

## Agenda

**Meeting: Skipton and Ripon Area Constituency Committee**

**Venue: Victoria Hall, Settle, BD24 9DZ**

**Date: 10am on Thursday 30 May 2019**

### Business

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1. **Election of Chairman**
2. **Election of Vice Chairman**
3. **Apologies for absence**
4. **Minutes of the meeting of the Skipton and Ripon Area Constituency Committee held on 14 March 2019**  
(Pages 6 to 14)
5. **Any Declarations of Interest**
6. **Public Questions or Statements**

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7. **Castleberg Community Hospital, Giggleswick** - Lynne Scrutton, Airedale, Wharfedale and Craven, Bradford City and Bradford Districts Clinical Commissioning Groups  
**(Pages 15 to 29)**
8. **Unpaid Carers and community based care - the role of unpaid carers and the support that is given to them** – Dale Owens, Assistant Director, Health and Adult Services, North Yorkshire County Council  
**(Pages 30 to 37)**
9. **Committee work programme** – Daniel Harry, Democratic Services and Scrutiny Manager, North Yorkshire County Council  
**(Pages 38 to 41)**
10. **A59 Kex Gill Diversion– Progress Update** – BRIEFING – for information only  
**(Pages 42 to 43)**
11. **Other business which the Chairman agrees should be considered as a matter of urgency because of special circumstances.**

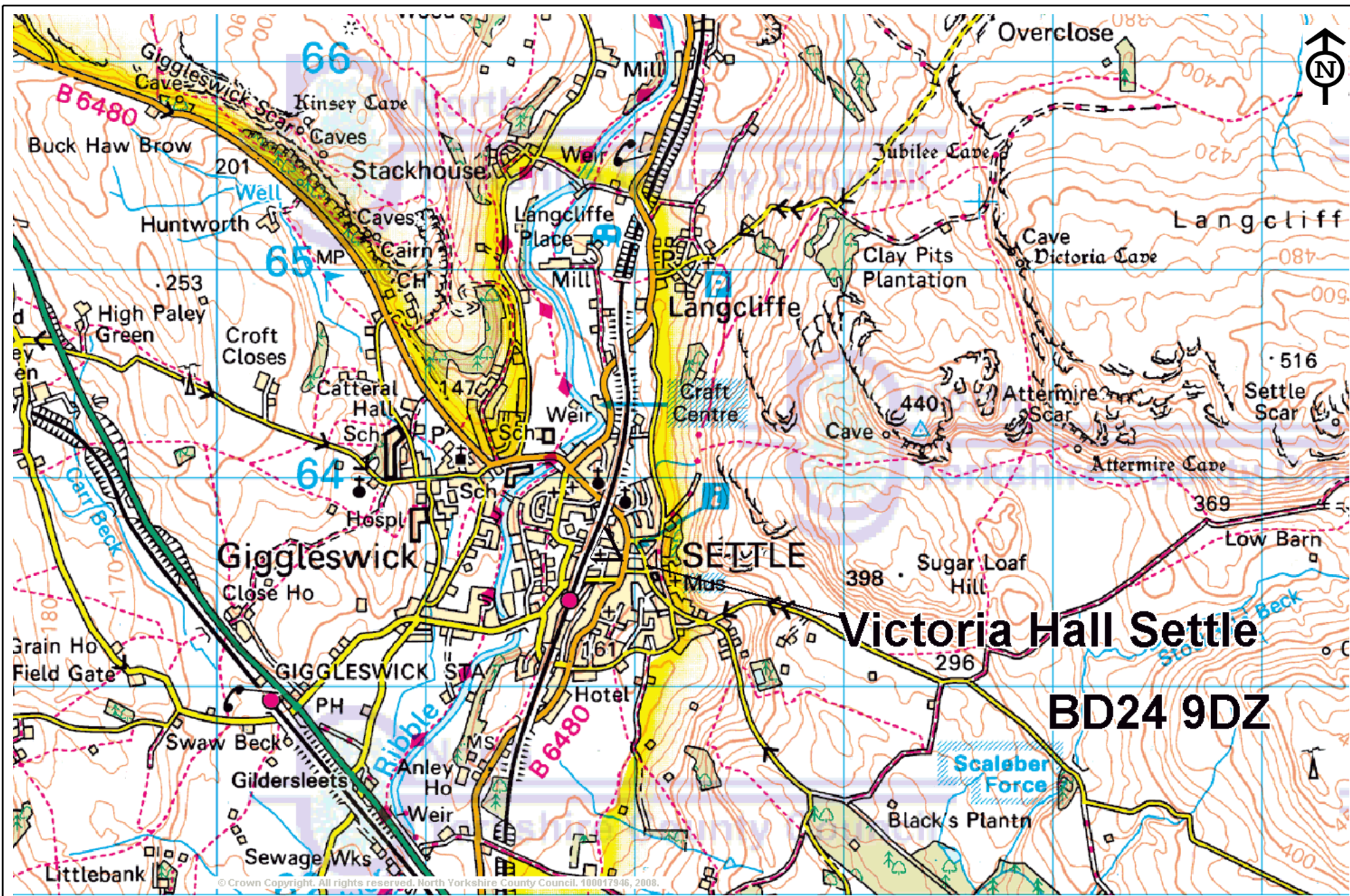
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# SKIPTON AND RIPON AREA CONSTITUENCY COMMITTEE

