

Agenda

Meeting: Thirsk and Malton Area Constituency Committee

Venue: Ryedale Indoor Bowls Club, Scarborough Road, Norton, YO17 8EG

Date: Wednesday 13 March 2019 @ 10am

Business

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1. **Minutes of the meeting held 28 November 2018** (Pages 5 to 10)
2. **Declarations of Interest**
3. **Public Questions or Statements**

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- when the relevant Agenda item is being considered if they wish to speak on a matter which is on the Agenda for this meeting.

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4. **Update on Weight Restrictions on Norton Level Crossing** – Report of the Area Manager, Highways & Transportation, North Yorkshire County Council
(Pages 11 to 12)
Purpose of report: To provide an update on the consultation responses post introduction of the Experimental 7.5T weight restriction at Norton Level Crossing, giving Members the opportunity to feed in their views to the consultation.
5. **SEND Transport Policy Update** - Report of NYCC SEND Transport Manager
(Pages 13 to 15)
Purpose of report: To assess the implementation of the changes in Home to School transport Policy and its impact, and feed in local concerns to a county wide scrutiny being undertaken by Transport, Economy & Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee.
6. **Stronger Communities** - Report of NYCC Head of Stronger Communities Programme
(Pages 17 to 20)
The presentation of two community showcases:
Community Showcase 1 on Community Transport - A Community Project by Ryedale Community Transport to develop an additional community transport solution in Easingwold and villages.
Community Showcase 2 on School Readiness - A community project by Thirsk Community Library providing outreach work for Primary Schools.
7. **Thirsk and Malton Area Constituency Committee Draft Work Programme for 2019/20** – Report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services)
(Pages 21 to 24)
Purpose of report: To provide a draft Work Programme for 2019/20 for the Area Constituency Committee to consider, develop and adopt.
8. **Other business which the Chairman agrees should be considered as a matter of urgency because of special circumstances.**

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

5 March 2019

THIRSK AND MALTON AREA CONSTITUENCY COMMITTEE

Membership

County Councillors (12)			
	<i>Councillors Name</i>	<i>Political Group</i>	<i>Electoral Division</i>
1	ARNOLD, Val	Conservative	Kirkbymoorside
2	BAKER, Robert	Conservative	Sowerby
3	BURR, Lindsay MBE	NY Independents	Malton
4	DADD, Gareth	Conservative	Thirsk
5	DUNCAN, Keane	Conservative	Norton
6	GOODRICK, Caroline	Conservative	Hovingham and Sheriff Hutton
7	PATMORE, Caroline	Conservative	Stillington
8	SANDERSON, Janet	Conservative	Thornton Dale and The Wolds
9	SOWRAY, Peter	Conservative	Easingwold
10	SWIERS, Helen	Conservative	Filey
11	SWIERS, Roberta	Conservative	Hertford and Cayton
12	WHITE, Greg	Conservative	Pickering
Members other than County Councillors – ()			
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North Yorkshire County Council

Thirsk and Malton Area Constituency Committee

Minutes of the meeting held at Ryedale Indoor Bowls Club, Scarborough Road, Norton on Thursday 28 November 2018 at 10.00 am.

Present:-

County Councillors Val Arnold, Lindsay Burr MBE, Gareth Dadd, Keane Duncan, Caroline Goodrick, Caroline Patmore, Janet Sanderson, Peter Sowray, Helen Swiers, Roberta Swiers and Greg White.

Officers in attendance: Richard Marr (NYCC Area Highways Manager), Ian Marr (Project Manager NYnet Ltd), Dale Owens (AD Health & Adult Services), Melanie Carr, (Principal Democratic Services & Scrutiny Officer), Sue Mitchelhill & Hannah Bowls (Business Support Officers).

Apologies: County Councillors Robert Baker and Roberta Swiers.

Copies of all documents considered are in the Minute Book

16. Minutes of the meeting held 20 September 2018

Resolved –

That the Minutes of the previous meeting of the Thirsk & Malton Area Constituency Committee held on 20 September 2018, having been printed and circulated, be taken as read and be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

17. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of Interest at the meeting.

18. Public Questions or Statements

The Committee received one written public question received after the deadline date, from Settrington Parish Councillor Alan Mitchell which the Chair agreed the Committee would accept. The question in relation to Agenda item 6, the Update on Phase 3 Delivery of Superfast Broadband, read as follows:

Please can they (NYnet Ltd) clarify the position of the village of Settrington in relation to the Phase 3 Rollout of Broadband?

To date only one of the BT cabinets in the village has been enabled. We believe that the other cabinet was not enabled because of a spuriously, excessive cost estimate for providing a small power supply to this cabinet. NYnet should be aware that there has recently been an extension to the underground power cable network in Settrington that may be advantageous to bringing power to the second cabinet. The village has been split in two with one half having fast broadband (which we understand is to be upgraded to FTTP) and one half which has to make do with extremely slow broadband. This is not in the spirit of the Governments' promised Superfast Broadband rollout.

