

Agenda

Meeting: Skipton and Ripon Area Constituency Committee

Venue: Ripon Community House, Sharow View, Allhallowgate, Ripon, HG4 1LE

Date: 2.00 pm on Monday 13 January 2020

Business

Recording is allowed at County Council, committee and sub-committee meetings which are open to the public, please give due regard to the Council's protocol on audio/visual recording and photography at public meetings, a copy of which is available to download below. Anyone wishing to record is asked to contact, prior to the start of the meeting, the Officer whose details are at the foot of the first page of the Agenda. We ask that any recording is clearly visible to anyone at the meeting and that it is non-disruptive. <http://democracy.northyorks.gov.uk/>

Please note that an informal drop-in session is available to members of the committee from 9.30am.

1. **Apologies for absence**
2. **Minutes of the meeting of the Skipton and Ripon Area Constituency Committee held on 6 September 2019**
(Pages 6 to 13)
3. **Any 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 Daniel Harry of Democratic Services (*contact details below*) no later than midday on Wednesday 8 January 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.

If you are exercising your right to speak at this meeting, but do not wish to be recorded, please inform the Chairman who will instruct those taking a recording to cease whilst you speak.

5. **Rural Crime Strategy** – PRESENTATION TO FOLLOW - Sgt Stuart Grainger, Rural Taskforce, North Yorkshire Police
6. **Update on progress with the development of the Castleberg Hospital, Giggleswick** – PRESENTATION - Lynne Scruton, Airedale Wharfedale and Craven Clinical Commissioning Group
(Pages 14 to 22)
7. **Council Budget proposals** – REPORT - Gary Fielding, Corporate Director Strategic Resources, North Yorkshire County Council
(Page 23)
8. **Committee work programme** – REPORT - Daniel Harry, Democratic Services and Scrutiny Manager, North Yorkshire County Council
(Pages 24 to 27)
9. **Other business which the Chairman agrees should be considered as a matter of urgency because of special circumstances.**

Briefing papers for information only

10. **Cycle Network coverage and use** – BRIEFING PAPER - David Bowe, Corporate Director – Business and Environmental Services, North Yorkshire County Council
(Pages 28 to 30X)

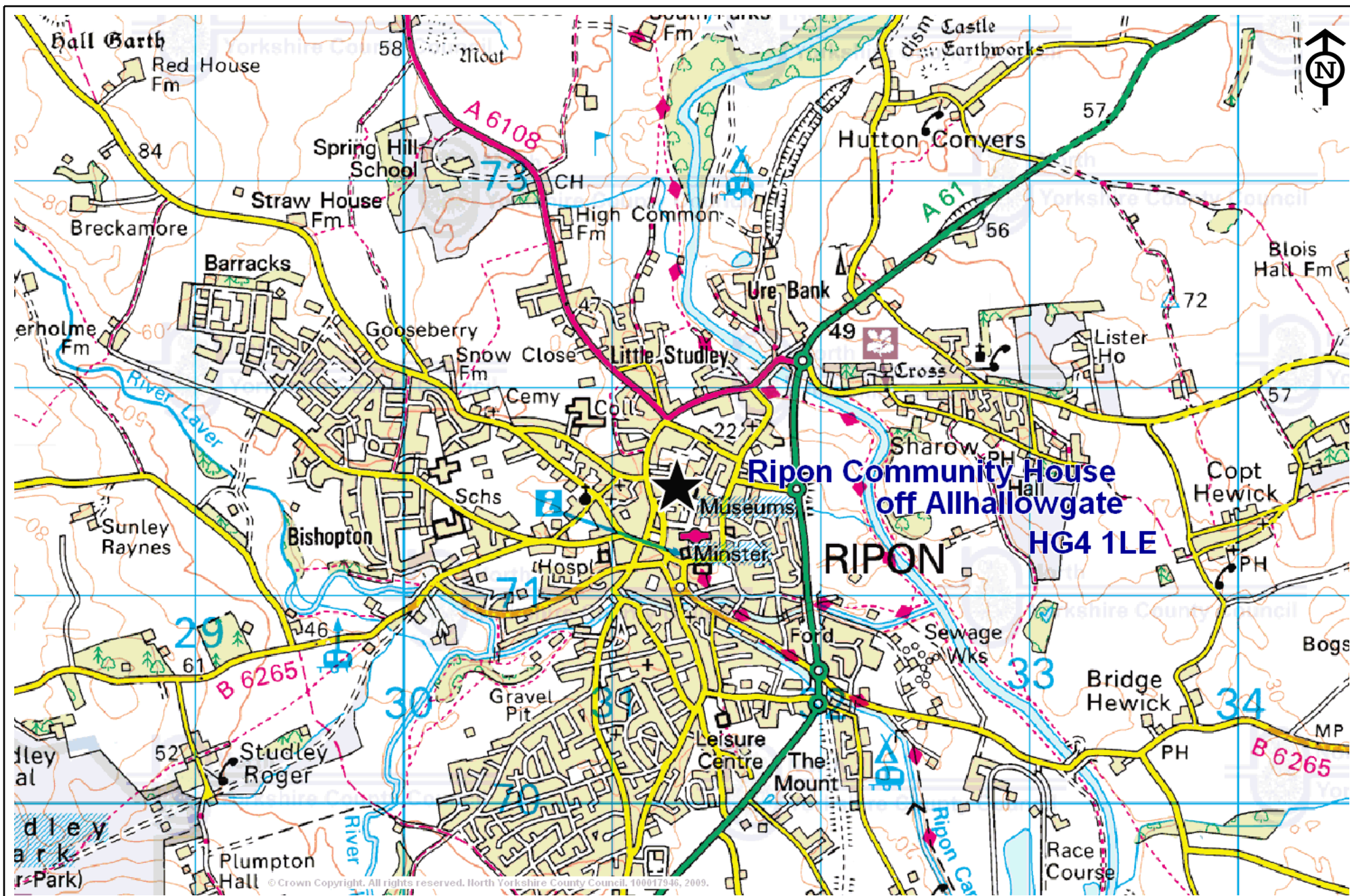
Barry Khan
Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services)
County Hall
Northallerton

