

North Yorkshire County Council

Richmond (Yorks) Area Constituency Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on 12 June 2019, commencing at 10.00 am at County Hall, Northallerton.

Present:-

Members:-

County Councillors Angus Thompson (Chairman), David Blades, David Hugill, Carl Les, Heather Moorhouse (Vice-Chair), Karin Sedgwick, John Weighell OBE, Annabel Wilkinson and Bryn Griffiths, together with Co-opted Member, Malcolm Warne.

Apologies were received from: John Blackie, Caroline Dickinson, Helen Grant and Stuart Parsons

In Attendance:- Paul Mudd & Andy Pippin – Yorkshire Ambulance Service

Officers:- Andrew Leeming – Head of Services, Economic Partnership Unit; Robert Ling – AD Technology & Change

Copies of all documents considered are in the Minute Book

50. Appointment of Chairman

On being nominated and seconded, it was

Resolved -

That County Councillor Angus Thompson be elected Chairman of the Richmond (Yorks) Area Constituency Committee to serve until the Annual Meeting of the County Council in 2020.

County Councillor Thompson in the Chair

51. Minutes of the meeting held on 27 March 2019 and the Special Meeting held on 9 April 2019

Resolved –

That the Minutes of the meetings held on 27 March and 9 April 2019, having been printed and circulated, be taken as read and confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

52. Appointment of Vice-Chairman

Resolved -

That County Councillor Heather Moorhouse be elected Vice Chairman of the Richmond (Yorks) Area Constituency Committee to serve until the Annual Meeting of the County Council in 2020.

53. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest to note.

54. Public Questions & Statements

There was one public question from Mr Ken Blackwood as follows:

When I called NYCC to query the accuracy of information on the ELGIN road works system I could not get an explanation as to why the road closure signs that have been erected locally were in a different location to the on-line information. Why can I only be told the same information that is shown on-line without being able to get an explanation for the discrepancy? Why am I given the name of the contactor if I want to check the accuracy and advised to contact them to find out why there is a problem when it's NYCC which controls the road closure permissions?

In a written response the Customer Service Centre confirmed they had listened to Mr Blackwood's call made back in April 2019 and acknowledged his experience had unfortunately not been a good one. Mr Blackwood could not find what the staff member was looking at on Elgin and there was some 'tooting and froing' between both parties i.e. 'I'm looking at it / well I can't see it'.

They also confirmed that whilst the wiki information had been updated to say that streetworks would take calls for road closures in areas 1 and 2, this was not offered to Mr Blackwood. Instead, as it was BT utilities that were carrying out the works, he was advised he would need to call BT to talk to them about the road closure and he was given the standard customer service number of 0800800150.

The Customer Service Centre acknowledged they should have:

- Talked Mr Blackwood through the screen he was looking at
- Ensured both parties were looking at the same location
- Checked NYCC wiki pages for updated information around road closures in that area
- Made any calls necessary to help give clarity on the call
- Arranged a call back if needed to discuss further.

On the back of that and to ensure that type of conversation did not happen again, the Customer Service Centre confirmed they had arranged for the highways HCCO's to attend the Centre to provide some further staff training, to ensure the knowledge the Customer Service Centre officers needed was up to date and accurate.

In a written response from NYCC's Streetworks Team, they confirmed Openreach (BT) were the works promoter carrying out works on Front Street, Appleton Wiske on the 27th of May 2019.

The road closure application and permit request to allow the works to go ahead were checked and approved. The closure (1 day only) was from Appleton Wiske Primary School to the North side of Wiske Bridge.

On the issue of the signs, at this later stage the Streetworks Team were unable to confirm if the signs layout for the diversion had been put out correctly. They were able to confirm

that there were other Highways works involving closures within close proximity to that location at the same time. Whilst those proposed works were visible on Elgin, it was again not possible at this later stage to confirm if there were signs out for those, but as such there was the potential for a clash of works.

On the issue of the signs, the Streetworks Team confirmed there were other Highways works involving closures visible on Elgin, that were within close proximity to the works on Front Street Appleton Wiske at the same time, creating the potential for a clash of works. However, at this later stage it was now impossible for the Streetworks Team to confirm if the signs layout for the diversion in question had been put out correctly, or if the signs for the other highways works in the vicinity had been correctly placed.

As the issue wasn't brought to their attention at the time, they could not state for certain what really happened. However, moving forward they confirmed they would ensure that their inspectors endeavoured to inspect that all signage was laid out correctly.

Members gave various examples of similar instances they were aware of where there had been problems with temporary road signage, and noted there had been previous similar issues with the Customer Service Centre.

Cllr Bryn Griffiths suggested that residents needed to be made aware of road closures well in advance in order to have the opportunity to plan their movements on the affected dates, and Members agreed there was a need for improved dialogue and greater road courtesy. County Councillor Carl Les confirmed traffic management would be part of the role of a new NYCC company in a year's time

55. Yorkshire Ambulance Service Update

Members received a presentation from Andrew Pippin (Sector Commander) and Paul Mudd (Divisional Commander), of the Yorkshire Ambulance Service which gave an overview of the service across the constituency area. The presentation also provided a response to a number of issues raised by the Committee at its special meeting held on 9 April 2019.

Members noted the issues associated with the delivery of an Ambulance service in a rural setting, and the knock on effects of any increase in demand. However they were pleased to note that preparations were ongoing to address any further increases in demand in the coming years.

It was confirmed that:

- The introduction of the clinical hubs had resulted in a more efficient use of resources;
- Conveyance rates had reduced as a result of the regional service being aligned to Treatment centres, ensuring patients were delivered to the right destination to address their needs;
- Mental Health clinicians had been placed in call centres to triage calls and sign post patients to appropriate healthcare, reducing unnecessary trips to the Emergency Department;
- First responders were an important part of the Service. They were managed in the same way as paramedics and Ambulance staff – if they could get there quicker, they were sent but the use of triage had limited their use;
- As a result of improved governance arrangements, first responders were required to spend more time completing paperwork than ever before ;

Members considered the performance data provided and expressed concern about the downgrading of the Friarage and questioned the impact on the Ambulance Service.

It was confirmed there had been no clinical impact associated with the introduction of a clinical decision unit (CDU), but it had resulted in an increase in job cycle time, hence the need for the two temporary additional double crewed ambulances. It was noted the CCG were currently covering the significant associated costs and it was not clear where the funding would come from if the two additional ambulance were required on a permanent basis.

