

Agenda

Meeting: Harrogate and Knaresborough Area

Constituency Committee

Venue: Cairn Hotel (Mountbatten Room),

Harrogate, HG1 2JD (location map at

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Date: 9.30am on Thursday 19 March 2020

Business

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Item No	Business	Suggested Start Time
1.	Welcome by the Chairman, introductions and apologies for absence	09:30
2.	Minutes of the meeting held on 9 January 2020 (Pages 6 to 12)	09:33
3.	Any Declarations of Interest	09:34
4.	County Lines Drug Dealing – Presentation by Inspector Simon Williamson (North Yorkshire Police, County Intelligence), DC Tom Barker and other colleagues from the Op Expedite, County Lines Team	09:35

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Purpose: To hear about work being undertaken in the Harrogate and Knaresborough area to address problems associated with County Lines Drug Dealing and, in particular, to consider what housing landlords can/should do to ensure that "cuckooing" is not taking place in their properties.

5. Scams and eCrime – Presentation by Jim McCluskey (Divisional Trading Standards Officer, North Yorkshire County Council)

10:20

(Pages 13 to 18)

Purpose: To hear about work being undertaken in the Harrogate and Knaresborough area to protect people from cyber-crime.

6. Rural Commission Update – Report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services)

10:55

(Pages 19 to 22)

Purpose: To update the committee on the work of the Rural Commission, and to initiate a discussion about whether the committee wishes to consider submitting a report as part of the Commission's 'call for evidence'.

7. Public Questions or Statements

11:00

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8. National Productivity Investment Fund – West Harrogate Improvement Package – Progress Update – Joint report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services) and the Corporate Director – Business and Environmental Services

11:15

(Pages 23 to 27)

Purpose: To update Members on the work being undertaken.

9. Update on the Harrogate and Knaresborough Parking Strategy Report of the Corporate Director – Business and Environmental Services
(Pages 28 to 29)

Purpose: To update Members on the progress of the Harrogate and Knaresborough Parking Strategy.

10. Update on the Harrogate Transport Improvement Programme - Report of the Corporate Director – Business and Environmental Services (Pages 30 to 31)

Purpose: To update Members on the progress of the Harrogate Transport Improvement Programme

11. Committee Work Programme – Report of the Principal Democratic
 Services Officer
 (Pages 32 to 36)

Purpose: To ask Members to consider, amend and add to the Committee's work programme.

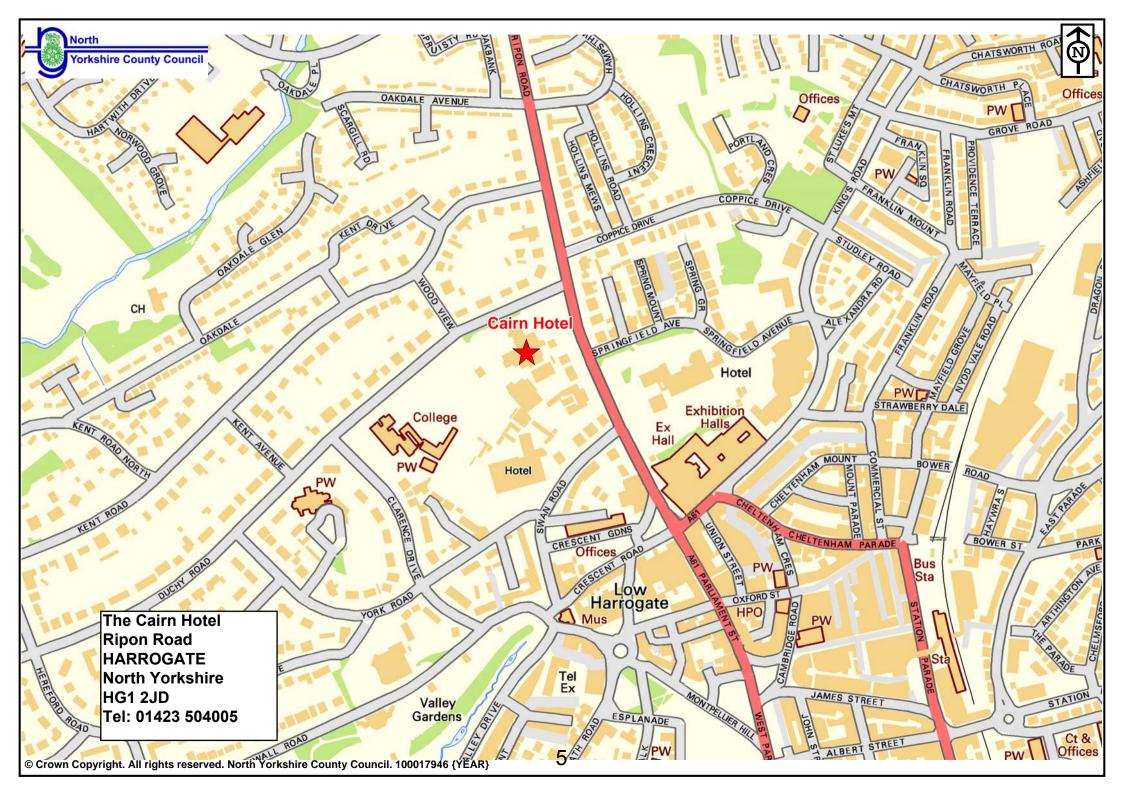
Barry Khan Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services) County Hall Northallerton

Note: A drop-in session with a representative from the Local Highways Office will be held immediately after this ACC meeting.

