

# Agenda

# Meeting: Selby and Ainsty Area Constituency Committee

# Venue: Remote meeting

# Date: Friday 25 September 2020 at 10am

# **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.

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- 1. Welcome by the Chairman Introductions, Apologies and Updates
- 2. Minutes of the meeting held on 6 January 2020

(Pages 5 to 10)

Purpose: To approve the minutes as a correct record.

- 3. Declarations of Interest
- 4. Public Questions or Statements

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 above)* no later than midday on Monday 21 September 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. Local Government Reorganisation and Devolution Verbal update by the Leader of the Council
- 6. Better Together Programme Update Report of the Better Together Programme Manager

(Pages 11 to 18)

Purpose of report: To update Members on progress in relation to the Better Together Programme.

- 7. Return to Schools Verbal update by the Corporate Director Children's Services
- 8. A19 Update Verbal update by the Area Highways Manager
- 9. Work Programme Report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services)

#### (Pages 19 to 22)

Purpose of report: To provide details of the work programme for the Area Constituency Committee to consider, develop and adopt.

#### 10. Future Meetings

**Next Meeting** – The next meeting is scheduled to take place on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 10am.** An informal catch up meeting on the Microsoft Teams platform will be arranged for a suitable date in November 2020.

# 11. 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

September 2020.

## SELBY AND AINSTY AREA CONSTITUENCY COMMITTEE

Membership					
Co	unty Councillors (12)				
	Councillors Name		Political Group	Electoral Division	
1	ARTHUR, Karl		Conservative	Selby Barlby	
2	DUCKETT, Stephanie		Labour	Selby Barlby	
3	HOBSON, Mel		Conservative	Sherburn in Elmet	
4	JORDAN, Mike		Yorkshire Party	South Selby	
5	LEE, Andrew		Conservative	Cawood & Saxton	
6	LUNN, Cliff		Conservative	Selby Brayton	
7	McCARTNEY, John		NY Independent	Osgoldcross	
8	MACKAY, Don		Independent	Tadcaster	
9	MUSGRAVE, Richard		Conservative	Escrick	
10	PARASKOS, Andy		Conservative	Ainsty	
11	PEARSON, Chris		Conservative	Mid Selby	
12	TROTTER, Cliff		Conservative	Pannal and Lower Wharfedale	
Me	mbers other than County Councillors – (1	)			
	Name of Member		Representation		
1	FERGUSON, Howard		Office of the Constitu Adams	fice of the Constituency MP, Nigel ams	
Total Membership – (13) Quorum – (4 County Councillors)					

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# North Yorkshire County Council

# Selby and Ainsty Area Constituency Committee

Minutes of the meeting of the Selby and Ainsty Area Constituency Committee held at Riccall Regen Centre, Riccall, Selby on 6 January 2020 at 10 am.

#### Present:-

- **Members:-** County Councillors Andy Paraskos (Vice-Chairman in the Chair), Karl Arthur, Mike Jordan, Cliff Lunn, John McCartney, Chris Pearson and Cliff Trotter.
- **Officers:-** Andrew Bainbridge (Team Leader Transport Planning, BES), Gary Fielding (Corporate Director Strategic Resources), Daniel Harry (Manager, Democratic Services) and Steve Loach (Democratic Services).

Apologies were received from County Councillors Richard Musgrave and Stephanie Duckett.

#### Copies of all documents considered are in the Minute Book

#### 57. Chairman's Introduction

The Vice-Chairman indicated that the Chairman was unable to attend today's meeting, therefore, he would be chairing. He welcomed Members to the meeting and outlined the process regarding filming, recording or photographing the meeting.

#### 58. Minutes

#### **Resolved** -

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 8 November 2019, having been printed and circulated, be taken as read and confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

#### 59. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest at this stage of the meeting.

#### 60. Public Questions or Statements

There were no public questions or statements.

#### 61. Cycle Paths and Cycling

The report of the Corporate Director - Business and Environmental Services detailing the provision of cycle paths in the ACC area and the benefits of cycling in terms of public health.

The Team Leader for Transport Planning, Andrew Bainbridge presented the report highlighting the following:-

 Cycling paths and cycling were part of the Local Transport Plan and had a specific section within the County Council's Plan.

