts to ensure our growth plan helps us to deliver both economic and wellbeing benefits to those areas and groups in greatest need. The team has also worked with spatial planners and the Directors of Development across the area to help shape a York, North Yorkshire, East Riding and Hull Spatial Framework vision for growth.

These strategic plans and frameworks are vital to ensure future economic growth and housing responds to the needs of our rural county and includes everyone in the benefits. However, it will take time to realise these benefits.

I was pleased to make a contribution through my locality budget to a project in my local area that does make a difference to young people who have no access to transport to get to work or training. Wheels 2 Work is a not-for profit moped loan scheme which helps people to get to work, apprenticeships, or training, where no other form of transport is available. Eligible candidates receive a moped after they have completed the compulsory basic training. Wheels 2 Work is based in Northallerton and has been running since 2001. It has helped more than a thousand people to access employment and training opportunities which would not have been possible without their own transport.

## **Dementia Congress**

I was privileged to chair the Dementia Congress at the new rugby club in Scalby on 23<sup>rd</sup> May. The event was a review of progress with the Health and Wellbeing Dementia Strategy 'Bring Me sunshine'. It was an opportunity to mark Dementia Week together and to honour the many people in North Yorkshire who try to live well with dementia. The event was planned in partnership with our voluntary sector and health colleagues and was attended by almost as many people with a dementia diagnosis and their carers as by professionals. The sun may not have been shining outside that day but the energy and interest in the room on 23<sup>rd</sup> May was astonishing. It was an inspiring event but we can never underestimate the toll that dementia takes on lives. If ever we need a reminder of why the support we commission for people living with the effects of dementia is so important then talking to those who attended about the challenges they face and the difference the right help can make is all that is required. One area often overlooked, but given the focus it needs at this year's congress, was the growing issue of early onset dementia - people diagnosed before they are 65. Our two support services have been developing the support available to this younger group of people and although there is more to do it was heartening to hear how the activities and networks this support offers can make a real difference.

### **Ground breaking for new Extra Care scheme at Scalby Road Scarborough**

On the same day I was able travel a few hundred yards down the road to attend the Groundbreaking event to mark the start on site of the new Extra Care Scheme. On the site of the old Rugby Club on Scalby Road, the development has been a long time in the planning. The scheme is now progressing after government confirmed last October that the housing costs for Extra Care would not be included in the Local Housing Allowance benefit cap.

The development sees a collaboration between Home Group, Ashley House, North Yorkshire County Council and Scarborough Borough Council to provide 63 apartments for over 55s and those with extra care needs. The scheme will also see a full range of on-site communal facilities spring to life including a restaurant and café, guest suites, hair salon, spa room, office facilities and scooter charging facilities.

**CAROLINE DICKINSON**

## NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

18 JULY 2018

**STATEMENT OF THE OPEN TO BUSINESS PORTFOLIO HOLDER COUNTY COUNCILLOR  
ANDREW LEE (INCLUDING GROWTH, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, PLANNING, WASTE  
MANAGEMENT, TRADING STANDARDS AND BUSINESS RELATIONS)**

**Design Quality Fund**

With support from the County and District Councils the Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) has secured £285k to assist the development of a series of master plans for major housing sites, and promoting the use of Off Site Manufactured housing. Schemes for Catterick Garrison, Pannal, South Cayton and Selby are being supported. A joint commission for a master plan at Cross Hills Lane in Selby has been progressed by the District and County Council and two local land owners. This is building on the work done last year on the Housing Infrastructure Fund (HIF) bid. It will support allocations coming forward in the Local Plan and help to achieve a more co-ordinated and efficient approach to infrastructure delivery for both the short and long term growth of the area.

**National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)**

In Spring, Government consulted on draft changes to the NPPF and proposed changes to the Developer Contributions process. This is the first major review of the NPPF since it was introduced in 2012. It is the culmination of various consultation processes that the Government has undertaken over the last few years (including the Housing White Paper and CIL). It is important as these documents are central to the planning process – both in terms of policy/plan making and decision making on applications. This will have implications for development, land use and infrastructure. The reviews were broadly welcomed as it is important that planning policy and practice remain up to date, relevant, efficient and effective. The response on behalf of the County Council advocated for an integrated approach for land use and infrastructure, and for measures that will ensure that developer contributions are effective in delivering the infrastructure and service required to enable sustainable growth. It is anticipated that Government will announce the new policy framework during the Summer.

**Economic Development**

Considering the potential impact of brexit on agriculture, the York, North Yorkshire & East Riding Local Enterprise Partnership has brought together a Commission of stakeholders, including the NFU, CLA and Yorkshire Agricultural Society, as well as large and influential businesses, such as McCain and FERA Science, to use this disruption as a stimulus for positive change. They have established the Grow Yorkshire campaign, which aims to drive growth in the farming and food industries equal to the amount of subsidy we currently receive. The work will involve advice and support to farmers, influencing government policy and developing new opportunities.

**Green Garden Waste**

The County Council expect to pay the district and borough councils in North Yorkshire some £4,691K in recycling credits for 2017/18, for recycling and composting of household waste. The collection and composting of green garden waste has been an easy win for both WCAs and the County Council. With low risks and relatively cheap processing costs, green garden waste composting currently accounts for almost half of the combined recycling performance of the waste collection authorities in North Yorkshire. However, the value of recycling credit now exceeds any savings in disposal costs, and the payment of the recycling credits for green waste

significantly outweighs the cost of composting. In short, the County Council is subsidising district council green garden waste collections.

Financial pressures on the County Council have driven a review of the powers and duties to pay recycling credits to waste collection authorities, and we are currently consulting on alternative arrangements for the processing of green garden waste that will save the County Council up to £1,200K p.a.

The issues are complex and there will be impacts on district councils which need to be understood and considered before we decide how to progress. We have given options for change, but have also invited proposals from districts for alternative mechanisms which could achieve the same outcomes. The consultation is open until 5 August and Members wishing to know more should contact Ian Fielding.

### **Farming, Food & Health – Disease Control**

Mr Lynas, a farmer from Richmond, was prosecuted on 4 June at Northallerton Magistrates Court for matters relating to the failure to dispose of sheep carcasses. Mr Lynas pleaded guilty to 22 offences and was fined £120 with costs of £500 and a £39 victim surcharge.