HARROGATE AND KNARESBOROUGH AREA CONSTITUENCY COMMITTEE

Membership

County Councillors (13)					
	Councillors Name		Political Group	Electoral Division	
1	BROADBANK, Philip		Liberal	Harrogate	
	·			Democrat	Starbeck
2	CLARK, Jim	CLARK, Jim		Conservative	Harrogate Harlow
3	COOPER, Richard			Conservative	Harrogate Central
4	ENNIS, John			Harrogate	
					Oatlands
5	GOODE, David			Liberal	Knaresborough
				Democrat	
6	HARRISON, Michael			Conservative	Lower Nidderdale and Bishop Monkton
7	HASLAM, Paul			Conservative	Harrogate Bilton and Nidd Gorge
8	MACKENZIE, Don			Conservative	Harrogate Saltergate
9	MANN, John	Chairmar	1	Conservative	Harrogate Central
10	METCALFE, Zoe	Vice- Chairmar	1	Conservative	Knaresborough
11	TROTTER, Cliff			Conservative	Pannal and Lower Wharfedale
12	WEBBER, Geoff			Liberal	Harrogate Bilton
				Democrat	and Nidd Gorge
13	WINDASS, Robert	1		Conservative	Boroughbridge
Total Membership – (13) Quorum – (3)					



North Yorkshire County Council

Harrogate and Knaresborough Area Constituency Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 9 January 2020 at 9.30 am at the Cairn Hotel, Ripon Road, Harrogate

Present:-

Members:-

County Councillor John Mann (in the Chair); County Councillors Philip Broadbank, Jim Clark, Richard Cooper, David Goode, Paul Haslam, Don Mackenzie, Cliff Trotter, Geoff Webber and Robert Windass

In Attendance:-

County Councillor Carl Les (Leader of the County Council) and County Council David Chance (Executive Member for Stronger Communities)

From TalkTalk plc: - Paul Crane (Head of Engagement and Rollout, FibreNation)

County Council Officers: - Gary Fielding (Corporate Director – Strategic Resources), Melisa Burnham (Area Highways Manager, Business and Environmental Services Directorate), Ruth Gladstone (Principal Democratic Services Officer), and Luke MacKintosh and Michael Cratchley (Business Support)

Five members of the public

Apologies for Absence:-

Apologies for absence were received from County Councillors John Ennis, Michael Harrison and Zoe Metcalfe.

Copies of all documents considered are in the Minute Book

57. Minutes

Resolved -

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 7 November 2019, having been printed and circulated, be taken as read and be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

58. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

59. County Council Budget 2020/21

Considered -

The presentation by the Corporate Director – Strategic Resources concerning the County Council's budget for 2020/21.

The presentation set out information regarding: - the County Council's current financial position; the impact of the 2020/21 local government settlement on the County Council's budget and its medium term financial strategy; options for the County Council when setting its Council Tax precept for 2020/21; Harrogate and Knaresborough specific issues; and the risks and issues facing the County Council.

It was noted that the County Council was undertaking an on-line consultation regarding its budget and comments were being sought by 20 January 2020. Subsequently the budget would be discussed at a meeting of the full County Council in February 2020.

The Corporate Director – Strategic Resources responded to Members' questions. During discussion, the Corporate Director – Strategic Resources undertook to take back the following concerns and comments expressed by Members:-

- Concern that the amount of accommodation for homeless young people might be reduced because having such accommodation affected such people for the rest of their lives.
- A comment of a Member that councils spent considerable amounts of money on children in difficult circumstances but did so without improving the life chances of such children. The Corporate Director Strategic Resources responded that children and families who required intensive support from the County Council did cost significant amounts of money. He advised, however, that North Yorkshire County Council's Children's Services were rated as outstanding and a recent bench-marking exercise had shown that the County Council provided such services at lower costs that any other authority involved in that exercise. He added that he would, however, refer the Member's comment back to the Children and Young People's Directorate.

Resolved -

That the presentation, together with Members' concerns and comments which the Corporate Director – Strategic Resources has undertaken to take back, be noted.

60. TalkTalk FibreNation Rollout in Harrogate

Considered -

The presentation by Paul Crane (Head of Engagement and Rollout, FibreNation) concerning FibreNation's rollout of full fibre infrastructure in the Harrogate, Knaresborough and Ripon area. (It was noted that FibreNation was a wholly-owned subsidiary of TalkTalk plc.)

Paul Crane explained that a full fibre network was required because the existing copper network was designed for voice, email and web browsing services only. Subsequently there had been an increase in the range of devices now used in properties (eg video services, cameras, Social Care telecare services, contactless transactions) and such devices, together with the band-widths now required, was putting huge pressure on the existing copper network. It was also explained that the United Kingdom lagged behind many other countries in terms of full fibre connectivity. This had been recognised by the Government and industry regulators who had responded with additional funding and had opened-up the existing infrastructure so that companies, such as FibreNation, could access existing ducting and poles for the purpose of creating fibre networks.

In the Harrogate, Knaresborough and Ripon area, FibreNation had commenced construction work to create a new full fibre network for the 52,000 properties in that area. Between 50% and 60% of the new network would be provided by accessing the ducting and poles of the existing copper network. The remainder would involve some form of construction work, eg cutting swatches in the pavement or lifting paving stones, in order to lay the new fibre network. The programme of works was likely to take about 2½ years in order to achieve a balance between doing the work quickly and doing it with the least disruption possible. Communication was vitally important to FibreNation and their plans included delivering communications to all properties adjacent to construction locations and to others who could benefit from the new network once it was installed.

County Councillor Don Mackenzie (Executive Member for Access) highlighted that FibreNation's work was quite separate to the full fibre network which the County Council was providing to connect 341 public buildings throughout North Yorkshire. FibreNation's work was also separate to NYnet's Superfast Broadband project which aimed to provide connectivity, mainly using cabinets and copper wires, in those parts of the County where the private sector felt it was not worth their while in going.