- It was recognised that there were a number of positive benefits from cycling and efforts were being undertaken to mitigate the dangers to cycling and cyclists in the county and the negative aspects of cycling in the region.
- It was recognised that cycling was not the most appropriate method of transport within the county due to the topography and rurality of the region, which resulted in great distances from communities, with steep inclines to negotiate.
- The major factor affecting the provision of facilities for cyclists was the availability of funding.
- The approximate cost of providing 1 km of cycleway on a green field site was £150k. It was noted that this included the surface being surfaced appropriately and kerbs etc being put in place, which was not always provided by other cycleway developers, however, the cost of maintaining the non-high-spec routes was much more substantial.
- Transport funding had diminished in recent years and was now in the region of £3.023m per year. In view of this the County Council's Executive had decided that the main bulk of the funding would be utilised for highway maintenance, as that was the highest priority. As a result external funding had to be sought for the provision of cycling facilities and bids were undertaken on a regular basis. There had been a notable success recently with £900k being obtained from the Access Fund, and a further £300k of additional funding was expected shortly.
- Additional funding had been obtained through the National Productivity Investment Fund which enabled a cycle track to be provided to the west of Harrogate alongside a package of measures.
- Work was taking place alongside the West Yorkshire Combined Authority and Leeds City Region to try and obtain funding for additional facilities in Skipton, Harrogate and Selby, with a combined bid of around £24m in place. Plans were in place for a possible cycleway into Olympia Park, Selby, via a bridge which would cost in the region of £8m -10m. Details of the proposed project were now in the public domain and further developments on that were awaited.
- Local cycling and walking infrastructure plans (LCWIPs) had been created, in line with the Government's published Cycling Walking Investment Strategy, and these were designed to be a strategic local level document for identifying cycling and walking improvements.
- Work was being undertaken jointly with Selby District Council to develop LCWIPs for Selby, Sherburn and Tadcaster and once complete would ensure that the main settlement and growth centres in each district, as identified in the Local Plans, had an LCWIP.
- There was no funding allocated by Government to deliver the LCWIPs, however, having these in place enabled the County Council to be in a bid ready position when Government announced any funding competitions in future.

Following the initial presentation a number of issues and points were raised as follows, by Members:-

- Member outlined the following issues in relation to LCWIP for Selby that had been circulated to Members late last year:-
  - Cycling and walking were not credible options for mass transportation in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.
  - It would be better to spend the money sorting out infrastructure ensuring vehicles could move more quickly and conveniently, freeing up road space for use by cyclists.
  - For infrastructure to be provided for cyclists and walkers proper separation was required.

- Signage for routes identified for cycling and walking was critical and a way of encouraging use of the routes had to be found.
- Safe storage for cycles and cycling equipment was required at the end of routes.
- The Member noted that he had suggested a route from South Milford Railway Station to Sherburn Industrial Estate a number of years ago, which had not been acted upon at the time, but was now seen as a potential solution. He outlined how this could be provided, the areas which it should feed into and that it should be funded from developer contributions from housing developments taking place in the area.
- In terms of Tadcaster he noted that funding would need to be diverted into that area, as there was relatively little building taking place there, for infrastructure issues to be addressed.
- Selby had a number of advantages, but would require a detailed planning team to determine the best lay-out for a cycling route. The pedestrianisation of Gowthorpe and the Abbey to the Town Hall, alongside a circular one way route, would be greatly beneficial to this and the centre of Selby itself.
- Consideration also had to be given to weekend cyclists, riding for pleasure and fitness. It was hoped that there would be continual dialogue with them to discuss the pinch points in the district.
- A Member agreed with the issues outlined above. He noted that many years ago cycling was predominantly used by local workers to access work, however, that had diminished over the years. He emphasised the need for safe, separate cycling lanes to develop the use of cycling in the area.
- A Member praised the promotion of cycling in the area and noted that a number of districts and communities had requested cycling tracks as a result of that promotion. He welcomed the continuation of cycling being developed within schools, which encouraged children to cycle. He emphasised the need for cyclists to abide by the Highway Code so that they did not create a nuisance to other road users by cycling in a selfish manner. He emphasised the need to reduce car usage in areas, but for that to be achieved attitudes had to change and appropriate facilities needed to be in place.
- A Member suggested that a huge amount of investment would be required for many of the areas local roads to be able to accommodate cycle routes, as a large number were unable to have pedestrian facilities, due to them being so narrow. He suggested that a separate cycling network would be more appropriate, rather than trying to accommodate alongside rural roads, however, he acknowledged that this would be extremely expensive. In relation to that a Member stated that some of the major routes were also difficult for cyclists to negotiate, noting that the A19 was a particularly difficult route in relation to this. He also suggested that separate routes for cyclists were required to allow them to cycle safely.