2 January 2020

SKIPTON AND RIPON AREA CONSTITUENCY COMMITTEE

Membership

County Councillors (13)			
	<i>Councillors Name</i>	<i>Political Group</i>	<i>Electoral Division</i>
1	ATKINSON, Margaret	Conservative	Masham and Fountains
2	BARRETT, Philip	NY Independents	South Craven
3	CHAMBERS, Mike MBE (Chairman)	Conservative	Ripon North
4	HARRISON, Michael	Conservative	Lower Nidderdale and Bishop Monkton
5	HESELTINE, Robert	Independent	Skipton East
6	IRETON, David (Vice Chairman)	Conservative	North Craven
7	LUMLEY, Stanley	Conservative	Pateley Bridge
8	MARTIN, Stuart MBE	Conservative	Ripon South
9	MULLIGAN, Patrick	Conservative	Airedale
10	QUINN, Gill	Conservative	Mid-Craven
11	SOLLOWAY, Andy	Independent	Skipton West
12	WELCH, Richard	Conservative	Ribblesdale
13	WINDASS, Robert	Conservative	Boroughbridge

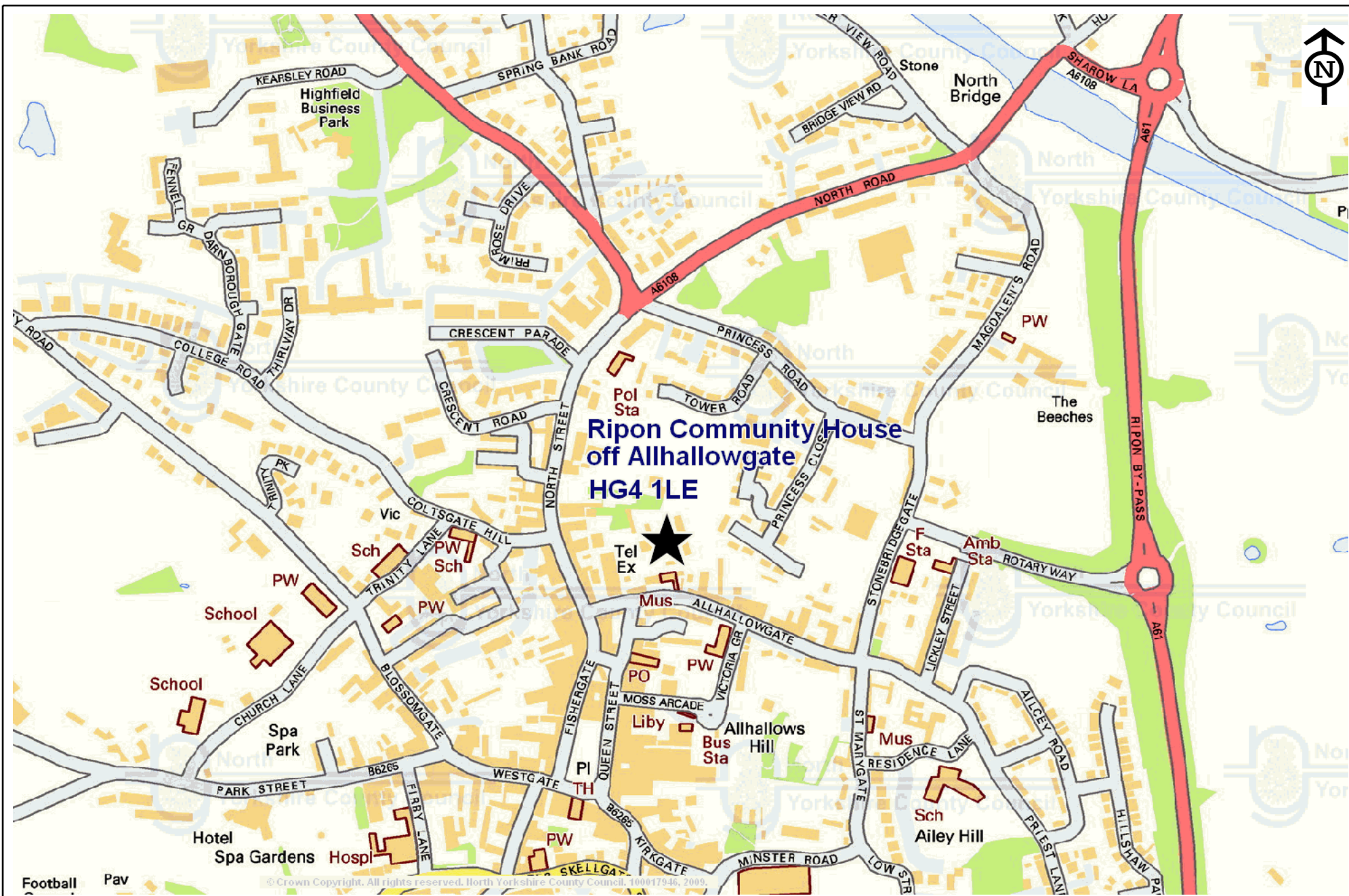


© Crown Copyright. All rights reserved. North Yorkshire County Council. 100017946, 2009.



Ripon Community House, off Allhallowgate, HG4 1LE - Road Map

Map scale: Scale 1/24525
 Date: Date 21/10/2009
 Created by: JD
 Grid Ref: Centre = 431335 E 471677 N



Ripon Community House, off Allhallowgate, HG4 1LE - Street Map

© Crown Copyright. All rights reserved. North Yorkshire County Council. 100017946. 2009.

Map scale:	Scale 1/6130
Date:	Date 21/10/2009
Created by:	JD
Grid Ref:	Centre = 431333 E 471639 N

North Yorkshire County Council

Skipton and Ripon Area Constituency Committee

Minutes of the meeting of the Skipton and Ripon Area Constituency Committee held on 6 September 2019, commencing at 11.00am, at Ripon Community House, Ripon.

Present:-

County Councillors Margaret Atkinson, Philip Barrett, Mike Chambers MBE, Michael Harrison, Robert Heseltine, David Ireton, Stanley Lumley, Stuart Martin MBE, Patrick Mulligan, Gill Quinn and Andy Solloway.

County Council Officers: Daniel Harry (Democratic Services and Scrutiny Manager), Barrie Mason (Assistant Director Highways, Business and Environmental Services), David Kirkpatrick (Traffic Engineering, Business and Environmental Services), Robert Ling (Technology and Change Managing Assistant Director) and Richard Webb (Corporate Director of Health and Adult Social Services).

Attending: County Councillors Carl Les (Leader) and Don Mackenzie (Executive member for highways, road and rail transport, public transport; broadband, mobile phones; public rights of way).

Others present: James Somers (work experience student), a member of the press and three members of the public

County Councillor David Chance who is not a member of the committee but regularly attends as Executive member for Area Constituency Committees gave his apologies.

41. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from County Councillors Richard Welch.

42. Minutes

Daniel Harry noted an outstanding action relating to the presentation on unpaid carers, specifically the request for committee members to consider whether there are any specific lines of enquiry that need to be included in the committee work programme that relate to unpaid carers and the support that is provided by North Yorkshire County Council.

Resolved -