Members expressed the following comments:-

- Members welcomed FibreNation's work, describing it as "all good news". They
 also commented that they were very pleased that FibreNation and NYnet would
 be making North Yorkshire one of the best IT and digitally connected Counties
 in the country.
- As Highway Authority, the County Council was always concerned about the quality of utility companies' reinstatement works and the integrity of its highways and footpaths. Members were reassured to hear that there had been regular communication between FibreNation and staff in the County Council's Area 6 Highways Office.

The Chairman thanked Paul Crane for his presentation.

Resolved -

That the situation be noted.

61. Public Questions or Statements

A statement was made by Mr John Branson (local resident). The statement and the response made by officers at the meeting are set out below.

Mr John Branson - Harrogate Congestion Study "Master Plan":-

I would like to endorse the statement made by the Harlow and Pannal Ash Residents' Association at the last meeting which said that: "we see no real evidence of a Master Plan, only development specific applications, with little to link them, and certainly no overall context.

It is now over two years since the Harrogate Relief Road Review was published. Since then there has been the Congestion Report and a public consultation, but the above comment seems to indicate that the message has not got through to the public that North Yorkshire County Council is serious in trying to solve the congestion within the study area.

The nearest we have to a Master Plan is appendix E in the Congestion Study (Ref 1.) It sets out a plan of action in the form of two packages and interventions,

each of which is discussed in detail in the Harrogate Relief Road and Congestion Studies.

There seems to be a great reluctance to associate any present work to these interventions. For example, in the Results of the Congestion Study Public Engagement (Ref 2 section 7) there is no mention of any of the interventions.

There have been a number of studies or "specific applications". Even if they do not mention being part of the Congestion Study I see no reason why the minutes of these meetings cannot associate them with the relevant intervention.

For example: this meeting has a report on the Cycle Path Network Provision, which could have been presented as part of intervention F1 (Implementation of Cycling Infrastructure Plan.) It also has the Walking Infrastructure Plan which could have been presented as part of intervention G1 (Walking.)

Progress is being made on solving congestion. There is a summary in the background to the Results of the Congestion Study Public Engagement (Ref 2 section 2) which includes, for example, Bond End. This has been successful in improving traffic flow, but its success is not being promoted as part of the Congestion Study. In contrast, the web site Possible Next Steps (ref 3) reads as if you are starting the Congestion Study all over again!

Because each study appears to be happening in isolation there definitely seems to be a need for somebody to co-ordinate all the different independent studies and be in overall control of a plan. This has been suggested, according to the minutes of the last meeting, by one member of this committee and I hope it will be supported by all of you. Otherwise, the above statement "we see no real evidence of a Master Plan, only development specific applications, with little to link them, and certainly no overall context," will continue to be true and will be so for the foreseeable future.

The response was made by Melisa Burnham (Area Highways Manager) on behalf of Andrew Bainbridge (Team Leader for Transport Planning, Business and Environmental Services Directorate). The response is set out below:-

Firstly, I believe the Harlow and Pannal Ash Residents' Association reference to a Master Plan relates to the approach being taken by Harrogate Borough Council to the mitigation of traffic from Local Plan developments in the west of Harrogate rather than to the County Council's approach to seeking solutions to congestion across the whole of Harrogate.

With regards to any suggestion of a congestion Master Plan, the County Council are indeed working to develop what, in effect, will be a Master Plan. In presenting the results of the Harrogate Congestion Study to this Committee in August last year, and based on the outcomes of the consultation, Officers suggested further developing a series of interrelated specific schemes at specific locations which together would form a package to address congestion across the two towns. This suggestion was agreed by the County Council's Executive on 15 October and work has now commenced on a 'Harrogate Transport Improvements Package' (HTIP) to develop these schemes with a view to seeking funding from Government or other sources to deliver them on the ground. This is, in no way, 'starting the Congestion Study all over again'. Rather it is developing the 'concepts' considered as part of the Congestion Study into specific schemes at specific locations.

With regards to the reports being considered today, these were specifically requested by this Area Constituency Committee and, whilst being relevant to

the Harrogate Transport Improvements Programme, are actually an update on the County Council's policy approach to cycling and on the ongoing development of a Walking Infrastructure Plan rather than being specific parts of HTIP.

Future meetings of this Committee will receive updates on the development of HTIP and ultimately make recommendations on which schemes to include in the final package for potential funding and delivery.

62. Cycle Path Network Provision

Considered -

The report of the Corporate Director – Business and Environmental Services which outlined the County Council's approach to cycle path network provision.

County Councillor Geoff Webber expressed concern about the availability of funding to maintain existing cycle paths. He suggested that maintaining existing cycling paths was more important than providing new ones. County Councillor Geoff Webber referred to an existing cycle path which flooded regularly and could not be used, at such times, by school pupils due to safety reasons. He advised that he had offered to use his Environmental Locality Budget for maintaining this cycle path. County Councillor Don Mackenzie (Executive Member for Highways) advised that he was unaware of the maintenance problem with this cycle path and asked County Councillor Geoff Webber to contact him outside the meeting so that County Councillor Don Mackenzie could take up the matter.

Resolved -

That the content of the report be noted.

63. Update on the Walking Infrastructure Plan for Harrogate and Knaresborough

Considered -

The report of the Corporate Director – Business and Environmental Services which provided an update on the work being undertaken to produce a walking infrastructure plan for Harrogate and Knaresborough.

Resolved -

That the content of the report be noted.

64. Committee Work Programme

Considered -

The report of the Principal Democratic Services Officer which invited Members to consider, amend and add to the Committee's work programme.