**Resolved -** That the contents of the report, and the issues raised, be noted.

#### 62. County Council Budget 2020/21

The Corporate Director - Strategic Resources, Gary Fielding, gave a presentation advising of the arrangements for reporting the County Council's budget 2020/21 and seeking the Committee's comments for referral to the Executive. The presentation highlighted the following main issues:-

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- Latest NYCC financial position.
- Impact on budget/MTFS.
- Council Tax options.
- Selby and Ainsty specific issues.
- Risks/issues.
- Next steps.

The following specific topics were covered during the presentation:-

- Revenue budget Q2 forecast
- Savings requirements since austerity
- £212m savings plan
- Cumulative temporary funding
- Growth to meet demand
- Investments
- Directorate savings
- Use of reserves to balance budget
- Council Tax 2015/16 to 2023/24
- Band D Council Tax increase 2020/21
- Selby and Ainsty CYPS issues
- NYCC funded education, health and care plans by home locality
- Location of special schools
- Update on NYCC special schools
- Further analysis of existing SEMH placements in independent sector
- Schools in financial difficulty Selby and Ainsty
- Selby and Ainsty HAS issues
- Adult Social Care markets
- Budget consultation

During the presentation the Corporate Director highlighted the following key points:

- The Council had been through ten years of austerity and had seen a 40% cut in the overall budget over that period.
- The Council had worked hard to increase efficiency, reduce waste and adopt new ways of working making savings of £172m.
- The focus throughout had been upon protecting the frontline.
- The Central Government settlement was made on an annual basis which could make it difficult to plan ahead over a meaningful time period.
- The Central Government was providing an increasing amount of "one off" funding, which for 20/21 amounted to £61.8m.
- The "one off" funding was welcomed but each year it was uncertain as to how much would be awarded to North Yorkshire. It created a difficult position where, in any given year, there may be a budgetary shortfall of approximately £60m.
- During the period of austerity there had been a growth in demand for services and increasing costs, particularly in the areas of adult social care and SEND. This amounted to approximately £14m in 2019/20.
- Council Tax increases were welcomed but did not provide the scale of funding needed to fill the gap. An increase of 4.99% in 2019/20 led to an increase in revenue to the Council of £1.3m.
- A new free school was being planned for Selby.
- Lack of dedicated special needs school provision in Selby district led to children being placed elsewhere in the county or outside of the county, which created an additional cost to the Council.
- Maintained schools continued to face significant financial pressure in the area. The financial position of academies was not always known.
- Adult social care was not a significant issue for the Selby district.

A number of key issues and points were raised by Members including the following:

- A Member considered that more needed to be done to reduce the costs associated with transporting children around the area, and the county as a whole, to education providers. He queried whether the Council picked up the costs associated with transport of children from out of the county to specialist services in the county. In response the Corporate Director stated that this was not the case and that the costs was borne by the home authority of the child.
- A Member suggested that more could be done to provide support to residential care providers.
- A Member noted the increase in charges for residential care places and the lack of providers in the market which meant that there was an incentive for the Council to take on a greater role in the direct provision of residential care, particularly in areas like Harrogate where charges were high.
- A Member noted that the Council maintained schools continued to face significant financial pressures and that whilst the Council had a leadership role to play, and could provide a degree of support to schools in financial difficulty, it was not in a position to provide additional funding.
- A Member highlighted concerns about the additional funding, particularly capital funding, that was made available to schools by Central Government when they became academies
- Members asked whether there were any potential saving areas whereby technology could be utilised and whether there were other opportunities available to the County Council to further reduce the budget. The Corporate Director noted that a number of issues were being considered such as reduction in the number of meetings, utilising technology for virtual attendance at meetings cutting down on the amount of mileage claims through that. All potential ideas for savings were welcomed and investigated thoroughly.
- A Member asked what happened to unspent Member locality budgets and it was clarified that these went back into the County Council's reserves.

**Resolved -** That the Corporate Director be thanked for his presentation and the issues and points raised during discussion of the budget be noted.

#### 63. Non-Crime Data - Development of Key Lines of Enquiry

The report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services) to enable Members to identify some specific lines of enquiry relating to crime and non-crime incidents that could be followed up by North Yorkshire Police.