- a. That the Minutes of the meeting of the Skipton and Ripon Area Constituency Committee held on 30 May 2019, having been printed and circulated, be taken as read and confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

43. Any Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

44. Public Questions or Statements

There was a Public Statement made by Simon Peach on behalf of the Community Action Group, Clapham Primary School. The full text is as below:

Good morning.

I'm Simon Peach, and I'm part of the Community Action Group which has been supporting Clapham School governors in delivering a Recovery Plan for the School.

At your meeting in Settle on the 30 May you asked to be updated on progress with the delivery of the Recovery Plan for Clapham School in the future. I am pleased to report that tremendous strides have been made:

Firstly, the Community Action Group and Friends of Clapham School have started a very successful playgroup for pre-school children and their parents and carers. These are children whose parents we now hope will look at Clapham school as their first choice for early years education.

Secondly, thanks to the hard work of the Education team, we have a new Head of School, Adam Kay and an Executive Head, Mathew Atkinson, under an agreement the officers have brokered with the Priestley Academy Trust in Bradford.

The new leadership has been working very effectively with Governors over the summer break and has reached out to the Community Action Group for help in several areas. The leadership has a genuine, can-do attitude and this has reinvigorated support from the community. So, thank you to Judith Kirk and her officers for making this happen.

Thirdly, the Governing Body has been effectively reconstituted with the resignation of the former Chairman and four other governors. New, experienced governors have been found including members of the Community Action Group and, as with the leadership, a can-do attitude now exists. Again, the officers are thanked for finding a high-calibre governor from a Nursery school, who will be mentoring the Clapham Governing Body, and for commissioning a review of governance that will underpin its future effectiveness.

Fourthly, the school has new teachers for both classes and they too have been working over the summer holiday to refresh the classrooms and get ready for the new term.

Fifthly, an overhaul of the school perimeter and other actions have been carried out to improve the environment from a safeguarding perspective.

Finally, the community has pulled together to improve the appearance of the school so that years of poor maintenance have been partly addressed.

There is one matter where the support from the community group has slipped in terms of timing. The Governing Body has written to the Community Action Group and asked us to wait for a while before the wraparound care starts that we have committed to support. This before and after-school care, together with the early years provision, that we had hoped would start this month, would be risky whilst the new team is concentrating on improvements in teaching, behaviour and safeguarding. Nonetheless, the community is ready to help, as soon as the time is right, so that current families benefit, and potential families are not put off from applying to Clapham.