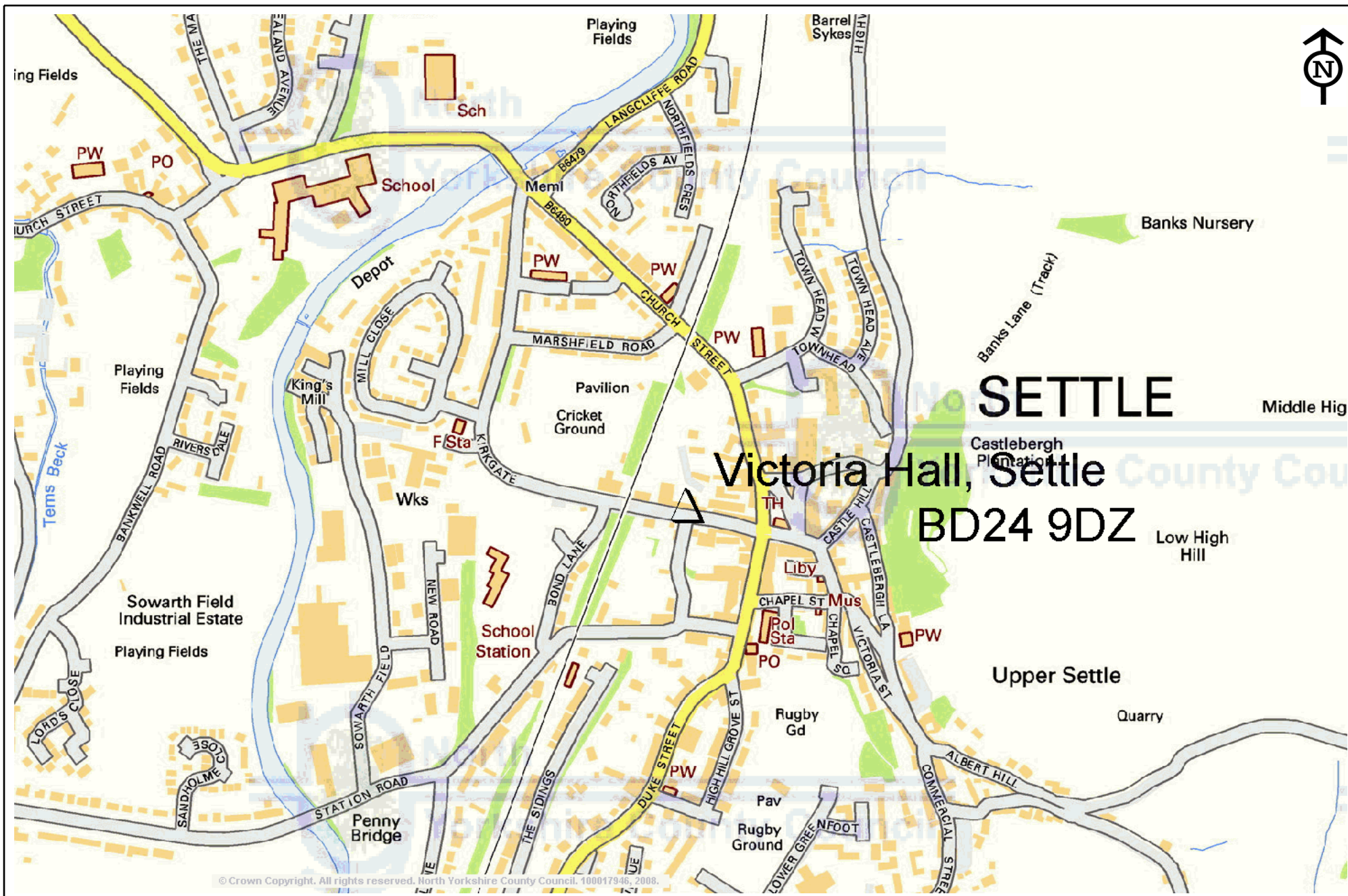
## Membership

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



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## North Yorkshire County Council

### Skipton and Ripon Area Constituency Committee

Minutes of the meeting of the Skipton and Ripon Area Constituency Committee held on 14 March 2019, commencing at 10.00am, at Ripon Community House, Sharow View, Allhallowgate, Ripon.

**Present:-**

County Councillors Margaret Atkinson, Philip Barrett, Mike Chambers MBE, Michael Harrison, Robert Heseltine, Stanley Lumley, Stuart Martin MBE, Patrick Mulligan, Gill Quinn, Andy Solloway, Richard Welch (Chairman) and Robert Windass.

County Council Officers: Daniel Harry (Democratic Services and Scrutiny Manager), Liz Meade and Marion Tweed-Rycroft (Stronger Communities Team), Gail Chester (SEND Transport Manager).

Others present: Caroline King (Ripon Community House) and Leon Fijalkowski (Pioneer Projects Foundation).

There were approximately three members of the public present.

Apologies for absence were received from County Councillor David Ireton.

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

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**21. Introduction by the Chairman**

The Chairman, Cllr Richard Welch, welcomed members to the fourth meeting of the committee. He reminded all present that this was a County Council committee meeting that was held in public and not a public meeting.

**22. Minutes of the Skipton and Ripon Area Constituency Committee Meeting held on 13 December 2018**

The Minutes were unanimously accepted as a true record.

**23. Any Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Stuart Martin MBE said that he needed to declare an interest regarding Item 6 on the agenda as a member of the Ripon Community House Board.

**24. Public Questions or Statements**

Mr George Greenbank, a member of the Clapham School Steering Group, read out the following statement to the Committee:

The Clapham School Steering Group has been formed following a public consultation meeting last Thursday. The group is preparing a submission with the aim of stopping the closure and we have been given less than four weeks to do so. We are working at some pace to put together the evidence and to test our arguments as to why the school

should be kept open. Today I am giving you the outline of our submission but I'm sure you will appreciate that it will evolve, become more specific and be backed by evidence as we get closer to the deadline to submit.

1. The decision by the Governing Body to propose closure and the decision by NYCC to start the consultation process did not consider critical information that was not known to them; a full understanding of (i) local housing development and (ii) changes to the local market for affordable, rented accommodation that are already having an impact on school numbers, paint a positive picture that do not justify closure.
2. The recent decline in pupil numbers is not due to permanent factors but some transient issues that are being addressed; recent changes to leadership are temporary but have already had a positive impact on school numbers with four new children starting and one returning pupil during the course of this academic year.
3. The financial position of the school is adversely affected by the need to pay for a dedicated Headteacher and Clapham Primary has been left in this position due to its well-intentioned participation in an early form of Confederation that did not deliver the intended benefits; it is now incumbent on the Governing Body, NYCC and the Diocese of Leeds to take the time needed to fix this and ensure that Clapham Primary School has a shared-Headteacher based cost model that is becoming the norm across the county.
4. Once higher but still realistic pupil numbers are realised and the cost structure is addressed, Clapham Primary School will be financially sustainable; local people have a proven track record of stepping in and supporting local services both with time and financially and will do so again to help the school during its period of recovery.
5. The quality of provision and ability to deliver the National Curriculum is also adversely affected by the legacy of failed collaboration; again, it is incumbent on the Governing Body, the Diocese and NYCC to support the Governing Body and take the time needed to put in place the forms of collaboration that have proved to be perfectly feasible elsewhere.
6. Clapham Primary School is a listed, rural school and so the presumption is against closure and a higher bar is set by statutory guidelines to ensure this is so; the consultation process has failed to address a number of aspects within the statutory guidelines, specifically those relating to (i) medium and long term demand for the school and (ii) the impact on the local community whose interests are evidenced by the Stronger Communities Programme of NYCC and the Attracting Younger People Programme of Craven District Council together with the emergent Clapham Neighbour Development plan that will prioritise an increase in the number of working families in the Parish.
7. In summary, had the Governing Body been made aware of the following earlier in the process:
  - 7.1. housing developments and changes to the local market for affordable, rented accommodation
  - 7.2 the statutory guidelines for the closure of rural schools, and had the necessary time been given to secure collaboration with other schools

then the decision to seek closure would not have been tabled unless and until the above had been fully considered. It is the judgement of the Steering Group that, had the proposal been tabled after a full and proper evaluation, it would not have been carried.