The Democratic Services and Scrutiny Manager, Daniel Harry, presented the report highlighting the following:-

- Previously Area Committees had been provided with extensive and detailed crime data on a regular basis by North Yorkshire Police.
- The creation of Area Constituency Committees saw a decision made to look fresh at the data and discussions had taken place with North Yorkshire Police Strategic Intelligence to better understand the data that would enable Committee Members to understand their area better and open up broader lines of enquiry about the actions that could be undertaken. The outcome of these discussions was to focus upon non-crime data.
- The majority of incidents that the Police were deployed to were not related to crime but involved welfare issues, vulnerable people and anti-social behaviour, with a split between crime and non-crime activity of about 20%-80%.
- A framework for the collection and analysis of trend non-crime data had been developed by North Yorkshire Police Strategic Intelligence. They now needed to understand the

type of trend data and information analysis that the Committee Members were interested in so that a structured and targeted discussion could take place at future meetings of the Committee, rather than a more general overview.

♦ A number of questions based on the PESTELO risk assessment methodology were provided to assist Members with their identification of some key lines of enquiry that could be used to interrogate the non-crime data.

Members raised the following issues in response to the report:-

- A Member noted that many people were unaware as to how much of the Police's time was taken up by welfare and social issues and it would be useful if specific examples could be provided of these incidents to enable a clearer picture to be drawn up as to who should be dealing with these.
- A Member considered that North Yorkshire Police were avoiding their responsibilities in some instances, noting that PCSOs were meant to be dealing with social and welfare issues, whereas, on many occasions, they were being used to investigate crimes. He suggested that the use of PCSOs was an issue that should be considered.
- Housing allocation was a matter of concern in a number of areas, with people from outside the area coming in and creating problems, which stretched Police resources extensively. A small number of families in a number of areas took up a large part of the Police's time.
- Issues around 'County Lines', particularly in the Harrogate area, were of concern to Members and should be included in discussions relating to crime. It was noted that many smaller communities were being blighted by this significant problem.
- Fly tipping was raised as an issue where Police were being involved, but this should predominantly be dealt with through local authorities.
- Issues around the policy of North Yorkshire Police not to have fixed speed cameras and the impact that had on policing in the area were raised.

**Resolved -** That the issues raised by Members would be fed back to North Yorkshire Police Strategic Intelligence, and further discussions would be held with them with a view to data and analysis being brought back to a future meeting of the Committee for scrutiny.

#### 64. Work Programme

Members were asked to provide details of any issues that they may wish to add to the Work Programme, going forward, and were advised that they could also provide details of issues they wished to consider outside of the meeting. Members identified two issues:

- Locality budgets.
- Access to external NHS services.

#### **Resolved -**

- (i) That the development of the Work Programme be undertaken, and the items mentioned be included on forthcoming agendas for the Committee;
- (ii) That the contents of the report be noted.

#### 65. Future Meetings

**Resolved** - That the next meeting of the Committee be held on Friday 3 April 2020, with consideration given to holding this at Eggborough Methodist Hall, depending upon availability.

The meeting concluded at 12 noon. SL/JR

#### Selby and Ainsty Area Constituency Committee Better Together Programme Update 25 September 2020

#### **1.0** Purpose of the Report

1.1 To update the Members of the Area Constituency Committee on progress in relation to the Better Together Programme.

#### 2.0 Introduction and Background

- 2.1 Since 2013 North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) and Selby District Council (SDC) have worked together to establish greater collaboration in service delivery to the benefit of both the public and the two organisations. The Better Together Programme was established to enable shared expertise, intelligence and leadership between the two councils to maximise how assets are used to deliver savings whilst redesigning services to achieve the best possible outcomes to all customers in the locality.
- 2.2 The vision for the Programme is: "To enable the most effective use of joint resources of the two organisations in providing services to our shared client base".
- 2.3 Following the establishment of the joint role of Chief Executive of SDC and Assistant Chief Executive of NYCC in October 2013 the Better Together Programme has gained strength, momentum and pace demonstrated by the excellent feedback that was provided on the programme within the NYCC LGA Peer Review (March 2016) and the SDC LGA Peer Review (November 2017).