The following updates were reported verbally:-

 One of the Committee's forthcoming meetings was likely to need to be reorganised to a Friday to suit the parliamentary commitments of Andrew Jones MP.

- Reports regarding Non Crime Data were being organised for all six of the Area Constituency Committees. However, a Non Crime Data report was unlikely to be available for this Committee's meeting to be held on 19 March 2020 and this topic therefore needed to be rescheduled for a later meeting.
- The update concerning implementation of the Pupil Referral Service reorganisation needed to be re-scheduled, from the Committee's 19 March 2020 meeting, to its meeting in June 2020 because there would be relatively little to report in March 2020 as much was in the Regional Schools Commissioner's hands.

The Chairman outlined the topics scheduled to be considered at each of the Committee's forthcoming meetings.

County Councillor Geoff Webber suggested that, if the cyber-crime presentation was going to meetings of all six Area Constituency Committees, it might instead go to a Members' Seminar in order to save officer resources. The Principal Democratic Services Officer undertook to look into that suggestion and, following consultation with the Chairman, to get back to County Councillor Geoff Webber with a response.

County Councillor Paul Haslam suggested the inclusion, in the Committee's Work Programme, of an analysis of the home to school bus service within the Harrogate and Knaresborough constituency area, seeking the following information:-

- how many pupils used the home to school bus service?
- · which schools were not provided for by the County Council?
- how many pupils were:- (i) using public transport, (ii) using the home to school bus service provided by the County Council, (iii) were walking to school, (iv) were cycling to school?
- of the pupils who were eligible to receive the home to school bus service, how many actually used that provision?

County Councillor Paul Haslam explained that his aim was to reduce traffic congestion and he would like to understand whether there was anything else which could be done with regard to transporting pupils to/from schools.

The Committee discussed whether it wished to seek the information suggested by County Councillor Paul Haslam. During discussion, Members highlighted the following:-

- All secondary schools in the Harrogate urban area were Academies. Academies made their own provision.
- The suggestion would require a huge amount of work by officers. Members questioned whether it would be worth using tax payers' money to ask officers to provide such information.
- The Committee should spend its time on things it was able to influence.

The Chairman undertook to give further consideration to the request, taking into account the various comments which had been made during the Committee's discussion, and to advise County Councillor Paul Haslam of the decision regarding whether his suggestion would be included on the Committee's Work Programme. The Chairman also undertook to copy all other Members of the Committee into the response sent to County Councillor Paul Haslam. In response to questions from County Councillor Geoff Webber, the Chairman confirmed that County Councillor Paul

Haslam's suggested topic would only be included in the Work Programme if the Area Constituency Committee agreed to that.

Resolved -

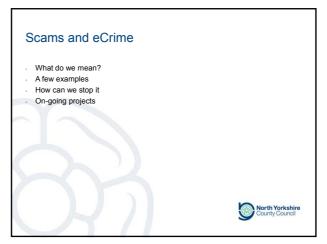
That the Work Programme be approved, subject to:-

- (a) One meeting of the Committee in 2020 being rearranged, if necessary, to a Friday to suit the parliamentary commitments of Andrew Jones MP.
- (b) The topic of Non-Crime Data being re-scheduled, from the meeting on 19 March 2020, to another meeting later in the year.
- (c) The update concerning implementation of the Pupil Referral Service being rescheduled, from the meeting on 19 March 2020, to the Committee's meeting to be held in June 2020.
- (d) Research and consultation with the Chairman concerning whether to refer, to a Members' Seminar, the cyber-crime presentation currently scheduled for the Committee's meeting on 19 March 2020.

The meeting concluded at 11.20am.

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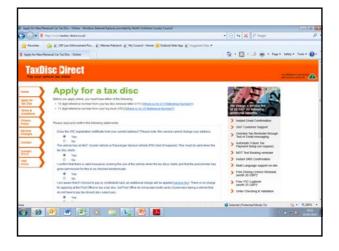






















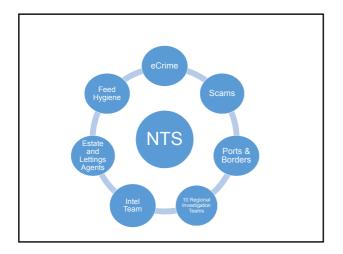


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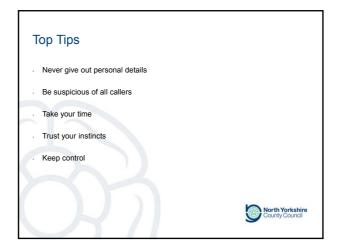








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https://www.nationaltradingstandards.uk/work-areas/scams-team/

www.actionfraud.police.uk

www.takefive-stopfraud.org.uk

www.qetsafeonline.org

www.cifas.org.uk



NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL HARROGATE AND KNARESBOROUGH AREA CONSTITUENCY COMMITTEE 19 MARCH 2020

RURAL COMMISSION UPDATE

Report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services)

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To update the committee on the work of the Rural Commission, and to initiate a discussion about whether the committee wishes to consider submitting a report as part of the Commission's 'call for evidence'.

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Council's Rural Commission was established in October 2019. The purpose and aims of the Rural Commission are as follows:
 - Recommend the actions that local partners should take over the next ten, 20 and 30
 years in order to maximise the sustainability of the super-sparse rural communities in
 North Yorkshire.
 - Improve the evidence base and arguments that will enable local partners to make the
 case successfully for increased government support to maximise the sustainability of
 the super-sparse rural communities in North Yorkshire.
- 2.2 The Commission is an independent group which is self-governing, impartial and non-political. The Commission is not a part of, or aligned to, the County Council or any other partner organisation.
- 2.3 The Rural Commission Panel is made up of 8 independent members and it is chaired by the Very Rev John Dobson DL, Dean of Ripon. The panel is aided in its work by a reference group of key stakeholders. This includes: the leaders of the district councils in North Yorkshire; the two national park authorities in the county; and North Yorkshire and East Riding Local Enterprise Partnership.