A copy of the statement was circulated to the Committee.

County Councillor Richard Welch said that he had some sympathy with the issues that had been raised by Mr Greenbank as in his own area two primary schools had closed in the past 18 months.

County Councillor Patrick Mulligan, as Executive Member, said that the Council did not want to see rural primary schools or secondary schools closed. He said that the Council would do everything that it could do to support Clapham School. A consultation was currently underway and that the views of the Steering Group would be taken into account.

County Councillor Richard Welch then opened up the discussion to all Committee Members.

County Councillor Stanley Lumley said that from his experience the use of federations and close collaborative working between schools was key in ensuring their long term sustainability. He said that lessons could be learnt from the experience of Nidderdale.

County Councillor Robert Heseltine said that ten years of austerity and significant financial pressures in the public sector had impacted upon the sustainability of rural schools particularly primary schools. There needed to be a radical rethink on schools funding. He also noted that there was insufficient information available today to enable the Committee to thoroughly debate all the issues regarding the future of Clapham School.

County Councillor Michael Harrison said that he wanted to reassure the speaker that if there was a solution then the Council would try and find one.

County Councillor Margaret Atkinson said that more needed to be done to enable villages to grow and prosper and become community focal points and hubs in the larger rural areas of the county.

County Councillor Patrick Mulligan said that with regard to discussions about the feasibility of small rural schools particularly primary schools the focus was always upon the wellbeing of the child. Key social and emotional needs could not easily be met when school numbers were very low.

County Councillor Andy Solloway said that the issue of the sustainability of schools was not of concern in rural areas only it was also an issue in urban areas. He said that when considering school places and housing development the Government's view was that four houses built generated one school place.

Mr Greenbank clarified that Clapham School currently has 30 pupils. He asked that County Council officers work with the School Steering Group to find a solution.

County Councillor Patrick Mulligan said that he would have a further discussion with Mr Greenbank outside of the meeting.

#### **Resolved –**

- a. The committee expressed its sympathy for parents and carers of pupils at Clapham School and acknowledged the wider issue of the sustainability of schools in the county
- b. The sustainability of schools in the Skipton and Ripon Constituency Committee area to be put on the committee work programme

- c. All committee members to send issues of specific concern relating to the item on school sustainability to Daniel Harry
- d. Daniel Harry to develop some lines of enquiry with colleagues in NYCC Children and Young People's Services to bring back to the committee for consideration.

**25. Update on Road Safety and Improvement Work that has been undertaken at the Site of the Junction A6131 (Skipton North) crossing A65 (Harrogate)**

Daniel Harry introduced the report informing Members that a petition had previously been submitted to the Craven Area Committee on 9 November 2017 following the death of a 20 year old man on 13 October 2017 at the junction.

The decision of the Committee at that time was that the matter would be considered after the release of a Coroner's Report. It has since emerged that there will not be a Coroner's Report because there has been a criminal prosecution.

The report provides an overview of road safety improvement that has been carried out and Daniel Harry asked Members to consider whether any further action was required on behalf of the Committee.

County Councillor Robert Heseltine said that despite the works that had been done the junction still remained dangerous and a concern. He said there was a need for the Committee to maintain pressure upon the Council's Highways Department and also Highways England to get the necessary changes to the road completed.

County Councillor Philip Barrett said that he agreed with County Councillor Robert Heseltine. He said that minor safety changes and changes to the road structure or layout were not sufficient. Instead the area needed to be completely re-engineered with the introduction of a roundabout.

County Councillor Robert Heseltine raised his concerns that increased house building in the area will only exacerbated the safety problems at the junction.

**Resolved -**

- a. Daniel Harry to circulate a copy of the Fatal Accident Report relating to the death at the junction on 13 October 2017
- b. Daniel Harry to request that there is a further discussion on the approach being taken to road safety and improvement at the junction at the next meeting of the Highway Area Office member surgery
- c. Subsequent to the consideration of the above, the Chairman of the committee to write to the Director of Business and Environmental Services, David Bowe, to raise any concerns that the committee may have
- d. Daniel Harry to write to the petitioner, on behalf of the committee, to outline the action taken by the committee in response to the petition.

**26. Strategic Highways Updates**

- (a) **Briefing on A59 at Kex Gill - Update on Report to Committee on 13 December 2018**

Daniel Harry introduced the report and asked Members of the Committee whether they had any queries or concerns they wished to be raised directly with the Highways and Transportation Department at the Council.

County Councillor Stanley Lumley said that the work to maintain the existing route at Kex Gill and develop a new route was all on target. There had been challenges with the maintenance of the existing route and that the job was being done properly and thoroughly. Work will continue with the resurfacing of the road in and around the Kex Gill area. All local residents and businesses will be informed ahead of that work. Any diversions put in place will have the intention of minimal impact upon local people and businesses.

**Resolved -**

a. Committee members noted the report and requested ongoing updates from the Council's Highways service.

**(b) Briefing on Progress with the Coniston Aire Causeway - Update on Report to Committee on 13 December 2018**

Daniel Harry introduced the report asking Members to identify areas of concern that should be raised with the Highways and Transport Department at the Council.

County Councillor Gill Quinn said that local people were concerned about the ongoing damage to the bridge caused by vehicle collisions with the structure of the bridge and some of the quality and appearance of the temporary fixes that had been put in place. She said that she was liaising with the Area Highways Office to find out further information.

County Councillor Robert Heseltine requested that a Highways Officer attend the next meeting of the Committee to give an update on progress with the Coniston Aire Causeway.

County Councillor Stanley Lumley said that there were opportunities to raise any issues about either Coniston Aire Causeway or other highways related matters with Highways Officers either on a one to one basis or through the Area 6 Surgeries. He said that he had attended the Area 6 Surgery last week and found it extremely helpful in providing an update on all local highways issues. He said that he would be reluctant to draft in Highways Officers to attend the Committee unless there was something specific that needed to be dealt with there and then that was of strategic interest.

County Councillor Andy Solloway said that a number of the issues that were being discussed around highways all related to east-west connectivity and queried what would be happening with regards to the congestion study at Harrogate.

**Resolved –**

a. Daniel Harry to request a more detailed report from John Smith in the Council's Highways service, for circulation to the committee.