All the changes listed above have happened in the light of two events: the closure consultation and an Ofsted inspection that happened in June.

The history of the closure proposal is well known and does not need to be repeated here. The outcome of the Ofsted report is being communicated to parents today and the community will soon be able to read it for themselves on the Ofsted website.

Expectations are realistic, after all the likelihood that the school would remain outstanding was unambiguously dismissed in the public document that accompanied

the closure consultation. The wholesale changes made over the summer have also, perhaps, influenced expectations as to what the inspection outcome will be. When next we update this meeting, we will know what impact the Ofsted report has had, given all the changes that have happened since the inspection was carried out, and how that affects the ongoing support from the Community Action Group.

Of course, we hope and expect that the hard work done by Judith and her team, the new leadership and staff together with a more effective Governing Body reassures parents and that the vigorous improvements we have seen to date are gathering pace.

Simon Peach Community Action Group, Clapham

The Chairman, County Councillor Mike Chambers MBE, thanked Mr Peach for his Statement and asked committee members for any comments.

County Councillor David Ireton thanked the Community Action Group for all of their work and said that he looked forward to the return of the school to being judged outstanding by OFSTED.

County Councillor Patrick Mulligan thanked Mr Peach for attending, noted the progress that had been made and the commitment of the local community to make the school a success. He said that there was still a long way to go but that he looked forward to the school being a success.

County Councillor Carl Les congratulated the Community Action Group on what they had achieved. He said that the Council never took a decision to close a school lightly and that they wanted to provide what help they could to make it a success.

Resolved -

- a. That an update on progress with the delivery of the Recovery Plan for Clapham School be brought to a future meeting of the committee.

45. North Yorkshire Digital Strategy

Considered -

A report by Robert Ling, Technology and Change Managing Assistant Director, North Yorkshire County Council regarding the North Yorkshire Digital Strategy.

The report was presented by Robert Ling and the key points are as summarised below:

- Digital technology can be used to support communities and enable people to live independently in their own home
- The work being done in Sleights by Technology and Change, Health and Adult Services and the Stronger Communities Team has demonstrated what can be achieved with the introduction of relatively cheap, simple and widely available technologies
- The Council and others need to enable people to exploit the opportunities that new digital technologies provide
- Investment in digital skills is low locally, regionally and nationally and could be addressed
- The third sector have a key role to play in driving innovation but this role needs to be recognised and the sector supported
- There are ethical issues relating to the management and use of data that need to be addressed
- There are great opportunities to use data to predict demand and target investment and activity

- More services are being provided digitally and in a way that makes previously bureaucratic administrative processes simpler and easier to access and use
- The emphasis is firmly upon human-centred design and enabling people. Digital by default does not mean digital only.
- There are opportunities to invest more time, money and effort in predictive technologies and also in research and innovation more generally.

Robert Ling then updated the committee on the work being done by NYnet to improve access to high speed and superfast broadband. The key elements of this update are as summarised below:

- By the end of Phase 3 of the roll out over 300,000 properties will have access to superfast broadband or more than 90 per cent of homes and businesses in the county
- The cost of connecting properties has risen over the course of the programme as the work has moved into more rural areas that are less and less commercially attractive and viable
- The cost in Phase 1 to connect 158,000 premises was £170 per premise. The cost in Phase 2 to connect 16,500 premises was £480 per premise. The cost in Phase 3 to connect 14,000 premises is going to be around £1,400 per premise.
- It is anticipated that there will be 87% coverage by the end of Phase 3.
- The technology is developing all the time and new ways of accessing superfast broadband in the more rural areas may become available.
- Broadband speed is important but equally important is how we use it and how we maximise its potential.

The Chairman, County Councillor Mike Chambers MBE, thanked Robert Ling for the presentation and then invited committee members to comment.

County Councillor Michael Harrison noted that the aim was for 87% superfast broadband coverage by the end of Phase 3. He asked what was being done to address the remaining 13% shortfall in coverage.

In response, Robert Ling said that developments in technology, changes in government policy and changing commercial opportunities would all help increase the coverage towards 95%.

County Councillor Don Mackenzie said that the Council was committed to achieving 100% coverage. He also noted that the 87% coverage by the end of Phase 3 was the correct figure. Previously, the figure of 90% had been quoted but it had since come to light that a significant number of new homes had been built without superfast connections.

There followed a discussion about the importance of 'smart' mobile phones in enabling people to access on-line services and information.

A query was raised about whether more use of Skype could be made by council officers and members to reduce travel costs and improve efficiency.

Daniel Harry noted that, formal meetings of the Council could not legally be conducted by Skype. In England, the law states that Councillors must be physically present at a meeting in order to be able to participate in it.

The Chairman, County Councillor Mike Chambers MBE, queried whether the use of technology to help people live independently in their homes for longer had the unintended consequence of isolating people and depriving them of human contact.

In response, Robert Ling said that technology was only part of the answer. The work in Sleights had shown that there was a need to apply human-centred design principles and look at how technology could help reduce isolation.

County Councillor Patrick Mulligan said that a Rural Commission was being established that would bring a wide range of agencies and organisations together to look at what could be done to support the long term sustainability of rural communities.