3.0 RURAL COMMISSION WORK PROGRAMME

- 3.1 The work programme of the Commission is extensive and wide ranging. The Commission agreed in their inaugural meeting that they would tackle the main part of the task on a theme-by-theme basis. The Commission also recognised the interplay between the themes and acknowledged a number of additional cross-cutting themes, largely but not exclusively linked to the wider socio-economic and material environment and the distinctive demographic characteristics evident in North Yorkshire.
- 3.2 The themes to be examined in-depth are:
 - Farming and Food
 - Economy and Jobs
 - Housing
 - Education, Schools and Training

- Transport
- · Accessibility Digital Broadband and Mobile
- Energy and Environment
- 3.3 The overall approach developed by the Commission includes a programme of evidence sessions; a separate public call for written evidence from people and organisations who would like to submit written material to support the work of the Commission; a programme of external visits across the county that will allow Commissioners to explore and observe the lived reality of people from the most rural communities in North Yorkshire; and additional appointments with MPs as part of a programme of engagement with key political figures and central government officials.

4.0 DATA & ANALYSIS

- 4.1 One key feature of the work of the Commission is to assemble and interrogate a wide range of data and intelligence that will make up the evidence base and underpin the conclusions and recommendations made by the Commission. The main source of information for the evidence base will originate and grow from the core work programme set out above, including a schedule of evidence sessions, the call for evidence, a programme of visits and additional rounds of engagement.
- 4.2 The Commission is supported in its work by a secretariat of County Council officers, who help to organise the various meetings of the Commission and manage the communications and media that is generated from the work of the Commission. The secretariat also supports the Commission to bring together and organise the evidence base and to help with the collation of the extensive information that is made available to the Commission but not with the interrogation or the analysis of the data, which is the responsibility of the Commissioners.

5.0 PROGRESS TO DATE

5.1 The evidence sessions have been scheduled to run monthly from December 2019 up until June 2020 (see table below). Each evidence session includes discussions with small groups of participants and the Commission, which includes introductory presentations from contributors and a question-led discussion which is overseen by the Chair of the Commission. The main focus of the debate at the evidence sessions is centred on the critical issues and challenges identified by the participants and any ideas and thinking from the participants about the best ways the Commission might wish to tackle the problems they have raised.

Programme of planned evidence sessions of the Rural Commission			
Date	Evidence Session		
18 th December 2019	Farming and Food		
23 rd January 2020	Economy and Jobs		
26 th February 2020	Housing		
26 th March 2020	Education, Schools and Training		
22 nd April 2020	Transport		
20 th May 2020	Accessibility – Digital Broadband and Mobile		
17 th June 2020	Energy & Environment		

5.2 The three evidence sessions held to date and heard from 26 participants speaking on issues affecting farming and food, the rural economy and jobs, and rural housing. During this time the Commission has recorded eight hours of audio from these sessions and

generated more than 10,000 words of key notes from conversations with participants. The Commission has engaged with 18 different organisations and received 14 separate written submissions from individuals and agencies who have responded to the call for evidence. Many other reports have also been made available to the Commission, in order to inform thinking, including academic research papers, government reports or government commissioned research, and scientific reports on specific topics.

5.3 <u>Involvement of County Councillors & Others</u>

County Councillors can be actively involved in the work of the Rural Commission in a number of ways. They can suggest the topics they would like to see debated by the Commission, under the agreed themes, and inform the Commission about the key challenges in their local areas (some County Councillors have already started to do this). It would also be helpful if County Councillors could encourage local people, businesses and organisations with views and practical ideas about the issues that affect our most rural communities to contact the Commission directly.

- 5.4 Written submissions on any issue can be sent by email at any time up until May 2020, to: ruralcommission@northyorks.gov.uk
- 5.5 Further information on the work of the Rural Commission is available via the following link https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/north-yorkshire-rural-commission

REPORTING LINES

- 6.1 The Commission provides updates on its progress and achievements to a Reference Group that was set up to encourage and counsel the Commission, and to act as a sounding board for the Commission, but the Commission is not accountable to the Reference Group. The Reference Group is chaired by the Leader of the County Council and includes the Leaders of the District Councils, the Chairs of the National Park Authorities, and Chair of the Local Enterprise Partnership.
- 6.2 The report of the Commission will be presented to the County Council, and it is intended that the key findings and recommendations considered by Executive members and by the Overview and Scrutiny Committees

7.0 OUTCOMES & OUTPUT

- 7.1 The recommendations of the Rural Commission will be informed by the wide ranging and extensive evidence base assembled by the Commission. All of the evidence that is submitted to the Commission will be made available to the public.
- 7.2 The main output will be a report of key findings and recommendations, to be published in Autumn 2020. The report will summarise the results of the work of the Commission, their conclusions, and perhaps most importantly, it will set out the Commission's recommendations about the actions that local partners should take over the next ten, twenty and thirty years, in order to maximise the sustainability and future prosperity of the most rural communities in North Yorkshire.

8.0 IMPLICATIONS

8.1 There are no financial, legal or equalities implications associated with the recommendation in this report.

9.0 RECOMMENDATION

9.1 To have a discussion about whether the committee wishes to consider submitting a report as part of the Commission's 'call for evidence'.