**27. Stronger Communities Showcase - Community Role and Access to Health and Support Services**

Liz Meade and Marion Tweed-Rycroft of the Stronger Communities Team at North Yorkshire County Council introduced the report highlighting some of the key strategic issues associated with the work of the team.

Liz Meade explained that the Stronger Communities Team had identified a number of communities where additional support was needed for local community and voluntary sector organisations to establish themselves as anchors or hubs. She explained that the focus was upon community assets and doing what could be done to enable local people to do more for themselves.

Leon Fijalkowski from the Pioneer Projects Group gave a presentation outlining their work and lessons learnt. Key points from the presentation are summarised as below:

- ◆ At the time that the organisation was approached by the Stronger Communities Team the organisation was struggling for survival.
- ◆ Initially a consultant was brought in to assess what needed to be done to support the long term sustainability of the organisation.
- ◆ A new Strategic Director was appointed.
- ◆ Links were made with the ORB organisation in Knaresborough.
- ◆ Previously, the project had been perceived as a place for people who were old or unwell. This has been successfully challenged and changed as the organisation has changed the focus of its work and broadened its remit.
- ◆ The intention now is for the project to lead on the development of mental health hubs across the district. These will then enable services to be delivered out of them.
- ◆ The aim is to share the learning from Pioneer Projects with other VCS organisations in the community.

Liz Meade said that organisations like Ripon Community House played a key role in acting as a focal point for services, linking people together, and providing space for organisations to work and collaborate.

Caroline King of Ripon Community House gave an overview of the work that was done from the venue, as summarised below:

- ◆ A number of organisations are based in the building and running groups out of the site.
- ◆ The organisation is not for profit and invests in the community.
- ◆ The organisation has supported numerous projects including education for 16+ young people, community payback delivered by the Probation Service and a local food bank.
- ◆ The sharing of space at Community House means that organisations begin to share ideas, approaches and ways of working.
- ◆ The site is centrally based, responsive, neutral and respected.
- ◆ 200 people came through the door yesterday.
- ◆ It feels as though the organisation is quietly making a difference. It was accepted that more could be done to raise the profile but the focus of the work as volunteers was to do rather than talk.

- ◆ Things were becoming more challenging in the voluntary and community sector.
- ◆ Ripon Community House was involved in the provision of services from birth all the way through to death.

County Councillor Richard Welch thanked all those who had presented the item today and then asked whether Members had any questions.

County Councillor Michael Harrison noted that small amounts of funding could make a great difference in terms of building upon community assets that were already in place. He was interested in work that could help promote healthy lives and general wellbeing because this then would help promote what the Council was trying to achieve through Public Health and Health and Adult Services. In turn, reducing the demand for adult social care services. It was in effect, an 'invest to save' approach.

County Councillor Michael Harrison said that there had been significant change to the voluntary and community sector over the past ten years and funding could no longer be rolled out based on the method and approach that it had been previously. It was important to consider what services were needed in the community and how voluntary and community sector organisations could work together, work with the public sector, and work with the private sector to deliver them.

County Councillor Stuart Martin MBE said that the building had previously been owned by North Yorkshire County Council. At the point at which it was acquired it was derelict and had since been renovated and turned into a valuable community venue and asset.

County Councillor Andy Solloway said that he had been impressed by the presentations and that it showed the value of moving the venues for the Committee meetings across the county as Members were exposed to different projects, approaches and subjects than they were used from their own areas.

County Councillor Richard Welch summed up and said how amazed he was by all the work that was done by volunteers and their commitment to supporting their local community.

Daniel Harry asked Members to consider whether there were any issues that had been raised in the presentation regarding Stronger Communities that could be developed as further lines of enquiry for the Committee and included in the Work Programme.

#### **Resolved –**

- a. Committee members noted the report
- b. All 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 the work of the Stronger Communities team, community resilience and community anchors/hubs.

## **28. Home to School Transport Policy Update**

Gail Chester, SEND Transport Manager, North Yorkshire County Council presented the report.

Daniel Harry said that this is an opportunity for the Committee to discuss the local impact of the changes to the Policy and whether there are any concerns that need to be fed back to the Transport, Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Gail Chester said that the changes to the Policy had been introduced to help reduce the increasing financial costs associated with home to school transport particularly for those children with SEN. The areas at which the Policy had been changed were discretionary areas of service delivery. The Council had worked with families to ensure that transport solutions could be found that were of benefit to the pupils concerned.

County Councillor Richard Welch thanked Gail Chester for the report and the overview and opened up discussions to all Committee Members.

County Councillor Patrick Mulligan said that the changes to Transport Policy had worked for everybody, particularly the mileage allowance.

County Councillor Stanley Lumley said that there had been some concerns when the Policy was introduced but he was encouraged to see that there were no significant adverse impacts as a result of the changes.

County Councillor Andy Solloway raised a concern relating to the licensing of taxi services that were often used as part of the transport of children to and from school. He said that in many cases the shortages of taxi firms that were willing to contract for this business meant that many of the providers were coming from significant distances outside of the county. These were known as 'dead mile' contracts.

Gail Chester said that the lack of contractors locally did mean that there were times that as commissioners of the service the Council was obliged to look further afield for operators.

County Councillor Andy Solloway queried whether there was anything that people could do in their role as District Councillors to look at the licensing arrangements that are currently in place for taxi services that provide home to school transport.

#### **Resolved –**

- a. The committee noted that there were no immediate concerns with the change in policy but that any adverse impact would be highlighted by members with the SEND Transport Manager
- b. The committee noted concerns about the contracting of out of area transport providers for some home to school transport and referred this for consideration to the Chairman of the Transport Economy and Environment OSC.

#### **29. Committee Work Programme**

Daniel Harry introduced the report saying that the intention was that the Work Programme be owned by the Members of the Committee. He said that the discussions at the Committee this morning had demonstrated that there were concerns about the sustainability of rural schools particularly primary schools, concerns about road infrastructure particularly east to west connectivity, and also interest in better understanding community resilience and how existing community assets could be developed further.

Daniel Harry asked Members to consider any items for inclusion in the Work Programme.

County Councillor Philip Barrett said that he would like there to be a discussion at the Committee regarding the Kildwick roundabout at the A62 and whether anything could be done to address this longstanding problem with the flow of traffic.

Members then debated the appropriate route for a number of highways issues to go.

Daniel Harry said that it had now been confirmed that the Rt Honourable Julian Smith MP would be attending the Committee meeting on Friday 6 September 2019 in Ripon. The Committee will run from 11 am through to 1 pm, with the MP attending from 12 noon. He said that further work would need to be done to ensure that the time with the MP was well used and that issues of local concern were flagged directly with him during the hour that he was able to attend the meeting.