Resolved -

- a. That the committee develop a more specific line of enquiry around how digital technologies can support the rural economy, specifically Small and Medium enterprises.

46. Harrogate Congestion Study

Considered -

The report of David Bowe, Corporate Director of Business and Environmental Services at North Yorkshire County Council regarding the Results of the Harrogate Congestion Study Public Engagement.

The Chairman, County Councillor Mike Chambers MBE, reminded committee members that they were being asked to comment upon the report as individual councillors and that there was no expectation that the committee would come to a consensus. The comment from committee members would then be recorded in the minutes and included in the report that is due to go to the Executive.

The report was presented by Barrie Mason, Assistant Director Highways, Business and Environmental Services at North Yorkshire County Council, as summarised below:

- The same report was taken to the Harrogate and Knaresborough Area Constituency Committee at their meeting on 28 August 2019
- The engagement exercise ran from 15 April 2019 for 12 weeks, in line with national best practice
- The engagement was looking at identifying ways in which the flow of traffic could be better managed to reduce congestion in and around Harrogate. The suggestions put forward as part of the engagement were looking to the medium and long term
- Work is already underway to improve the flow of traffic, with examples including: the Bond End Junction Improvement; the Harrogate Sustainable Transport Project; work on Starbeck Crossing; AppyParking and others
- The engagement used public meetings, leaflets, posters, highways signs, online materials, printed materials and media coverage
- A total of 15,510 surveys were completed and returned, which is a high number and very welcome. There were also 4,718 automated email responses from the from the Woodland Trust
- There had been some suggestion from some members of the public that road works had been timed to coincide with the consultation but this was not deliberate
- There had also been the suggestion from some members of the public that a relief road was going to be built as an alternative to the M62, which was never the case.

Barrie Mason then referred committee members to the Recommendations in the report.

The Chairman, County Councillor Mike Chambers MBE, then invited committee members to comment upon the report.

County Councillor Andy Solloway said that the engagement exercise had been comprehensive and resulted in a high level of response and comment. The engagement had clearly been about a suite of different options and had not been about the promotion of a relief road. He said that there was a broader issue of connectivity for people living in Craven and the southern Dales and the need to support the development of east-west strategic links.

County Councillor Stanley Lumley noted that work had been underway in and around Harrogate for a number of years to improve traffic flows. A recent example being the work at Bond End. He said that traffic congestion is not easy to solve as an improvement in one area can often have a knock on effect in another.

The Chairman invited County Councillor Don Mackenzie, Executive Member for highways and transport, to speak.

County Councillor Don Mackenzie said that the Council had never set out to build a relief road and the intention was always to present the public with a range of measures that would help improve traffic flow and access and then listen to what they said. He said that there would be no relief road at this time. County Councillor Don Mackenzie explained that nobody wanted to fetter the hands of future Councils as circumstances may change.

County Councillor Don Mackenzie said that he recognised the concerns around east-west connectivity and the need to support economic growth and development in the committee area.

County Councillor Don Mackenzie said that there were a range of environmentally sustainable transport measures that could be implemented and which were supported by Harrogate Borough Council. There would have to be, however, sufficient funding in place to ensure that they could be financially sustainable in the long term.

County Councillor David Ireton proposed the recommendations in section 11 of the report. This was seconded. There was a show of hands and there was unanimous support.

Resolved -

- a. That the results of the Harrogate and Knaresborough Congestion Study engagement be noted
- b. That comments of the committee members are incorporated into a future report to the Executive.

47. Briefing on key strategic highways issues

A629 Kildwick Roundabout

David Kirkpatrick, Traffic Engineering, Business and Environmental Services, North Yorkshire County Council gave a summary of what work had been undertaken to investigate traffic flows around the A629 Kildwick Roundabout. He said that he recognised that the interim findings did not necessarily concur with local views. As such, more investigatory work would be undertaken.

County Councillor Patrick Mulligan said that the problem was the length of time that the rail crossing was closed and that this needed to be raised again with Network Rail.

David Kirkpatrick confirmed that work was being done with Network Rail to see how the closure of the barriers could be managed in a way that enable a smoother flow of traffic over the rail level crossing.

County Councillor Philip Barrett said that any gains from reduced down time would be minimal as the rail line in question is going to be used with greater frequency as part of changes to the rail network locally.

The Chairman, County Councillor Mike Chambers MBE, noted that there was general agreement amongst committee members that widening of the road was not supported but that there were other interventions that could be made to improve traffic flow.

Kex Gill Diversion and A65 Coniston Aire Causeway

The Chairman, County Councillor Mike Chambers MBE, noted the reports and asked for any comments or queries from committee members. There were none.

Resolved -

- a. That a further update on work being done to improve traffic flow at the A629 Kildwick Roundabout be brought to a future meeting of the committee
- b. That the briefings on Kex Gill Diversion and A65 Coniston Aire Causeway be noted.

48. Committee discussion with Rt Hon Julian Smith MP

The local MP, the Rt Hon Julian Smith MP, had been invited to attend the committee meeting to enable a discussion about the constituency area and what more could be done to address pressing local issues, such as: the long term sustainability of rural communities; adult social care funding and the Green Paper; local government funding and the Fairer Funding Review. Unfortunately, urgent ministerial business in Northern Ireland meant that he was unable to attend.