It was also confirmed that:

- The Ambulance Service was working well with GP services - a national directive for paramedics to work in GP practices had created a common understanding between both parties
- North Yorkshire Ambulance Service compared favourably against other areas across Yorkshire and was often held up as an exemplar service by others working in rural areas across the country.

Resolved –

- That:
- (i) The Yorkshire Ambulance Service representatives be thanked for their attendance
 - (ii) The presentation be noted.
 - (iii) A further update be provided in 12 months

56. Economic Development Strategy

Members received an update on the Local Enterprise Partnership activity in the Richmondshire district, together with an update on the proposed merge with Leeds City Region and the development of a Local Industrial Strategy.

Andrew Leeming, Head of Service for the Economic Partnership Unit introduced the report which detailed the five priorities that were supporting the LEP's Strategic Economic Plan, with a focus on infrastructure, business and skills.

Members were made aware of recent activity which included funding for Mobile phone network, growth of Catterick Garrison and road improvements. It was noted that work was ongoing to develop a number of policies and strategies with action plans that would support future investment opportunities and to develop delivery mechanisms for policies already established. Following a question from Members, it was confirmed that the number of apprenticeships had reduced and that work was ongoing to address it.

Members discussed the proposed amalgamation of the two LEPs in the region and acknowledged the associated barriers to its success e.g. both currently had a different system; one politically led and one business led. They also noted the parameters that might prevent North Yorkshire going ahead without York, and expressed concern about North Yorkshire receiving its fair share of Growth Funding once amalgamated; ensuring future local influence over spend and the time available for drafting new strategies.

County Councillor Carl Les confirmed the Board & Transition Group was working to ensure a smooth transition with no impact on delivery during the transition period. He also confirmed the current Capital Infrastructure Programme would not be affected and would continue to run to the end of its agreed timeframe.

Members noted that East Riding was to merge with the Humber LEP and agreed that as the relationship with East Riding had been very successful, it should not be lost.

Resolved –

- That: The update be noted

57. NYCC Digital Strategy

Members received a presentation on NYCC's Digital Strategy from the Assistant Director of Technology & Change, Robert Ling.

The update provided an overview of the development of a range of technologies designed to improve connectivity and access to services, and increase opportunities for business.

Members noted that all public sector and voluntary partners had signed up to the five core objectives of the draft Digital Strategy. They also noted the benefits considered achievable for the County Council, and its partners and customers.

Members received an overview of the types of services now available via a smart app and those that could be developed in the future. They also considered how digital skills and talent could be increased through collaborative working with partners, and the plans in place to ensure the county became better connected.

It was noted that the issues around varying levels of coverage across the county were being tackled as part of the County Council's ambitions for economic growth. Members noted that whilst it was good that the introduction of 5G would benefit many, there were still some areas of the county with no coverage, and agreed there should be some focus on addressing that imbalance.

Resolved – That the update be noted.

58. Work Programme

Having considered the current suggested Work Programme for the Committee alongside information on current/planned scrutiny activity, Members suggested the addition of the following items for the meeting in November 2019:

Closing the Gap
Highways Agency attendance
Cycle Pathways

Resolved –

That the Work Programme be updated to reflect the additional items suggested.

59. Next Meeting

Resolved -

That the next meeting of the Area Constituency Committee take place on Wednesday 28 August 2019 at 10am in County Hall, Northallerton.

The meeting concluded at 11:55am
MLC

North Yorkshire County Council
Richmond (Yorks) Area Constituency Committee
28 August 2019

Friary Hospital, Richmond - update

1.0 Purpose of report

To provide a brief update on the current situation regarding the Friary Hospital, Richmond

2.0 Background

Members will recall that, at the Meeting of the Area Constituency Committee held on 21 November 2018 it was agreed that the Committee keep a watching brief on the future use of the Friary Hospital, Richmond, on behalf of the Scrutiny of Health Committee.

The following brief details from the Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), are provided to ensure Members are kept up-to-date on the situation at the Friary.

3.0 Update

Lisa Pope, Deputy Chief Operating officer of Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby CCG advised members of Richmondshire District Council, in January 2019, that the CCG had ambitions for a “positive future” for The Friary Hospital premises in Richmond. Her statement followed the CCG revealing last year that it was considering the future of the Queens Road private finance initiative building to “to ensure we are spending money in the right way”. When speaking to the Council’s scrutiny committee Ms Pope stated that the CCG was continuing to talk to partners and the two GP practices in Richmond about the provision of primary care services.

She stated: “It looks like a very positive way forward, but we’re working with the practices to determine what they want to do with the future of their businesses. There’s no intention to take services or GP practices out of Richmond. We understand how valued the Friary is and we are looking to establish a positive future for the building.”

3.1 Subsequently (July 2019) the CCG had issued the following statement:-

“The urgent temporary changes at the ‘front of house@ at the Friarage Hospital are in no way related to the Friary Hospital.

It is understandable that public concerns about the future of the Friary Hospital may surface, but can we assure you that our position has not changed since we addressed the issue with Richmondshire District Council in January 2019.

We are continuing to work closely with NHS Service Providers, Queens Road and Quaker Lane GP Practices, on determining a positive future for the provision of NHS Primary Care Services to patients in Richmond and wider communities in the surrounding area.

We understand how valued the Friary Hospital is to the town of Richmond.

Our commitment to care closer to home remains paramount and at the core of NHS Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby CCG.”

4.0 Recommendation

That the update be noted.

Background papers

None

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

August 2019

Author of Report – Steve Loach (Democratic Services).

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Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) - Protocol

1.0 Purpose of report

To provide details of the Protocol for local communities purchasing VAS, as agreed by the Executive on 26 March 2019, in response to a request by the Chairman that the matter be discussed by the Committee.

2.0 Background

A report was submitted to Executive on 26 March 2019 proposing a way forward for the deployment of third party owned VAS, and seeking approval for the detailed process involved.

The report, attached at **Appendix 1**, includes the Protocol. The recommendation was approved by the Executive, subject to an amendment, as reflected in the Minute, below:-

“283. Extension of Temporary Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) Protocol

A report of the Corporate Director for Business & Environmental Services, presenting a way forward for the deployment of third party owned temporary VAS.

County Councillor Don Mackenzie introduced the report which addressed the previous recommendations of the Transport, Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee, as approved by the Executive in September 2018.

