

Agenda

Meeting: Richmond (Yorks) Area Constituency Committee

Venue: Virtual Meeting – via Microsoft Teams

**Date: Wednesday 25 November 2020
at 10.00 a.m.**

Business

Pursuant to The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020, this meeting will be held using video conferencing with a live broadcast to the Council's YouTube site. Further information on this is available on the committee pages on the Council website - <https://democracy.northyorks.gov.uk/>

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1. **Welcome by the Chairman – Introductions, Apologies and Updates**
2. **Minutes of the meeting held on 14 October 2020**
3. **Declarations of Interest**
4. **Public Questions or Statements**

(Pages 5 to 11)

Members of the public may ask questions or make statements at this meeting if they have given notice and provided the text to Steve Loach of Democratic Services (*contact details below*) no later than midday on Friday 20th November 2020. Each speaker should limit themselves to 3 minutes on any item. Members of the public who have given notice will be invited to speak:-

- at this point in the meeting if their questions/statements relate to matters which are not otherwise on the Agenda (subject to an overall time limit of 30 minutes);
- when the relevant Agenda item is being considered if they wish to speak on a matter which is on the Agenda for this meeting.

5. County Council's Petition Scheme – Gilling West footpath and cycleway

A petition submitted in relation to this issue contained 500 signatures or more and is, therefore, scheduled for debate at this meeting of the appropriate area constituency committee.

At the meeting the petition organiser will be given five minutes to present the petition and the petition will then be discussed by County Councillors for a maximum of 15 minutes. The county council will decide how to respond to the petition at this meeting. They may decide:

- to take the action the petition requests;
- not to take the action requested for reasons put forward in the debate;
- to commission further investigation into the matter, for example by a relevant committee; or
- where the issue is one on which the county council executive are required to make the final decision, the county council will decide whether to make recommendations to inform that decision.

The issue was raised as a public question at the previous meeting and information obtained in response to that is provided. **(Page 12)**

The petition organiser will receive written confirmation of this decision and this confirmation will also be published on our website.

6. Devolution and Local Government Reorganisation – Implications for ACC - The Leader of the Council will provide a verbal update in respect of proposals for Devolution and Local Government Reorganisation in North Yorkshire and will lead Members in a discussion on the implications for the ACC

7. North Northallerton Infrastructure and Development Project – Bridge works update - Report of the Project Manager

(Page 13)

Purpose of report : To provide the Committee with an update of the progress made on the North Northallerton Infrastructure and Development project in respect of the bridge over the railway line.

8. North Yorkshire Healthy Child Programme – Public consultation on service changes – Report of the Corporate Director Health and Adult Services.

Purpose of report : To invite the Committee to comment on this consultation.

(Pages 14 to 38)

9. Schools educational achievement and finance (including update on Northallerton College) – Report of the Corporate Director Children’s Services

Purpose of report : To update Members on the local educational landscape, educational achievement and the financial challenges which affect schools in the Richmond Constituency Committee area

(Pages 39 to 53)

10. Richmond (Yorks) Area Constituency Committee Work Programme – Report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services)

(Pages 54 to 58)

Purpose of the report: To provide a draft Work Programme for the Area Constituency Committee to consider, develop and adopt.

11. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled to take place Wednesday 25th November 2020 at 10am and will be a virtual meeting on the Microsoft Teams platform.

12. Other business which the Chairman agrees should be considered as a matter of urgency because of special circumstances.

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

November 2020.

RICHMOND (YORKS) AREA CONSTITUENCY COMMITTEE

Membership

County Councillors (13)			
	<i>Councillors Name</i>	<i>Political Group</i>	<i>Electoral Division</i>
1	BLADES, David	Conservative	Romanby and Broomfield
2	DICKINSON, Caroline	Conservative	Northallerton
3	GRANT, Helen	North Yorkshire Independent	Central Richmondshire
4	GRIFFITHS, Bryn	Liberal Democrat	Stokesley
5	HUGILL, David	Conservative	North Hambleton
6	LES, Carl	Conservative	Catterick Bridge
7	MOORHOUSE, Heather	Conservative	Great Ayton
8	PARSONS, Stuart	North Yorkshire Independent	Richmond
9	PEACOCK, Yvonne	Conservative	Upper Dales
10	SEDGWICK, Karin	Conservative	Middle Dales
11	THOMPSON, Angus	Conservative	Richmondshire North
12	WEIGHELL, John, OBE	Conservative	Bedale
13	WILKINSON, Annabel	Conservative	Swale
Members other than County Councillors – (1)			
	<i>Name of Member</i>	<i>Representation</i>	
1	Mr Malcolm Warne	Co-opted Member	
Total Membership – (14)		Quorum – (4 County Councillors)	

North Yorkshire County Council

Richmond (Yorks) Area Constituency Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on 14 October 2020, commencing at 1pm – held remotely via Skype.

Present:-

Members: County Councillors Angus Thompson (Chairman), David Blades, Caroline Dickinson, Helen Grant, Bryn Griffiths, David Hugill, Carl Les, Heather Moorhouse, Yvonne Peacock, Karin Sedgwick, John Weighell OBE, Annabel Wilkinson, and co-opted member Malcolm Warne.

Other Cllrs Present: County Councillor David Chance

NYCC Officers: Jayne Charlton (Highways & Transportation Acting Area Manager); Joy Willis (Principal Advisor for School Improvement); Pam Johnson (Transport & Development Control Officer); David Edwardes (ICT Officer); Patrick Duffy & Melanie Carr (Democratic Services Officers)

External Attendees: Scott Robinson (Technical Director, Taylor Wimpey)

Copies of all documents considered are in the Minute Book

84. Chairman's Welcome

As the Chair was absent from the start of the meeting due to technical difficulties, the Vice Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. She also welcomed Scott Robinson – a representative from Taylor Wimpey, attending in regard to agenda item 6 – North Northallerton Infrastructure and Development Project.

85. Minutes

Resolved -

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 20 November 2019, having been printed and circulated, be taken as read and confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

86. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest to note.

87. Public Questions and Statements

The Vice-Chair confirmed there had been two registrations to speak at the meeting, the first a statement put forward by Mrs Janet Povey, in regard to the lack of safe cycle and foot paths between Gilling and Richmond, as detailed below:

'I'd like to put forward the views of the residents of Gilling West and surrounding areas, regarding the lack of a safe cycle and foot path between Gilling and Richmond.

It is unsafe to walk or cycle this route. Children who attend Richmond schools are provided with free school transport, because it is deemed too dangerous, even though two miles is a distance which is usually considered walkable.

In recent years the volume of road users has increased on this road, in part due to the 30 or so businesses along the route.

The issue is that the road has blind bends, and dangerous stretches, where there is no escape route for cyclists or pedestrians, due to the narrowness of the road and lack of a verge.

People risk overtaking cyclists or pedestrians where there is no visibility, and no room to overtake.

This is of huge concern locally. Our petition gathered hundreds of signatures in just a few days, and now stands at 760 signatures, mainly from local people, or people with links to the area. We have support from our Parish Council, and from Rishi Sunak.

There isn't an alternative practical or viable direct route. The designated footpath is not a safe or inclusive path. It isn't suitable for cyclists, pushchairs or the disabled, as it requires folk to navigate ploughed fields, styles, farmland, livestock and a golf course. It is also unlit and unmarked in places so is rendered useless in the darker winter months.

What we need is a direct route which follows the road, but is sympathetic to the beautiful area in which we live. This has been achieved locally when you look at the cycle path next to Longwood Bank in Richmond. It is a pleasure to use, and is hardly visible from the road. It is well used by walkers and cyclists and is accessible for wheelchairs and pushchairs.

It is an ideal time to consider this project as there are funds being made available from central government for this specific purpose.

There is a public willingness to embrace sustainable transport, and encourage cycling and walking, providing an alternative to car use, and reducing pollution and congestion.

There is also an opportunity to improve the physical, mental, and economic well-being of our community, providing accessible exercise, whilst at the same time offering a direct route to jobs in the area, for people who don't own a car.

I would urge you not just to consider cycle paths in areas where they would be easy and cheap to construct, but to think about the more challenging, but more dangerous routes, which members of the public (me included) have been asking you to address for many years.'

In addition to her statement, Mrs Povey provided the following documentation:

- A petition, including comments and signatures
- A list of businesses on the route (Mainly at Aske and Olliver)
- Photos of pinch points
- Photos of holes in the walls and hedges caused by accidents
- Photos of vehicles on the wrong side of the road, avoiding pedestrians
- Photos of cyclists sharing the road
- Comments from community face book page

At this point in the meeting the Chair, County Councillor Angus Thompson joined the meeting.

Members went on to discuss the issue raised and gave their support to the petition, acknowledging that appropriate funding would need to be sourced. Concern was raised that the focus of such government funding was often for urban road schemes rather than small rural road schemes, and it was suggested that the County Council should have a ready list of such schemes in order to be able to move fast once grant funding became available.

Jayne Charlton, Highways & Transportation Acting Area Manager accepted the petition in line with the County Council's petition scheme, and confirmed colleagues in Transport Planning would provide a detailed response at the next meeting of the Area Constituency Committee on 25 November 2020.

The second public statement, presented by Mrs Ruth Annison was in regard to North Yorkshire County Council's policy of not funding Sunday bus services, as detailed below:

'Since 1975, I have been (and still am) a resident, council tax payer, business owner and employer in Upper Wensleydale, Richmondshire. Through being an employer, I became interested in public transport (staff need to be able to get to work if they do not have the use of a car); potential customers must be able to access local facilities; day or staying visitors without cars need to be able to travel into, out of and within Richmondshire and North Yorkshire.

Unfortunately, for some years, North Yorkshire has had a policy of not funding Sunday bus services. This is not the moment to discuss the policy, and I know that my request comes at a time when councillors have many profound issues to consider because of the pandemic. However, just as a jigsaw is made up of many individual pieces, without one of which the picture cannot be completed, so a single bus route that runs entirely within North Yorkshire, connecting four market towns (Northallerton, Bedale, Leyburn and Hawes), is a critical part of the lives of many residents - and a surprising number of our visitors.