#### 3.0 Governance Framework

- 3.1 <u>Better Together Steering Group and Joint Members Group</u> The Programme is governed by a Joint Members Group and an Officer Steering Group which includes the Chief Executives from both organisations (please see governance diagram at **Appendix A**). The governance model in existence ensures the right level of sponsorship and communication at the senior leadership level of both organisations to be able to resolve issues and accelerate progress. The governance arrangements have assisted in ensuring that the programme maintains momentum and has been supportive of the innovative approach to service delivery. It has also ensured that the principles of the collaboration are upheld and provides scrutiny to the projects being delivered.
- 3.2 Collaboration Agreement

In 2015 the two councils agreed to enter into a formal collaboration agreement to evidence the parties' intentions, the principles of collaboration and the obligations in respect of the services to be provided. The Better Together Collaboration Agreement was agreed by the NYCC Executive at its meeting on 7th July 2015. SDC Executive delegated responsibility to the SDC Chief Executive in April 2015 to enter into the formal agreement. The initial term for the overarching Agreement was for 5 years and both the NYCC Executive and SDC Executive agreed at its respective meetings in February and March 2020 to extend the agreement for a further three years until June 2023.

- 3.3 The Collaboration includes the following services at present:
  - VOIP Telephony System
  - Registration Service Office Accommodation
  - Lagan CRM System

- SDC Website/Intranet Support
- Shared IT Infrastructure Service
- Natural Environment Advisory Service and Landscape Architectural Advice
- Financial Service
- Learning & development (Learning Zone)
- Legal Services
- HR Service
- Payroll Service

#### 4.0 Benefits of the Programme

- 4.1 There are a number of key benefits that have been identified across the Programme to date that have resulted from effective joint working initiatives and the specific services delivered under the Collaboration Agreement.
- 4.2 Sharing of back office services under the Collaboration Agreement (resource and expertise) in an appropriate and sustainable manner which has enabled us to be much more customer focused. We have been able to achieve increased resilience in service delivery, increased level of skills from pooled resources, improved opportunities for staff career progression and succession planning (Finance Service). A more client focussed approach to service delivery and economies of scale have also been realised (E.g. Integrated Finance Functions, Shared ICT Infrastructure, Shared Telephony and Customer Relationship Management System, Payroll, E-Learning, Recruitment, Legal Services, HR Services, Archaeology and Ecology Services).
- 4.3 Focused, joined up delivery of services at a community level. Building capacity and strengthening local community networks that already exist in communities by developing Community Hubs designed on differing local needs. Ensuring wider partner involvement where required (E.g. Selby Safer Hubs Integrated Neighbourhood Management between SDC, NYCC & NYP is delivering efficient, integrated, multi-agency front line processes whilst reducing demand for services). The joint Customer & Community Programme supported:
  - An increase in the number of online direct debit payments (139%)
  - a 322% increase in the number of volunteers at community hubs
  - across all libraries in the district volunteers gave 15,760 hours to deliver services, including assisting 1,865 individuals to access services online of which 732 related to NYCC or SDC services
  - increased resilience for Community Hubs through enabling income generating services (meeting room hire at Tadcaster Hub and improved facilities at Sherburn Old Girls School)
  - increased business levels resulted in Sherburn being awarded Highly Commended in the NY Library of the Year awards.
  - Selby Library has seen a 27% increase in visits and a 12% increase in active users since the refurbishment
  - broader health and wellbeing benefits such as improved mental health and reduced isolation which are all community led
  - the establishment of Selby Health Matters
- 4.4 Innovative digital platforms for our customers and communities accessing information and services through modern online platforms, enabling service delivery re-design and channel shift (E.g. SDC Website).

- 4.5 Co-location opportunities have been implemented through an asset management review, improving working environments and generating income for both organisations (E.g. Registrars, NY Police and Align Property Partners colocation at SDC Civic Centre).
- 4.6 Joined up approach to planning services both in terms of communications, prioritisation, processes and consistent relationship management with developers and external organisations. As part of the last Tour de Yorkshire event we have seen real benefits to the relationships formed in this area where we have been able to respond flexibly to customers and each other's needs which presents a joined up approach to the community. We were also able to complete works quickly and at a reduced cost to what had been anticipated.
- 4.7 Improved experience for business customers through joined up communications, relationship management and processes (e.g. Planning Services and Primary Authority Schemes).
- 4.8 Joint Investment in areas such as public transport to improve passenger experience (E.g. Selby Bus Station Upgrades), the Sherburn 2 development which will create around 2,000 new jobs and the development of Community Hubs (see section 4.3 above).
- 4.9 Maximising council tax base and business rates income through the joint investment in a SDC Property Inspector and an Empty Homes Officer.
- 4.10 Supporting our residents to "live well" through the joint work on Health, Social Care and Housing work. Multi-disciplinary team approach where we are taking a multi-disciplinary team approach to undertake accommodation reviews and the support needs of complex cases, homelessness prevention and DFG Assessments. The continued engagement of the Vale of York CCG and Selby's Primary Care Networks with SDC and NYCC community and social care reps has resulted in a regular meeting throughout the current period which has been focused both on the immediate response to Covid 19 but also how we may work together going into the future.
- 4.11 SDC have worked with NYCC, Ryedale and Scarborough to develop a new partnership approach between NYCC and all of the District Council Housing Authorities in relation to the provision of homeless prevention and support services which went live in October 2019. This represents a fundamental change as it moves away from previous external contracting arrangements to a joint working approach with Selby as lead authority due to the Better Together partnership. The current Covid-19 circumstances have placed significant strain on all housing related services but all feedback is that the services are responding flexibly and effectively to manage the situation. Districts are linking well with adult social care, mental health and substance misuse services to ensure that people are supported and are looking at innovative approaches to ensure people are safely housed in line with the government directive that all rough sleepers be housed. We believe the response to this unprecedented situation by all parties supports the commissioning decisions taken in partnership with the Districts and NYCC.
- 4.12 In addition to the benefits set out above there have also been a significant amount of cashable savings that have been realised. Combining the projects undertaken where cashable savings have been identified and income has been generated, at present a total of £1,720,206 has been achieved and a further £312,770 has been identified. This, therefore, provides a current total achieved and forecasted saving for the programme from April 2014 to March 2021 of £1,987,206.