Daniel Harry reminded Committee Members that at the next meeting of the Committee at 10 am on 30 May 2019 there would need to be the election of a Chairman and Vice-Chairman as it had previously been agreed when the Area Constituency Committees were set up that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman would only be in place for one year.

Daniel Harry asked Members to consider where the next meeting should be held. It was scheduled for either Skipton or Settle. He encouraged Members to suggest suitable venues either at Settle or Skipton.

**Resolved –**

- a. 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 the work of the Stronger Communities team, community resilience and community anchors/hubs
- b. 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 the sustainability of schools in the area
- c. Committee members to consider whether there are any specific lines of enquiry that need to be included in the committee work programme for the meeting with the MP on 6 September 2019
- d. An item on congestion and road safety related issues linked to the flow of traffic around the A629 Kildwick Roundabout to be added to the work programme for the 6 September 2019 meeting
- e. An item on strategic road links to be added to the work programme. This may include a number of separate issues that impact upon the area, including Kex Gill, Coniston Aire Causeway, the A629 Kildwick Roundabout and others.

The meeting concluded at 12.05 pm

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**North Yorkshire County Council  
Skipton and Ripon Area Constituency Committee  
10am on 30 May 2019**

**Castleberg Hospital - Report on behalf of the Castleberg Mobilisation Group**

**Purpose of Report**

To provide committee members with an update on the work that has been done to refurbish the Castleberg Hospital, Giggleswick.

**Background**

This update includes details of the timeline; a high level summary of works undertaken since March 2019; issues of concern; provider mobilisation; and public engagement and the Community Asset Based Approach

**1) Timeline**

The timeline to December 2018 was reported at the December meeting for the Skipton and Ripon ACC.

**January – May 2019**

- NHS Property Services (NHSPS) Internal Approval Process (IAP) concluded and the Castleberg programme of works was approved
- Tenders for the works were returned to NHSPS (within budget) and assessment process undertaken
- Following tender review contractors were selected by NHSPS
- Architects were instructed to draft up contracts between the contractors and NHSPS
- Detailed internal plans were signed off by the provider Airedale NHSFT
  
- An unanticipated delay was advised due to the impact of pressures on capital funding within NHS Property Services. In agreement with the Department of Health and Social Care new capital commitments would not be undertaken in this financial year. In view of this the Castleberg capital funds would not be released until 2019/20 financial year. NHS Property Services confirmed that they remain fully committed to starting the project in April 2019 with funding from their 2019/20 capital budget.
  
- The mobilisation group asked that NHSPS formally confirm to the CCG Accountable Officer that the capital funding had been included in financial plans for 2019/20 and that there were no risks to the work being progressed in April
- The Chief Operating Officer of NHS PS wrote to the Chief Officer of the CCG regarding the reopening of Castleberg providing assurance that NHS PS remain fully commitment to starting the project in April 2019 funded from their FY 2019/20 capital budget.

- Contractors Whitaker and Leach were awarded the contract having responded to the procurement with a competitive bid
- A pre-contract meeting took place and the contract was issued to Whitaker and Leach for review and signing
- Once duly signed and returned to NHSPS, NHSPS signed the contract and entered onto their contract register enabling the contractor to raise purchase orders
- This allowed the contractor to order materials and equipment with long lead in times such as the air exchange unit and boiler
- Preparatory works on drainage and to remove asbestos were undertaken
- Further preparatory works started mid-March; known as 'soft start' this included site set up; fencing; cabins for contractor welfare
- Planning was approved with conditions by Craven District Council (sample materials to be made available)
- The full programme of works started in April 2019.
- ANHSFT recruitment continues. Staff appointed to date have been deployed into the community team pending reopening. New starters will commence appointments in June allowing an appropriate induction period
- Castleberg Hospital is one element of the overall community offer for people in Craven. The provider continues to prepare for mobilisation and the operational mobilisation group continue to meet monthly with NHSPS.
- Until early May re-opening was anticipated to be end July/early August 2019.

## **2) High level summary of works undertaken since March 2019**

- External drains replaced/repared
- Building strip out complete
- Re-roofing works commenced
- Removal of duct work commence - asbestos discovered. Specialist survey commissioned
- Above affects progress of the roofing work (Prevents removal of AHU's)
- New partition walls set out, erected and boarded to create the revised layout at the rear of the hospital
- Work on reconfigured wards underway
- Male/female shower rooms – work underway
- Drainage ducts for en-suites excavated and external connections prepared
- Work to prepare for improved access underway, old ramp removed, footings and foundations for the new ramp prepared.

## **3) Issues**

- Department of Health and Social Care capital commitments deferred until new financial year (January 2019)
- Discovery of asbestos (April 2019)
- Discovery of nesting birds in the boiler house roof (May 2019).

## **Capital funding**

Addressed – capital funding now released

## **Asbestos**

- Surveys and removal of identified asbestos was completed prior to the contractor commencing work. However further asbestos was discovered in the gaskets used to seal the joints of the air handling duct work by the contractor during strip out work
- The asbestos is encased in a silicone or bitumen type solution so low risk however the contractor has to join the new air handling equipment into the ducting and then clean the ducting so it is likely at some point in the works the contractor will disturb the old joints.
- Removing the ducting has a knock on affect in that ceilings and lighting systems in rooms that were to remain will now have to be removed and replaced to facilitate the removal of the ducting.
- A number of remedial options were identified however after careful consideration NHS Property Services (NHSPS) have decided the safest option is to remove all the ducting from the affected ground floor area and replace with new ducting.
- The removal of the ducting will be carried out by a registered asbestos removal contractor who will be monitored by specialist asbestos consultants.

### **Nesting Bird**

- A neighbour raised a concern over the planned removal of the boiler house roof advising that there were nesting birds in the eaves.
- Work proceeded with caution but soon halted when a nesting bird was discovered in the boiler house roof.
- A bat scoping assessment and nesting bird survey was carried out 14<sup>th</sup> May and expert advice received.
- Five starling nests were discovered and the eggs have hatched. The chicks are expected become independent by mid-June.
- Starlings generally raise a single clutch but it is not uncommon for second broods. In view of this a second survey will be undertaken mid-June. If the nest is inactive the works can recommence. If the nest is active works will pause for approximately 7 weeks
- A bat survey undertaken at the same time recorded no evidence of bats and the building was deemed as having negligible potential for roosting.
- In order to fully mitigate for the impact caused by the works the recommendations of the report will be adhered to and 5 nesting boxes will be installed.