Richard Webb, Corporate Director of Health and Adult Social Services, was in attendance to provide an update for members on adult social care funding and the long awaited Government Green Paper. The key elements of this update are as summarised below:

- It was noted that the government review of adult social care funding and the development of a Green Paper to stimulate discussion has not progressed. It was unlikely that any further progress would be made on this in the near future. As such, local authorities were left to do what they could locally to provide the highest quality care and support the market for residential care.
- The Spending Review would be key, in the short term, in ensuring that local authorities had sufficient funding to be able to deliver high quality social care services
- The key issue for the county is the relatively small number of care providers and the difficulties that are experienced in providing care packages in rural and sparsely populated areas
- The cost of residential care and nursing care placements is high and the market for home care is fragile
- The development of extra care schemes will help
- There is closer working with the NHS locally, both primary and secondary care, which will help meet need.

County Councillor David Ireton asked whether there was an update on the planned use of the former Ingleton school site.

In response, Richard Webb said that he would find out and contact County Councillor David Ireton directly.

Resolved -

- a. Thank Richard Webb for attending and providing an update on the issues associated with the delivery of adult social care services in the Skipton and Ripon Constituency area
- b. Daniel Harry to liaise with the MP Constituency Office to find another date that is convenient for the local MP to attend a meeting of the committee.

49. Committee Work Programme

Considered -

A report by Daniel Harry, Democratic Services and Scrutiny Manager, outlining the committee work programme.

Daniel Harry introduced the report and asked 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.

There were a number of additions and amendments to the work programme agreed as below:

- Move the item on tourism and the links with economic development, which had been scheduled for 12 December 2019, to the meeting on 28 May 2020
- Add an item on the role that digital technology has to play in economic development in rural communities to the agenda for the meeting on 12 March 2020

The agenda for the next meeting of the committee on 12 December 2019 to be as follows:

- Progress with the delivery of the Recovery Plan for Clapham School - Clapham School Community Action Group
- Factors affecting the long term sustainability of schools in the Skipton and Ripon constituency
- The Rural Crime Strategy
- Update on progress with the re-opening of the Castleberg Community Hospital at Giggleswick
- Current coverage of the cycle network in North Yorkshire and plans for its development and expansion.

The committee agreed that the meeting at 10am on 12 December 2019 would be held in Ingleton, possibly at the community centre.

Resolved -

- a. That the committee work programme updated as outlined above.

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

There was none.

The meeting concluded at 1:00pm.
DH

Airedale, Wharfedale & Craven

Health & Care Partnership

...Happy, Healthy at Home



Castleberg Community Hospital

January 2020

Skipton and Ripon Area Committee



Lynne Scrutton. Deputy Director.

Airedale, Wharfedale and Craven CCG (Commissioner of services)

Michael Dyson. Principal Construction Manager.

NHS Property Services Ltd (Landlord)

Trudy Balderson. Head of Community Services

Airedale NHS Foundation Trust (Provider of services)

CONTENT

Assurance

The Estate

The Services

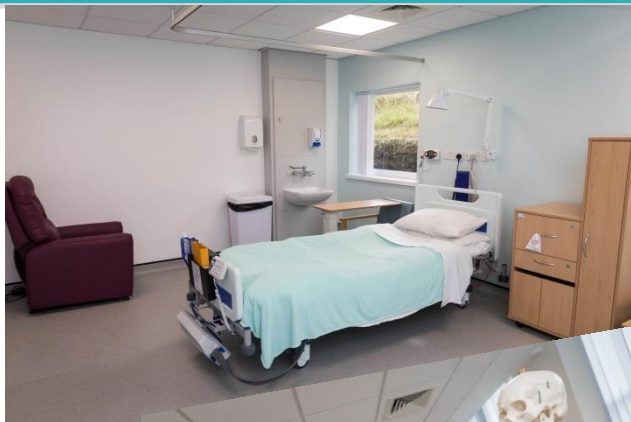
Assurance

- Works completed
- Handover took place 12th September
- Public 'drop in' held 30th September
- Open for admissions from 7th October
- Formal opening 26th November
- Mobilisation meetings ensuring oversight of 'snagging' continues
- The NHS England Planning and Assuring Service Change for Patients process has concluded
- Skipton and Ripon Area Constituency Committee are asked whether further assurance is required

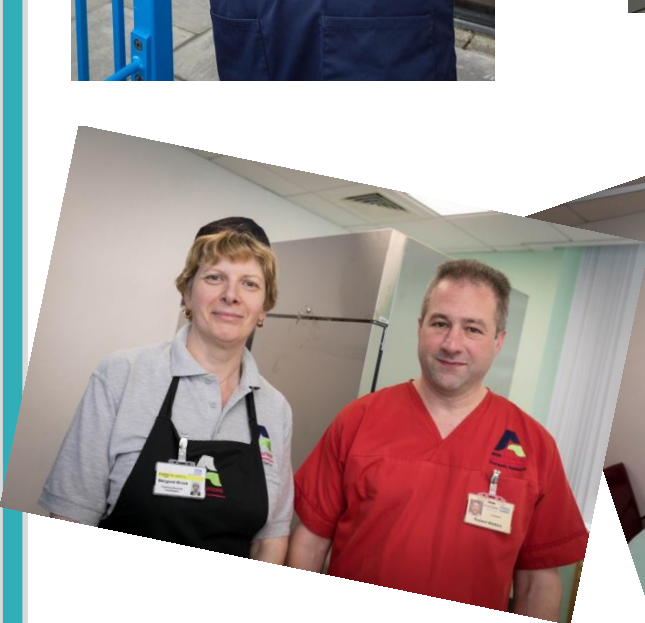
The Estate - From This



The Estate - To This



The Services



'The Opening'