Barry Khan Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services) County Hall, Northallerton

Report Author: Daniel Harry

Background documents: None

Appendices: None

North Yorkshire County Council

Harrogate and Knaresborough Area Constituency Committee – 19 March 2020

National Productivity Investment Fund – West Harrogate Improvement Package - Progress Update

Joint report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services) and the Corporate Director – Business and Environmental Services

1.0 Purpose of Report

1.1 To update Members on the progress of the West Harrogate Improvement Package, to be funded by National Productivity Investment Fund (NPIF).

2.0 Background

2.1 A report about the progress of the West Harrogate Improvement Package was considered by this Committee on 7 November 2019. A copy of the report submitted to that meeting is appended.

3.0 Progress

3.1 Officers of the Business and Environmental Services Directorate advise that progress continues but there isn't a great deal to update on the NPIF. However, the Area Highways Manager will provide a verbal update at today's meeting, detailing the key progress to date.

4.0 Recommendation

4.1 That the update be noted.

Barry Khan
Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services)
County Hall, Northallerton

David Bowe Corporate Director – Business and Environmental Services, County Hall, Northallerton

Report Author: Ruth Gladstone, Principal Democratic Services Officer

Background documents: None

Appendix: Report of the Corporate Director – Business and Environmental Services to the meeting of Harrogate and Knaresborough Area Constituency Committee held on 7 November 2019.



North Yorkshire County Council Harrogate and Knaresborough Area Constituency Committee - 7 November 2019 National Productivity Investment Fund- West Harrogate Improvement Package Progress Update

1.0 Purpose of Report

1.1 To update members on the progress of the West Harrogate Improvement Package, to be funded by National Productivity Investment Fund (NPIF).

2.0 Background

- 2.1 In May 2018 Department for Transport allocated North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) with £3.2 million to be spent by March 2020, as part of a bigger package of works with local authority contributions and third part contributions bringing the total cost of improvements to £4.6 million.
- 2.2 Recognising Otley road as a busy transport corridor to the West of Harrogate, a number of junctions along the corridor that have already been identified as over capacity. There are a number of committed developments along the corridor and potential future sites in the area that improved highway capacity will help to unlock. There are currently no cycling facilities aside from advance stop lines along the corridor, this currently minimises the attractiveness of cycling the short trip to/from central Harrogate. Otley Road also provides access to Cardale Business Park, one of Harrogate's key employment districts. The current highway infrastructure along Otley Road is not sufficient to sustain the proposed levels of growth expected along the corridor.
- 2.3 Among the planned upgrades are improvements to junctions on Otley Road including smart traffic lights, extra traffic lanes, a new off road cycle lane to link into the developing cycle network and new or improved pedestrian crossings. These engineering measures will be complimented by an investment into the 'softer' measures such as publicity and education regarding sustainable travel.
- 2.4 The package of sustainable measures will help to improve safety and alleviate the levels of congestion currently experienced along the Otley Road corridor, accommodating the existing traffic and future growth of Harrogate as recognised in Harrogate Borough Council's proposed Local Plan.

3.0 Identified Improvement schemes

3.1 NPIF Sustainable Transport Package - West Harrogate will deliver the following schemes:

Scheme	Proposed delivery start date
Harlow Moor Road Junction upgrade	February 2020
Otley Road Cycle route	February 2020
Rural Routes	
Penny Pot Lane	Complete
Howhill Road to Hillfoot	Complete
Roundabout Burnbridge	Non Delivery
Signal upgrades	
Queens Road/West Avenue Pelican	February 2020
Otley Road/Pannal Ash road/ Manor Drive	February 2020
Otley Road/Wharfedale Ave Pelican	February 2020
Otley Road/Beckwith Knowle/Harlow Pines	February 2020
Otley Road/Beckwith Head Road/Crag Lane junction	Complete
Otley Road /Cold Bath Rd/Arthurs Ave	Complete

4.0 Burnbridge Roundabout- Scheme update

- 4.1 A feasibility study identified the need for third party land and significant level changes that would impact on the final delivery and cost of the scheme. Estimates were costed at over £2million.
- 4.2 In 2018 just before the bid was awarded NYCC introduced a Left turn lane from A61 Leeds road onto Burnbridge lane, this was part of a Safety scheme that required delivery. Since the introduction of these measures (now over a year ago) the junction has seen a marked improvement in terms of the safety of manoeuvres and aiding the flow of traffic on Leeds Road. It has therefore been identified that a roundabout is no longer required for this area, at this time.
- 4.3 The Department for Transport (DfT) have been made aware of the above and have given permission to spend the available funds on the remainder of the package of works, enabling NYCC to deliver enhanced designs at the Harlow Moor Junction upgrade and the Otley Road Cycle route.

5.0 Otley Road Cycle Route – Scheme update

- 5.1 The Cycle route has been designed off road along the wide footpath and verges of Otley Road. It has been designed to take cyclists on both sides of the road on majority segregated routes. The final design has included a number of new junction upgrades to introduce two new Toucan facilities for cyclists. The final design can be found on the below website link (6.3).
- 5.2 The design includes the use of the Stray, requiring a change in byelaw. This must be implemented by Harrogate Borough Council (HBC) under the Harrogate Stray Act 1985, and North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) local highways team are liaising with Harrogate Officers.. It is likely that the legal requirements associated with the Stray will not be concluded by March 2020. If this is the case the delivery will need to

be split into two phases. The first phase (Cardale Park to Harrogate Grammar School), to commence February 2020, the second phase (Harrogate Grammar School to the town centre) to be delivered at a later date once the use of the Stray and associated requirements have been concluded.