### **4) Provider mobilisation**

- Following handover from the contractor and prior to mobilisation it will be necessary for a full clinical deep clean to be undertaken; any building 'snagging' issues to be addressed; set up of ward equipment; health and safety checks; fire evacuation procedures and staff orientation.
- Staff will be involved throughout to ensure a smooth transition and safe care delivery.
- The provider will require 3 weeks post-handover to prepare for mobilisation.

### **5) Revised Timescale:**

- Expected completion of works mid to end August
- The provider will require 3 weeks post-handover to prepare for mobilisation so expected opening September 2019
- Should there be a second batch of eggs then this will result in a 7 week delay to allow for incubation and the fledglings leaving the nest. This could result in opening being delayed until November 2019

## **Assurance**

- Airedale, Wharfedale and Craven CCG, the provider of the services; Airedale NHS Foundation Trust and NHS Property Services all remain committed to the reopening of the facility at the earliest opportunity.
- Internal reporting mechanism within the three organisations provides internal assurance.
- External scrutiny includes the NHS England Planning and Assuring Service Change for Patients process which continues.
- Skipton and Ripon Area Constituency Committee undertake a further assurance function on behalf of the North Yorkshire scrutiny committee. Regular updates are shared with committee members following each mobilisation meeting.
- These communications are now also shared with the Craven Communities Together Leadership team for onward dissemination to community groups.

## **6) Public Engagement and Community Asset Based Approach:**

- A range of forums have enabled exploration of an asset based approach to use of space at Castleberg with a view of benefitting the communities of North Craven.
- A meeting with interested members of the public was held 16<sup>th</sup> July 2018 in Settle where the mechanism for further involvement was agreed as: Craven Communities Together Group and the North Craven Health and Wellbeing Action group. This has been extended since to Nurturing Neighbourhoods
- During the planning phase it became apparent that the first floor space was the most suitable for use as a community asset however Airedale NHSFT also confirmed their support for volunteering through their successful volunteering scheme.

Three expressions of interest in relation to use of the first floor have been made by:

- Local community groups and VCS via the North Craven Health and Wellbeing Action group (formerly Castleberg the Futures Group). (Since withdrawn)
- North Yorkshire County Council in relation to social care (ongoing)
- A local home care provider (ongoing).

The CCG has advised that in line with the governing body intent when supporting the re-opening of Castleberg, they are supportive of maximising the potential of the facility as a community asset as long as tenants are suitable and the Craven population benefits from this approach.

Given the financial position of the CCG, this is on the basis that no additional costs fall to the CCG.

In view of this there may be opportunity to make space available to smaller local VCS organisations and North Yorkshire County Council at nil cost however any costs associated with potential tenants requesting changes or improvements to the first floor accommodation / property would be the responsibility of the tenant/s. In addition responsibility for facilities management and utilities costs would be the responsibility of the tenant/s.

Should there be a need for additional parking as a result of increased utilisation of the first floor there would need to be agreement of how this would be funded by the

tenant/s in negotiation with NHS Property services. Due to the financial position of the CCG the CCG cannot incur any additional costs.

It is important to note that there is a requirement that any future occupier of the first floor has the necessary legal status in order to hold a lease with NHS Property Services. Also suitable use will be a priority mindful that the ground floor will have inpatients 24/7.

Local community groups and VCS via the North Craven Health and Wellbeing Action group has recently withdrawn their expression of interest due to affordability; tenure limits and accessibility.

North Yorkshire County Council and the home care provider continue to explore opportunities through discussion with NHS Property services. A site visit to view the available space has been arranged for NYCC 29<sup>th</sup> May 2019

Once expressions of interest have been confirmed as intentions the Craven Communities Together Group will consider, including potential benefits to the Craven community and will share their views which will be taken into account by the CCG and NHS Property Services when making decisions as the funders and the landlord.

There are plans for an open day for stakeholders and members of the Craven community to be held prior to the facility opening

**Recommendation**

Members are asked to:

1. Consider the report and identify any further lines of enquiry for the committee to pursue.

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21<sup>st</sup> May 2019

Airedale, Wharfedale & Craven

# Health & Care Partnership

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Castleberg Community Hospital  
May 2019 Update  
Skipton and Ripon Area Committee

**Lynne Scrutton. Deputy Director.**

Airedale, Wharfedale and Craven CCG (Commissioner of services)

**Daniel Burdett. Principal Property Manager.**

NHS Property Services Ltd (Landlord)

**Trudy Balderson. Head of Community Services**

Airedale NHS Foundation Trust (Provider of services)

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## Assurance

- Airedale, Wharfedale and Craven CCG; Airedale NHS Foundation Trust and NHS Property Services all remain committed to the reopening of the facility at the earliest opportunity.
- Mobilisation meetings take place regularly
- The NHS England Planning and Assuring Service Change for Patients process continues.
- Skipton and Ripon Area Constituency Committee undertake a further assurance function on behalf of the North Yorkshire scrutiny committee. Regular updates are shared with committee members following each mobilisation meeting.
- These communications are also shared with the Craven Communities Together Leadership team for onward dissemination to community groups.

# Progress Made - January 2019 to May 2019



- Timeline to December 2018 reported at December committee meeting
  - Design, layout and plans approved by provider
- Programme of work approved by NHS Property Services
- Tender process undertaken and contractor appointed



- Planning approval secured
- Preparatory site work undertaken
  - Asbestos surveys conducted and asbestos removed



## Summary of works undertaken



### Summary of works undertaken

- External drains replaced/repaired
- Building strip out complete
- Re-roofing works commenced
- Removal of duct work commence - asbestos discovered. Specialist survey commissioned
- Above affects progress of the roofing work (Prevents removal of AHU's)
- New partition walls set out, erected and boarded to create the revised layout at the rear of the hospital
- Work on reconfigured wards underway
- Male/female shower rooms – work underway
- Drainage ducts for en-suites excavated and external connections prepared
- Work to prepare for improved access underway old ramp removed, footings and foundations for the new ramp prepared.