Patient 'Story'

88 year old Arthur Thompson from Skipton getting ready to go home after spending time at Castleberg to recover and rehabilitate from his recent surgery.

He said:

"I've really enjoyed it here
it's a lovely team
and a lovely place."



Questions?

Skipton and Ripon Area Constituency Committee are asked whether further assurance is required
Question from the committee?



NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
Skipton and Ripon Area Constituency Committee
2pm on Monday 13 January 2020
Committee Work Programme

County Council Budget 2020/21

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To advise of the arrangements for reporting the County Council's budget for 2020/21 at this meeting and to seek the Committee's comments concerning the budget for referral to the Executive.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 The local government finance settlement is the annual determination of funding to local government and requires the approval of the House of Commons.
- 2.2 The local government settlement for 2020/21 has been published later than anticipated and so it has not been possible to prepare a paper regarding the settlement for circulation with the agenda for this meeting.

3.0 Arrangements

- 3.1 Gary Fielding (the County Council's Corporate Director - Strategic Resources) will attend this meeting to give a verbal briefing on the 2020/21 local government settlement and to respond to questions.
- 3.2 The Committee, having received the verbal briefing, is invited to comment on the County Council's budget for 2020/21.

4.0 Recommendation

- 4.1 That the local government settlement, as reported verbally at this meeting, be noted.
- 4.2 That the Committee's comments concerning the County Council's budget for 2020/21 be referred to the County Council's Executive for consideration.

Daniel Harry
Democratic Services and Scrutiny Manager
Legal and Democratic Services
North Yorkshire County Council
County Hall, Northallerton, DL7 8AD

Background Documents – None

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
Skipton and Ripon Area Constituency Committee
2pm on Monday 13 January 2020
Committee Work Programme

1.0 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.

2.0 Work Programme

The Work Programme is attached at **Appendix 1** and Members are asked to consider, amend and add to the Committee's draft work programme, as required.

3.0 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.

4.0 Scheduled committee dates

Forthcoming committee dates are:

- 10am on 12 March 2020 in Settle TBC
- 10am on 28 May 2020 – venue TBC
- 10am on 3 September 2020 – venue TBC
- 10am on 17 December 2020 – venue TBC.

5.0 Recommendation

Members are asked to:

1. Consider, amend and add to the Committee's draft work programme.

Daniel Harry
Democratic Services and Scrutiny Manager
North Yorkshire County Council
Tel: (01609) 533531
Email: daniel.harry@northyorks.gov.uk

16 December 2019

**Skipton and Ripon Area Constituency Committee
Work Programme 2020 – dated 16 December 2019**

2pm on 13 January 2020 in Ripon	
Rural schools	Progress with the delivery of the Recovery Plan for Clapham School - Clapham School Community Action Group
Annual Council Budget Review	Review the annual Council budget and make recommendations to Executive – Central Services, NYCC
Rural Crime Strategy	Rural Crime Strategy including wildlife crime – North Yorkshire Police
Castleberg Community Hospital, Giggleswick	Briefing from Lynne Scrutton from AWC CCG, colleagues from NHS Property Services and Airedale FT
Cycle Network	Current coverage of the cycle network in North Yorkshire and plans for its development and expansion – Business and Environment Services, NYCC
10am on 12 March 2020 in Settle	
Rural schools	Progress with the delivery of the Recovery Plan for Clapham School - Clapham School Community Action Group
Tourism and economic development	Tourism and the promotion of local heritage and natural environment - Business and Environment Services, NYCC
Stronger Communities	Follow up to the meeting of the committee on 14 March 2019 - access to a range of alternative funding streams such as the National Lottery and why this seems lower in the area when compared to others – Stronger Communities, NYCC
Rural communities	Rural Commission – engagement in their review process – Central Services, NYCC
10am on 28 May 2020 – venue TBC	
Rural schools	Progress with the delivery of the Recovery Plan for Clapham School - Clapham School Community Action Group
Digital enabling sustainable rural communities	Review of what work is being done on digital connectivity to enable rural communities to thrive and grow – Technology and Change, NYCC
Community safety	Community safety profile – North Yorkshire Police

10am on 3 September 2020 – venue TBC	
Health services	Future plans for Ripon Hospital – link with the NYCC Scrutiny of Health Committee –North Yorkshire Clinical Commissioning Group
Committee discussion with local MP	TBC
10am on 17 December 2020 – venue TBC	

Meeting venues

Meetings will move between Skipton, Pateley Bridge, Ripon and Settle. Where there is a local issue of particular concern to the committee, every effort will be made to hold the meeting in that area.