Barry Mason, Assistant Director outlined the approach taken had been to develop a proportionate and appropriate protocol, based on signage, location, rotation and delivery at a nil cost to the County Council. He confirmed the Protocol was ready for roll out as from April 2019 to run alongside the existing temporary VAS scheme, and that third parties would have the option of purchasing their own equipment once their current contract came to an end.

County Councillor Carl Les proposed an amendment to section 8 of the Protocol, suggesting the Protocol should allow for installation to be carried out by either a trained volunteer or an appointed contractor.

County Councillor David Jeffels welcomed the report and thanked the scrutiny committee and officers for their work. He drew attention to the perception of speeding traffic and was particularly pleased to see that the Protocol enabled Parish Councils to work together to rotate the temporary signage, thereby gaining the most benefit from it.

County Councillor Gareth Dadd also welcomed the Protocol and expressed his interest in seeing just how many Parish Councils and Community Groups would take it up.

County Councillor Dom Mackenzie reminded all members that road safety was of prime importance to the County Council and that the number of personal injuries due to speeding traffic was thankfully small.

Finally, County Councillor Carl Les questioned how the Protocol was to be communicated to all interested parties and asked that it be circulated to all County Councillors to raise their awareness so that they may share it with interested parties as and when appropriate. Officers confirmed the Protocol would also be sent directly to all Parish Councils and community groups.

Resolved -

That the detailed process for the installation of third party owned vehicles activated signs in North Yorkshire, as detailed in Appendix A of the report be approved, subject to the amendment to Section 8 as suggested by County Councillor Carl Les.”

3.0 Discussion on the VAS Protocol

The Chairman of the Committee, County Councillor Angus Thompson, requested that item be placed on the agenda for this meeting to allow discussion of the Protocol, which he will lead, allowing Members to outline any issues that have arisen in relation to the implementation of this. Officers will be present to assist with the discussion.

4.0 Recommendation

That Members outline any issues in relation to the implementation of the VAS Protocol, as outlined in Appendix 1 to this report.

Background papers

None

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

August 2019

Author of Report – Steve Loach (Democratic Services).

North Yorkshire County Council

Executive

26 March 2019

Extension of Temporary Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) Protocol

Report of the Corporate Director – Business and Environmental Services

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 Given the level of anticipated interest from communities wishing to purchase their own vehicle activated signs (VAS) for installation in the highway this proposed extension of the existing protocol is presented to members.
- 1.2 This report provides members with a proposed way forward for the deployment of third party owned temporary VAS and seeks the approval for the detailed process involved.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 At a meeting of the Transport, Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 31 October 2017, a number of Members felt that a change in the County Council's Temporary VAS Protocol would be advisable.
- 2.2 This was in order to relax the rules to allow communities to purchase and maintain VAS under certain prescribed conditions to allow more parishes and other appropriate community groups to have the benefit of these signs to address local actual or perceived speeding concerns.
- 2.3 Members of the Executive will be aware that this extension of the existing Temporary VAS Protocol follows the recommendations approved by the Executive Committee on 25 September 2018. Members approved the implementation of the recommendations of the Transport, Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee's Vehicle Activated Signs Review in July 2018.
- 2.4 This extension also follows the verbal update on the proposed methodology presented to the Transport, Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 24 January 2019.
- 2.5 It is anticipated this extension will be approved this financial year so the scheme can be rolled out from 1 April 2019 as previously advised.
- 2.6 The existing temporary VAS scheme that was approved by Executive Members on 30 January 2015 will continue to run alongside this new process until the four year contract period ends for each participant. After this time the community groups involved in the existing scheme will have the option of extending their current contract or purchasing their own equipment in accordance with the methodology detailed in this report.
- 2.7 The existing temporary VAS scheme will continue to be an option for communities until the County Councils stock of 30 signs reach the end of their operational life, at which time a decision will need to be taken on the way forward.

2.8 Given the high level of initial enquiries so far it is likely the vast majority of current participants will not extend their current contract period and seek to join this new scheme to manage their own deployments.

3.0 Principles of Scheme

3.1 The general principle is to provide a management and support mechanism for this community led scheme, providing a critical path through the application, purchase and commissioning stages.

3.2 The proposed way forward has been carefully deliberated. The aim is to make the process involved simple to follow and easy to understand. It is anticipated 'Appendix A' will be issued to communities upon application making the methodology completely transparent.

3.3 Appendix A sets out the various stages involved in deploying a third party owned VAS on the highway. The stages cover the following elements:

- Application and Site Assessment
- Legal Agreement
- Purchase
- Site Preparation
- Safety Management
- Installation and Maintenance
- Site Management

3.4 The process is split into 10 stages providing communities with everything they need to make a decision on the best way forward. The process sets out the tasks required of them, the typical costs involved and compares the pros and cons of each approved VAS.

3.5 The temporary signs to be used by communities must be consistent with the current stock temporary VAS which are the speed limit reminder type. The VAS must display the speed limit and a SLOW DOWN message. Speed Indicator Devices will not be approved for use. In accordance with the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016 Speed Indicator Devices are not authorised highway signs. Furthermore, members have previously raised concerns that these signs could encourage some motorists intentionally registering higher speeds.

3.6 The approved VAS in 'Appendix A' to this report have been sourced from manufacturers the County Council work with regularly and the details have been finalised through regular correspondence and meetings. The County Council have a good working relationship with both manufacturers. Both are very approachable and are aware of the expected interest from community groups upon approval of this report.

3.7 Products from these two manufacturers have been selected for their affordability. It is important the signs are financially viable and both manufacturers have supplied competitive prices for the various options available.

3.8 The VAS have also been selected for their size and transferability given they will not be a permanent fixture. The positive speed reduction impact of VAS is best achieved when rotated between sites on a regular basis. The signs should be light enough to erect/dismantle to ensure they remain a temporary fitting in the highway.

- 3.9 It is the responsibility of the community to choose a VAS based on the information provided in 'Appendix A'.
- 3.10 There are many other manufacturers with similar products on the market. Communities are free to use whichever company suits their needs as long as approval is sought from the County Council for the sign detail.
- 3.11 Officers will be available to provide guidance to community groups whenever required.

4.0 Equalities

- 4.1 An initial equality impact assessment screening form has been completed – see Appendix B. A full equality impact assessment is not appropriate for this proposal.