## Issues

NHSPS capital funding pressures (January)

Asbestos (late April)

Nesting birds (May)

## Revised Timescale

Opening expected - September 2019

If second clutch of birds – November 2019

## Provider Mobilisation Preparations

- Mobilisation planning commenced in June 2018 following outcome of public consultation
- Project Team and monthly mobilisation meetings ( ANHSFT, NHSPS, AGH Solutions)
- Detailed operational project plan
- Partnership Mobilisation Group meetings
- Recruitment of staff ( combination of returning and new staff appointed)
- Use of technology ( telemedicine links, electronic prescribing)
- Staff engagement ( Keep in touch sessions, involvement in ward environment plan)
- Staff training and induction
- Craven Communities Together Partnership linking to local community and wider stakeholders
- Logistics and lead in times dependent on Construction work and completion dates
- Project to reduce number of Intermediate care beds on Intermediate Care Unit, AGH aligned to re-opening of Castleberg Hospital

# Handover Phase



- Deep cleaning of environment
- Identify any 'snagging' issues
- Setting up the Ward with equipment ( 2-3weeks following handover by contractors)
- Staff involvement to ensure smooth transition and safe care delivery
- Health and safety checks e.g. fire evacuation procedures
- Case finding and admissions



# Asset Based Community Development

- 'Open Day' session for local community and wider partnership group prior to admissions being accepted
- Part of a wider Integrated Intermediate care offer ( bed based and domiciliary, health, social care and VCS)
- Service available to all Craven residents
- Volunteering opportunities and links to Community Voluntary sector
- Co-location opportunities and utilisation of first floor accommodation
- Craven Communities Together Partnership e.g. Nurturing neighbourhoods and collaborative working

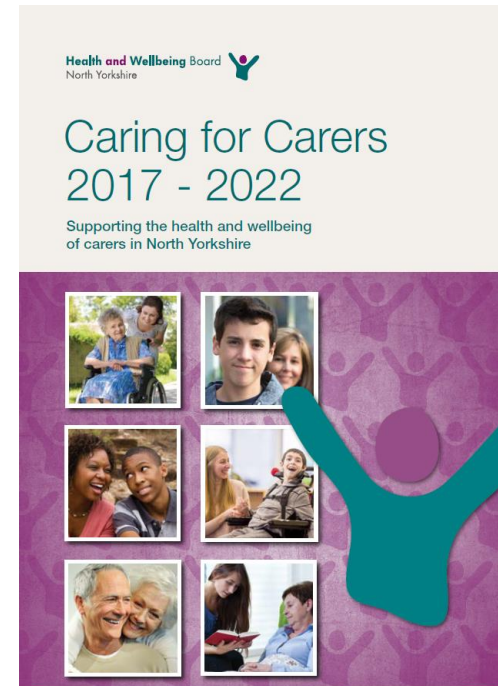
# Questions?



# Carers in North Yorkshire

# 'Caring for Carers' Strategy

- Launched in 2017
- Developed as a recognition of the vital work over 65,000 unpaid carers do in North Yorkshire
- Ideas for the strategy were submitted by over 200 people – online, on the phone, in person, through libraries and through carer centres
- It was developed alongside several existing carer groups, as well as a dedicated group who volunteered specifically to represent carer views in the strategy
- Extensive consultation was undertaken on the draft at the start of 2017 and changes were made to reflect the feedback received
- A Strategy Implementation Group now meets on a 2 monthly basis to bring key stakeholders together to deliver the strategy



# 'Caring for Carers' Strategy

## Vision

Carers themselves can live long and healthy lives and be able to continue to care as long as possible and as long as they would want to. We want to encourage more carer friendly communities, and promote carer issues across wider society.

Some of the key messages Carers told us were ...

- They want to be recognised as experts in the care they deliver
- They want help managing finances as a carer
- They want to continue caring but be able to stay healthy themselves
- They want more options for having a break from their caring role
- They want better and more accessible information about the caring role and what support is available



# 'Caring for Carers' Strategy

## The Key Themes And Priorities For Improvement In The Strategy

- Improving identification of carers
- Improving information and advice
- Enabling carers to take a break
- Improving carers health and wellbeing
- Enhancing financial wellbeing
- Involving carers as experts

# Carers Information and Advice Service

- Organisations are commissioned across the County – the provider for Craven District is Carers Resource.



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we care for you*

- The service in Craven is jointly commissioned with Bradford Metropolitan District Council and Airedale, Wharfedale and Craven Clinical Commissioning Group (AWC CCG), to ensure a more seamless experience for people using the service in the AWC CCG area.
- NYCC and AWC CCG invests around £50,000 annually in Craven commissioning the service and the current contract runs until 2021.
- Additionally NYCC also commission a Carers Information and Advice service for children, which is run by Action for Children in Craven.



# Carers Information and Advice Service

Services offered by the Carers Information and Advice services include:

- Confidential information, advice, emotional support and representation;
- A carer assessment on behalf of North Yorkshire County Council;
- Benefits advice;
- Regular information by way of circulars, bulletins or newsletters;
- Referrals to other specialist support organisations;
- Information sessions, courses and other related activities; and
- Help for carers who need support to continue working and caring.

They also work in partnership with carers, carer groups and other organisations to improve services for carers and promote their interests.

# Carers Sitting Service

- NYCC and Clinical Commissioning Groups also Commissioning Carers Sitting Services across the County – the provider for Craven District and Harrogate Borough (jointly) is also Carers Resource.



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- NYCC and Clinical Commissioning Groups invest around £90,000 annually across Craven District and Harrogate Borough commissioning the service and the current contract runs until 2021.
- The Carers' Sitting Service gives carers a chance to have a break from their caring responsibilities while a trained sitter takes their place. It helps carers to have a life of their own, participate in activities and goals they have for themselves, and promote their wellbeing. For a short period of time, usually 2-4 hours a week, the sitter can provide companionship, support and assistance that would normally be provided by the carer inside or outside the home.



# Other North Yorkshire County Council Carers Activity

As part of the Carers Strategy delivery North Yorkshire County Council are currently reviewing their 'offer' to carers, including assessments, support, short breaks and carer grant; an enhanced offer is expected to be in put place over the coming years.



**North Yorkshire County Council  
Skipton and Ripon Area Constituency Committee  
10am on 30 May 2019  
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:

- 11am on 6 September 2019 (MP attending from 12noon) – note change of date & time
- 10am on 12 December 2019
- 10am on 12 March 2020.

## **5.0 Review of Annual Council Budget**

It has been proposed that the Council's 6 Area Constituency Committees hold an additional public committee meeting in the week commencing 6 January 2020 to go through the Council's Annual Budget, with a view to the committee making recommendations to Executive on 28 January 2020.

### **6.0 Recommendation**

Members are asked to:

1. consider, amend and add to the Committee's draft work programme
2. hold a date in January for a meeting to review the Council's Annual Budget proposals.