The DalesBus 856 makes 3 return journeys between Northallerton and Hawes every Sunday through the year, carrying an average of 80 passengers each day. These passengers board and alight at the bus stops in towns and villages along the route. I know from experience as a passenger on this route what a wide variety of reasons they have for making their journeys - Joining trains at Northallerton station (whether students returning to college or visitors after a week-end in the dales); shopping (there are limited opportunities if you work full-time); getting to church services or Sunday employment; visiting patients at the Friarage; lunch out with friends and family; going for walks or visiting attractions - and motorists whose cars are being repaired or serviced! On a single run, passengers' reasons for travel are very varied but I have met all of these (and more). They also include a proportion of passengers on concessionary passes, from whom fares cannot be recovered, making the financial situation for the operator harder.

In the particular case of the year-round DalesBus 856, its costs are covered until Christmas, 2020. At £250/day costs, and 13 weeks until the new financial year in 2021, would your committee be able to find a way of helping to contribute a proportion of the costs to maintain the year-round service until next Easter?'

In response, a statement provided by Ian Fielding, NYCC's Assistant Director for Passenger Transport was read out at the meeting, as follows:

'The County Council recognises that the Dales Bus 856 Sunday service between Northallerton and Hawes provides a popular and convenient additional public transport option to residents and visitors to the Yorkshire Dales and other rural communities on its route. The Dales and Bowland Public Interest Company are to be congratulated for their work in providing this, and other similar services.

Public transport operates commercially in urban areas where the demand provides services seven days per week, but in rural areas, the demand is often insufficient to be attractive to commercial operators, and other solutions are needed. When the market fails, the County Council has a power to subsidise public transport and North Yorkshire County Council spends over £1.5m p.a. of Council funds providing local bus services to areas of North Yorkshire that would otherwise not have any service. Last year, approximately 1.3million people benefited by travelling on services provided by North Yorkshire County Council. As a Sunday service, the 856 is not one of those supported by the Council although the Council does subsidise services along the routes between Northallerton and Hawes, including nearby villages throughout the rest of the week as well as on Saturdays.

It is acknowledged that Sunday services provide benefits, but the Council is obliged to prioritise the limited funding within the Council towards areas of greatest need. The Council's approach to subsidising public transport is to provide residents with access to essential services such as shops, markets and healthcare facilities. To redirect funding towards Sunday and leisure bus services would mean that others, often the elderly and the more vulnerable, would be denied the vital transport they need for living, and is therefore not something that can be justified.

However, Dales Bus Sunday services currently receive some funding from elected Members' locality budgets and this remains as an opportunity for Council support, where Members feel it appropriate, for this and other such services that otherwise may fall outside the normal policy framework.'

Members considered the information provided, and County Councillor Caroline Dickinson put forward a proposal on behalf of herself and County Councillors David Blades, Annabel Wilkinson, Helen Sedgwick, Yvonne Peacock and John Weighell, that they would be willing to support the request for funding to the end of the financial year, by allocating a one off payment of £500 each from their individual locality budgets.

County Councillor Helen Grant confirmed she too would have been willing to contribute but had no locality budget left for this financial year.

County Councillor David Hugill drew attention to the under-utilised rail transport that was also available in the area, and suggested that the small section between Leeming Bar and Northallerton needed opening to provide another way of accessing the Dales from Northallerton.

County Councillor Carl Les confirmed that the funding proposal put forward by Committee members was a good way of using the locality budget funding made available to councillors, and it was noted that one of the devolution asks within the County Council's submission was for further subsidies to enable further support for public transport.

The Chair thanked both members of the public for their contributions to the meeting.

88. Highways Issues

Members received a verbal update from Jayne Charlton on five highways issues raised at recent informal Area Constituency Committee meetings:

- Cycle route provision - It was confirmed that the County Council had recently been invited to bid for emergency active travel grant funding for the delivery of walking and cycling infrastructure. The money would be spread over two tranches – supporting the installation of temporary projects associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, and supporting the creation of permanent projects with a short lead in time.

It was noted that the process for accessing the funding was yet unknown, but suitable schemes would be put forward in due course. Also, that a local cycling and walking infrastructure plan for Catterick Garrison was programmed to be produced in 2021/22.

- Provision of dropped kerbs in Stokesley – It was confirmed that a number of engineering difficulties had been identified around the west end area of Stokesley, that would make the proposed dropped kerbs difficult to achieve, but all methods were being explored for a positive outcome. Schemes with detailed costings had not yet been worked up, so a further update would be provided at a future meeting.
- Additional spur road off the A6136 at Catterick Garrison – It was confirmed that NYCC's strategic transport model had considered the road capacity at a strategic level to understand the implications of future development on the highway network, and had identified that there was not a need for the additional spur at the proposed location. However, it had identified a number of junctions where capacity would be neared in future years because of development. Additional scenario testing had identified that mitigation at those specific points on the network would enable those junctions to accommodate that increased volume of traffic. County Councillors Helen Grant and Carl Les raised concerns about those findings confirming it did not reflect what local people were experiencing.
- Provision of signage to prevent HGVs from taking a shortcut along a route in Bedale – It was confirmed that the weight limit had now been introduced and solar powered and mains powered signs had been provided.
- Road closure by utility companies in the Great Ayton area – A particular issue with BT carrying out works in that area had been noted. It was confirmed that the street works team quickly dealt with the issue, as BT had the necessary permits to carry out that work, but did not have permission to close the road. It was also noted the road would need to be officially closed again in order for BT to complete those works, and it was agreed that Councillors would be kept updated on closure dates going forward.

Members noted there were often instances where utility companies closed roads without notification and by the time it was reported, the work was often completed and the road re-opened. Also, that the associated fixed penalty notices did not appear to be a deterrent.

The Chair thanked the officer for the detailed update and it was

Resolved – That the update be noted.

89. North Northallerton Infrastructure and Development Project Update

Members considered the written update provided by Taylor Wimpey and County Councillor David Hugill raised a number of issues i.e. HGVs driving past the civic centre and hitting a dead end and the lack of appropriate signage, and flooding on the 684 close to the roundabout.

Scott Robinson, Technical Director from Taylor Wimpey acknowledged the flooding issue and its impact on the area, and confirmed work was ongoing with NYCC engineers to identify a resolution to the drainage problem. He agreed to provide an update in due course.

Pam Johnson - Transport & Development Control Officer confirmed that new signage was to be installed at the Stone Cross roundabout as part of the ongoing improvement works. It was also agreed that some temporary signage could be installed to prevent HGVs going up Brompton Road.

County Councillor Caroline Dickinson suggested the issue of HGVs on street parking along Brompton road also needed addressing, and County Councillor Carl Les suggested the item remain on the Committee's work programme to ensure the work progressed as well as it might do.

Finally, County Councillor David Hugill raised the issue of speed limits across the North Northallerton area, particularly from the roundabout to the new bridge, and it was confirmed that the speed limit on the new link road from Darlington Road through to Stokesley Road had been designed for a 30mph speed limit.

The Chair thanked Scott Robinson and officers for their attendance, and it was

Resolved - That the report be noted

90. Update on Community Support Officers' response in Constituency Area

County Councillor David Chance provided a brief update on the ongoing Community Support work across the Richmond area, which included:

- The six Community Support Organisations (CSOs) had received 288 contacts in the last week or so, with a total of 550 people helped;
- There had been a shift back to increased activity;
- That the CSOs were commissioned until March 2021
- A slight drop in volunteers county-wide

In response to a query from County Councillor Yvonne Peacock it was confirmed that NYCC financial support for the Hubs was guaranteed through to March 2021, and that alongside that funding NYCC had also allocated 24 DEFRA grants of £10k.

Members acknowledged the excellent work of the Hubs and the Stronger Communities Team, and County Councillor Carl Les drew attention to the Head of Stronger Communities having received an MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours list.

Resolved - That the update be noted.

91. Return to Schools

Members received a verbal update on absence figures in schools from Joy Willis, Principal Advisor for School Improvement. Members noted:

- All North Yorkshire schools opened at the beginning of term;
- Levels of school attendance across the Richmond area was at 92% (North Yorkshire average for all schools including Academies - 88%);
- Head teachers and staff were reporting COVID concerns quickly, with regular advice and updates from Public Health England;
- There had been only one school closure due to COVID;

In response to a request from County Councillor Helen Grant, Joy Willis agreed to provide some specific information on Catterick Garrison School outside of the meeting.

County Councillor Annabel Wilkinson queried what was in place to support school staff with their COVID concerns, and it was confirmed that the usual staff Healthcare services were available together with the appropriate mechanisms to direct staff to them. It was also confirmed that school staff had access to Public Health England advice around getting tested and self-isolating.

Resolved – That the update be noted.

92. Items Raised by Members

County Councillor Heather Moorhouse raised the issue of Ambulance services in the Great Ayton area. She confirmed it took approximately eight minutes to travel by blue light from the area into James Cook Hospital. However it had been reported that in the last 8 weeks instead of an ambulance being sent, an air ambulance had instead been used. Anecdotally it was reported that this was due to a shortage of ambulance drivers.

County Councillor Bryn Griffiths also a recent increase in the use of air ambulances in his division, and County Councillor David Blades suggested it might be an issue of capacity.

County Councillor Caroline Dickinson confirmed that the Chair of the Scrutiny of Health Committee was due to meet with an operational lead from the Yorkshire Ambulance Service, and that the issues being raised by Members would be discussed.

93. Work Programme

Considered -

The report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services) providing a Work Programme for Members to consider, develop and adapt.

Information regarding the current Scrutiny Work Programme was also provided for Members to consider in terms of developing the Committee's Work Programme overall.

It was noted that a number of issues for inclusion in the Work Programme had been identified at this meeting and the Work Programme would be updated in accordance with those wishes.

County Councillor Heather Moorhouse questioned whether a discussion on Devolution might be appropriate for the next meeting. Whilst it was likely that the Devolution submission would already have been sent by the time of the next ACC meeting, County Councillor Carl Les agreed a progress update could be provided.