5.0 Finance

- 5.1 There will be no financial commitment from the County Council as all materials and works costs will be recovered from the participating community. There will some officer time required but this will be covered by the existing resource provided for the existing temporary VAS scheme.

6.0 Legal

- 6.1 Under the terms of the scheme, communities must sign a legal agreement with the County Council which will set out the various obligations. To ensure the signs remain temporary installations the legal agreement will incorporate a deployment schedule that must be followed. The document will be signed by the community and counter signed by the County Council.

- 6.1.1 In summary the legal agreement will cover the following elements:

- Funding
- Deployment and Rotation
- Safety Management and Risk Assessment
- Consultation and Complaints
- Public Liability Insurance
- Maintenance

- 6.2 The final legal agreement is to be drawn up by Legal Services and is to be issued to all participants.

<p>7.0 Recommendation</p> <p>7.1 To meet the anticipated interest from communities to finance and manage their own deployments Executive Members are recommended to approve the detailed process as set out in 'Appendix A'.</p>

DAVID BOWE
Corporate Director – Business and Environmental Services

Author of Report: David Kirkpatrick – Team Leader, Traffic Engineering

Background Documents:

- Roll Out of Temporary Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) Protocol' approved by Executive Members on 30 January 2015
- Transport, Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 31 October 2017
- Transport, Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee Task Group Vehicle Activated Signs Review in July 2018
- 'Covering Report to the Final Report of the Transport, Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee's Vehicle Activated Signs Review approved by the Executive Committee on 25 September 2018

The Process for the Installation of Third Party Owned Vehicle Activated Signs in North Yorkshire

It is proposed the process for the installation of a third party owned battery powered temporary vehicle activated sign (VAS) in the highway will follow the 10 stages detailed below. Parish Councils, Town Councils or other neighbourhood groups interested in participating in the scheme are referred to as a 'community group' in the different stages.

1. REQUEST RECEIVED

A representative of the community group expresses an interest or requests permission from the County Council to install a privately owned VAS within the highway boundary.

2. INITIAL RESPONSE

A North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) officer assigned to the scheme undertakes a brief desktop assessment and responds with details about the stages involved. If for some reason the site is not appropriate the officer will provide an explanation.

The representative of the community group will be made aware the VAS must be battery powered and temporary and will not be permitted to be fixed in one location permanently

Although the signs are deployed on a temporary basis, the sites are permanent and the VAS remains the property of the community group. It is the responsibility of the community group to arrange suitable maintenance and insurance cover.

The community group must be willing to fund all of the potential costs involved and proof of funding needs to be demonstrated.

A site meeting will be arranged between the officer and representatives of the community group.

3. SITE ASSESSMENT

The officer meets representatives of the community group to provide advice on potential sites within a 20mph, 30mph or 40mph speed limit. Any further questions about the process will be answered at this stage.

Any existing street lighting columns or signposts that could be potentially used for mounting the VAS will be identified. Street lighting columns must be over 6m high, approved before potential use and protected from the attachment brackets/strapping. If a column is deemed unsuitable, signposts with retention sockets will have to be installed. Potential locations for these assemblies will be identified during the site assessment.

Mounting options for one temporary battery powered VAS:

- One centrally located lighting column or signpost with one adjustable mounting bracket attached. After a deployment the bracket could be loosened, spun round and re-tightened to enable the VAS to face a different direction for the next deployment. This process would continue for future deployments
- A minimum of two lighting columns or signposts (or combination) with a fixed mounting bracket attached to each one to enable the VAS to be rotated between two (or more) separate locations

Mounting options for two temporary battery powered VAS:

- Two centrally located lighting columns or signposts with an adjustable mounting bracket attached to each one. After a deployment the brackets could be loosened, spun round and re-tightened to enable the VAS to face a different direction for the next deployment. This process would continue for future deployments
- A minimum of four lighting columns or signposts (or combination) with a fixed mounting bracket attached to each one to enable the VAS to be rotated between four (or more) separate locations

The VAS cannot be installed on telephone or electricity poles or on street furniture within 100m of terminal speed limit signs. This distance is necessary because the vehicle detection range of the VAS is generally 100m. VAS positioned within 100m of the terminal signs may detect approaching vehicles still within a higher speed limit.

4. LEGAL AGREEMENT

If the community group agree to fund the VAS and any installation costs then a legal agreement will be issued for signature. The returned signed agreement will have to be accompanied by a proposed deployment schedule to prove the VAS is to be temporary and rotated.

Upon receipt the officer will arrange for the legal agreement to be counter signed by NYCC senior management and a copy of the agreement will be returned to the community group.

5. PURCHASE

NYCC will now place orders for the purchase of retention sockets and signposts with the costs to be borne by the community group.

NYCC will have no involvement in buying the VAS and any ongoing maintenance cover. This contract is between the manufacturer and the community group. If the cost of a VAS proves prohibitive interested community groups could join together with neighbouring communities to form a 'partnership'. This partnership would then share the cost and responsibilities.

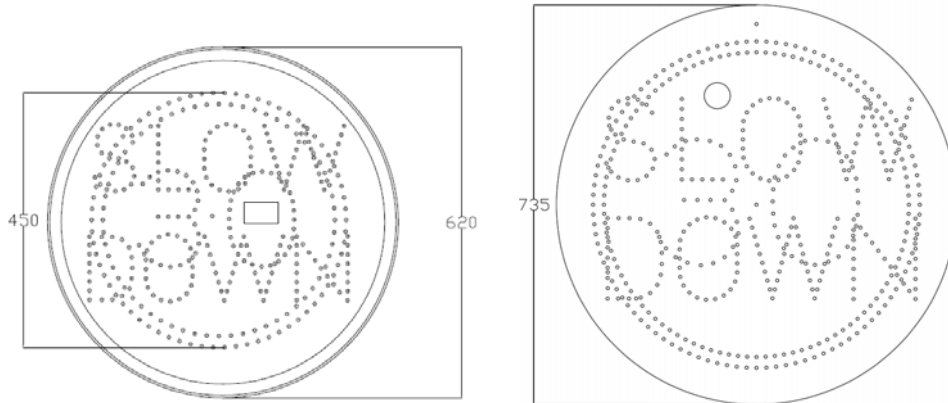
To participate in the scheme a minimum of £5,000,000 of public liability insurance must be in place.

NYCC have worked closely with two manufacturers ('TWM' and 'SWARCO') in recent years and both have vehicle activated signs currently deployed on the network in North Yorkshire.