ANDREW LEE

**NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**18<sup>th</sup> July 2018**

**STATEMENT OF THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER -  
LIBRARY, CUSTOMER AND COMMUNITY SERVICES**

**COUNTY COUNCILLOR GREG WHITE**

**Libraries**

Summer Reading Challenge

There'll be mischief afoot this summer when North Yorkshire libraries and the Reading Agency invite all primary school children to sign up to read six books for the Summer Reading Challenge 2018.

The annual Summer Reading Challenge will launch in libraries across North Yorkshire on Saturday, 14 July, and will run until Saturday, 8 September. This year's theme is Mischief Makers, inspired by the much-loved children's comic, Beano, which is celebrating its 80th anniversary and children aged between four and 11 will be asked to borrow six library books over the summer holiday period.

Last year saw more than 9,600 children taking part across the County, with 103 young volunteers providing 2,028 hours of support as "Reading hacks". This is a fantastic opportunity for young people aged 13 to 24 to help with events and activities and to gain invaluable experience of working with children and families in a library environment, and I would urge Members to encourage young people who would benefit from this opportunity to contact their local library.

The above was achieved within just four months of the transfer of a further 22 libraries into community management and those libraries that demonstrated exceptional performance in this area were awarded certificates. This proved extremely popular amongst the community managed libraries and we will therefore be making this an annual event.

To take part in the challenge, children just need to sign up at their nearest library as members and they will be given a colourful collector's map of Beanotown to keep a record of their Summer Reading Challenge journey, and there is also a mini Gnasher challenge for pre-schoolers with stickers and certificates for little ones to collect. .

The summer holidays are a great opportunity for children to develop the reading habit, and a programme of events and activities for families to support the challenge has been devised for libraries across the County. This will include cartoon workshops, animation film-making, Lego building, badge making, T-shirt design and Gnasher collages.

Cook 250

Over the weekend of July 7<sup>th</sup> and as part of the Cook 250 festival, a celebration of the 250th anniversary of the explorer's first expedition to the South Seas in 1768; Whitby library invited local people to delve into the art and science of Captain James Cook.



Funded by the Arts Council, Whitby Library and the County Record Office worked with Scarborough-based art and science organisation Invisible Dust, and volunteers from Whitby and Great Ayton libraries on a series of projects. Events included 2 specially commissioned art works, an exhibition by the library volunteers using material from the County Record Office, workshops, talks by artists and a special appearance by Dr William Frame, Curator of the British Library's major exhibition on James Cook, for a behind-the-scenes look at some of the remarkable objects in the collection.

### E-lending

On the 1<sup>st</sup> July, Libraries Minister Michael Ellis announced that the Public Lending Right Scheme will now cover e-books and e-audio books loaned from public libraries across Great Britain. I am delighted to report that our libraries are responding to customer demand and thriving in the digital age and Members may be aware that North Yorkshire's Library service has been making e-book and e-audio books available to its members since 2010 recording 4000 issues in the first year.

Users of the service can now choose from a wide range of titles including non-fiction and children's books and the number of people using the service and the number of titles being made available to library members has soared. In 2017 North Yorkshire issued over 104,000 e books/e- audio books which (nearly 9000/ month) with over 200 new users registering to use the service every month. This is just part of the excellent digital offer to library members that includes a wide range of reference and research resources, newspapers, magazines, comics, local history material and children's literacy support.

### Filey Library

Filey Library reopened on Wednesday July 11<sup>th</sup> following its closure in June for refurbishment. The new flexible shelving design will easily enable the library to be used for a variety of community events and activities, and the dedicated children's area has been completely remodelled to provide a stimulating and colourful environment in which children can read and learn at leisure. There is also a new layout for the IT suite and plenty of table space for customers to bring in their own devices and connect to the Wi-Fi. The refurbishment also provides a more flexible environment for partners such as Scarborough Borough Council who run a weekly customer service desk from the library providing help and advice for Filey Residents. To celebrate the new look, library customers will also benefit from an injection of over 1500 new books. The official opening of the library by the County Council's Chairman will take place on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> July.

### Reading Well

A new "Reading Well" scheme for people with mental health conditions has been set up with funding from Arts Council England and the Wellcome Trust. The titles have been chosen in collaboration with health partners, people living with long-term conditions and their carers, and libraries across the County will display the new books and health practitioners will be made aware of the collection. As with existing Reading Well collections, health professionals can recommend titles on the list to patients and the titles are available for anyone to borrow for free through their local library.

The collection was officially launched at Northallerton library on Tuesday, 5 June, and at the same time, local launches and networking events took place at Scarborough Skipton, Ripon and Malton libraries where local health groups and partners were invited to view the collection and network with other health providers over refreshments.

## Archives

To coincide with & celebrate Local History Month in May, the Record Office's pop-up archive was out and about throughout the county visiting eight venues from Great Smeaton and Hinderwell to Harrogate and Skipton. The pop-up archives, held in partnership with local heritage groups, promote the work of the office and are an opportunity for people to access advice from archive staff and to view a range of records relating to the local area. Over 350 people have attended the events so far and more events are planned for the coming months.

The eighth annual open evening, Archives at Dusk, was also held in May. This year's event was the most popular yet with over 230 visitors enjoying an evening of medieval entertainment including falconry, music, tool making, calligraphy & spinning, and displays telling the story of North Yorkshire's castles, abbeys and lost villages. Visitors remarked that it was 'educational, informative, fascinating and an excellent evening' & that it was 'a real pleasure and a privilege to see such wonderful stories brought to life'.

As previously reported; the Record Office has also been working with volunteers from Whitby and Great Ayton Libraries as part of the Arts Council funded project to celebrate the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Captain Cook's first expedition to the South Seas. Volunteers from the libraries visited the Record Office to study unique historic records and to build up a picture of life in eighteenth century Whitby as well as the contemporary view of the natural world at the time of Cook. Records discovered by the volunteers will be exhibited at Whitby Library in an exhibition entitled *Archive Explorers: riding the waves of discovery*, as part of the Whitby Cook250 festival weekend.

## Registration

From July 1st onwards it has been easier for mothers in the Malton and Selby areas to register the birth of their babies. Previously, mothers who had their babies in York hospital had to register their new arrivals with the York register office, which meant that mothers from the Malton and Selby areas had to travel to the city, or experience delays in getting the birth certificate as the paperwork had to be sent to York.