Resolved -

That the Work Programme be updated to reflect the following additional items for the next meeting:

- Petition Response re a safe cycle and foot path between Gilling and Richmond
- Devolution Update
- North Northallerton Written Progress Update (officer attendance may not be required)
- Update on Northallerton College Decant

94. Next Meeting

Resolved -

That the next meeting of the Area Constituency Committee would take place on Wednesday 25 November 2020 at 10am – to be held remotely via Microsoft TEAMS.

The meeting concluded at 2:30pm.
MLC

Gilling West Cycleway/Footpath – Response from Louise Anne Neale – Team Manager, Transport Planning

We were recently invited to bid for emergency grant funding (the Emergency Active Travel Fund or EATF) to support NYCC, as the local Highway Authority, with the delivery of walking/cycling infrastructure to encourage active travel. The money was to be spread over two tranches:

- tranche 1 supports the installation of temporary projects for the COVID-19 pandemic
- tranche 2 supports the creation of permanent projects with a short lead time

I believe that we have already had contact from Janette Povey regarding this scheme and a response was sent to her earlier in the year. We considered this scheme as a potential for the second round of the Emergency Active Travel Fund but it was discounted for a number of reasons, see below:

Scheme Name	Description	Deliverable in 20/21	Replaces well used bus route	Segregated or Road Closure	Cycling AND Walking	Affordable within £1.065m Allocation	Identified in an LCWIP	Cost band	Potential usage	Cost Estimate (£m)
Gilling West To Richmond Footpath/Cycle way	To provide safe passage for pedestrians and cyclists between Gilling West and Richmond by the installation of a raised curb on the East side of the B6274. A footpath/cycle way to be created to a similar standard as that existing between Skeebby and Richmond. This project can be broken down into six stages to build on the footpath provision that already exists. (see email)	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	£1.5m to £2.0m	V Low	£1.8m

In total we assessed over three hundred potential schemes to put forward as part of our bid for tranche 2. The criteria of the funding was particularly stringent and with a relatively small amount of funding available only a handful of schemes were deemed suitable for this round of funding.

The EATF is part of a longer term funding commitment from the Department for Transport in which £2bn has been allocated over the next five years. At this stage we do not know the process for accessing this money but we will ensure that we put forward any suitable schemes once we have further details of the funding. We do not disagree that this scheme will have benefits for some people but we would need a suitable funding opportunity to progress it. The scheme has been included on our long list of cycle schemes so would be considered if a funding opportunity arose.

North Yorkshire County Council

Richmond (Yorks) Constituency Committee - 25 November 2020

North Northallerton Bridge - update

1.0 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To keep Members informed of ongoing progress on the delivery of the Bridge at the North Northallerton Development

2.0 Update

- 2.1 Works on the embankments are continuing on both sides of the railway. The band drains have been installed and basal reinforcement is underway. The band drains allow ground water to flow up into the starter layer of the embankment where it can then flow out horizontally through the starter layer of the embankment. This assists with the consolidation of the existing ground below the embankment. The basal reinforcement is installed to spread loads over the whole of the embankment and reduce the risk of localised failures due to settlement.
- 2.2 Surface water storage pipes have been installed on the eastern side. The diversion of the high voltage overhead lines crossing the site has been completed.
- 2.3 The diversion of Brompton Beck on the western side of the railway has now been completed. This was necessary to accommodate the embankment.
- 2.4 The contractors have confirmed they have had no communications from any third parties including neighbours or community groups relating to their works on site. A web site has been set up to keep the community informed. Signs have been put out informing motorists of the web-site address.
- 2.5 The Contractor is aware of a small number of incidents where HGVs are accessing the site via Northallerton Road from Stonecross and not via the link road as intended. When this occurs the Contractor is making provision for the vehicles to travel through the site and exit via the correct route. The Contractor is reviewing the signing at Stonecross to see if this needs reinforcing to further reduce incidents of site delivery HGVs using Northallerton Road.
- 2.6 Further updates will be provided to future meetings to ensure Members are kept informed of progress on this key developer led project.

3.0 Recommendation

- 3.1 The contents of the report are noted

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30 September 2020



**North Yorkshire County Council
Richmond (Yorks) Area Constituency Committee
25 November 2020**

**North Yorkshire Healthy Child Programme –
Public Consultation on Service Changes**

Purpose of Report

To invite the Area Constituency Committee to comment on this consultation.

Background

North Yorkshire County Council, in partnership with Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust, is proposing a new model for Health Visiting and School Nursing Services (the Healthy Child Programme) in the County.

Proposals

The consultation document is at Appendix A to this report. Appendix B is the survey which poses various questions on which views/comments are sought as part of the consultation.

An officer from the County Council's Health and Adult Services Directorate will be joining this meeting to introduce this report and respond to any questions from Members.

Consultation

The public consultation is taking place between 26 October 2020 to 4 January 2021. A series of online events are planned. In addition, the Healthy Child Programme Team is welcoming the opportunity to speak to any existing meetings or groups which would add value to the consultation process. There is also an online survey which can be accessed at www.northyorks.gov.uk/healthychild

Physical copies of the consultation information, as well as copies in a range of other languages, can be requested by emailing healthychild@northyorks.gov.uk

Area Constituency Committee Comments

Any comments which the Committee wishes to make can be fed into the meeting of the Scrutiny of Health Committee on 18 December 2020.

Recommendation

The Area Constituency Committee is invited to comment on this consultation.

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Background documents: None

The Healthy Child Programme in North Yorkshire

Public consultation on the proposed changes to
health visiting, school nursing and related services

26 October 2020 to 4 January 2021



Introduction

North Yorkshire is home to 130,000 children and young people.

Ensuring a good start in life is a shared goal for all parents, families and communities, as well as for the local organisations responsible for health, education, childcare and welfare.

There is an African proverb that it takes a village to raise a child and that is as true in North Yorkshire as it is around the world. Many people play a part in enabling babies, children and young people to grow and develop at key milestones in their lives. North Yorkshire is a good place in which to live as a child or young person, with a good range of childcare provision, high performing schools and well-recognised health and care services for those children, young people and parents who need extra support.

North Yorkshire County Council, in partnership with Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust, is proposing a new model for the Healthy Child Programme (which currently comprises Health Visiting and School Nursing Services) in the county. We want to hear your views about our proposals and how they can be implemented.

The Healthy Child Programme, which supports children and young people aged 0-19 and their families, is one service amongst many. It offers both universal services (services that every child and family should get, such as the new born visit at 10-14 days) for all children, young people and families and targeted help for those most in need.

This consultation document sets out our proposals which are outlined below.

- We (the council) propose intensifying our focus on children under 5, based on the evidence that supporting them has a greater impact throughout life, gives them the best start in life and prepares them to be ready to learn.
- We want to secure longer term funding and certainty for the Healthy Child Programme in North Yorkshire, within the context of the national reduction in Public Health Grant which is the main source of funding for the service.
- We propose extending and developing the partnership between North Yorkshire County Council and Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust (HDFT), to provide the service for a period of up to ten years, taking us to 2031.
- We want to learn from the emergency changes made to the current service during the response to Covid-19.
- We propose implementing a new service model as a result of all of the above factors.

In putting these proposals forward, we are making clear pledges to you.

Our commitments

- All children and young people will receive universal and targeted services to enable them to have the best start in life, through our work in children's 'early help' and social care, schools and community support for children and young people with additional needs. 'Early help' provides support when need is identified at any point in a child's life. It is not a specific service but a joined up approach across all service providers to work with children, young people and families to prevent the need for statutory/costly interventions.
- We will prioritise our public health grant-funded Healthy Child Programme towards children under five, to support their early development and to ensure that they are ready to learn.
- All new-born babies and their parent(s)/carer(s) will have a face-to-face visit from a qualified Health Visitor.
- We will continue to provide targeted support for 5-19 year olds, through a range of different programmes and services.
- Our Healthy Child 0-19 services will combine a mix of face-to-face, online, individual and group work services, tailored to the personal circumstances of each family.
- We will continue to work with children and families, local service providers in the public and private sector, and voluntary and community groups to ensure that the right support is provided by the right person and at the right time.

What is the Healthy Child Programme?

The Healthy Child Programme is a national health promotion and early support programme for children, young people and their families. It aims to bring together health, education and other partners to deliver an effective programme of services and support. There is a mandatory requirement to provide some elements of the programme.

The programme is currently comprised of the following services.

- An evidence-based approach for the delivery of public health services to families with children aged 0-5, led by Health Visitors.
- Early intervention and prevention public health programmes for children and young people aged 5-19 and their families. These build on the pregnancy to 0-5 service and are led by school nurses.

Since the transfer of Public Health services to councils in April 2013, the Healthy Child Programme has been paid for by local government, under the direction of the Director of Public Health. Most councils, but not all, have worked with an NHS partner to provide the service. In North Yorkshire, until now, Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust has provided separate services for children aged 0-5 and 5-19.

How is the service provided currently?

The current service can be summarised as follows.

HEALTHY CHILD PROGRAMME	
0-5 YEARS	5-19 YEARS
HEALTH VISITING	SCHOOL NURSING
<p>5 MANDATORY HEALTH REVIEWS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Antenatal (28 weeks) check: Health promoting visit • 10-14 days after birth: New baby review • 6-8 weeks old: 6-8 week assessment • 9-12 months old: One year assessment • 2-2½ years old (two to two-and a half-year integrated review) <p>A range of services and support given to families</p>	<p>5 HEALTH REVIEWS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4-5 year old health needs assessment • 10-11 year-old health needs assessment • Screening service <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - National Child Measurement Programme which measures the height and weight of children and brief advice given to families if child is overweight or obese (mandatory requirement) - Vision and hearing screening at school entry • Support for emotional wellbeing and resilience and reducing risk-taking in young people

As such, the Healthy Child Programme forms part of a comprehensive network of children and young people's services commissioned and provided by North Yorkshire County Council, the NHS and other partners in the county. It means that there is an extensive range of support for all children, young people and their families, as well as extra help for those who need it most. Many of the children's services provided by North Yorkshire County Council and Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust are rated by the regulators, Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission, as outstanding or good.

