

**North Yorkshire County Council**

**20 February 2019**

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

**Chairman's Statement**

1. Since the previous statement the Committee met on 24 January 2019.

**Committee – 24 January 2019**

York, North Yorkshire and East Riding Local Enterprise Partnership

2. The Committee received the annual update report on the performance of the York, North Yorkshire and East Riding LEP Partnership and Members' were asked for their views on the proposed merger of the Leeds City Region LEP.
3. We noted that the merged LEP – which would be the largest in the country geographically and economically – could give North Yorkshire much more weight at the regional and national level. However in order for that to happen the new LEP's governance model and structure must take into account North Yorkshire's priorities. Both YNYER LEP and Leeds City Region LEP have good working practices and a diverse skills set that could be pulled together allowing each to learn from the other be it about rural or urban policy.

Update report from Adult Learning and Skills Service on progress since the last Ofsted Inspection

4. The Committee received an update report from the Adult Learning and Skills Service (ALSS). A return Ofsted inspection is expected any day now. We were pleased to hear that the service is a very different one to the one that was inspected in June 2017. However it was acknowledged at the meeting that there remains much work to improve the quality of provision and the key is going to be whether the progress that has been made will be enough to move the service to a 'good' rating at the next inspection.
5. County Councillor Caroline Patmore has been nominated by the Transport, Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee to the ALSS governance group, which has been set up to drive forward service improvements in the longer term.

Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) – protocol to allow parishes to buy and maintain temporary VAS

6. The Committee received a verbal update on progress. Traffic Engineering Officers are currently speaking with potential suppliers and are in the process of finalising the protocol to allow parishes to purchase temporary VAS.
7. The protocol will include matters such as site assessment, the supplier/s to be used, site preparation, safety management, installation and maintenance. As part

of the protocol a legal agreement will be put in place with parish councils taking part in the scheme. This will cover aspects such as funding, the deployment and rotation of the signs between specified sites within a parish, safety management, risk assessment and insurance. The scheme is still on course to be operational by 1 April 2019. To date NYCC Highways have been contacted by up to 40 parishes interested in the scheme.

**County Council Motion – 14 November 2018 relating to the use of plastics**

- 8. The Motion asked the Committee to set up a task group or join with other local environmental group initiatives and businesses to create a robust strategy to encourage local businesses, other organisations and residents to go single use plastic free.
- 9. There will be a lot happening at national government level regarding tackling the production and disposal of single use plastics in the coming months and years. Specifically, the Government launched its Resources and Waste Strategy in December 2018 and shortly will be carrying out an 8 or 12 week consultation on ways to implement the measures set out in the strategy. The strategy includes measures to reduce single use plastics including extended producer responsibility, taxing plastic production and requiring collections from businesses as well as households.
- 10. The Committee will respond to the government’s consultation either at its next committee meeting in April or at its mid cycle briefing meeting in March depending upon whether the consultation is eight or 12 weeks in length. Following this the Committee will then set up a task group later in the year once the detail of the government’s proposals is known.

**Committee – 17 April 2019**

- 11. The following items are planned to be brought to the next committee meeting on 17 April 2019:

SEND Home to School Transport	Update report relating to the impact of the implementation of the SEND Home to School Transport policy changes in 2018, in particular the removal of the free transport statement for SEND post 16 to 18 students with an EHCP
Scarborough Park and Ride	Consultation of options to change the level of service provision of Park and Ride in Scarborough.
Mobile phone coverage project	To report the outcome of the tender and the locations where the phone masts will be built
Local Flood Risk Management Strategy	Update on the implementation of the Local Flood Risk Management Strategy including flood risk/coastal erosion alleviation measures put in place/scheduled to be put in place; funding; issues.

## **Other future planned work: 20 mph speed limit task group review**

### 20 mph speed limits

12. The Committee agreed at its meeting on 12 July 2018 to convene a task group to review the County Council's current 20 mph Speed Limit Policy, once the National Research project by the DfT examining 20 mph speed limits had been published. The national report has now been published.
13. Group Spokespersons will discuss the timescales and scope of the review at the mid cycle briefing meeting on 7 March 2019. The Committee will then be asked to approve the scope of the review at its meeting on 17 April 2019.

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**Chairman**

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