Notes

The work programme is under regular review and so the scheduling of items may change.

Daniel Harry

Democratic Services and Scrutiny Manager

T: 01609 533531, E: daniel.harry@northyorks.gov.uk



**North Yorkshire County Council
Skipton and Ripon Area Constituency Committee – 13 January 2020
Cycle Path Network Provision**

1.0 Purpose of the report

- 1.1 To outline North Yorkshire County Councils approach to cycle path network provision.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 In 2016 North Yorkshire County Council published LTP4, the fourth Local Transport Plan (LTP) which outlines the approach NYCC will take to a range of transport policies, opportunities, challenges and transport modes through to 2045.
- 2.2 The LTP includes a dedicated section on the council's approach to cycling. This can be seen here: (<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/local-transport-plan>) The council is committed to providing for and promoting cycling as a mode of transport for both utility and leisure purposes.
- 2.3 NYCC recognise that there are a many positive benefits associated with cycling including reducing congestion, providing exercise, reducing pollution and offering a cheaper alternative to the private car or public transport. Despite the positives associated with cycling, NYCC also recognise a number of disincentives associated with cycling, including terrain, lack of confidence, lack of facilities and distance of journeys, in order to achieve the positives associated with cycling it is recognised that the disincentives must be addressed.
- 2.4 The LTP outlines that NYCC is committed to developing a cycling policy, which will identify the council's plans for cycling in the short and medium term. This is currently in development.
- 2.5 Nationally the preferred method of delivering cycle infrastructure is to focus on providing dedicated off road routes. However, these are expensive costing of the order of £150k per kilometre on green field sites and significantly more in urban areas. Unfortunately, in the current financial climate, and with competing priorities there is limited budget to deliver cycle routes. The County Council currently receives £3.023 million annual allocation for all transport improvements for the whole county or approximately £5 per head of population. A significant proportion of this funding is dedicated towards providing additional highway maintenance, our top transport priority. Therefore, the ability to deliver new cycle infrastructure is severely restricted.

2.6 Despite the funding restrictions, the County Council will continue to actively seek funding from the government for cycling initiatives by submitting ad hoc bids for funding when opportunities arise. The council was most recently successful in receiving funding from the Access Fund (approximately £900k) and the National Productivity Investment Fund (approximately £3.2m). The Access Fund is currently being used to promote sustainable transport initiatives in Harrogate, Scarborough and Skipton. The successful National Productivity Investment Fund bid was for a package of measures in the west of Harrogate which included a cycle track on Otley Road between the Cardale Park employment area and the town centre.

3.0 Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIPs)

3.1 In 2017 the Government published its first Cycling Walking Investment Strategy, which set out the government's ambition to make walking and cycling the natural choices for shorter journeys or as part of a longer journey. The LCWIPs are designed to be a strategic local level document for identifying cycling and walking improvements.

3.2 As stated above, NYCC successfully bid for funding from DfT's Access Fund, as part of the bid NYCC identified an in-kind contribution of £60,000 to develop Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIP's) for Harrogate, Scarborough and Skipton which were all identified as key growth centres in the County.

3.3 NYCC is also jointly working with Selby District Council and Ryedale District Council to develop LCWIPs for Selby, Sherburn, Tadcaster and Malton / Norton, and LCWIPs for Northallerton and Catterick Garrison will be commenced in the near future. Once these LCWIPs are complete, it will ensure the main settlement and growth centre in each district as identified in the Local Plans has an LCWIP.

3.4 It is important to note that there is no specific funding allocated by Government to deliver the LCWIP's. However, having a LCWIP in place enables the County Council to be in a bid ready position when government announce any funding competitions. In addition to this, having an LCWIP in place enables the County Council to request funding from developers to deliver sections of the identified network.

3.5 To develop an LCWIP and bid ready schemes for each town costs in excess of £50k. Therefore, it is not feasible to develop an LCWIP for each of the towns in North Yorkshire. There are also limited opportunities to bid for funding for cycling infrastructure, therefore a decision was made to concentrate on developing LCWIPs for the largest communities and growth centres in each of the districts.

3.6 Whilst to date only the Harrogate, Scarborough and Selby LCWIP's are complete or close to completion they are already being used to inform funding bids to Government. The National Productivity Investment Fund bid for the Otley Road cycle route was informed by the developing LCWIP for Harrogate and the developing LCWIPs for Skipton and Selby are currently being used to inform a bid into the Governments Transforming Cities Fund for cycle routes to improve sustainable transport access to the railway stations in these towns.

4.0 Equalities implications

4.1 Consideration has been given to the potential for any adverse equalities impacts arising from the recommendations of this report. As this report is for information only it is the view of officers that the recommendations included in this report do not have any adverse impacts on any of the protected characteristics identified in the Equalities Act 2010 and no Equalities Impact screening is required

5.0 Finance implications

5.1 As this report is for information only, it is the view of officers that the recommendations included in this report do not have any financial implications.

6.0 Legal implications

6.1 As this report is for information only, it is the view of officers that the recommendations included in this report do not have any financial implications.

7.0 Recommendations

7.1 It is recommended that Members of the Area Constituency Committee note the contents of this report.

Author: Samantha Raine
Transport Planning
Business and Environmental Services
North Yorkshire County Council
5 November 2019