The range and quality of children and young people's services in the county puts North Yorkshire in a relatively good position when public services are faced with significant cuts

in the funding they receive from Central Government. In this case, we are facing a year on year cut of up to £4 million in the Public Health Grant for North Yorkshire.

It is within this context that the County Council is proposing changes to the Healthy Child Programme, with a view to making savings while ensuring that all children continue to have the best start in life and have access to the right support as they grow into adulthood.

Why are we proposing to change the service?

There are three main reasons why we are proposing to change the current service.

The national Public Health Grant is being reduced.

This means that North Yorkshire will lose up to £4 million funding and all Public Health programmes will have to make savings as a consequence. Indeed, some will stop altogether. These proposals, alongside investment in children and young people's emotional and mental well-being and services to reduce drug and alcohol misuse, mean that a third of the Public Health Grant available to the County will continue to be spent on children and young people. This translates to 33% of Public Health Grant being spent on children and young people who constitute about 22% of the North Yorkshire population.

The savings from the Healthy Child Programme budget is £750,000 over three years.

Our priority is to focus on children aged under five

The foundations of a healthy life are set in early childhood and in North Yorkshire, we wish to prioritise investment in children aged 0-5 years in order to ensure they have the best start in life. In the context of the reduction in the Public Health Grant, the council seeks to secure this through a long term funding arrangement for the Healthy Child Programme for a period of up to 10 years. There is evidence that indicates a focus on 0-5 years does not only support improving health outcomes, but improves wider societal and economic outcomes. National policy related to providing the best start in life provides further evidence that increasing investment in children aged 0-5 years can impact on childhood obesity, emotional

wellbeing and school readiness. Improvements in these areas will in turn support lifelong positive outcomes.

The universal elements of the Healthy Child Programme identify children and families who are at risk of poor outcomes and who are in need of additional support. Focussing assessment on children aged 0-5 means the most vulnerable families can be provided with additional support at the earliest opportunity. Health visitors and their teams are skilled practitioners who build parental confidence and can ensure families receive early help before problems develop further. This approach can not only improve the life chances of the child but should reduce demand for higher cost specialist services as the child grows older and, later, in adult life.

We have learned from how services have operated under Covid-19 restrictions

The pandemic has changed how we deliver the current service for the long-term. The profound impact of the virus on society and on public services means that people have been using services differently and some staff have developed new roles and skills. As national lockdown is easing, the current service is recovering but it will never return to the pre-Covid-19 status because of the emergency changes we implemented. This consultation is proposing to learn from the service that has been provided during the Covid-19 pandemic. For example, many families have given feedback saying that access to advice over the telephone, on face time or online has been really helpful to them.

The service will use tools that have been shown to be effective in identifying and measuring risks to assess family need and risk, and ensure that families most in need receive face-to-face contacts.

What will the proposed new service look like?

Most parents and carers can confidently support their child's development, but some experience challenges that can make this task more difficult. Factors such as poor mental health, financial hardship or ongoing conflict in a relationship all influence parents' ability to provide a nurturing environment for their child. There are a range of health promotion activities, support and practices which have good evidence of improving outcomes for children, by working directly with children themselves and helping parents or practitioners to support children's development.

The new service will focus on health promotion activities and early support. It will be an integrated 0-19 service that brings together many aspects of what is currently provided by the health visiting (0-5) and school nursing (5-19) services. We will continue to provide all of the mandatory elements of the service for all age groups. For a small number of families, this may be through a virtual or digital offer. There will be universal and targeted provision with a focus on families with children under the age of five, delivered by appropriately trained, skilled teams. This approach will be an important way of providing children and young people with the skills and resilience they need to achieve a variety of important positive health and wellbeing effects, including increased physical and mental wellbeing, educational attainment, and reduced youth crime and anti-social behaviour.

The new service will build on learning about how services have operated under Covid-19 restrictions, introducing a blended approach of face-to-face and online contact for families, based on robust assessment of the child and family's needs. Families and young people have engaged with services in a way that is relevant and appropriate to their needs and staff have developed new skills to support them in doing so. For example, some people have opted to get extra support online, including peer support from, and group work with, other families.

For the under 5s, the proposals prioritise infant feeding and family diet and nutrition, and children's readiness to learn as areas for improvement in the new service. For children and young people aged 5-19, the proposals prioritise emotional health and resilience and risk taking behaviour as areas for improvement in the new service. This will allow greater integration of the NHS-led Healthy Child Programme with the County Council's Children and Young People's Service and other relevant services across health and social care.

The new service will be delivered through a partnership between North Yorkshire County Council and Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust, using what's called a Section 75 Agreement (which gives powers to local authorities to delegate the provision of services to an NHS Foundation Trust). There will be a separate 30-day public consultation on the partnership agreement in the winter of 2020/2021.

How will the new service be different from the current service?

The proposed new service is significantly different from the current service in a number of ways. It will continue to deliver universal services for all families and will also allow for resources to be targeted to those most in need. Protecting children at risk of harm and those in need remains the top priority.

The main changes are as follows.

- All new babies will have a face-to-face visit from a Health Visitor, and follow up visits will be either face-to-face or online, depending on the family needs and identified risks.
- Services will be provided face-to-face or virtually dependent on family needs and identified risks.
- All contacts with children under one year will be undertaken by a qualified Health Visitor.
- Contacts with families with a child over one year old will be delivered by a skilled team under the direction of a Health Visitor. This approach will allow for a co-ordinated and integrated approach in responding to needs.
- Some of the services provided to school aged children (5-19) such as vision and hearing screening, and advice and support about daytime and night time wetting for school age children will not be provided.
- Support for emotional wellbeing and resilience and in reducing risk taking in young people will be enhanced.
- We are working closely with local partners (Families, Clinical Commissioning Groups, Primary Care, NHS Hospitals, Voluntary Organisations and Community Groups) to ensure that children and families are supported to access alternative services, for the aspects of the current service that will no longer be delivered with the new service. We will ensure that children, young people and families and the wider public have the information on how to access alternative services and support.

What does our equality impact assessment say?

We have carried out an equality impact assessment (EIA) which can be found at www.northyorks.gov.uk/healthychild

Equality impact assessments ensure that our policies, services and legislation do not discriminate against anyone and that, where possible, we promote equality of opportunity.

We will update this following comments received during the consultation and the North Yorkshire County Council Executive and the Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust Board will consider it again before a final decision is made on implementing the new service. The EIA has identified that there will be an impact on children and young people receiving some aspects of the service that will no longer be provided and we will offer

support to families to adapt to those changes. The strength of North Yorkshire's full range of children and young people's services will help families to get the support that they need.

We anticipate that, if these proposals are implemented, the new service will have a positive impact for children, young people and their families, particularly as there will be a single, more integrated 0-19 service across the county which will lead to a more responsive service for children and families. However, we recognise that aspects of the current service delivery model will not be delivered and the partnership will carry out an analysis of the gaps in services to be fully aware of potential risks.

A combination of face-to-face, online and group based service delivery can increase and improve how children and families can be supported. We anticipate that by making joint decisions with families, health and social care providers and schools, the right care and support will be available in a timely manner. Similarly, by greater joint working we will increase and improve how children and families are supported.

How to have your say on these proposals

We want to hear your views on the proposals set out in this document and, in particular on the following three questions:

1. In the context of a reduction in North Yorkshire's Public Health Grant of up to £4 million in the next few years, do you support the proposals to prioritise children under 5, and their families, so that they have the best start in life?
2. In the context of a reduction in North Yorkshire's Public Health Grant of up to £4 million in the next few years, do you support the proposals for 5-19 year olds which are focussed on,
 - supporting vulnerable young people;
 - developing a service to help young people improve their emotional resilience and wellbeing.

How would you see that support being provided to children and young people?

3. We have learned from how we had to adapt during the Covid-19 pandemic, and in future, we want to deliver some of the Healthy Child Programme online and via the telephone.

How do you think digital and telephone services could help support families in North Yorkshire?

You can answer these questions, tell us your views and give us your suggestions in the following ways:

- Go to www.northyorks.gov.uk/healthychild read the information, and complete the online survey before 4 January 2021.
- Email healthychild@northyorks.gov.uk
- Write to us at:

Healthy Child 0-19 consultation
Central Admin Team
North Yorkshire County Council
County Hall
Northallerton
North Yorkshire
DL7 8AE

- If you are unable to complete the survey online, a printout can be requested by emailing healthychild@northyorks.gov.uk
Print outs will also be available on request at your local library.

Please return your completed survey to the above address.

If you would like to request a paper copy of the survey, or require this information in a different language or a more accessible format such as easy read, please contact healthychild@northyorks.gov.uk or call 01609 780780.

You can also register for an online event to hear about our proposals and ask questions:

Date	Time	
3 November 2020	10:30	Register at www.northyorks.gov.uk/healthychild
4 November 2020	18:00	
5 November 2020	13:30	
6 November 2020	10:30	
17 November 2020	10:30	
18 November 2020	18:00	
19 November 2020	13:30	
20 November 2020	10:30	

Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 restrictions, it is unlikely that we will be able to host face-to-face events during this consultation

How long is the consultation?

This will be a 10-week consultation beginning on Monday 26 October 2020 and ending on Monday 4 January 2021. The feedback received will be presented to North Yorkshire County Council and Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust Executives, and subject to the outcome of the consultation, it is anticipated the new service will be in place on 1 April 2021.

What happens after the consultation closes?

The responses received during this public consultation will be considered by North Yorkshire County Council's Executive, as well as its Scrutiny of Health Committee, and by Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust Board, before any final decision is made. Subject to the outcome of this consultation and due consideration, it is proposed that the new service will begin on 1 April 2021.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is this public consultation about?

This consultation is about the proposals for an integrated 0-19 Healthy Child Service, which includes Health Visiting (0-5) and School Aged (5-19) services, and the proposed new model for the delivery of the mandated contacts and targeted support for families.