North Yorkshire registrars have now been given the authority to register births on behalf of York directly in Malton and Selby and mothers will receive the birth certificate at the time they visit these offices. This new agreement is an excellent example of how, by working in partnership with our colleagues in York, we can improve the service to our customers at no additional cost.

Appointments to register a birth can now be made through the service's online diary which is quick and easy to use and can be found on the County Council's website at [www.northyorks.gov.uk/registering-birth-your-baby](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/registering-birth-your-baby). The website also gives more information about the questions that mothers will be asked on arrival.

Members may also have seen press reports that the Supreme Court has ruled that Civil Partnerships should be opened to opposite sex couples rather than confined to just same sex couples as is currently the case. The Registration service is awaiting the government's official response to this judgement which will require that legislative changes are put before Parliament. It is likely to be several months before any solution emerges and I will update members when further details are known.

**NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**18 July 2018**

**COUNTY COUNCILLOR GARETH DADD**

**Property Rationalisation**

The Executive has approved proposals for a programme of investment in the County Council's property in Northallerton that will ensure that it is able to be utilised more efficiently and that it remains fit for purpose for the longer term.

The investment includes a programme of work that supports the Modern Council Programme through which staff are adopting modern flexible working practices in order to allow for a reduction in the amount of property that is utilised for service delivery and management. A total of £2.2 million will be invested in the re-modelling of the main County Hall building in order to increase the number of staff who can be accommodated within it, and the demolition of the existing East Block which will then no longer be required. In addition to the demolition of East Block the works will enable the disposal of properties at South Parade and Standard Way in Northallerton leading to an annual revenue saving of £183,000 by 2023. This represents a pay back period of approximately 12 years and excellent value to council tax payers.

In order to ensure that value for money is obtained it is proposed that the programme also includes works to address essential maintenance and refurbishment requirements to ensure that County Hall remains fit for purpose, and provides appropriate facilities, for members of the public, Members and staff. This work will require investment of a further £3.4 million. It is estimated, however, that the works would cost in excess of £1 million more in the event that they were not undertaken as part of an overall programme but were commissioned as separate projects.

I am confident, therefore, that the investment that is proposed represents value for money and will be working closely with officers to monitor the delivery of the works.

The County Council is working closely with its design consultants to develop a programme of work which is expected to commence in July 2019 and be completed by the summer of 2020.

**Financial Outturn 2017/18**

As forecast throughout the year, overall the 2017/18 financial year ended on a positive note with a revenue surplus of £7.5m achieved for the year largely due to some non-recurring savings on corporate costs. However, these one-off 'windfalls' helped to off-set some significant cost pressures both in Health and Adult services and Children's and Young People's services. Going forward there remains a significant recurring deficit and work is underway to identify further savings opportunities to supplement our existing plans.

The Statement of Final Accounts for 2017/18 are due to be considered by the Audit Committee later this month on 26<sup>th</sup> July and I am grateful to members of the Audit Committee for their contributions and diligence.

On the treasury management front we achieved a 0.49% on our investments over the year which was slightly above our 0.4% benchmark. Members will recall our plans to pursue alternatives to standard cash deposits and work is in progress to improve returns through a range of commercial investments. We achieved our first successful offer on a commercial asset during the year and completed the purchase in May this year.

## **GDPR**

As Members cannot fail to have noticed, GDPR was introduced on 25 May of this year and I am sure you have all received numerous emails asking for you to allow your details to continue to be used etc. Well the Council has also been busy ensuring that it is well placed to comply with the updated requirements arising from GDPR and I am pleased to say that good progress has been made. However there is a constant need to ensure that we remain on top of our game when it comes to data protection and privacy and if we get it wrong we could be fined up to £17million or 4% of turnover (depending how they calculate it).

The intranet holds lots of useful information on this area and how we manage information safely and there is an on-line GDPR training course which is available to all but has been mandated for many staff who handle data.

GARETH DADD

**NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL****18 JULY 2018****STATEMENT OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES PORTFOLIO HOLDER****Success at the Municipal Journal Awards**

Firstly, I am sure you will wish to join me in congratulating colleagues from the Council's No Wrong Door programme on their success in the category for Impact and Learning In Children's Services at the annual Municipal Journal Awards. No Wrong Door, which radically rethinks care provision for young people, was introduced just over three years ago to replace traditional council-run care homes. Instead, two hubs cover the county and combine residential care and fostering with on-site support from clinical psychologists who act as life coaches, speech and language therapists and a supportive police role. The service has proved highly effective in breaking the traditional cycle of young people who enter care and who go on to engage in offending and risk-taking behaviour.

This award is the latest recognition for the programme. Since its inception, No Wrong Door has won the national award for Innovation in Local Government and has been rated outstanding by Ofsted.

In making the award, the judges said: "North Yorkshire County Council has achieved exceptional results. It has obtained buy-in from wider service providers, including the police, health, housing and Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services. The model puts the child and young person at the core of their work, imbedding a culture of analytics which ensures service improvements are intelligence-led".

**Ofsted Inspection of Local Authority Children's Services**

We were notified on 25 June of a two week inspection of services for children in need of help and protection, children in care and care leavers. Under the new inspection framework (ILACS), which commenced in January 2018, Local Authorities will have an annual conversation meeting with Ofsted to discuss their self evaluation and to track progress and will then receive one of three different types of inspection each year over a three year cycle: short/standard, focussed visit or joint thematic (with partners). As a service judged "good" at its last inspection, North Yorkshire is subject to a "short" inspection running from 25 June to 5 July. The formal inspection report will be published at the end of July.

**New Independent Chair for the Children's Safeguarding Board**

I am pleased to welcome Professor Maggie Atkinson as the new Independent Chair following the retirement of Professor Nick Frost. Maggie is the former Children's Commissioner for England and is keen to build on the excellent work led by Nick over the last few years and at a time of transition nationally in relation to future safeguarding partnership arrangements. We welcome Maggie to North Yorkshire and thank Nick sincerely for his passion and commitment to the Board since 2013.

**Medium Term Financial Strategy & 2020 North Yorkshire – Feb 2018**

The Children and Young People's Service is facing a number of significant cost pressures arising from a 46% rise in the number of children and young people assessed as requiring an Education, Health and Care Plan since 2014. This has affected demand-led budgets including High Needs budgets and SEN Transport. Within this context, the Directorate have plans to meet the savings target in 2018-19 around Children and Families Service, Early Years and School Improvement. The approach continues to prioritise and maintain frontline service

delivery as much as possible through innovative models, increased commercialisation and working with partners.