The following page shows the permitted VAS types from these two manufacturers which are easy to carry, transport, erect and dismantle by volunteers. See VAS OPTION 1 & 2.

In addition to these products, similar battery powered VAS from other manufacturers will also be accepted on the network. However, these products must be approved by the officer for use on the highway before purchasing.

VAS OPTION 1

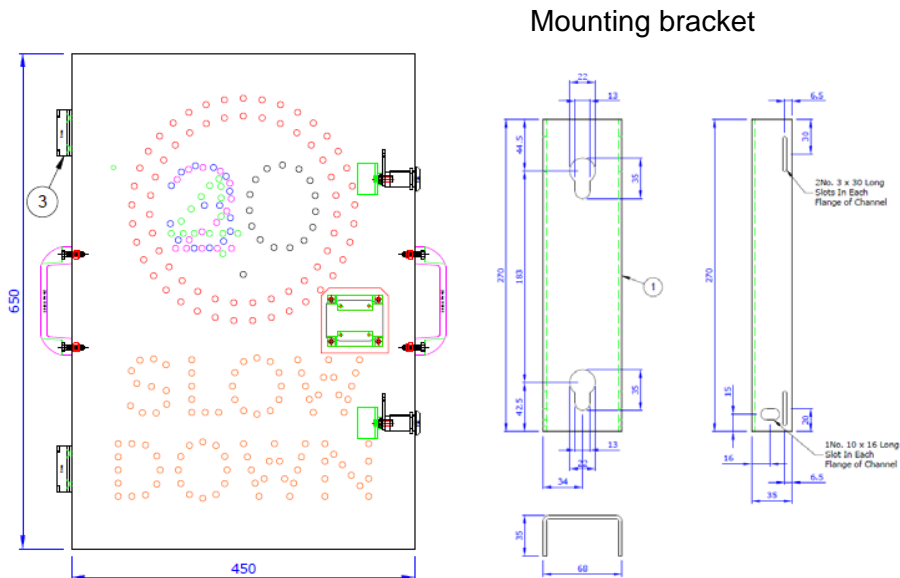


Examples of a Speed Control Sign available from TWM Traffic Control Systems

This VAS with an alternating display of the speed limit (configurable to 20, 30 or 40mph) and a 'SLOW DOWN' message can have a 450mm diameter roundel or 600mm roundel. The overall diameter of the VAS is 620mm or 735mm as shown above. The larger VAS must be erected on a separate post not a street lighting column.

For indicative purposes the smaller sign will cost in the region of £2500 + VAT and the larger one approximately £2750 + VAT.

VAS OPTION 2



MVAS (Moveable VAS) available from SWARCO TRAFFIC

This VAS is 450mm wide x 650mm high with a 300mm diameter roundel which is configurable to 20, 30 or 40mph. The speed limit and 'SLOW DOWN' message activate together.

For indicative purposes the VAS will cost in the region of £2650 + VAT.

6. SITE PREPARATION

The community group must consult neighbouring properties and prove local support to the officer. In the event of any resulting complaints they will be forwarded to the community group to address.

Retention sockets and signposts will be supplied and installed by the County Councils contractor only and paid for by the community group. The cost per assembly (retention socket and signpost) is currently £500 + VAT. (NYCC reserves the right to amend the cost of this work).

It will be appropriate to leave the VAS mounting brackets permanently attached to the lighting columns or signposts to make ongoing erection and dismantling quicker and easier.

When the VAS is not deployed on a signpost it will leave the signpost looking redundant. As a result it may be necessary to attach a temporary educational type poster or similar to the signpost. If necessary this will be provided by NYCC. The temporary sign will be placed in the care of the community group to attach to the signpost between deployments. The temporary sign will help promote road safety in the absence of the VAS.

7. SAFETY MANAGEMENT

Only trained volunteers or appointed contractors should handle the VAS. Training will need to be provided by the manufacturer as part of the purchase of the VAS.

The community group will be fully responsible for all operations to be carried out safely, taking into account the risks to both volunteers, appointed contractors and road users. Safe working systems must be adopted and followed by the volunteers or appointed contractors.

Risk assessments/method statements should be completed for working on the highway.

8. INSTALLATION

NYCC will not be offering a service that covers the installation, dismantling or rotation of the VAS.

After suitable training the VAS will be attached to an approved street lighting column or signpost by volunteers or an appointed contractor.

The VAS must be mounted at an appropriate height (2300mm above cycleways, 2100mm above footways and 1800mm above verge) with appropriate lateral clearance from the edge of the carriageway (500mm minimum).

9. MAINTENANCE

The community group will be responsible for the ongoing maintenance of the VAS beyond the initial warranty period. The VAS can be purchased with an extended warranty.

NYCC will be responsible for the maintenance of a street lighting column if correct mounting procedures have been followed. If correct mounting procedures have not

been followed the community group will be responsible for any resulting maintenance.

Signposts and retention sockets will remain the responsibility of NYCC. However, in the event of a collision resulting in damage to the signpost, retention socket and VAS the community group will be responsible for the replacement. The costs may be recoverable if insurance details are known.

The VAS must be kept clean, fault free and in good working condition at all times.

10. SITE MANAGEMENT

The community group should erect and dismantle the VAS in accordance with the deployment schedule and remain in contact with the officer who will provide assistance whenever necessary.

Routine checks will be undertaken by NYCC staff to ensure compliance. If through investigation it is apparent the VAS is not being rotated in accordance with the timetable in the legal agreement and the VAS is effectively permanent, NYCC reserve the right to remove the VAS from the highway.

If signposts remain unused or are no longer needed for deployments they will be removed by NYCC and the community group will be charged accordingly.

If requested, NYCC will arrange 7 day speed surveys for the community group and provide full details upon completion. The cost per 7 day speed survey is currently £110 + VAT. (NYCC reserves the right to increase the cost of this work).

NYCC will invoice the community group for the supply and installation of the retention sockets and signposts (or any other work) shortly after they have been installed.