2. What is the Healthy Child Programme?

The Healthy Child Programme is a national public health programme for children, young people and their families. It aims to bring together health, education and other partners to deliver an effective programme of early intervention, prevention and support. There is a statutory requirement for the Council to provide some elements of the programme.

Health visitors lead the delivery of public health services and support to families, from pregnancy to children aged 0-5.

School nurses lead some of the public health services and support for children, young people (aged 5-19) and their families.

Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust currently provides the Healthy Child Programme in North Yorkshire.

3. Why a new service model is being proposed?

The national Public Health Grant in North Yorkshire has reduced by up to £4 million. As a result, North Yorkshire County Council will have to make savings across all Public Health programmes. Some programmes have stopped or will stop.

In the context of the reduction in Public Health Grant, we are prioritising children aged 0-5. This is based on the evidence that increasing investment in children during their early years can positively affect many areas of a child's life, which in turn support lifelong positive outcomes.

We have also prioritised support for vulnerable young people and emotional resilience and wellbeing in children and young people.

Protecting children at risk of harm and those in need remains the top priority for the programme.

We are looking to continue our relationship with Harrogate and District Foundation Trust for a longer term of up to 10 years. This will provide the opportunity to transform the way we provide services to children and families, and help closely align the programme with the Early Help Service run by the County Council's Children and Young People's Service, as well as other health services and community support

4. How will vulnerable children and young people be supported?

There will be no significant change to the health visitors' role in local safeguarding procedures and processes.

The School Aged (5-19) Safeguarding Model includes a team aligned with the North Yorkshire Multi-Agency Screening Team (MAST) to support safeguarding procedures where it is deemed appropriate for the service to be engaged beyond the initial strategy meeting. The new model for children and young people aged 5-19 includes a specialist team of nurses to support children subject to a child protection plan and children who are looked after. The model adheres to the North Yorkshire Safeguarding Policy, Procedures and Practices.

5. What difference will the new service model make to children, young people and families?

Every family with a child under 5 years will receive the five mandatory health reviews. The service will aim to deliver on 100% of contacts with a focus on face-to-face delivery for key contacts (the five health reviews detailed in the table in the 'How is this service provided currently' section) in families identified as requiring face-to-face/ home visits through a

robust Family Health Needs Assessment. Some contacts will be carried out using virtual methods based on robust risk assessment.

However, because of the reduction in Public Health grant and the focus on children under 5, the programme will not be able to provide the level of service that has previously been provided to school aged children (5-19). Some of the services that have stopped or will stop include:

- Hearing and vision screening at school entry
- Perinatal mental health listening visits (support for women who may experience anxiety and depression during pregnancy and after childbirth)
- Drop-ins in schools – to offer advice and support on health and wellbeing issues (e.g. children with asthma and sexual health support)
- Level 1 continence support (advice and support about daytime and night time wetting) for school age children
- Sexual health services
- Sign off of school health care plans
- School entry and Year 6 health questionnaires

6. How will I get support for the services that are stopping?

The Healthy Child Programme is only one source of support and information for children and families, and they are often in contact with many services and agencies. The proposals present the opportunity for closer working between the programme and other health and social services and community support, to ensure support that meets the individual needs of children, young people and families.

We are therefore working together to develop systems and processes that will enable families and young people to access the support they need. Some of these are explained below.

Families with children under 5 years

7. Will I still have a named health visitor?

Every family with a child under 5 years will have a named health visitor.

8. Will all child health clinics close? How will babies be weighed?

Well Baby Clinics will not be offered as part of the proposed model. Babies will be weighed in line with the recommendations in the Healthy Child Programme for example when targeted support is required to support with infant feeding or where babies need targeted support to monitor development.

The service will assess community need and use venues to provide group support to meet the needs of the local population. For example, group activities to support breast feeding or maternal mental health/ perinatal mental health and attachment.

9. How will perinatal mental health concerns be identified and supported if perinatal mental health listening visits no longer take place?

The Health Visitor will identify maternal mental health needs through the Family Health Needs Assessment and assessment of risk factors. Targeted support may be provided through listening visits (support for women who may experience anxiety and depression during pregnancy and after childbirth) or group activity or signposting to online support and activities.

10. How will young parents be supported?

Young parents will continue to be considered a vulnerable group and will receive all five mandated contacts and targeted support when required.

Children and young people (5-19)

11. Will my school have a named school nurse?

No, there will not be capacity in the 5-19 workforce to provide a named school nurse for each school. The service will develop online support available to schools. The emotional health and resilience team will provide targeted support to children and young people at Tier 1 Children and Adolescent Mental Health Service level (early support for children and young people with low level emotional and mental health issues).

12. What will happen if parents have concerns about their child's hearing?

Hearing will be considered at all 0-5 health reviews. At any point health visitors can refer direct to audiology for a hearing test. We are also developing ways that will enable professionals (e.g. teachers and GPs) to refer children with hearing problems to hospital audiology services for a hearing test.

13. What will happen if parents have concerns about their child's vision?

Routine eye checks are offered to newborn babies and young children to identify any problems early. Free NHS sight tests are also available at opticians for children under 16 and for young people under 19 in full-time education.

14. Who will sign off school health care plans for children and young people with managed asthma, epilepsy and diabetes?

There is not a formal requirement for health care plans to be “signed off” by a health professional. However, the health professional overseeing the child’s care would be asked to input into the plan. This can be any health professional and would only be a school nurse if they are overseeing the child's care

15. Who will provide continence support (advice and support about daytime and night time wetting) for school age children?

We are developing ways that families can access the information they need to self-manage these conditions at the level 1 (low level) stage.

16. Who will provide sexual health advice and support?

The Council will continue to support the delivery of quality Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE) and implementation of statutory relationships and sex education (SRE) in schools. The service will provide effective signposting to local sexual health services.

17. Monthly GP liaison will stop and will be delivered differently. What does this mean?

The current process for GP liaison about children, young people and families will be reviewed. We will discuss how the health visiting and school nursing services liaise with practices in partnership with GPs once the new model is agreed.

Glossary

Local organisations

A local organisation is an organisation which delivers services or activities in a particular area. For us this means within the North Yorkshire boundary in one or all of the 7 local district or borough areas.

Universal services

Services that every child and family should get for example the new born visit at 10-14 days.

Targeted services

Services that are for people with specific needs, for example the emotional and mental wellbeing service for young people.

Early help

Early Help provides support when need is identified at any point in a child's life. It is not a specific service but a joined up approach across all service providers to work with children, young people and families to prevent the need for statutory/costly interventions.

Public sector agencies

Public sector agencies are organisations which deliver Government provided services such as North Yorkshire County and District Councils or partners such as Harrogate District Foundation Trust

Evidence based approach

An approach where research has proven that services and support work well. This approach helps us to agree what to carry on doing and what to change.

Evidence based tools

Evidence based tools can be things like questionnaires, interviews, observations, risk assessments. These tools can help us to identify what works well and what does not.

Commissioned services

This is where the local authority (e.g. NYCC) has asked and appointed a provider to deliver a particular service. For example, NYCC has commissioned HDFT to provide parts of the Healthy Child Programme like health visiting and school nursing services.

Outcomes

We want any services we provide to be able to support you and your child to have a healthy start. This is an 'outcome' of the service commissioned.

Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs)

CCGs are groups of general practices (GPs) which come together in each area to commission the best services for their patients and population.

Primary care

This is the first point of contact with the health care system. Primary care includes general practice, community pharmacy, dental, and optometry (eye health) services.

Gap analysis

An analysis of the gaps in services, which should include what needs to be done to address them.

Mandated contacts

Mandatory visits that every family with a child under five receives from the health visitor to carry out health reviews.

Key mandated contacts/visits

- Antenatal (28 weeks) check: health promoting visit
- 10-14 days after birth: new baby review
- 6-8 weeks old: 6-8 week assessment
- 9-12 months old: one year assessment
- 2-2½ years old (two to two-and a half-year integrated review)

Child Protection Plan

This is a plan made after a child has been the subject of a Child Protection case conference.

Local safeguarding procedures and processes

These are guidelines and activities that explain what the council will do to keep children and young people safe.

Tier 1 services

Early support for children and young people with low level emotional and mental health issues.

The Healthy Child Programme in North Yorkshire

Public consultation on the proposed changes to
health visiting, school nursing and related services

26 October 2020 to 4 January 2021



Public consultation on proposed changes to the Healthy Child Programme 0-19 service (health visiting, school nursing and related services)

North Yorkshire County Council, in partnership with Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust, is proposing a new model for the Healthy Child Programme (which currently comprises Health Visiting and School Nursing Services) in the county.

We want to hear your views about these proposals and how they can be implemented.

The Healthy Child Programme, which supports children and young people aged 0-19 and their families, is one service among many. It offers both universal services for all children, young people and families and targeted help for those most in need.

Please complete and return this survey before 9am on 4 January, 2021.

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Please tell us which district you live in:

- Selby
- Richmondshire
- Hambleton
- Scarborough
- Ryedale
- Harrogate
- Craven

What is your gender?

- Male
- Female
- I describe myself in another way
- Prefer not to say

What is your ethnicity?

- White
- Mixed/Multiple ethnic groups
- Asian/Asian British
- Black/African/Caribbean/Black British
- Other ethnic group
- Prefer not to say

Which age category are you in?

- Under 16
- 16-19
- 20-29
- 30-39
- 40-49
- 50-64
- 65-74
- 75-84
- 85 +
- Prefer not to say

Do you consider yourself to be a disabled person or to have a long-term, limiting condition?

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say

In what role are you completing this survey? (Please tick all that apply)

- I am responding on behalf of an organisation/in my professional role
- I am a member of the public who lives in North Yorkshire
- I am a healthy child service user
- I am a member of staff affected by the change to the service

In the context of a reduction in North Yorkshire’s Public Health Grant of up to £4 million in the next few years, do you support the proposals to prioritise children under 5, and their families, so that they have the best start in life?

Yes

No

Please give reasons for your answer:

(Please don't include any personal or sensitive information in these answers)

Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary.