Although this information appears in my Statement to Council it should be noted that both Executive Members for the Children and Young People's Service have joint responsibility for all relevant resources.

## **Children & Families Performance**

Frontline services continue to face high demand from families needing our support. We received over 22,000 contacts in 2017/18 (up by 1,400 compared to 2016/17) and almost 6,000 contacts between April and June this year.

The number of children supported by a statutory child protection plans continues to rise, with over 567 open cases at the end of May. We have also seen an increase in the number of children in care, from 409 at the end of September 2017 to 437 at the end of May 2018. It is important to stress that the increase in demand for child protection services being experienced across North Yorkshire is also reflective of other local authorities and the wider national picture.

Despite this strong demand, our teams of social workers continue to deliver high levels of performance. In May, over 97% of children and families assessments were completed with the 45 working day statutory timeframe (compared with a national average of 83%). Reassuringly, our rate of repeat referral (15.3% across 2017/18) and the percentage of children subject to a second or subsequent child protection plan (17.9% across 2017/18) both remain below national and statistical neighbour averages. This demonstrates the commitment of the service to quickly understand the needs of the child and family, and to step in with the appropriate support at an early opportunity.

## **Looked after Children**

There are currently 434 children in the Local Authority's care. If Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children (UASC) are excluded from the figures, the number of looked after children fell to 416 which is within our expected range (380 to 420). Both short term and long term stability continues to be strong, with long term stability being higher in Q4 than in any quarter since Q2 2016/17. North Yorkshire's strong performance in finding children in care safe, stable foster homes continues, with 75.1% in foster placements. Almost half of all children in care (45.5%) are in a long term foster placement, demonstrating our commitment to ensuring as many children in our care have loving, permanent homes. The proportion of children in care placed in children's homes, hostels or secure units remains low (6.2%) remains low, whilst 5% (20) are in independent living placements. The proportion of children who have been in care for 30 months or more has remained at just under half (46.9%) reflecting our drive to secure permanence for children at an early stage to ensure children and young people are given the stability needed to thrive, seven children were placed for adoption this quarter.

The proportion of children in care with an up to date Personal Education Plan continues to improve as has the performance in relation to Looked after children having a health assessment (89.4%) with 88.7% of Looked after Children with a completed dental assessment. The average Strengths & Difficulties Questionnaire score has fallen to 15 compared to 16 at the end of Q3 which remains above the national average (14). Although it is too early to evaluate the impact of the four specialist psychological clinicians, it is positive that we have seen an improvement in average SDQ scores, indicating an improvement in the emotional and mental wellbeing of children in our care

## **Partners in Practice update**

As a DfE Partner in Practice (PiP) we continue work towards driving innovation and innovative practice. We are supporting and working alongside other local authorities sharing best practice and as a critical friend supporting their journey to good. Over the last few months work has started in earnest on phase 2 agreements with Middlesbrough, Redcar and Wakefield Councils with ongoing interest from other LAs particularly in relation to No Wrong Door. Our No Wrong Door extension projects for care leavers and children with social, emotional and mental health needs who are on the edge or at risk of coming into care, continue to deliver valuable services and have both undergone post implementation reviews to begin the planning for sustainability post 2020. NatCen Social Research, commissioned by the DfE to carry out an evaluation of PiP Programme, have begun working with both NWD extension projects and will be reviewing the whole programme up to 2020. The Leaving Care Team have now recruited a Police Liaison Officer and the Back on Track (SEMH) team are busy planning for the new school year with a relaunch of the service with a new cohort. The Single View of a Child project is moving towards procurement and work is starting with the service to ensure requirements are understood and teams are engaged. This is a key area of interest for the DfE and we are involved in national discussions in relation to case management solutions with the DfE and other senior leads.

## **School readiness**

Two school readiness conferences, titled “Child Ready: School Ready” were held on 20 and 21 April 2018 to launch this priority and provide a holistic picture of the agenda. Over 350 delegates including practitioners from Health, early education and childcare and across children’s services were able to consider how to support schools, families, communities and children to be ready for one another in order for the first steps of a child’s journey into school to be successful.

Further events are being planned to respond to the priorities which emerged from delegates, including:

- School readiness for children with SEND
- Information for parents
- Local liaison between pre-school and reception class practice.
- Support for communication development / Speech & Language Therapy
- Clear LA guidance for all practitioners across services – with consistent messages

Background research and conference presentations are available at:

<http://cyps.northyorks.gov.uk/school-readiness>

**Cllr Janet Sanderson**

**Executive Member for Children’s Services and Special Educational Needs**

**NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL****18 JULY 2018****STATEMENT OF EDUCATION & SKILLS PORTFOLIO HOLDER****Sherburn High School fire**

Members may be aware of the serious fire at Sherburn High School overnight on Monday 2 July. The school's gym and changing rooms suffered significant damage but the Fire and Rescue Service were able to prevent further damage to teaching and administration areas of the school. Fortunately no staff, pupils or emergency service crews were injured as a result of the incident. Investigations into the cause of the blaze continue. It is helpful also that Year 11 and 13 students have completed their public examinations and there will be reduced numbers of students in school when it reopens.

Local authority officers and contractors have been working with the Headteacher and school staff around the clock to make arrangements to enable the school to reopen as quickly as possible and I am sure you wish to join me in expressing our thanks to them and to the fire crews for their support at this difficult time.

**School funding**

In North Yorkshire our annual High Needs budget of £45m has pressures of over £4m despite real-terms reductions in funding. We continue to have real concerns about the level of funding we receive and the support that we, in turn, can provide to our mainstream and special schools. In consultation with schools, we have transferred 0.5% of the Schools Block, equating to approximately £1.6m, to the High Needs Block for 2018-19. This is only a temporary measure and will be insufficient to meet current costs and anticipated increases in demand. We will continue to lobby DfE on High Needs to secure a better deal for children in North Yorkshire.

We also recognise that a growing number of schools are experiencing financial pressures with more schools projecting medium-term deficit positions and a reduction in collective school balances. The local authority is responding to this position and will be working to support and challenge schools to achieve good quality, financially sustainable provision.

**School Ofsted inspections**

Overall 87.3% of children across North Yorkshire attend a good or outstanding school. This is higher than both national and regional averages: 86.3% across England and 81.1% across Yorkshire and the Humber, it places North Yorkshire third in the region.