<p>Initial equality impact assessment screening form (As of October 2015 this form replaces 'Record of decision not to carry out an EIA')</p> <p>This form records an equality screening process to determine the relevance of equality to a proposal, and a decision whether or not a full EIA would be appropriate or proportionate.</p>			
Directorate	Business and Environmental Services		
Service area	Highways & Transportation		
Proposal being screened	Temporary Vehicle Activated Signs		
Officer(s) carrying out screening	David Kirkpatrick		
What are you proposing to do?	Allow communities to purchase and deploy their own vehicle activated signs on the network		
Why are you proposing this? What are the desired outcomes?	Decision by the Executive Communities will be able to approach sign manufacturers directly to purchase their own signs without participating in the County Councils current scheme. The proposed scheme will provide communities with greater flexibility over VAS deployments.		
Does the proposal involve a significant commitment or removal of resources? Please give details.	Officer time will be provided by the officer who currently manages the existing process. There will be an increase in workload but it should not be a significant change.		
<p>Impact on people with any of the following protected characteristics as defined by the Equality Act 2010, or NYCC's additional agreed characteristic As part of this assessment, please consider the following questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To what extent is this service used by particular groups of people with protected characteristics? • Does the proposal relate to functions that previous consultation has identified as important? • Do different groups have different needs or experiences in the area the proposal relates to? <p>If for any characteristic it is considered that there is likely to be a significant adverse impact or you have ticked 'Don't know/no info available', then a full EIA should be carried out where this is proportionate. You are advised to speak to your Equality rep for advice if you are in any doubt.</p>			
Protected characteristic	Yes	No	Don't know/No info available
Age		✓	
Disability		✓	
Sex (Gender)		✓	
Race		✓	
Sexual orientation		✓	
Gender reassignment		✓	
Religion or belief		✓	
Pregnancy or maternity		✓	

Marriage or civil partnership		✓	
NYCC additional characteristic			
People in rural areas		✓	
People on a low income		✓	
Carer (unpaid family or friend)		✓	
Does the proposal relate to an area where there are known inequalities/probable impacts (e.g. disabled people's access to public transport)? Please give details.	No		
Will the proposal have a significant effect on how other organisations operate? (e.g. partners, funding criteria, etc.). Do any of these organisations support people with protected characteristics? Please explain why you have reached this conclusion.	The signs will activate by flashing the speed limit and a SLOW DOWN message through the use of LED's. The frequency of flashing is consistent with other vehicle activated signs so people suffering from epilepsy will not be affected.		
Decision (Please tick one option)	EIA not relevant or proportionate:	✓	Continue to full EIA:
Reason for decision	There is no impact on the people with the protected characteristics defined by the Equalities Act 2010.		
Signed (Assistant Director or equivalent)	<i>Barrie Mason</i>		
Date	<i>26/02/17</i>		



North Yorkshire County Council

Richmond (Yorks) Area Constituency Committee

28 August 2019

Work Programme

Purpose of Report

That Members review the Committee's work programme, taking into account the outcome of discussions on previous agenda items and any other developments taking place across the area.

Work Programme

The work Programme is attached at **Appendix 1**. Taking account of the areas of work identified at previous meetings and by the previous Area Committee, highlighted in Appendix 1, and the suggested area of work based upon current scrutiny activity at **Appendices 2, 3, 4 and 5** Members are asked to continue to develop the Committee's work programme for 2019/20 and beyond.

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.

Scheduled committee dates in 2019/20

Forthcoming committee dates are:

- 10am on Wednesday 20 November 2019
- 10am on Wednesday 25 March 2020

Recommendation

Members are asked to consider and develop the Committee's work programme.

Steve Loach
Democratic Services

August 2019

**Richmond (Yorks) Area Constituency Committee
Work Programme 2019/20**

10.00 a.m. on Wednesday 12th June 2019

Subject	Description
Economic Development Strategy	To provide an overview of the current Economic Development strategy for the Constituency Area and to consider whether there are any specific topics the Committee would like to undertake further, in-depth analysis of.
Digital Strategy	To provide an update on the development of a range of technologies that will improve connectivity, access to services and the opportunities for business
Yorkshire Ambulance Service	Detailing the work of the Yorkshire Ambulance Service and addressing the issues outlined at the Special Meeting of the Committee held on 9 April 2019
Work Programme	To consider the Committee's Work Programme for 2019/20.

10.00 a.m. on Wednesday 28th August 2019

Subject	Description
Discussion of issues with Local MP	Rishi Sunak will be attending to discuss topical issues.
Public Health Overview	To provide an overview of public health issues prominent in the ACC area with a view to Members
Unpaid Care and Carers	To consider the role of unpaid carers and the support that is given to them
Flooding in the Dales	To provide an update on the work that has been taking place to assist communities following flash flooding in the Dales as a result of unprecedented rainfall in July
Friary Hospital, Richmond	To update Members on the current situation regarding the Friary Hospital, Richmond

Work Programme	To consider the Committee's Work Programme for 2019/20
10.00 a.m. on Wednesday 20th November 2019	
Subject	Description
Schools Educational Achievement & Finance	To provide an overview of the local educational landscape, educational achievement and the financial challenges affecting schools in the constituency area.
Cybercrime and scams	To consider the action being undertaken by Trading Standards to address cybercrime and scams
Cycle Paths and Cycling	To consider the provision of cycle paths in the ACC area and the benefits of cycling in terms of public health
Friarage Hospital, Northallerton – Public Consultation	To consider the current status of the public consultation on future service provision at the Friarage Hospital, Northallerton.
Work Programme	To consider the Committee's Work Programme for 2019/20
2.00 p.m. on Wednesday 8th January 2020	
Annual Review of the County Council's Budget – Review the budget and make recommendations to Executive	
10.00 a.m. on Wednesday 25th March 2020	
Subject	Description
Profile of non-crime data	To provide Members with details of non-crime data in the ACC area to provide a context to underlying issues affecting the work of North Yorkshire Police
Stronger Communities	Annual update and Community Showcase

The expansion of Catterick Garrison	To further consider the impact of such a large confluence of people who are not local to the area and how this might be mitigated (following on from 29 August 2018).
Work Programme	To consider the Committee's Work Programme for 2019/20
Issues identified for future work programme	
Subject	Description
Supported Living	Update on implementation of review
Lorry Driver parking	Follow up to consider how issue is being addressed following earlier consideration
Small Schools	Review of educational outcomes at small schools – linked to the Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Delayed Transfers of Care	Further review of work by Health and Social Care to reduce Delayed Transfers of Care following consultation – linked to the Care and Independence Overview and Scrutiny Committee
The expansion of Catterick Garrison	To further consider the impact of such a large confluence of people who are not local to the area and how this might be mitigated (following on from 29 August 2018).
Friary and Friarage Hospitals	To consider updates on these facilities.