In the context of a reduction in North Yorkshire's Public Health Grant of up to £4 million in the next few years, do you support the proposals for 5-19 year olds, which are focussed on:

- **supporting vulnerable young people**
- **developing a service to help young people improve their emotional resilience and wellbeing**

Yes

No

Please give reasons for your answer:

(Please don't include any personal or sensitive information in these answers)

Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary.

We have learned from how we had to adapt during the Covid-19 pandemic, and in future, we want to deliver some of the Healthy Child programme online and via the telephone. How do you think digital and telephone services could help support families in North Yorkshire?

(Please don't include any personal or sensitive information in these answers)

Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary.

THANK YOU FOR COMPLETING THIS SURVEY.

Please return your completed survey to:

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**North Yorkshire County Council
Richmond Area Constituency Committee
25 November 2020**

Schools, educational achievement and finance

1.0 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To inform Members of the local educational landscape, educational achievement and the financial challenges which affect schools in the Richmond constituency committee area.

2.0 Local educational landscape

- 2.1 In total there are 72 schools in the constituency area. There are now 18 primary academies & Free Schools and 4 secondary academies within the Richmond constituency area. The academy conversion rate is slightly higher within the constituency area than the county as a whole (29% of primary schools in the area compared to 28.3% in North Yorkshire, and 57.1% of secondary schools in the area, compared to 56% in North Yorkshire).

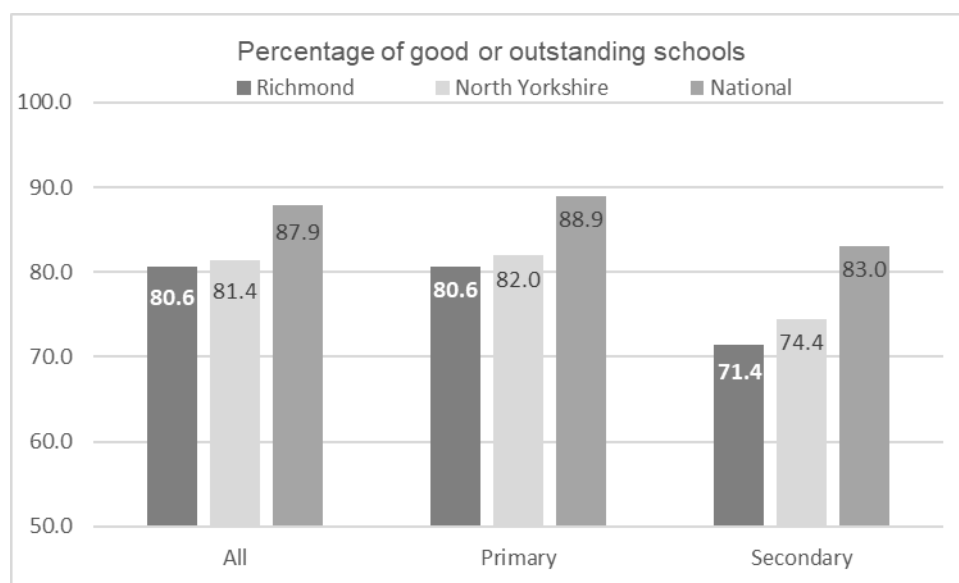
Summary of schools' status – October 2020

	Schools in North Yorkshire		Schools in Richmond ACC	
Primary Maintained	218	71.7%	44	71%
Primary Academy & Free Schools	86	28.3%	18	29%
Total	304		62	
Secondary Maintained	19	44%	3	42.9%
Secondary Academy	24	56%	4	57.1%
Total	43		7	
Special Maintained	8	80%	2	100%
Special Academy	2	20%	0	0%
Total	10		2	
PRU Maintained	4	80%	1	100%
PRU Academy	1	20%	0	0%
Total	5		1	
Total maintained	249	69%	50	69.4%
Total Academy	113	31%	22	30.6%
Overall Total	362		72	

3.0 School standards

3.1 School Ofsted judgements

In the constituency area 80.6 per cent of primary schools are judged good or outstanding by Ofsted, which is slightly below the North Yorkshire and national averages. In terms of secondary schools, 71.4 per cent are judged good or outstanding, which is lower than the North Yorkshire average. There are 13 schools currently judged requires improvement/inadequate.



3.2 Attainment overall

Following the Coronavirus pandemic and lockdown, pupils in all phases of schooling did not sit formal examinations. This means that for GCSE and A Levels, pupils' grades are based on centre assessed grades (CAGs) or the grade calculated by the exam board during the standardisation process, whichever is higher. Schools followed rigorous guidance in order to make sure that their CAGs were as accurate as possible. Since government guidance states that 2020 outcomes must not be used for monitoring and accountability purposes, the Local Authority will not be publishing 2020 examination results or outcomes at any key stage. With regard to Ofsted, inspections have ceased and will not be reinstated until January 2021 although Ofsted 'visits' will be undertaken during the Autumn term in order to gather information about how schools across the country are managing the full return to school. Guidelines to Ofsted inspectors say that the data and information will be based on 2019 exam results.

The following sections provide 2019 outcomes on:

- Early Years Foundation Stage – assessment at the end of reception (4-5 year olds)
- Key Stage 2 – assessment at the end of primary school (10-11 year olds)
- Key Stage 4 – assessment at the end of secondary school (15-16 year olds)
- Key Stage 5 – assessment at the end of sixth form/college (17-18 year olds)

3.3 Early Years Foundation Stage Profile

73.2% of children in the constituency area achieved a Good Level of Development. The level of performance has improved since 2017 and is slightly higher the national and North Yorkshire averages.

Early Years Foundation Stage Profile – percentage achieving a good level of development			
	Richmond	North Yorkshire	National
2017	72.4%	71.6%	70.7%
2018	72.9%	72.5%	71.6%
2019	73.2%	72.8%	71.8%

3.4 Key Stage 2

61.5% of children in the constituency area achieved the expected level or above in reading, writing and maths combined, which is slightly lower than the North Yorkshire and national benchmarks. The level of performance has decreased slightly since 2018.

Key Stage 2 - percentage achieving the expected standard or above in reading, writing and maths combined.			
	Richmond	North Yorkshire	National
2017	60.9%	58.7%	61.1%
2018	62.8%	62.2%	64.4%
2019	61.5%	63.3%	65.0%

3.5 Key Stage 4

The average Attainment 8 score, which measures the achievement of a pupil across eight qualifications, was 46.0. This is below the North Yorkshire and national average. Performance has decreased since 2017.

KS4 – Average Attainment 8 Score			
	Richmond	North Yorkshire	National
2017	48.1	49.6	46.3
2018	46.4	48.3	46.4
2019	46.0	48.7	46.7

The Progress 8 score, which measures a pupil's progress from the end of primary school to the end of secondary school, was close to the national average, but below the North Yorkshire average (0 is the national average).

KS4 – Average Progress 8 Score			
	Richmond	North Yorkshire	National
2017	0.11	0.17	0.00
2018	0.03	0.13	0.00
2019	-0.07	0.09	0.00

The percentage achieving a grade 5 or above (grading is 9-1) in English and Maths was 39.1%. This is below the national and North Yorkshire average.

KS4 – Percentage achieving a grade 5 or above in English and Maths			
	Richmond	North Yorkshire	National
2017	45.8%	50.4%	42.6%
2018	41.5%	47.7%	43%
2019	39.1%	47.4%	43.2%

3.6 Key Stage 5

The A-level average point score per entry in the constituency was 32.2, which is marginally below the national and North Yorkshire averages

KS5 – A-level average point score per entry			
	Richmond	North Yorkshire	National
2017	32.5	32.3	31.3
2018	31.3	33.0	32.1
2019	32.2	34.2	32.9

3.7 Not in education, employment or training

There were 1029 young people recorded in Year 11 in January 2019 and of this cohort only 7 (0.68%) were not in education, employment or training after leaving school as of April 2020.

4.0 Fixed-term and Permanent Exclusions

4.1 Fixed-term exclusion incidents

The table below shows the number of fixed-term exclusion incidents for 2019/20 and the previous three full academic years, and the most common reasons for exclusion.

In the 2019/20 school year, up to Covid-19 lockdown (23rd March 2020), 644 of the 4111 incidences of fixed-term exclusions in mainstream schools across the county were applied to 245 children and young people who went to schools in the constituency. The current rate of children fixed-term excluded at least once in the year is 1.9% of the mainstream school population in the constituency.

The most common reason for a fixed-term exclusion in the constituency has consistently been 'persistent disruptive behaviour'.

Fixed term exclusions				
Academic year	Richmond	North Yorkshire	Percentage of North Yorkshire total	Most common reason
2019/20 (up to 23rd March Covid-19 lockdown)	644	4111	15.7%	Persistent disruptive behaviour (43%)
2018/19	867	5962	14.5%	Persistent disruptive behaviour (53.4%)
2017/18	1020	6,005	17.0%	Persistent disruptive behaviour (45.2%)
2016/17	918	4,583	20.0%	Persistent disruptive behaviour (46.5%)

In 2019/20 there were 13,291 pupils in the constituency against 82,957 pupils countywide. This meant that schools in the constituency area had a 16.02% share of the total schools' population in North Yorkshire.

In 2018/19 schools in the constituency area had a 14.5% share of fixed term exclusions for the whole county. This increased to 15.7% in the 2019/20 academic year prior to lockdown in March.

Fixed-term exclusions can be a useful sanction, but frequent use can place pressure on family and foster placements, impacts on achievement, and may lead to risky behaviour while the pupil is not in school during the day.

4.2 Permanent exclusions

The table below shows the number of permanent exclusions for 2019/20 and the previous three full academic years, and the most common reasons for exclusion. In 2018/19, the constituency had the second highest permanent exclusion rate of all constituencies in the county. While in previous years the most common reason for

permanent exclusion was persistent disruptive behaviour, in the 2019/20 school year prior to lockdown it was drug and alcohol related behaviour.