The five most recent Ofsted inspections in North Yorkshire schools resulted in four schools being judged good and one outstanding.

**Strategic Plan for SEND Education Provision 0-25**

The formal consultation on proposals in the Strategic Plan took place from 18th May to 28th June 2018. During the consultation there were focus groups for children and young people and meetings for parents/carers and professionals in all areas of the county, as well as an online survey. The responses to the consultation are now being collated and considered, prior to any amendments being made to the plan and approval to publish and implement being sought through the democratic process.



## **Home to school transport – consultation on proposals for children and young people with special educational needs**

You will recall that, following public consultation, County Council approved changes to the policy at its meeting on 16 May 2018. The changes, to be implemented from September 2018, were:

- to continue to provide transport assistance for post-16-18 SEND students but subject to payment of a £490 flat rate annual contribution (with 50% reduction for lower income families), bringing them into line with charges for mainstream pupils. These charges are regardless of actual cost of transport and distance travelled.
- young people aged 19 years and over to be assessed using the adult social care assessment process. This will identify if the young person has means to support transport to education. Where alternatives are not available the Council will continue to provide support where necessary. This will ensure equity with other users of transport within the adult social care system.
- to introduce the option of an enhanced mileage allowance for families for statutory aged children (mainstream and SEND) if the parent/carers wishes to transport their child to school themselves. This is a voluntary agreement with parents/carers and is designed to increase transport options

A further 30 day consultation on an enhanced mileage rate for parents and the formula to be used to calculate this allowance was requested to allow families the opportunity to explore how this rate would benefit them. The final decision has been delegated to the Director of Children and Young People Services and The Executive. This consultation is now live and will finish on 22 July.

Implementation of the post 16 and post 19 changes has started, with correspondence sent to parents/carers of all year 11 and above pupils currently in Home to School Transport.

## **School Organisation**

Burnt Yates (CE) Primary School was subject to a Directed Academy Order following an Ofsted inspection in December 2016 which judged the school to be 'Inadequate'. In March 2018 the Executive approved the publication of statutory proposals to close the School. This followed careful consideration of the responses to public consultation carried out by the Children and Young People's Service. The statutory proposals were published on 22 March 2018, giving four weeks for representations to be made. Following publication no responses were received by the end of the notice period of 19 April 2018. The Executive Member for Education and Skills determined the matter on 22 May 2018 and the school will close on 31 August 2018.

The Governing Body of Oatlands Infant School, Harrogate, have recently consulted on a proposal that the school change its age range to become a Primary school. The School is an academy as part of the Red Kite Learning Trust and as such the Regional Schools Commissioner is the decision maker on the matter. The Children and Young People's Service responded to the consultation on 27 April 2018. Twenty one per cent of schools in North Yorkshire have now converted to academy status (with 43% of secondary schools now academies) compared to a national picture of 35% of schools which are academies (72% secondary schools).

## **North Yorkshire Coast Opportunities Area**

The North Yorkshire Coast Opportunity Area Programme has invested in a range of projects to date, focussed on improving social mobility in Scarborough, Whitby and Filey. These projects have focused on improving outcomes in early years settings, support for reading skills in secondary schools and attracting high-quality teachers to schools in the area. These projects are in

addition to £820k investment in extra-curricular activities through the Essential Life Skills Fund, which is being run with the Stronger Communities team. Awards to date have already been made: the Stephen Joseph Theatre, North Yorkshire Youth, North Yorkshire Sport, Northstead Community Primary School, Creative Briefs and NYMAZ.

**Cllr Patrick Mulligan**  
**Executive Member for Education and Skills**

**NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL****18 July 2018****SCRUTINY BOARD – STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN**

Members will be aware that Scrutiny Board brings together the Chairs of the five thematic overview and scrutiny committees at the Council and the Older Peoples' and Young People's Champions. It provides an opportunity for a whole council view of scrutiny activity, which avoids gaps and overlaps and helps establish a lead committee for areas of joint interest. It also provides a forum in which the key performance issues for the Council can be reviewed and items for further scrutiny identified.

Scrutiny Board last met on 8 June 2018. At that meeting:

- The key findings from the Northamptonshire County Council Best Value Inspection Report were reviewed. Whilst there was no immediate concern that something similar would happen here, it was noted that this was one of a number of high profile incidences over the past 10 years where governance has failed in the public sector.
- An update on the new Area Constituency Committees and a discussion on how overview and scrutiny at a county level could work with these new committees.
- The Older People's Champion, Cllr Karen Sedgwick, gave an update on her work, in particular local examples of community-based end of life care. The Scrutiny of Health Committee had previously conducted an in-depth review of end of life care in the county.
- The work programmes for the five committees were reviewed and areas of common interest identified.

Members of Scrutiny Board attended the Executive Performance Monitoring meeting on 12 June 2018, to raise questions regarding key areas of the Council's performance, including determining what work was being done to:

- Increase disease free life expectancy and also to reduce the inequalities in disease free life expectancy across the county
- Increase the take up of NHS Health Checks in the county
- Reduce smoking prevalence
- Move more of the Council's services on-line.

The next meeting of Scrutiny Board is on 10 August 2018. In addition to scrutinising council-wide performance, the meeting will review:

- Proposals for increasing performance reporting to overview and scrutiny committees
- Options for a peer review of overview and scrutiny at the Council.

Chairman  
Cllr Jim Clark  
2 July 2018.

**NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL****18 July 2018****CARE AND INDEPENDENCE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE****CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT**

1. In June the Chairman and Vice Chairman of both Care and Independence and Scrutiny of Health met with a peer review team comprising members and officers from other local authorities; the team, at the invitation of Health and Adult Services, were reviewing HAS as a 'critical friend'. It was an interesting process and discussion – the report from the team is still awaited at the time of writing, but initial feedback was that they valued the scrutiny perspective and input.
2. A joint scrutiny (with Scrutiny of Health) of health and social care integration in the County is now underway, with the next meeting scheduled for 30<sup>th</sup> July. The potential link of this work with the long-awaited Green Paper on social care, now due in 'the autumn', is obvious. This will feature in future Chairman's statements.
3. I would like to thank my Vice Chairman, Helen Grant, for chairing the June meeting of the committee for me in my unexpected absence. Earlier in the year we decided to focus at this meeting on a selection of current HAS strategic and service issues. Two of the items concerned new commissioning arrangements for providing support to vulnerable people across the county: Wellbeing and Prevention Services; and Community Support for Mental Health. Existing contracts for these have been in place for many years. New support arrangements need to be in place by October 2018, when the current ones end.