Scheduled Meeting dates for 2019/20:-

20th November 2019

8th January 2020 – Annual Review of County Council's Budget

25th March 2020

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
Scrutiny of Health Committee – Work Programme/Areas of Involvement – 2019/20

	13 Sep	1 Nov	13 Dec	24 Jan	13 Mar	
	COM	MCB	COM	MCB	COM	
Strategic Developments						Comment
1. NHS Clinical Commissioning Groups and Foundation Trust funding						A briefing for committee members - TBC
2. New models for health and social care delivery in rural areas					✓	Initial presentation by NYCC and NHS on models and best practice elsewhere and how it could be applied locally
3. Patient Transport Service – changes to the application of eligibility criteria			✓			12 month follow up to committee meeting on 14 December 2018 to ascertain whether there have been any adverse consequences to the changes.
4. Air Ambulance Service – overview					✓	Overview of the Air Ambulance Service and how it links in with other emergency services.
Local Service Developments						
5. Integrated prevention, community care and support in Scarborough and Ryedale – Humber NHS Foundation Trust and North Yorkshire CCGs					✓	Update on the services that are provided by the FT in Whitby and the use of the two in-patient wards in Malton Community Hospital – commissioner and provider to attend
6. Future plans for Whitby Hospital – HRW CCG			✓			Update on progress with the new model of delivery – co-ordinate with the Area Constituency Committee
7. Scarborough East Coast Review	✓					Update on progress with the review of services and any proposed changes
8. General surgery provision at Scarborough Hospital					✓	6 month review of the provision of a single Trust – wide rota
9. Breast oncology services at Scarborough			✓			6 month review of the impact of the temporary transfer of the service to York and Hull and recruitment of consultants
10. Stroke service provision in Harrogate					✓	Review of first 12 months of operation of new hyper acute stroke service.

11. Mental health services in the north of the county (Friarage and Roseberry Park) – TEWV and HRW CCG	✓				Updates on progress with the: rectification of the Roseberry Park site; the transfer of patients from the 2 in-patient wards at the Friarage; and progress with the development of the new community hub in Northallerton.
12. Mental Health Service in York/Selby area and Bootham Hospital – TEWV and VoY CCG	✓				Progress with the build of the new York Hospital (opening April 2020) and the development of the Selby community hub
13. Mental Health Services in Harrogate and the surrounding area – TEWV and HRD CCG	✓				Outcome of engagement (24 June 2019 - 13 September 2019) on the new model for enhanced community care, details of proposed closure of 2 mental health in-patient wards at Harrogate Hospital and projected use of York mental health hospital.
14. Sustainable Future for the Friarage Hospital in Northallerton – HRW CCG and South Tees FT	✓		✓		Consultation launch in September and early analysis of results in December
15. Decommissioning of GP based minor injury service in HRW CCG area	✓				Impact of the decommissioning of the enhanced minor injury service in general practice in Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) area. Review of similar services in other CCG areas.
16. Acute Provider Collaboration - Airedale NHS Foundation Trust, Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust		✓	✓		Early discussion - to the Mid Cycle Briefing on 1 November 2019 to determine lines of enquiry for the committee.
Public Health Developments					
1. Development of base-line data and an on-going monitoring system on the impact of shale gas extraction – Public Health England					Lincoln Sargeant and Simon Padfield PHE - TBC
2. Dentistry provision in North Yorkshire – NHS England					NHS England (Yorkshire and Humber) – review the plan for commissioning the wider dental pathway - TBC
3. Community pharmacies – market adjustment and access to services					NHS England, Public Health and Community Pharmacy North Yorkshire - TBC

4. Optometry - market adjustment and access to services						Lines of enquiry to be confirmed
5. Immunisation coverage in North Yorkshire			✓			Public Health overview of take up rates, disease prevalence and communications campaigns
6. Public Health funding reductions		✓				Overview of impact and mitigating actions. To Mid Cycle Briefing on 1 November 2019 and then committee meeting.
In-depth Projects						
1. Health and social care workforce planning – Scrutiny of Health and Care & Independence OSC			✓			Progress report
2. Dying well and End of Life Care - HWB					✓	Progress report
3. Joint scrutiny of health and social care integration with the Care and Independence OSC	✓					Interim copy of report to be circulated to the membership of the committee
Joint scrutiny						
Joint health scrutiny committee review by North Yorkshire, Leeds and York held on 15 February 2019						Follow up on October 2019 subject to the outcome of the engagement exercise on the new model for enhanced community services.
Children's mental health services						Joint scrutiny with the NYCC Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee - TBC
Integrated health and social care services in Harrogate						Joint scrutiny with the NYCC Care and Independence OSC - TBC

Meeting dates 2019/20

Agenda Briefing*	10 September 2019 at 10.30am	10 December 2019 at 10.30am	
Scrutiny of Health Committee	13 September 2019 at 10am	13 December 2019 at 10am	13 March 2020 at 10am
Mid Cycle Briefing*	1 November 2019 at 10.30am	24 January 2020 at 10.30am	

*Agenda Briefings and Mid Cycle Briefings are attended by the Chair, Vice Chair and Group Spokespersons only.

Transport, Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Work Programme Schedule 2019/20

Scope

‘Transport and communications infrastructure of all kinds, however owned or provided, and how the transport needs of the community are met.

Supporting business, helping people develop their skills, including lifelong learning.

Sustainable development, climate change strategy, countryside management, waste management, environmental conservation and enhancement flooding and cultural issues.’

