



**North Yorkshire County Council  
Harrogate and Knaresborough Area Constituency Committee – 19 March 2020  
Update on the Harrogate Transport Improvement Programme**

**1.0 Purpose of the report**

- 1.1 To update members on the progress of the Harrogate Transport Improvement Programme.

**2.0 Background**

- 2.1 Members will recall that at the meeting of the Executive, on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2019, recommendations were approved with regards to next steps of scheme development on the Harrogate Congestion Study. It was agreed that following extensive public engagement during the Summer of 2019, and a conclusive rejection of the proposal for an inner northern relief road in Harrogate, option development work would be undertaken on a number of thematic areas, with a view to attempting to reduce congestion in Harrogate and Knaresborough.
- 2.2 Further to this, WSP, our framework consultants, were commissioned to undertake a number of studies, building on the previous development work undertaken as part of the Harrogate Congestion Study.
- 2.3 This commission, known as the Harrogate Transport Improvement Programme (HTIP) seeks to further develop those thematic areas which gained support through the 2019 public engagement on the congestion study, and to come up with further developed options for potential implementation.

**3.0 HTIP thematic areas**

- 3.1 Following the Executive's approval of the recommendations made in the October report, WSP were commissioned and commenced work in December 2019. The official start of the commission in December followed a series of scoping sessions and consultation with officer and partner key stakeholders.
- 3.2 The work streams comprise: cycling and walking, bus priority, park and ride, junctions, behaviour change and highways (Killinghall bypass and western area link road).
- 3.3 In addition to this, a strand on 'short notice' pilot schemes was also approved, to be led by the locally based Area Highways Operations team.

#### **4.0 Progress to date**

4.1 Officers were asked by this committee to provide reports on progress of the HTIP project. At this stage, development work is ongoing and no findings are yet available. However, it is anticipated that the majority of the work streams will be nearing conclusion in April of this year. Following this, after officers have had the opportunity to consider the outcomes, potential recommendations on next steps will be presented to this Committee.

#### **5.0 Equalities implications**

5.1 Consideration has been given to the potential for any adverse equalities impacts arising from the recommendations of this report. As this report is for information only, it is the view of officers that the recommendations included in this report do not have any adverse impacts on any of the protected characteristics identified in the Equalities Act 2010 and no equalities impact screening is required

#### **6.0 Finance implications**

6.1 As this report is for information only, it is the view of officers that the recommendations included in this report do not have any financial implications.

#### **7.0 Legal implications**

7.1 As this report is for information only, it is the view of officers that the recommendations included in this report do not have any financial implications.

#### **8.0 Recommendations**

8.1 It is recommended that members  
i) Note the content of the report.

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