**Wellbeing and Prevention Services**

4. HAS commissions a range of community-based prevention services from eleven different local voluntary sector and community organisations.
5. Support is primarily provided to older people. The types of intervention include: day services/lunch clubs, befriending schemes (both face-to-face and telephone), help with transport and low level practical support in people's homes. The committee supported the rationale that these form part of the Council's overall investment in 'targeted' prevention, which supports people at risk to avoid developing problems needing long-term support from statutory care services.
6. The focus in new contracts will be on three core functions: information, advice and signposting; social inclusion/social activities; and low level practical support, integrated with the work of Stronger Communities and Living Well (particularly

the approach of utilising community assets as part of early intervention and prevention), and with Public Health services and programmes.

### **Community Support for Mental Health**

7. These contracts provide a range of different types of support, including:
  - Mental health resource centres/hubs
  - Social inclusion support/social activities
  - Peer support
  - A mental health sheltered workshop
8. We heard how service provision has developed in a piecemeal way across the County over the years, with a higher proportion of the current investment being concentrated in the Harrogate District – 60% of the total investment. None of the current contracts provide any support in Selby or Craven.
9. Members commented that there was a need for mental health prevention across North Yorkshire, to help people avoid developing mental health issues and prevent the escalation of need in those who have existing mental health issues.
10. Future investment in third sector mental health will play a role in delivery of support across the County, based upon local mental health ‘hubs’ or ‘centres’ - points of contact for local people to access information and advice on mental health issues, receive brief interventions on practical support (e.g. around benefits, and training and employment). The hubs will also support social inclusion and provide peer support for service users.

### **Conclusions on HAS re-tendering**

11. We found both these commissioning exercises demonstrated that HAS was taking the opportunity presented by the expiry of contracts to improve and develop services that promote independent living. The underlying rationale behind both commissioning approaches was consistent with the stated commitment to wellbeing, prevention and targeting of support.
12. As is often the case, a fairer, more targeted distribution of resources like this, although more reflective of countywide need, can result in some areas receiving relatively less. This is the case here, particularly with regard to Harrogate. However, the committee was satisfied that this was being handled appropriately, with arrangements being put in place to manage the change.

## **Older People's Champion Report**

13. Cllr Karin Sedgwick reported for the first time on her role as Older People's Champion. Karin showed, in a detailed account of what she had done over the last year, that often the best way of getting to grips with a very complex subject like social care is to understand it through local activity.
14. Being on both Care and Independence and Scrutiny of Health Committees has obviously helped Karin, but recognising that the role should not be limited to social care and health needs, she is also focussing on the broad range of needs that an older person may have, such as access to transport, housing and adult education and learning. We believe her intention to link closely with the new Area Constituency Committees should help her in this.

## **Supported Housing**

15. We reviewed a recent consultation on the complex funding for supported housing which helps thousands of vulnerable people in the County – from the elderly, homeless and victims of domestic violence, to those living with disabilities, mental ill-health or addiction. It is that key link for those who need it between hospital and independence, helping them get back on their feet. It is also an important investment which brings savings to other parts of the public sector, such as health and social care.
16. It is pleasing that NYCC submitted such a detailed and well-thought through joint response with District Councils. We thought the key points were:
  - Government must ensure sufficient funding is provided to meet current needs, guarantee the ring fence in the long term, and should consider five year settlements
  - Local authorities must have sufficient flexibility to develop the commissioning and oversight arrangements to meet their local needs, and increasingly bring housing and the commissioning of supported housing into tandem with arrangements for health and social care.
17. The committee has decided to look more closely at strategic arrangements in relation to housing for people who need support, and the work being done by Public Health on the role that housing plays in sustaining good health, helping people to live independently, and keeping them out of hospital.

## **JOHN ENNIS**

Chairman, Care and Independence Overview and Scrutiny Committee  
County Hall,

NORTHALLERTON  
29 June 2018  
Background Documents - Nil

**NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL****18 July 2018****CORPORATE AND PARTNERSHIPS OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE –  
STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN**

Since my last statement to Council, the Corporate and Partnership Overview and Scrutiny Committee formally met on 16 June 2018.

At that meeting, the committee heard the first Annual Report of the Brierley Group of companies. The report was well received and the committee were interested to see the development of a range of arms-length and traded services that would help generate income for the Council and protect front line services in the longer term. In view of the importance of developing alternative funding streams for the Council, committee members were keen to ensure that there was greater involvement in the sub-committee that has oversight of the Brierley Group. As such, I will be writing to Executive to ask that membership is broadened out to include County Councillors who are not on the Executive.

The committee also received an update on the first 12 months of the reconfigured library service. This is an area that the committee has followed with interest over the past 3 years. The committee was pleased to note that progress that had been made to date and recognised the challenges that remained regarding the recruitment and retention of volunteers.

The committee has continued to look at access to over the counter banking services in the county and the role that branch banks and Post Offices have to play in rural communities. In response to the evidence heard and the concerns raised, the committee will be following up with the Rural Services Network and the Local Enterprise Partnership to see what more can be done to support cash-based transactions and services. The challenge remains that decisions are being made by the financial sector based upon a commercial rationale that does not fully take into account the social and economic value of the services that they provide to the community.

Following on from the recent news that the Police and Crime Commissioner, Julia Mulligan, has been successful in her bid to take on the governance of the Fire and Rescue Service, the committee will be meeting with her and her team at the Mid Cycle Briefing on 29 October 2018 to better understand her plans for closer working between emergency services in the county.

At the next Mid Cycle Briefing on 30 July 2018, we will be scrutinising:

- The support that is available for adult offenders upon release from custody
- The progress that has been made with the achievement of the Council's Equality and Diversity objectives
- The North Yorkshire Syrian Refugee Settlement Programme.

Cllr Derek Bastiman  
Chairman - Corporate and Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny Committee  
2 July 2018.



**North Yorkshire County Council**

**18 July 2018**

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

**Chairman's Statement**

1. At the time of writing this statement, the Committee is next scheduled to meet on 12 July 2018. I will be able to provide a verbal update about that meeting at the County Council meeting should that be requested.

