

## **COUNCIL – 7 NOVEMBER 2022**

### **STATEMENT BY CLLR MICHELLE DONOHUE-MONCRIEFF CABINET MEMBER ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY**

#### **CLIMATE CHANGE AND CARBON REDUCTION**

The Council was recently successful in its application for a grant of £264,390 from the Office for Zero Emission Vehicles under the On-Street Residential Chargepoints Scheme to install 48 charge points across 18 Council car parks. The Council has contracted Connected Kerb to install, maintain and operate the chargepoints and work is progressing at pace to have the chargepoints operational in late 2022 or early 2023.

The Council continues to work with partners from North Yorkshire County Council and the other District and Borough Councils to develop a draft Climate Change Strategy for the new North Yorkshire Council. A productive initial consultation event with key local stakeholders was hosted by the Council in September to ensure the key priorities, opportunities, and challenges of the borough are represented in the work.

The Council is providing significant support to North Yorkshire County Council alongside the other District and Borough Councils to complete an application to the Home Upgrades Grant Phase 2. This grant fund would provide funds for the new North Yorkshire Council to retrofit off-gas grid homes facing fuel poverty.

The Hitting Hard project is nearing completion with final action plans for addressing the hard-to-decarbonise housing stock being finalised by the consultants and reviewed by the project steering group.

The extension activity for Local E-Motion to complete the business case for e-mobility options and demand responsive transport in Whitby is progressing well with an initial draft under review.

The Council continue to support the Decarbonising Community Buildings project with one building in our area set to receive an outline decarbonisation plan and one a fully detailed decarbonisation plan in this extension activity.

Final modelling has been completed in the Local Area Energy Plan for our area showing projected energy supply and demand to reach net zero, highlighting priority low-regret areas of delivering heat pumps to off-gas grid properties, a range of EV charging options, and retrofit for a the majority of the housing stock. A showcase event is to take place in early November and final documents are being produced.

## **COASTAL DEFENCE**

### **Filey Seawall works**

- Jackson Civil Engineering appointed as design and build contractor.
- Survey work of the wall underway.

### **Scarborough Coastal Defence Strategy Refresh**

- Data collection ongoing
- Asset inspections and wave modelling complete.
- Options now being appraised to address policies.

### **Staithe Coastal Strategy**

- Strategy nearing completion.

## **LICENSING SERVICE**

Following a two week public consultation on proposed changes to the Council's taxi fare tariffs, which took place from 5 to 19 October 2022, I can inform colleagues that no objections or presentations were received. Therefore, the new taxi tariff fares came into force on 20 October 2022.

Following a meeting of the Executive Committee of North Yorkshire County Council on 18 October 2022, approval was given to carry out a comprehensive consultation on a draft new Taxi and Private Hire Policy. The intention is for a final version of this policy to be applied across the whole county from 1 April 2023, when the new North Yorkshire Council takes over local services. The consultation on a draft policy started on 25 October 2022 and will end on 16 January 2023. Representatives of our local taxi and private hire trades have been informed of this consultation and will be encouraged to participate in it.

## **COMMERCIAL REGULATION SERVICE**

Our Environmental Health Officers in the Food team are making good progress in their recovery plan for getting up to date with the backlog and current planned food hygiene inspections after the COVID pandemic. In total, from 1 April to 30 September 2022, they have inspected a total of 425 food businesses. They are well on track to meet the Food Standards Agency's COVID Recovery plan for all local authorities by the end of March 2023.