5.3 Harrogate Borough Council and North Yorkshire County Council Officers are currently considering locations where surfaced areas can be returned to grass, appropriate consultations and permissions must then take place. The Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster is the freeholder of the Stray. Harrogate BC cannot exercise the power to grant consent conferred to them under the Harrogate Stray Act 1985 without the agreement of the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, such consent should be in writing. HBC officers are in communication with appropriate Duchy representatives regarding the necessary processes.

6.0 Community support for the cycleway

- 6.1 Following a public engagement event in January 2019 a 'Questions and Answers' page (Q and A) has been published on NYCC's website (via the link below), Officers continue to add to this as new issues are raised. Officers have addressed the issues raised and since January re-designs have included an additional Toucan crossing and additional signage. Officers have considered additional tree planting and will be working with the school to ensure this happens in agreeable locations to the Highway Authority and school. We have revisited the designs to save the tree at Victoria Road and sought to relocate a bus stop to address an existing problem. NYCC Officers have listened to the public and where feasible and appropriate concerns have been addressed. The programme has seen a delay while officers responded to feedback received and amended the Scheme where appropriate.
- The final design will go through the necessary Safety Audit stages before delivery and immediately following implementation in accordance with national standards.
- 6.3 Further details of the Q and A can be found at; https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/west-harrogate-improvement-package
- 6.4 Officers are aware of a recent online petition against the cycle route with approx. 277 signatures, although this has not yet been formerly presented to NYCC. Approximately130 letters of support for the route have also been received, by NYCC, HBC and the Duchy of Lancaster.

7.0 Harlow Moor Road Junction - Scheme update

- 7.1 Improvements at the Junction of Harlow Moor Road with Otley Road will see the widening of the junction and the introduction of a left turn lane into Harlow Moor Road. This improvement will address the impact of queuing traffic in the short term but has also been designed to allow the capacity of future growth identified in HBC's Local Plan.
- 7.2 A number of utility diversions will be required, all necessary parties have been identified (Virgin, BT and Northern Power Grid) and programmes are being concluded. It is envisaged that work on the junction will start in February 2020. Details of the design can be found on the above website (at 6.3).

8.0 Rural Routes - Scheme update

8.1 Improvements to the rural routes West of Harrogate have been concluded. This saw much needed resurfacing improvement work take place at Penny Pot Lane and Howhill Road to Hillfoot.

9.0 Signal Upgrade- Scheme update

9.1 The upgrade at Crag Lane, delivered by Taylor Wimpey is now complete and Cornwall Road/ Otley road will be included in the delivery of the cycle route scheme. The remaining signal upgrades will be delivered by NYCC Signals team from January onwards. , Elements of this work will need to be programmed in conjunction with the delivery of the cycle route and Hookstone junction improvement scheme.

10.0 Sustainable travel publicity info - Scheme update

10.1 This element is being delivered by Network Strategy team in Highways and will be delivered through their Open Harrogate programme, there will be close engagement to ensure that the new developments and employment sites are actively encouraged to use the new cycle route.

11.0 NPIF Communications

- 11.1 North Yorkshire County Council have updated their website with the most up to date designs. Once contractors are appointed and start times are known this information will also be on the website. Residents in the vicinity of the works will be provided with details of the works and necessary traffic management arrangements in advance of the works taking place.
- 11.2 Once work has started weekly updates regarding progress will also be shared with the public via the NYCC website and social media.

12.0 Financial Implications

12.1 No significant financial implications have been identified as a result of the recommendations of this report.

13.0 Equalities Implications

13.1 No significant equalities implications have been identified as a result of the recommendations of this report.

14.0 Legal Implications

14.1 No significant legal implications have been identified as a result of the recommendations of this report

15.0 Recommendation

15.1 That members are aware of the update and proposals for delivery of the schemes within Harrogate West Improvement Package and Officers provide a further progress update February/ March 2020.

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DATE: 22 October 2019



North Yorkshire County Council Harrogate and Knaresborough Area Constituency Committee – 19 March 2020 Update on the Harrogate & Knaresborough Parking Strategy

1.0 Purpose of the report

1.1 To update members on the progress of the Harrogate and Knaresborough Parking Strategy.

2.0 Progress to date

- 2.1 North Yorkshire County Council officers continue to work with Harrogate Borough Council officers and consultant partners WSP to develop a parking strategy for the urban areas of Harrogate and Knaresborough setting out the strategic approach for on and off-street parking over the next 5-year period.
- 2.2 This strategy will be based on a combination of surveys, benchmarking and best practises from around the country for both on and off-street parking, including permit and disc zones and provision for electric vehicles. The outcome of which is to realise significant improvements to the current parking offer in terms of availability, suitability and bring about notable traffic management benefits.
- 2.3 It is intended to present the draft strategy to the Harrogate and Knaresborough Area Constituency Committee for comment at the meeting on 22 November 2020 prior to it being presented for approval by the Executive by the end of this year.
- 2.4 It is envisaged that the objectives of the strategy will be set into short, medium and long term deliverables ie 0-1 year, 1-3 years and 3-5 years, with any measures resulting from the strategy being subject to the appropriate consultation exercise at that time.
- 2.5 There is also a need to co-ordinate the delivery of any recommendations from the strategy with a number of other projects in Harrogate such as schemes resulting from the Harrogate Transport Improvement Project to ensure that all the schemes work in harmony and do not negate or compromise the positive impact of others.
- 2.6 Any projects that come out of the parking strategy must also maintain the strategic approach to parking management to encourage drivers to firstly seek off-street parking by making on-street parking more expensive and/or time restricted than off-street.

3.0 Equalities implications

3.1 As this report is for information only, it is the view of officers that the recommendations included in this report do not have any adverse impacts on any of the protected characteristics identified in the Equalities Act 2010 and no equalities impact screening is required.