Permanent exclusions				
Academic year	Richmond	North Yorkshire	Percentage of North Yorkshire total	Most common reason
2019/20 (up to 23rd March Covid-19 lockdown)	15	54	27.8%	Drug and Alcohol Related (6 exclusions)
2018/19	16	87	18.4%	Persistent disruptive behaviour (61.5%)
2017/18	17	103	16.5%	Persistent disruptive behaviour (35.3%)
2016/17	13	86	15.1%	Persistent disruptive behaviour (46.2%)

4.3 From September 2020 the transition of the Pupil Referral Service (PRS) to provide preventative places to reduce the need for secondary exclusions has been introduced. Schools are able to request placements at the PRS as part of a joint education programme for children that are disengaging from mainstream school. The partnership approach between the PRS and school will ensure that children receive the necessary support without a permanent exclusion.

5.0 Special Education Needs and Disabilities

5.1 Reshaping of SEN Provision in Richmond over the 2019/20 Academic Year

5.1.1 Targeted Mainstream Provision

As part of the SEND Strategic Plan for Educational provision 2018-23, it was identified that there was a need to change the model for Enhanced Mainstream School (EMS) to provide greater numbers of full time places for children with an Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plan who were able to access mainstream schooling but with additional support to meet their special educational needs. A new model of provision, Targeted Mainstream Provision (TMP) has been developed which is intended to help the LA meet demand for full time education provision for children with SEND and who have an Education, Health and Care Plan. As the number of children with an EHC Plan continues to rise and demand increases on special school and high cost independent school places the establishment of full time places in TMP will assist the LA in providing suitable local education provision to meet levels of demand.

Following the required statutory process the decision to implement these changes from September 2020 was approved in August 2020. The number of schools

currently approved to operate TMP represents the first phase and it is intended that over the next year further schools will be brought on board to increase the total number of TMP across the county. Wensleydale School and Alverton Primary School have been approved to provide Targeted Mainstream Provisions for Communication and Interaction needs in the first phase. A partnership between Thirsk School and Hambleton and Richmondshire PRS has also been approved to deliver a TMP for Social, Emotional and Mental Health needs for Secondary age pupils. All provisions are expected to be operational no later than September 2021.

Outreach support and intervention for children and young people with SEND will continue to be met by the new SEND multi-disciplinary hubs made up of specialist staff employed directly by the Local Authority including specialist teachers, practitioners, educational psychologists and therapists. These Hubs have been operational since September 2020 and are working with schools to provide support to children as and when required.

5.2 SEN Statistics for Constituency Area

As of January 2020 there were 566 children living in the constituency with a North Yorkshire funded EHC plan, 16.7% of the North Yorkshire total. The most common needs for children with a North Yorkshire funded EHC plan living in the area are Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) at 36.9 % and Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) at 16.9%, and Moderate Learning Disabilities (MLD) at 16%.

As of January 2020 school census there were 1761 children recorded as receiving SEN Support from schools in this constituency, 19.2% of the North Yorkshire total. The most common needs for children receiving SEN support in the area are Speech, Language and Communication at 21.5% and Specific Learning Difficulties (e.g. dyslexia) at 19.3%.

6.0 School Finance

6.1 Schools in Financial Difficulty – the countywide position

As of March 2020 the overall position for North Yorkshire Schools was:

- 37 schools with accumulated deficits totalling £7.2M
- This was an increase of £2.2M from 2018/19 (after adjusting for school closures, amalgamations and academy conversions in 2019/20)
- Deficits range from £1k (small primary) up to £1.6M (special school)
- Average primary school deficit is £45k
- Average secondary school deficit is £521k
- Of the 37 schools, 19 are predicting that their position will deteriorate
- 18 schools are projected to improve their position, but only 9 are projected to get back into surplus.

6.2 School Projections - Based on May 2020/21 Start budgets

- 115 LA maintained schools (49%) are projecting an in-year deficit in 2020/21
- 7 schools will move from a surplus balance to a deficit balance by March 2021
- 15% of LA maintained schools are in deficit – that is projected to rise to just over one in five by 2021/22 and two out of every five by March 2023.

	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
Number of Schools in Deficit	54	47	37	35	55	93
Value of Deficit	£4.4M	£6.0M	£7.2M	£9.4M	£12.5M	£18.3M
Proportion of schools in deficit	19%	18%	15%	15%	23%	40%

6.3 Funding

- Concern around overall quantum of funding given cost pressures (e.g. future pay awards, additional expenditure and income loss associated with Covid-19)
- North Yorkshire secondary schools are placed 133 out of 149 local authorities in terms of funding. On average, a school in North Yorkshire will receive £5,151 per pupil in 2020-21 compared to a national average of £5,496. Comparing the funding for a 1,500 pupil secondary school this equates to a difference in funding of £0.5m
- For primary schools, a North Yorkshire school will receive on average £4,347 per pupil compared to a national average of £4279.
- Concern over impact of continued high needs financial pressures on school budgets
- North Yorkshire has a number of schools that, geographically, are vital in serving their local communities. Inadequate sparsity funding and general financial pressures, particularly for smaller secondary schools, continue to be a significant concern.

6.4 Schools in Financial Difficulty – Richmond

36 primary school budgets, 3 secondary school budgets, 2 special school budgets, and 1 PRU budget.

2020/21	2022/23
6 school budgets projecting to be in deficit by March 2021; 14.3% school budgets in Richmond	16 school budgets projecting to be in deficit by March 2023; 38.1% school budgets in Richmond
3 primaries; 2 secondaries and 1 special	11 primaries; 2 secondaries, 2 special, 1 PRU
Total value of deficits = £2,311k	Total value of deficits = £5,361k
Average primary deficit = £36k; Average secondary deficit = £521k Average special deficit = £1,162k	Average primary deficit = £36k; Average secondary deficit = £928k Average special deficit = £1,500k Average PRU deficit = £110k

7.0 Planning school places

7.1 School sustainability

The sustainability of schools is largely influenced by three key factors which are usually related to each other:

- Falling pupil rolls
- School standards
- Financial difficulty

Where school closures have regrettably occurred in North Yorkshire all of these factors have been relevant. There have been ten closures in the county over the last three years, with three of these occurring in the constituency area.

7.2 Collaborative working

Collaborative working is two or more schools working together to the mutual benefit of their pupils with the overall aim of improving outcomes for all. This has the potential to broaden opportunities and contribute to efficiencies. There are now 19 schools supported by nine federations in the Richmond area. All nine of these federations are maintained schools with a single governing body and headteacher. There are also 3 less formal collaborations between schools in the Richmond constituency.

7.3 Pupil rolls – current and future

The County Council has a statutory duty to ensure sufficient school places are available for every child under the Education Act 1996. For this purpose, it groups schools together into planning areas in accordance with the requirements of the Education and Skills Funding Agency. Appendix 1 shows the planning areas together with:

- Capacity in the planning area
- Current numbers on roll
- Projected future numbers
- Projected impact of approved housing developments

The County Council is carefully monitoring pupil numbers across the Richmond constituency area. A large proportion of the constituency is rural and served by small schools located within villages. A falling birth rate combined with changing demographics means that a number of small schools are facing financial challenges associated with low numbers on roll. Across the constituency the schools have worked innovatively to mitigate these challenges including forming local federations. Like all small schools the fluctuation of pupil numbers exacerbates the already challenging nature of school funding.

The general picture across the whole of the County shows projected growth in the urban areas contrasting with declining numbers in rural locations. There are several social and economic reasons for this including the availability and price of housing and employment factors.

In terms of projected growth in urban areas, Northallerton is the main urban area within the Hambleton region and Catterick Garrison is the main urban area within Richmondshire. These two areas will accommodate most of the housing growth generated through both the Hambleton Local Plan and the Richmondshire Local Plan proposals. Catterick Garrison is made up of the three adjoining parishes of Hipswell, Colburn and Scotton and a high proportion of the Richmondshire Local Plan's projected housing has been allocated to sites within this area, while a high proportion of the Hambleton Local Plan's projected housing in Northallerton has been allocated to the North Northallerton Development Area.

The key points to note within LA planning areas across the constituency area are:

- 7.4** *Catterick Area* - As part of a new operating model for the Army, two strike brigades will be located at Catterick Garrison. STRIKE represents the highest priority for the Army and the biggest change to its operational capability and carries with it the largest financial demands. By 2031, it is expected that the level of military personnel at Catterick will reach 9,500 (currently circa 6,000) and, with the increase in number of accompanying dependents, it is expected that £806m will be invested into Catterick and the Garrison. By the time the strike brigades' moves have been completed (between 2021 – 2031), Catterick will be the third largest town in North Yorkshire.

Additionally, Catterick Garrison is the main area of projected housing growth in the Richmondshire Local Plan. The Catterick STRIKE project will require significant investment in Service Families Accommodation and the Richmondshire Local Plan proposes significant open market housing, making the provision of school places a key issue for the County Council. There is still some uncertainty about the timescale of the proposed Service Families Accommodation and, therefore, about the timing of the future demand for school places. However, additional classrooms have been added to Le Cateau Primary School and a new academy, known as Cambrai Community Primary School, opened in September 2019 under phased and gradual growth each year to avoid destabilising existing local primary schools. Cambrai currently is a 1 Form Entry (1FE) school, with a net capacity of 210, but has the potential to increase to 2FE and 420 places.

- 7.5** *Northallerton Area* - The primary schools in Northallerton serve the existing housing, which is concentrated to the south of the town. However, the northern edge of the town is identified in the Local Plan as the preferred site for growth. The strategic site for development is the North Northallerton Development Area (NNDA) and the 1,380 dwellings proposed for the Northallerton area will place demands on its educational infrastructure by creating a shortfall of school places. Consequently, land has been safeguarded within the NNDA for a new 1FE, 210 place primary school. Planning permission was granted in September 2020. Having this approval provides confidence that the remaining processes to establish the school in September 2022 can now commence. The design of the building is single storey and allows for future expansion to 2FE should that be required.