#### 5.0 Current Workstreams

#### 5.1 Health, Social Care and Housing

This work spans the district and focuses on health, social care and housing support to vulnerable people. At the Better Together Steering Group Meeting it was agreed that joint working on health, social care and district council services should be a key focus for the Better Together Programme going forward and that we should be "jointly helping people to live well in the locality".

- 5.2 The three key areas of focus under this work stream are currently:
  - Transfers of Care / Multi-Disciplinary Team Approach
  - Disability Facilities Grant (DFG) Assessments
  - Public Health/Selby Health Matters

#### 5.3 Transfers of Care / Multi-Disciplinary Team Approach

The Better Together Steering Group agreed that the most effective way of reviewing and improving issues in this area was to establish a Multi-Disciplinary Team to take this forward. Leads from SDC and NYCC HAS have been exploring the opportunities to work together more effectively and to shape the scope of this work.

- 5.4 Following improvement workshops held with partners the SDC Housing representative is now attending NYCC Adult Social Care led MDT case discussion meetings and is now a mainstream approach. The development of MDT delivery has been accelerated by the current situation and a daily MDT meeting was established in order to discuss any needs arising in the transfer to/from care and to respond to cases potentially requiring escalation. The system has worked well from a SDC perspective requiring limited input. However, the information sharing support has been invaluable.
- 5.5 Alongside this work a meeting was held by the Selby Primary Care Network to align priorities of local services. The meeting included SDC, NYCC Public Health, CCG and TEWVE. The outcome was to look at the establishment of a MDT approach. The CCG have provided a Lead Officer to focus on the establishment of partnership approaches to setting up the local PCN's so this is a great level of capacity to help deliver on the work.
- 5.6 The next step is for the Head of Community, Partnerships and Customers (SDC), Public Health Consultant (NYCC), Assistant Director Health and Integration (NYCC) and representative from the CCG to plan how the approach can now be deployed. We will use the learning from the operational work to support this. Timescales continue to be fluid at this stage due to current operational restrictions.
- 5.7 <u>Disability Facilities Grant (DFG) Assessments</u> SDC have also been working with NYCC in relation to Occupational Therapy services and additional capacity for work on Disabled Facilities grants and Council House adaptations.
- 5.8 NYCC are working with the Districts, supported by SDC, to develop proposals to ring fence capacity to DFG assessment work within the Districts and improve waiting times for assessment going forward. This would help reduce waiting lists in the Districts and has potential to improve the system overall by providing additional capacity for this work over and above the statutory provision currently provided by NYCC.
- 5.9 Engagement and agreement on how the resource would be deployed and allocated would be made with the districts going forward and discussions continue between NYCC, SDC, Ryedale DC, Harrogate BC and Scarborough BC to develop proposals. This work has not

progressed as quickly as originally planned as the main focus in this area has been the transfer of Children's OT services from HAS to CYPS, however it has been agreed that the DFG assessment work should re-commence.