4.0 Finance implications

4.1 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.

5.0 Legal implications

5.1 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.

6.0 Recommendations

- 6.1 It is recommended that members;
 - i) Note the update on the development of a dedicated on and off-street parking strategy for Harrogate and Knaresborough.

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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 15th 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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North Yorkshire County Council Harrogate and Knaresborough Area Constituency Committee 19 March 2020 Committee Work Programme

Purpose of Report

To ask Members to consider, amend and add to the Committee's work programme.

Work Programme

The Committee's work programme is at Appendix 1.

Remit of the Committee

The Area Constituency Committees:

- Act as a forum for Members to bring forward issues affecting their local Electoral Divisions
- Hear and respond to questions and statements from members of the public relating to anything affecting the community within the constituency area
- Agree a Work Programme which lists items of business which the Committee wishes to consider at future meetings
- Undertake meaningful scrutiny of local health issues within their constituency area, complementing the strategic work undertaken by the Scrutiny of Health Committee
- Undertake meaningful scrutiny of local transport issues within their constituency area, complementing the strategic work undertaken by Transport, Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- Act as consultees in major decisions that affect their constituency area (including responding to consultations)
- Make recommendations on the application of Innovation funding (supported by the Stronger Communities Team)
- Develop a working relationship with the local MP, sharing updates and information on relevant local issues being addressed by the committee.

A map showing the constituency's area is at Appendix 2.

Work Programme Items

The intention is for the Committee to develop a work programme that: is owned by the Committee; has items on it that are important locally but relevant at a strategic, county level; evolves over time and is not static.

The Committee Chairman, Vice-Chairman and the Democratic Services Officer will keep the work programme up to date and determine which items need to be considered at a public committee meeting and which could be picked up elsewhere.

Alternative ways of dealing with issues that come to the Committee could include:

- Referral to an officer at the County Council and/or District Council for a response;
- Referral to the Democratic Services Officer to conduct further research to ascertain whether it was appropriate for the committee to review;
- Referral to County Council and/or District Council Overview and Scrutiny;
- Referral to the Chairman and Vice-Chairman to consider, outside of a formal committee meeting;
- Referral to the appropriate Executive Member to consider.

The Committee meets 4 times a year and, as such, the time that can be spent on scrutiny is limited. As such, effective management of the Committee's business and work programme is crucial.

Recommendation

Members are asked to consider, amend and add to the Committee's work programme.

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Harrogate and Knaresborough Area Constituency Committee Work Programme 2020/21

Friday 12 June 2020, 9.30am, Cairn Hotel, Ripon Road, Harrogate				
Subject	Description			
Update on Implementation of the Pupil Referral Service Reorganisation	To provide a further update on implementation of this reorganisation. <i>Note: Mr Chris Reynolds</i> (SEND Placement Officer) to attend this meeting.			
Discussion with Andrew Jones MP 11am – 12pm	For the Committee to have a discussion with the MP.			
There will be a comfort break between 10.45am and 11am.				
Possible item subject to the timing of the Green Paper - NYCC's draft response to the Government's Adult Social Care Green Paper	To consider the County Council's draft response.			
Note: An informal Highways drop-in session with representatives from the Local Highways Office will be held immediately after this ACC meeting				
Thursday 12 Noveml	ber 2020, 9.30am, The Crown Hotel, Horsefair, Boroughbridge, YO61 9LB			
Schools, Educational Achievement and Finance	To consider an annual report about schools, educational achievement and finance, to include attainment data, the landscape regarding organisational status/school places, school finances, and the position in relation to exclusions. <i>Note: The CYPS Directorate is reporting annually, in autumn, to each of the 6 ACCs.</i>			
Crime Data - Annual overview presentation of all crime data for the Harrogate and Knaresborough area	To consider an overview of crime in the area compared to the rest of the county. The report and presentation should identify any issues of particular concern in the area, such as wildlife crime or county lines. A representative of North Yorkshire Police to present and respond to questions.			
Highway Congestion - Update	To receive a six monthly update on the Harrogate Transport Improvement Programme.			

Subject	Description		
Hyper Acute Stroke Service for Harrogate and the Surrounding Area. (This might be emailed to Members outside an ACC meeting.)	Review of first 12 months of operation of new hyper acute stroke service – briefing report for information only. (Note: A briefing is scheduled to go to the Scrutiny of Health Committee's meeting on 19 June 2020.)		
Mental Health Services in Harrogate and the Surrounding Area. (This might be emailed to Members outside an ACC meeting.)	To receive a further update and, in particular:- the proportion of mental health services to be provided in the community; the future of the Cardale Park site; and the situation regarding inpatient services provided at Foss Park in York. (Note: A briefing is scheduled to go to the Scrutiny of Health Committee's meeting on 19 June 2020 but tbc.)		
Thursday	14 January 2021, 9.30am, Cairn Hotel, Ripon Road, Harrogate		
County Council Budget 2021/22	To advise of the current position and invite Committee to agree any comments which it wishes to refer to the County Council's Executive.		
Note: An informal Highways drop-in session with representatives from the Local Highways Office will be held immediately after this ACC meeting			
Thursday	/ 18 March 2021, 9.30am, Cairn Hotel, Ripon Road, Harrogate		
Crime Data – Six month update following	To consider a short briefing report which provides a high level summary of crime in the area and		
the annual overview presentation	anything of note. (Note: No representative of North Yorkshire Police will be present.)		
Highway Congestion - Update	To receive a six monthly update on the Harrogate Transport Improvement Programme.		
Note: An informal Highways drop-in session with representatives from the Local Highways Office will be held immediately after this ACC meeting			

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