Northallerton School and Sixth Form's site is constrained and the Arete Academy Trust is proposing to transfer the town's secondary school to the site of the former Allertonshire School, which is a larger site in Northallerton. Central government capital funding for the project has been approved and Arete propose to relocate the secondary school to the Allertonshire site in Northallerton as soon as possible, and hopefully by September 2021. Officers are currently considering the potential options for future use of the (to be) vacated Grammar School Lane site in Northallerton.

7.6 *Swaledale Area* - Schools within Swaledale's inner and outer areas face opposing pressures. The demographic trend in its outer, rural areas led to the relatively recent closure of Arkengarthdale Primary School in Swaledale. A falling birth rate, the availability and affordability of housing and employment factors has caused a fall in numbers in many schools. However, in contrast, schools in Swaledale's inner areas are projecting growth. Schools such as Brompton-on-Swale and Middleton Tyas have relatively high numbers on roll, and proposed housing in Richmondshire's Local Plan, such as the Gatherley Road development, is leading to a one class expansion at Brompton-on-Swale.

7.7 *Stokesley Area* – Stokesley follows a similar pattern, with sparser populations in its outer areas. The closure of two schools along the Stokesley corridor has reduced some of the surplus spaces in the outer, more rural, areas. However, despite the consequent enlargement of catchment areas, there are still generally high surplus places in those remaining primary schools sitting along the corridor running from the centre out towards Northallerton.

The appended figures illustrate how both the primary and the secondary schools in Stokesley have surplus spaces. The developments proposed in Stokesley by the Hambleton Local Plan are not forecast to generate a shortfall of spaces in either school.

7.8 *Wensleydale Area* - Wensleydale does not echo the general picture across the constituency area of projected growth in the urban areas. Even in Leyburn, schools such as the Wensleydale School and Sixth Form have high surplus places. There are surplus places across the whole school system in Wensleydale and there is projected to be an increasing and significant surplus of secondary and primary spaces going forward. The rural areas of the constituency are characterised by small primary schools serving sparsely populated villages and even super-sparsely populated very extensive areas. Wensleydale's geography, combined with its low pupil numbers, has led to financial and organisational challenges for these schools affected.

7.9 *Bedale Area* – Bedale High School currently has significant surplus spaces and therefore can absorb the anticipated pupil yield from the Local Plan. However, forecasts predict the housing growth could create a shortfall of places at Bedale Primary School. Consequently, three additional primary classrooms have been constructed through a combination of basic need funding and Section 106 developer contributions.

8.0 Recommendation
8.1 That Members note the report on educational factors in the Richmond constituency area.

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APPENDIX 1

Planning Areas and forecast surplus/shortfall school places

School planning area	Places available as at 2019/2020	Number on Roll 2014/2015	Number on roll 2019/2020	Surplus Capacity 2019/2020	Forecast pupils as at 2024/2025	Pupils from current housing permissions until 2024/2025	Surplus capacity 2024/25
PRIMARY							
Bedale Bedale CE	420	317	349	71	314	43	63
Bedale Outer Area Aiskew, Leeming Bar CE Burneston CE (VA) Crakehall CE Primary Hackforth and Hornby CE Hunton and Arrathorne CP Leeming and Londonderry CP Leeming RAF CP Snape CP St. Nicholas CE Primary, West Tanfield Thornton Watlass CE	963	603	598	365	602	40	321
Total	1383	920	947	436	916	83	384
Catterick Garrison Carnagill CP Le Cateau CP Wavell Community Infant Wavell Community Junior Cambrai Primary Academy	1401	857	1047	354	1162	60	179
Catterick Outer Area Bolton-on-Swale St Mary's CE Colburn CP Hipswell CE Primary Michael Syddall CE (Aided)	818	582	724	94	754	63	1
Total	2219	1439	1771	448	1916	123	180
Northallerton Alverton CP Applegarth Primary Broomfield School Mill Hill CP Romanby Primary Sacred Heart RC	1347	1181	1185	162	1216	181	- 50
Northallerton Outer Area Ainderby Steeple CE Appleton Wiske CP Brompton CP East Cowton CE Great Smeaton Academy Kirkby Fleetham CE Osmotherley Primary (Inc South Otterington CE –other constituency)	819	562	572	247	567	71	181
Total	2166	1743	1767	399	1783	252	131

Stokesley Primary Area Stokesley Primary	399	296	223	176	157	60	182
Stokesley Primary Outer Area Bilsdale Midcable Chop Gate CE Carlton & Faceby CE VA Hutton Rudby Ingleby Greenhow CE VA Kirkby & Great Broughton CE VA Marwood CE VC Infant Roseberry Academy	835	719	698	137	650	38	147
Total	1234	1015	921	313	807	98	329

Swaledale Primary Brompton-on-Swale CE Primary Middleton Tyas CE Richmond Methodist St Mary's RC Primary Trinity Academy Richmond	1196	1062	993	203	925	27	244
Swaledale Primary Outer Area Barton CE Primary Croft CE Primary Eppleby Forcett CE Gunnorside Methodist Melsonby Methodist North & South Cowton CP Ravensworth CE Primary Reeth CP	525	410	339	186	317	22	186
Total	1721	1472	1332	389	1242	49	430

Thirsk Outer Area Pickhill CE Primary and 8 schools outside the constituency area	968	737	864	104	837	80	51
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Wensleydale Primary Leyburn Primary	210	178	195	15	188	5	17
Wensleydale Primary Outer Area Askrigg VC Primary Bainbridge CE Primary & Nursery Hawes Primary Middleham CE Primary Spennithorne CE Primary West Burton CE	423	273	261	162	267	6	150
Total	633	451	456	177	455	11	167

SECONDARY							
Bedale Bedale High School	935	649	482	453	450	45	440

Catterick Risedale Sports and Community College	925	417	533	392	758	47	120
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Northallerton Northallerton School & Sixth Form	1282	1298	1011	271	1021	65	196
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Stokesley Stokesley School	1269	1148	1155	114	1155	25	89
Swaledale Richmond School St Francis Xavier School	2180	1975	1853	327	1815	32	333
Wensleydale The Wensleydale School & 6 th Form	492	473	358	134	339	5	148

Note

- Figures above take into account outstanding housing permissions, but not undetermined planning applications or draft Local Plan proposals.



North Yorkshire County Council

Richmond (Yorks) Area Constituency Committee

25 November 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 most recent Work Programme is attached at **Appendix 1** and takes account of the areas of work identified at previous meetings. The items in the future Work Programme were to be considered during 2020/21 and Members can prioritise these for consideration at future meetings.

Given the situation in 2020, with the COVID 19 pandemic, it is recommended that the Committee revisits the Work Programme to review areas that could be covered in forthcoming meetings, in response to the situation created by the pandemic, with additional, relevant items identified by Members added to the Work Programme.

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:

- Potential January Meeting – tbc - – Annual review of the County Council's budget
- 10am on Wednesday 24 March 2021

Dates for 2021/22 meetings will be available shortly.

Recommendation

(i) Members are asked to consider and develop the Committee's Work Programme; and

(ii) Determine whether an additional meeting will be held in early January to consider the County Council's budget for 2021/22 and provide a date and time for that to be held (potentially Wednesday 13 January 2021 at 2pm) .

Steve Loach
Democratic Services

October 2020

**Richmond (Yorks) Area Constituency Committee
Work Programme 2020/21**

10.00 a.m. on Wednesday 14th October 2020

Subject	Description
Highways Issues	To provide an update on issues raised at recent informal meetings of the ACC
North Northallerton Infrastructure and Development project	To provide an update on the project
Update on work of Community Support Officers	To provide an update on the work of the Community Support Officers in the Constituency area during the COVID 19 outbreak
Return to Schools	An update on the return of pupils to schools in the Constituency area, following the recent closure in relation to COVID19
Work Programme	To consider the Committee's Work Programme

10.00 a.m. on Wednesday 25th November 2020

Subject	Description
County Council's Petition Scheme – Gilling West Cycleway and Footpath	Janette Povey of Gilling West will be provided with 5 minutes to present a case for the provision of a footpath and cycleway at Gilling West, in line with the County Council's petition scheme. Members will then be provided with 15 minutes to debate the issue and provide a decision in line with the scheme.
Devolution and Local Government Reorganisation – Implications for ACC	The Leader of the Council will provide a verbal update in respect of proposals for Devolution and Local Government Reorganisation in North Yorkshire and will lead Members in a discussion on the implications for the ACC

Schools Educational Achievement and Finance	To update Members on the local educational landscape, educational achievement and the financial challenges which affect schools in the Richmond Constituency Committee area
Healthy Child Programme - Consultation	The Committee will be invited to comment on this consultation.
North Northallerton Infrastructure and Development project	An update report will be provided on this issue
Work Programme	To consider the Committee's Work Programme
Date and Time of Meeting to be confirmed	
Annual Review of the County Council's Budget – Review the budget and make recommendations to Executive	
10.00 a.m. on Wednesday 24th March 2021	
Subject	Description
North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service – Forthcoming projects	A presentation detailing projects to be undertaken by the North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service in the near future.
Catterick Integrated Care Programme	To provide details of the development of the Programme
TBC	
TBC	
Work Programme	To consider the Committee's Work Programme
Issues identified for future work programme	
Subject	Description
Discussion of issues with Local MP	Rishi Sunak will be attending to discuss topical issues – dependent upon commitments
Supported Living	Update on implementation of review

Lorry Driver parking	Follow up to consider how issue is being addressed following earlier consideration
Schools educational achievement and finance	To receive an annual update on these issues
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.
Provision of a Northallerton Relief Road	To consider any progress on the provision of a Relief Road.
Healthy Child Programme	An update on the position regarding the Healthy Child Programme following the end of the current contract and the development of a new provision.
Health Issues relating to e-cigarettes	To consider further national guidance in relation to health concerns in relation to the use of e-cigarettes
Safety on the Constituency Area’s roads	A Joint report by Highways and Public Health to consider data relating to incidents that have occurred on the Constituency Area’s roads and the work being carried out to address these.
Mental Health	A report on how mental health issues are being addressed in the area.

Scheduled Meeting dates for 2020/21: 25th November 2020
24th March 2021

All Meetings are on Wednesday at 10am.