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26 March 2019

**Skipton and Ripon Area Constituency Committee  
Work Programme 2018/19 and 2019/20**

<b>10am on 14 March 2019</b>	
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Description</b>
Petitions	Briefing on the response to the concerns about road safety at the junction off the Skipton by-pass – the former Craven Area Committee had previously received this petition in 2017 but had not been able to progress until the Coroner had reported upon a fatal accident there
Stronger Communities	Community showcase - Community role in access to health and support services
Home to School Transport	To provide the committee with an update on the recent changes to the Home to School Policy (May 2018) so that any local concerns can be fed back to the Transport Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
Road network and transport infrastructure	Briefing on A59 at Kex Gill and the Coniston Aire Causeway – Highways - update on report to committee on 13 December 2018
<b>10am on 30 May 2019</b>	
Castleberg Community Hospital, Giggleswick	Briefing from Lynne Scruton from AWC CCG, colleagues from NHS Property Services and Airedale FT - update on report to committee on 13 December 2018
Unpaid Carers and community based care	The role of unpaid carers and the support that is given to them
Road network and transport infrastructure	Briefing note on the A59 at Kex Gill (officer not in attendance)
<b>11am to 1pm on 6 September 2019 (note change of date)</b>	
Digital economy	Development of the digital economy in rural areas, links to employment and long term sustainability of rural communities
Road network and transport infrastructure	Contribute to any consultation on options arising out of the Harrogate Congestion Study – NYCC Highways
Road network and transport infrastructure	Briefing on A59 at Kex Gill and the Coniston Aire Causeway – NYCC Highways - update on report to committee on 13 December 2018
Road network and transport infrastructure	Briefing on A629 Kildwick Roundabout – traffic flow and possible improvement options – NYCC Highways
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 – NYCC Stronger Communities

Links with local MP	Rt Hon Julian Smith MP to attend – 12noon to 1pm
<b>10am on 12 December 2019</b>	
Schools and educational achievement	Some of the factors affecting the short, medium and long term sustainability of schools in the Skipton and Ripon Area Constituency Committee area – NYCC, CYPS – update on report to committee on 13 December 2018
Tourism and economic development	Tourism and the promotion of local heritage and natural environment
Rural Crime Strategy	Rural Crime Strategy including wildlife crime
<b>Week commencing 6 January 2020</b>	
Annual Council Budget Review	Review the annual Council budget and make recommendations to Executive
<b>10am on 12 March 2020</b>	

#### **Agenda items under development**

- Understanding of place and the area covered by the committee - overview of community safety issues, including updates from: Police; Fire and Rescue; Community Safety; Highways – road safety; Stronger Communities; and Public Health – identification of any further lines of enquiry
- Workforce - Assessing the impact of public sector recruitment problems upon the long term sustainability of services and so rural communities
- Air quality
- Ripon Community Hospital - briefing by HRD CCG on the long term plans for Ripon Community Hospital.

#### **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 Rt Hon Julian Smith MP will be attending the meeting on Friday 6 September 2019. The committee meeting will run from 11am to 1pm, with the MP attending from 12noon.

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## North Yorkshire County Council

### Skipton and Ripon Constituency Committee – 30 May 2019

#### A59 Kex Gill Diversion– Progress Update

#### 1.0 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To provide an update on the progress of the A59 Kex Gill Diversion.

#### 2.0 Background

- 2.1 The A59 is a key trans-Pennine route, which runs between Skipton and Harrogate. There is a long history of land instability and movement of the land above the A59 to the west of Blubberhouses at Kex Gill.
- 2.2 This movement has caused a number of landslips, the most recent of which occurred in May 2018 and led to a closure of the A59 for six weeks while initial repairs were carried out followed by a number of months with only one lane open to traffic while detailed site investigations and design work were carried out so that permanent repair options could be established. Work to carry out the permanent repairs was completed at the end of April 2019 followed by a five day closure for the final resurfacing which was completed on Friday 17 May 2019.
- 2.3 As a result of ongoing slope instability, there remains a high risk that there will be further landslips in the future, which could potentially result in long term closures of the route, severely impacting on connectivity between Skipton and Harrogate.
- 2.4 Whilst short to medium term management measures are being undertaken, the County Council recognises that in the longer term there is a need to develop proposals for a permanent solution. This would require a major realignment of the route. As such, improvements to the A59 at Kex Gill are identified within the County Council's Local Transport Plan, Strategic Transport Prospectus and also within the York, North Yorkshire and East Riding Local Enterprise Partnership's Strategic Economic Plan.

#### 3.0 Progress Update

- 3.1 The final version of the Outline Business Case was submitted to the Department for Transport (DfT) in January 2019. Following a number of contacts with DfT, confirmation was recently received that the DfT are currently assessing the business case and will provide feedback, though at the time of writing still no feedback has been received. Work continues on the Full Business Case.
- 3.2 A progress update report that also sought approval to continue to progress the scheme at risk was approved by the Executive on the 30 April 2019.

- 3.3 The surveys that are required for the Environmental Impact Assessment which will accompany the planning application are underway. Notice to enter letters were served on the two landowners, tenant and agent to obtain a right of access to carry out the second year of the environmental surveys which commenced in April 2019 and will be complete in September 2019. Officers were unable to reach a negotiated agreement to access the land for the surveys and investigations hence the need to resort to notice to enter letters.
- 3.4 Future meetings are being programmed with the landowners to continue the ongoing development process which is proceeding well, as the scheme design progresses. We are endeavouring to acquire the land for the scheme by negotiation but in parallel we are also developing Compulsory Purchase Orders should these be required.
- 3.5 Further limited Ground Investigation (GI) will be carried out in June 2019 and is required to confirm the ground conditions at the proposed new western subway for the revised PROW and field access route.
- 3.6 Regular discussions are taking place with the statutory environmental bodies (Natural England, AONB, YDNP and RSPB) as the scheme progresses, to deal with any concerns prior to submitting the planning application. Pre-application advice was received from NYCC Planning services on 1 May 2019.
- 3.7 Discussions continue between the various Council teams, Statutory Bodies and the Designers on the structural design elements for the scheme e.g. Underpasses, culverts and retaining walls. A workshop is being held in June 2019 to narrow down the design options.

#### **4.0 Construction phase**

- 4.1 Construction of the scheme is expected to commence in spring 2020 and is estimated to take approximately 16 months though this may alter as the design is developed. Subject to satisfactory progress, it is currently anticipated that the new road could open in the summer of 2021.
- 4.2 Construction of the new road is offline and therefore there will be little impact on the travelling public during the construction works. There will be some disruption during tie in works at each end of the scheme which would be managed with traffic signals to allow alternate traffic movements, however every effort will be made to keep this to a minimum. Only once the new road is open would work on decommissioning the old road commence.
- 4.3 During the construction of the scheme, news of progress on the works and any changes to traffic control will be communicated by press releases, updates on social media and via newsletters delivered directly to local residents in the immediate vicinity of the scheme.

<h4><b>5.0 Recommendation</b></h4>
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5.1 Members of the Skipton and Ripon Area Constituency Committee note the contents of the report.</li> </ul> |
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