- 5.10 <u>Public Health / Selby Health Matters</u> SDC, NYCC Public Health and NYCC Strategic Transport have been working together collaboratively to address key health issues in the Selby area. The key development areas are:
- 5.11 Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIPs). The LCWIP phase 2 reports are now concluded and we have 6 bid-ready plans (5 for Selby and 1 for Sherburn/South Milford). The plans total approximately £30m in all ranging from £720k to £11m. NYCC Strategic Transport and SDC Planning Policy will now use this as the basis for local development and funding opportunities.
- 5.12 There has been positive engagement between NYCC Stronger Communities and SDC Community and Partnerships to establish three Community Support Organisations in the area with SDC putting in £25k for the community networks underneath the NYCC service level agreements for the CSO's operations. This has created an opportune moment to reflect on how we work together on community engagement and whether there are further synergies in staffing, asset resource and grant investment that we may wish to explore to strengthen community service delivery.
- 5.13 One area of development however has been the continued engagement of the Vale of York CCG and Selby's Primary Care Networks with SDC and NYCC community and social care reps. This has resulted in a regular meeting throughout the current period which has been focused both on the immediate response to Covid 19 but also how we may work together going into the future. Progress since March 2020 includes:
  - Establishment of a Vale Systems Group
  - Locality groups have now formed in Selby District
  - Closer working between district nurses and practice nurses
  - Pilot of a mental health MDT approach in Selby Town PCN
  - Improving support for people with mild to moderate frailty
  - Development of a population health management needs assessment in Selby District
  - Development of a Big Lottery Funding Bid with the Two Ridings Community Foundation
  - Support to design the flu vaccination campaign
  - Development of strategic plan (particularly for Selby Town PCN)
- 5.14 The PCN plan is underpinned by the principles of co-production and co-delivery and starts to consider how we link needs based and place based planning into any re-commissioning of services, how best to utilise system resources and how to have a clear and strong voice in a North Yorkshire and York shared ambitions within a wider STP. The next step is to build on the strategic discussions to firm up priorities and plans at system level.
- 5.15 <u>Economic Growth & Infrastructure</u> In January 2019 the Better Together Joint Members Group approved the approach for the development of a joint growth and infrastructure delivery plan and agreed that the first priority area for review would be Sherburn-in-Elmet.
- 5.16 This work was to review the development and infrastructure situation around Sherburn in Elmet and Church Fenton, extending broadly to the A64, A63, A1M and East Coast Main Line, over the short, medium and long term with a view to ensuring sustainable growth is achieved. A joint NYCC/SDC Task and Finish Group was set up to take this work forward

and the Group identified delivery mechanisms for specific issues. For the Sherburn in Elmet area it has been agreed to progress the work through existing joint working between the authorities and partners with key areas including; A63/A162 roundabout, Monk Fryston traffic calming, commuting, HGV parking and the optimisation of Section 106 agreements. The following issues will be taken forward through the Local Plan; Traffic modelling, health care facilities, infrastructure funding, alignment of plans and strategies and Church Fenton pinch points.

- 5.17 There are several significant work streams that require joint working between the District and County Council including:
  - Local Plan
  - Key development sites through major applications to the Local Planning Authority (LPA)
  - Work to promote Strategic Development Sites; and
  - Regeneration and Development Projects
- 5.18 In line with the Seventh Local Development Scheme (LDS), effective from July 2019 to 2023, we are on target to deliver the objectives for the first LDS of the current plan and the following have been completed / are in progress:
  - Initial Evidence Gathering, Stakeholder Engagement and the Preparation of Issues and Options Consultation Document have been completed.
  - The District Wide Transport Modelling work has been commissioned with Stage 1 set to undertake a high level assessment to 'Identify locations where the network is constrained or is likely to become constrained within the local plan period' with timescales as set out below:
    - We have now received the draft Stage One report from WSP summarising the analysis and finding and they have also provided potential costs for the Stage Two work which is currently under review by Officers
    - > Development Management Policies have been drafted
    - Site Allocation Policies are under development
- 5.19 The next priority is the preparation of the Preferred Options consultation document (draft plan). This document will be prepared for consultation from January through to February 2021.To achieve this point, a draft will be taken to SDC Executive early December 2020.

#### 5.20 <u>Smarter Working - Primary Authority Schemes</u>

NYCC Trading Standards and SDC have been exploring the opportunities of working together on Primary Authority Schemes agreements with customers. After consultation with Legal Services it has been recommended that a joint protocol will be appropriate as there will be no charging between NYCC and SDC or any significant staffing implications. NYCC have formally approved the protocol and are pursuing the identification of new customers in this area.