Meeting dates

Scheduled Committee Meetings	24 Oct 2019 10am	23 Jan 2020 10am	15 April 2020 10am	13 July 2020 10am	22 Oct 2020 10am	21 Jan 2021 10am	14 April 2021 10am
Scheduled Mid Cycle Briefings Attended by Group Spokespersons only	5 Dec 2019 10am	27 Feb 2020 10am	2 June 2020 10am	10 Sept 2020 10am	10 Dec 2020 10am	25 Feb 2021 10am	

Reports

Meeting	Subject	Aims/Terms of Reference
Consultation, progress and performance monitoring reports		
Each meeting as available	Corporate Director and / or Executive Member update	Regular update report as available each meeting
	Work Programme	Regular report where the Committee reviews its work programme

Transport, Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Work Programme Schedule 2019/20

Meeting	Subject	Aims/Terms of Reference
24 October 2019	Highways England	Regular annual update
	Rail developments	Update report on the rail franchise, Rail North and Transport for the North
Items where dates have yet to be confirmed	HGV overnight parking in North Yorkshire	To explore the issues of HGV overnight parking in North Yorkshire and ways to respond once a county-wide draft policy has been developed.
	Tourism in North Yorkshire	Overview of the work and future plans of Welcome to Yorkshire.
	Promoting access to our heritage	Overview of the County Council's heritage service
	Winter Highways Maintenance	Overview of the policy on Winter Highways Maintenance
	Traffic management in the county: tackling traffic congestion	Overview of the ways that the County Council can tackle traffic congestion problems in the county such as through the use of smart traffic lighting to control traffic flow. Road junction road improvements in Harrogate and Scarborough town to be taken as examples.
	Countryside access	Overview of the County Council's countryside service and priorities (including unclassified roads, prioritisation of the public rights of way network and improving the definitive map processes)

In-depth Scrutiny Projects/Reviews

Subject	Aims/Terms of Reference	Timescales
The North Yorkshire economy post-Brexit	Steering group (via mid cycle briefings) comprising of the Group Spokespersons set up to consider the measures required to support the local economy following the triggering of Article 50 of the Treaty of Lisbon by the UK government.	Ongoing (commenced March 2017)
20 mph speed limit policy	Response to the publication of the National Research project by the Department for Transport examining 20mph speed limits	Commenced May 2019

Please note that this is a working document, therefore topics and timeframes might need to be amended over the course of the year.

YOUNG PEOPLES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Scope

The interests of young people, including education, care and protection and family support.

Meeting Details

Committee Meetings	Friday 28 June 2019 at 10am
	Friday 6 September 2019 at 10am
	Friday 6 December 2019 at 10am
	Friday 28 February 2020 at 10am

Programme

Friday 28 June 2019 at 10.00am			
Disabled Children Service	Current challenges, priorities activity, covering how we are meeting needs in more inclusive and enabling ways.	Overview item	Jane le Sage and Karl Podmore
Healthy Child Programme		Consideration of agreed approach prior to Executive consideration	Emma Lonsdale
School Deficits	An update following the briefing given earlier in the year		Howard Emmett
Friday 6 September 2019			
Safeguarding	Annual Report/Update on Children Safeguarding Board		(Maggie Atkinson has confirmed)
Young people and Sex Education; Managing Risk and Safeguarding			

Children, Adolescents and the Media (online networks, social inclusion and bullying)			
Annual report of the Looked After Children's Group			Cllr Annabel Wilkinson
Supporting children in education who have medical condition, especially as chronic (life threatening) illness	Programmed to be part of a consultation exercise		Jane le Sage
Friday 6 December 2019 at 10am			
Teacher recruitment - the Rural Challenge			
Report of the Young Peoples Champion			Cllr Annabel Wilkinson
The experience of young people in foster care as they transition into adulthood			
Friday 28 February 2019 at 10am			
Young Carers	Especially those who support adults with mental health issues		

Mid Cycle Briefing Items

Date	Probable Item
26 July 2019	Academies and how they serve communities
18 October 2019	This date will be changed. Provisionally 1 November 2019
17 January 2020	Small Schools and their sustainability - scoping
3 April 2020	The Citizenship Agenda: Education and Democratic Citizenship

Other sessions

Young People with additional needs transitioning to Adulthood

How NYCC supports and offers guidance to a young person aged 14 to 25 with special educational needs or a disability. Including access to education, training and employment, and to live as independently as possible. Possible informal workshop session with Care and Independence Overview and Scrutiny Committee members.

Elective Home Education

Provisional Date 1 November at 2pm agreed. New guidance may be available for this date

Care and Independence Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Scope

The needs of vulnerable adults and older people and people whose independence needs to be supported by intervention from the public or voluntary sector

Meeting Details

Committee meetings	Thursday 27 June 2019 at 10am
	Thursday 26 September 2019 at 10am
	Thursday 28 November 2019 at 10am
	Thursday 5 March 2019 at 10am

Programme

BUSINESS FOR THURSDAY 27 June 2019			
Direct Payments	Take up of Direct payments as a part of personal budgets. Update on Directorate performance	How NYCC is ensuring that Direct Payments enable more choice and control over the support people receive and how their social care needs are met.	Chris Jones-King/Toya Bastow
Learning Disabilities	Progress against the HWB Strategy Understanding Co-production		Chris Jones-King/ Cara Nimmo/Abigail Barron
BUSINESS FOR THURSDAY 26 September 2019			
Annual Safeguarding Board Report	.	On hold. Difficulty encountered finding suitable dates	Sheila Hall and Sue Proctor

Health and Social Care Integration	Task Group Report - Final		Ray Busby
Budget position	Operational Actions overspend update	Assurance item	Anton Hodge
Short Breaks/respice review –	possible update and report of the findings of engagement sessions	More likely date for Short Breaks/respice review is the next committee meeting in November	Dale Owens
Mental Health – implementation and pathway	Probable approach more towards implementation and pathway rather than SBA work		Chris Jones-King
Living Well - evaluation	Possible link to Stronger communities item and social proscripting		Chris Jones-King/Cath Simms
Assistive Technology - Independent Living. To include reference to procurement	How NYCC uses Assistive Technology	Understanding and evaluation	Dale Owens/Mike Rudd
BUSINESS FOR THURSDAY 28 November 2019			
Short Breaks/respice review – possible news on engagement sessions	More likely date for Short Breaks/respice review		Dale Owens
Transfers of Care Annual update	Performance item		
BUSINESS FOR THURSDAY 5 March 2020			
Commissioned Services: The Provider perspective	Series managed dialogue/conversation with providers:	eg Wellbeing, Prevention and mental health contracts, Advocacy, Dementia Support	

Mid Cycle Briefings Dates – all at 10am

25 July 2019

Suicide prevention and audit

Support for Carers – in particular how we respond to pressures upon families. Preparation for committee item.

DoIS /LPS informal briefing

Harrogate Integrated Working

Primary Care Engagement -informal briefing?

31 October 2019

DPH Annual Report

Public Health grant review - priorities

Public Health Campaigns briefing

Reablement Prevent Reduce Delay current situation informal briefing

Local Account

Meeting Substance Misuse Providers

13 February 2020

Market Intervention and Residential Care/Domiciliary trade

Review in-house residential provision

Extra Care Programme Update and overview