**Committee – 12 July 2018**

2. The following items will be brought to our next committee meeting on 12 July 2018:
  - Highways England - annual report.
  - Road casualties – the road casualty figures in 2017 and update on the work of the 95Alive Partnership.
  - 20s Plenty - overview of the work of the campaign group for 20mph to become the default speed limit on residential and urban streets.
  - Vehicle Activated Signs Review – Report of the Transport, Economy and Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee Task Group.

**Vehicle Activated Speed Signs review**

3. The task group met on 7 June 2018 to discuss the results of the questionnaire sent to parishes and to agree the recommendations to be presented to the Transport, Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
4. The task group agreed to recommend that the County Council changes its policy to allow parishes to purchase and maintain a Vehicle Activated Sign. Subject to the deliberations of the Transport, Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 12 July 2018, the report with recommendations will go to the Executive for approval.

**County Councillor Mike Jordan**  
**Chairman**

Transport, Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee  
County Hall  
Northallerton

3 July 2018

**NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**18 July 2018**

**SCRUTINY OF HEALTH COMMITTEE – STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN**

Since my last statement to Council, the Scrutiny of Health Committee formally met on 22 June 2018 and reviewed the following:

**NHS Finances**

Commissioners and providers of NHS health services that are used by the people of North Yorkshire were invited to attend the committee and give an overview of their current financial position and plans that have been developed to recover any deficits. The committee was concerned to learn that the four Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) that cover most of the population of North Yorkshire had a total deficit in 2017/18 of £46 million and that the projected deficit for 2018/19 could be at least £31 million.

The projected savings include measures such as demand management including the withdrawal medical procedures which are now out to consultation, closer working between commissioners and providers, better management of workforce, a strategic review of estates and clinical services and work on management of prescribing. At this stage, I am not confident that this will be enough to bring the budgets back into balance.

The Department of Health funding formula disadvantages a rural county like North Yorkshire, where people live longer with multiple and often complex health conditions. Also, the way that health services are organised in the county means that there is insufficient scale to tackle many of the health problems that exist.

The committee has written to the Prime Minister and Simon Stevens, the Chief Executive of NHS England, to highlight their concerns about the management of NHS funding in the county. In particular, urging that any additional funding for health services is subject to robust audit to help ensure that it is used effectively and efficiently and not just to provide a temporary stop-gap for local deficits.

**Friarage**

The work to develop a sustainable model for the delivery of Emergency Medicine and Anaesthesia at the Friarage is still ongoing. It is anticipated that there will be a public consultation on possible service models in the autumn but this has yet to be confirmed. I have learnt, having attended a meeting of the Durham Darlington Tees and Hambleton Richmondshire and Whitby STP Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, that the finalisation of options for the Friarage has been delayed by a lack of consensus amongst clinicians in the North East about how best to provide services across the James Cook Hospital, the Darlington Memorial Hospital and North Tees. This delay is concerning, as is the apparent inability of the head of the Integrated Care System for the North East and Cumbria to resolve disputes between clinicians in his organisation.

**Access to NHS dental services**

In response to concerns raised by Members, the committee requested that NHS England attend to explain how NHS dental services are commissioned and what is being done to alleviate any gaps in provision in the county as and when it arises.

Once again, the challenges faced relate to under-funding and workforce shortages. In many areas of the county it is difficult to attract the range of skilled dental practitioners needed to support service provision. Also, the funding formula is such that there is a dis-incentive for dental practices, which are commercial enterprises, to take on people who have high levels of need for dentistry as a NHS patient.

### **Castleberg, Settle**

On a more positive note, I am pleased to see that on the 8 May 2018 the governing body of the Airedale Wharfedale and Craven CCG decided to support the proposal that the Castleberg hospital be re-opened once repairs had been undertaken. Also included was the recommendation that the Castleberg is developed as a community based facility with options for a broader range of support services, particularly the voluntary sector.

### **Mental health services**

The committee has been informed that the closure of the mental health in-patient beds at the Friarage in Northallerton is still planned but cannot proceed until space is available at the Roseberry park site in Middlesbrough. The Roseberry Park site is undergoing investigative works to assess what corrective actions are needed to the structure of the buildings. It is unlikely that any patient transfers will be able to take place until the end of 2018.

The pause in the build of a new mental health in-patient facility at Cardale Park in Harrogate continues. A number of options are being to be developed for the use of the site as a base for mental health services, of which an in-patient hospital is only one. Public consultation on options is anticipated in the autumn.

### **Integrated Care Systems**

The development of the Integrated Care Systems for the North East and Cumbria and West Yorkshire and Harrogate is gaining momentum.

West Yorkshire and Harrogate Health and Care Partnership – it has been confirmed that they will join the Integrated Care System Development Programme Wave 2. This is national recognition for the progress that they have made to date in developing a plan for health improvement and health services for the 2.6 million people in their area.

North East and Cumbria Integrated Care System – this is one of the largest systems in the country stretching from Thirsk to the Scottish borders and covers a population of 3.1 million. The intention is that the ICS is formally adopted in April 2019.

Humber Coast and Vale – this system has yet to formally release its plans. The focus is upon developing the partnership that will drive health service developments and identifying localities within the footprint that make sense.

This is the largest reorganisation in the history of the NHS but past experience indicates that the people of North Yorkshire never do particularly well out of major, top-down reorganisations.

Cllr Jim Clark

Chairman, Scrutiny of Health Committee, 2 July 2018

**NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**18 July 2018**

**YOUNG PEOPLES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT**

**Local Safeguarding Board**

1. We were fortunate to have Professor Nick Frost talk to us again on what was his last day as Chair of the Local Safeguarding Board, and also the end of the National Safeguarding Week. Nick is retiring after serving as the independent chair for four years.
2. He talked us through the high level, high profile cases currently under consideration by the board. His account told us much about how well local safeguarding arrangements work effectively to protect children and young people – particularly in locations external to county council business.
3. Nick was particularly complementary about the high standards practice and professionalism of staff working in this difficult and complex area.
4. We were pleased to hear Nick's positive responses to our questions about the effectiveness of local safeguarding arrangements some examples are :
  - Local safeguarding arrangements and information is effective in identifying and meeting the needs of the most vulnerable children?
  - Local agencies and organisations are working together effectively
  - There is strong leadership of local safeguarding arrangements for the authority and all partners
  - There has been great progress and improvements in the way the child is at the centre of local safeguarding arrangements.
  - One of the major challenges in this area for services, is sharing information and organisations – North Yorkshire has a record to be proud of. We noted that this is the case, for example, with regards to the scale, types and impact of Child Sexual Exploitation.