#### 6.0 Conclusion

6.1 The Better Together Programme continues to deliver benefits to SDC, NYCC and the public whilst also providing a joint platform to identify and deliver new initiatives for improvement. In the earlier stages of the Programme there was a key focus on achieving savings through joint working often in back office support areas, this remains a key objective for the programme however in recent times the Programme has had a major focus on jointly delivering on key outcomes for our respective customers. The Better Together

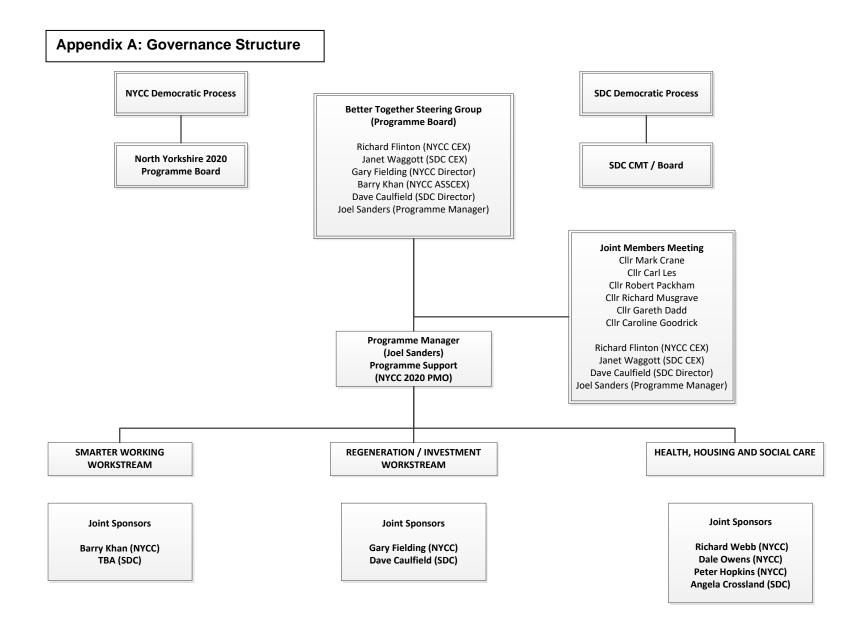
Collaboration Agreement continues to ensure that joint principles, governance and a legal framework are in place to deliver services and joint projects.

#### 7.0 Recommendations

7.1 It is recommended that Members of the Area Constituency Committee note the progress made and the ongoing work of the Better Together Programme.

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# Selby and Ainsty Area Constituency Committee

# 25 September 2020

# 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 and by the previous Area Committee.

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, and in response to the situations created by the pandemic.

#### 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 for 2020/21

Committee dates are:

- 10am on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021
- 10am on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2021

#### Recommendation

Members are asked to consider and develop the Committee's work programme in view of the COVID 19 pandemic and suggest relevant items for forthcoming meetings and note the dates of future meetings.

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Selby and Ainsty Area Constituency Committee Work Programme 2020/21 10am on 25 September 2020 Subject Description Local Government Reorganisation and An update will be provided on the current situation regarding these interlinked issues. Devolution A19 - Update To provide an update on the project taking place to repair/rebuild the A19 Return to Schools To provide an update following the recent return to schools in the Constituency area "Better Together" Initiative To provide an update on the "Better Together" Initiative alongside Selby District Council. Work Programme To consider appropriate topics for consideration at forthcoming meetings taking account of the COVID 19 pandemic and the issues that have arisen. 10am on 15 January 2021 Subject Description Annual Review of the County Council's To review the budget and make recommendations to Executive Budaet North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue To provide a presentation highlighting forthcoming projects being undertaken by the Fire and Service - Projects **Rescue Service** To consider appropriate topics for consideration at forthcoming meetings Work Programme 10am on 9 April 2021 Subject Description Stronger Communities Annual update and Community Showcase Discussion of issues of relevance with the Local MP Discussion of issues with Local MP Work Programme To consider appropriate topics for consideration at forthcoming meetings

Appendix 1

Scheduled Meeting dates for remainder of 2020/21

15<sup>th</sup> January 2021 9<sup>th</sup> April 2021

#### Areas of work previously identified for Inclusion in the Work Programme:

- 1. Economic Development Strategies
- 2. Road Safety in the Selby District
- 3. The "Better Together" Initiative
- 4. Local enterprise and future investment LEPs
- 5. Traffic management and traffic congestion
- 6. The development of appropriate skills for emerging employment opportunities
- 7. Fairer Funding
- 8. Tourism

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