

North Yorkshire County Council
Harrogate and Knaresborough Area Constituency Committee
8 January 2021
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.

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 County Council's Forward Plan

The County Council publishes a Forward Plan which gives 28 days' notice of key decisions due to be taken. The Forward Plan is published at least once a month and includes:- a description of each matter; details of the decision to be made; consultees; and contact details. Below is a link to the relevant page on the County Council's website, from which the Forward Plan can be viewed. This is provided in case Committee Members wish to refer to the Forward Plan in identifying possible issues for inclusion in this Committee's work programme:-

<https://democracy.northyorks.gov.uk/>

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 as at 18 December 2020

Informal meetings of the Committee were held on the follow dates during the Covid-19 pandemic when formal meetings of the Council for most committees were postponed

2 April, 23 April, 14 May, 4 June, 24 June, 23 July, 20 August, 24 September and 16 October 2020

Thursday 12 November 2020, 9.30am, Live broadcast remote meeting

Subject	Description
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.
North Yorkshire Healthy Child Programme	To comment on a consultation regarding Service changes.

Friday 8 January 2021, 9.30am, Live broadcast remote meeting

Annual Council Budget Review	To review the annual Council budget and make recommendations to the Executive.
Highway Transport Improvement Programme	To hear about the outcomes of the Programme study and the recommended next steps in the Programme development work streams.

Thursday 18 March 2021, 9.30am, Live broadcast remote meeting

Discussion with Andrew Jones MP, subject to parliamentary business (to be confirmed in early March.)	To receive an update from Andrew Jones MP on issues of his choice.
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Thursday 10 June 2021, 9.30am, Live broadcast remote meeting	
<i>No business identified for this meeting as at 23 December 2020</i>	
Thursday 16 September 2021, 9.30am, Live broadcast remote meeting	
<i>No business identified for this meeting as at 23 December 2020</i>	
Thursday 11 November 2021, 9.30am, Live broadcast remote meeting	
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.
Possible additional meeting in early January 2022, Live broadcast remote meeting	
Annual Council Budget Review	Possible additional meeting to review the annual Council budget and make recommendations to the Executive. (Contact: Gary Fielding)
Thursday 17 March 2022, 9.30am, Live broadcast remote meeting	
<i>No business identified for this meeting as at 23 December 2020</i>	

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Background documents: None