North Yorkshire's new chair for overseeing children's safeguarding is the former Children's Commissioner for England, Professor Maggie Atkinson. We asked Nick what advice he would leave her in terms of the main challenges ahead. One of these is undoubtedly new regulations for multi-agency safeguarding, which were included in

the Children and Social Work Act 2017. These were put in place by May 2018, with councils required to have their new arrangements up and running by September 2019. Under the plan the requirement for local areas to have boards with set memberships will be removed. It seems much is unclear about how these new arrangements will work in practice.

5. We would very much welcome the same constructive relationship with the new chair that we have been so fortunate to have with Nick.

### **Coast Opportunities**

6. The North Yorkshire Coast Opportunity Area, covering the Scarborough, Whitby and Filey is making a real difference in improving outcomes for young people in education and in later life.
7. The achievements in each of the four priority areas of Early Years, Literacy, and Numeracy and improved Secondary Schools is impressive.

### **Early Years Provision**

8. Early years policy, particularly relating to childcare has continued to be a focus for all recent governments with twin policy objectives – to give all children the best start in life and to enhance social mobility through support for working families. In addition to proven benefits of high quality early years provision in educational and overall lifetime outcomes, the provision of early education and childcare also links to government priorities for school readiness, economic growth, and tackling poverty.
9. Andrea Sedgwick, Head of Early Years, explained how our strategies and the alignment of initiatives and complimentary work streams ensure that work to support, enrich and secure these elements are well-co-ordinated, and that efficient and best-value services are delivered.
10. We heard how co-ordinated work across CYPS with health partners and the NYCC Stronger Communities team provides oversight of local needs and a clear role in shaping the lived experiences of children and families in all communities across the County.
11. The infrastructure support provided by Central services teams ensure that frontline staff are equipped and supported to deliver the highest quality services to children and families.
12. The committee was pleased to receive such a detailed and reassuring picture of local provision.

13. Members discussed the delivery of the 30 hours of free childcare programme of funded childcare each week in term time or 1140 funded hours stretched over the year. Recently, the Secretary of State for Education has asked what more can be done to improve 30 hours provision for all families, including parents who have special educational needs and disabilities.

14. The committee has agreed to add this to our work programme for September.

### **Looking ahead**

15. Also in September we will look at the refresh of the Children looked After Strategy.

16. The Committee also wants to be involved in the re-commissioning of services as part of the Healthy Child Programme - the 0-19 healthy child programme contract coming to an end in 19/20. Rather than the issue being referred separately to the two relevant scrutiny committees - Scrutiny of Health and YP Scrutiny Committees – we are minded to look to appointing a joint member group for an informal engagement opportunity sometime in the autumn.

### **JANET JEFFERSON**

Chairman, Young Peoples Overview and Scrutiny Committee  
County Hall,  
NORTHALLERTON

29 June 2018

Background Documents - Nil.

## Meetings of the County Council - Evacuation in Emergency

Although it is very unlikely that there will be a fire, or any other emergency, on the day of a meeting of the County Council, it remains a possibility that such an emergency will arise. The following guidance notes are intended to assist Members of the Council and the public to evacuate the building safely, in such circumstances.

The Council Chamber, and the associated Public Gallery, pose a number of difficulties for rapid evacuation in an emergency, not least being the considerable number of people who can be in the Chamber and the Gallery at any time, but also because of evacuation routes from the building. If, in the case of a fire or other emergency, the main staircase were to be impassable, it would be necessary to evacuate the Council Chamber through the Public Gallery and, from there, down the staircase that leads from the Public Gallery to the central courtyard. It is not possible, however, to know which route is most appropriate, if an alarm is sounded, without a quick preliminary examination being made.

(a) Therefore, if the fire alarm is sounded during a meeting of the County Council:-

- the Democratic Services Manager (or another Democratic Services Officer) will act as Fire Evacuation Warden and will issue instructions on the appropriate exit to use, as soon as it is established by a Democratic Services officer whether the main staircase is clear of fire or obstruction;
- please leave your seat without delay, so that you are ready to leave the Chamber when the evacuation route is clear;
- if evacuation is via the main staircase, please leave the building by the main doors, but assemble on the south side car park (with Members' parking bays marked in red);
- if evacuation is via the Public Gallery, please leave the Chamber via the doors in the Labour/Liberal Democrat corner of the room, through the Public Gallery and down the staircase to the centre courtyard, from there via the courtyard gate to assemble in the north side car park (by the Superintendent's house on Racecourse Lane);
- Democratic Services staff will ensure that the Chamber and Public Gallery are cleared, that windows and doors are closed wherever possible, and will report to the Fire Evacuation Controller.

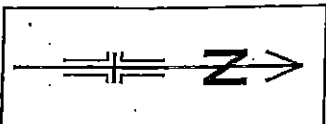
(b) If the fire alarm is sounded during Group meetings:-

- please close all windows and proceed to the nearest exit (subject to that being free of fire or other obstruction) closing any doors behind you;
- check that no-one has been left in the room in which you are meeting;
- assemble on the south side car park (with Members' parking bays marked in red); and
- ask one of the Group to report to the Fire Evacuation Controller who will be at the main entrance doors, (without re-entering the building) that the room you evacuated was clear of people.

(c) If you are in another room when the fire alarm is sounded, for example your Group Room, the Members' Lounge or Dining Room:-

- please ensure that no-one else remains in the room;
- check (as far as reasonably practicable) that windows and adjoining doors are closed;
- close the door after leaving the room and leave the building by the nearest exit
- then, without re-entering the building, report to the Fire Evacuation Controller at the main entrance doors that the room which you evacuated was clear of other persons.

(NOTE: These notes and the plan overleaf seek to do no more than give outline guidance to Members on action they should take if the fire alarm is sounded while they are in the building. It is not possible to provide detailed guidance which will cover every eventuality. The core purposes of the guidance note are to assist with the safe evacuation of all persons in the building and to ensure that the officer acting as Fire Evacuation Controller is able to give the Fire and Rescue Service, when they attend any fire, the best achievable information about whether any persons may remain in the building and, if so, their likely location. Every report of a room being clear of persons assists substantially in this task. The Democratic Services Manager will be pleased to receive any comments about these guidance notes, particularly as to how they might be improved).



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