19. Malton & Norton Infrastructure Study Findings & Implementation Update

Considered -

The report of NYCC's Area Highways Manager providing an update on the Malton & Norton Infrastructure Connectivity Improvement Study.

Following a brief overview of the work undertaken to carry out the Connectivity Study, Richard Marr, outlined the potential quick wins and the preferred package of interventions identified, as a result of the Study.

County Councillor Lindsay Burr raised concerns about the traffic survey data being collected to compile the required traffic model, and County Councillor Greg White queried where the necessary additional funding would come from, outside of the £600K provided by central Government.

County Council Duncan Keane queried when work on Norton level crossing might be started, and how much of the £600K was still remaining following the not insignificant expenditure on complimentary measures.

Richard Marr confirmed that once the County Council had confidence in the modelling work, the various options would be tested, although a start date for testing had not yet been identified.

In regards to funding, Richard Marr agreed to provide an update on the expenditure to date. He also confirmed that negotiations with Network Rail were underway to encourage them to provide funding for off-track improvements, in light of the increase in trains using the line.

Resolved -

- (i) That the report be noted;
- (ii) That an update on expenditure be provided.

20. Norton HGV Restrictions Update

Considered –

The report of the Area Manager, Highways and Transportation providing an update on the ongoing experimental 7.5T weight restrictions at Norton Level Crossing.

Richard Marr confirmed the restrictions had been in place since February 2018 but there had been some initial problems with signage on the A64. Also, that consultation responses would continue to be collected up to 1 May 2019 and a decision on the best way forward would follow. In the meantime monitoring at the Crossing would continue and enforcement was underway.

County Councillor Lindsay Burr provided feedback on the frustration of residents who were concerned about the lack of visible monitoring and the reliance on their goodwill to monitor both the use of Norton Level Crossing by HGV vehicles, and the knock on effects of the restrictions. She also expressed the view that the 51 enforcement actions taken to date suggested that the monitoring was not working effectively.

County Councillor Duncan Keane identified a design flaw in the restriction, in that as a result of the increased number of HGV vehicles waiting in traffic in Castlegate, the air quality issues that the restriction on the level crossing was intended as a response to, were instead being exacerbated. He drew attention to the growing air quality problems

at Butchers Corner, where there was no air quality management order in place. Recognising that clearing HGVs from Butchers Corner was not the purpose of the scheme, he queried what changes could be made between now and May 2019 to improve air quality there.

County Councillor Janet Sanderson confirmed that the backing up of traffic at Butchers Corner was caused by vehicles turning and in regard to enforcement, suggested that cameras should be used.

Richard Marr confirmed that the use of CCTV had been considered but the costs associated with examining the camera 24/7 footage had proved excessive. They were therefore having to rely on the public to provide evidence to Trading Standards, who would be able to provide data on monitoring levels.

County Councillor Gareth Dadd expressed interest in the use of cameras and agreed that as a one off while the data was being collected, the use of cameras should be reconsidered, which the committee supported.

County Councillor Peter Sowray suggested only minimal camera use was required, perhaps a couple of hours, twice a day at key times might be a more suitable option.

County Councillor Duncan Keane highlighted the knock on effects of the trial on villages in other divisions, and noted that CCTV cameras were already in place so the only costs involved would be in the assessment of the footage, subject to the quality of the imagery.

County Councillor Lindsay Burr agreed that air pollution at Butchers Corner was a major issue and thanked the Committee for their support for the use of cameras.

County Councillor Caroline Goodricke reiterated the unintended consequences of the trial on narrow roads in and around villages etc, and suggested that a one way system through Malton & Norton may have to be considered in the future, if all else fails.

Resolved -

- (i) That the information provided and issues highlighted be noted.
- (ii) That data from Trading Standards on monitoring levels be circulated to Committee members
- (iii) That the use of Cameras be reconsidered as a monitoring tool.
- (iv) That a further report be brought to the Committee **before** the end of the consultation period providing a summary overview of feedback to date, so that the Committee can submit their consultation response before the close of the consultation. Report to come next meeting on 13 March 2019.

21. Update on Phase 3 Delivery of Superfast Broadband across North Yorkshire

Considered -

The report of the Project Manager from NYnet Ltd providing an overview of the previous phases, the costs involved, public contributions per phase, and the number of premises now with superfast broadband across the county.

He highlighted some of the issues affecting those premises where superfast broadband had yet to be delivered. For example in Settrington where a decision had yet to be taken about updating one of the cabinets supplying half of the village. He confirmed that the most viable option may be to provide fibre direct to those

outstanding premises rather than fibre to that cabinet. The deployment of new technology enabling fibre to the premise would also result in some of the best connectivity in some more remote locations. Finally, he confirmed that NYnet had started to look at what Phase 4 might look like.

County Councillor Greg White stated that whilst the County Council should be pleased with the rollout to date, there were still instances of residents in some areas where work had already been completed being unable to access superfast broadband e.g. in Pickering. He suggested that NYnet should carry out some auditing to check on delivery in those areas already completed.

In response, Ian Marr confirmed that NYnet did carry out sample checks and would investigate where a cluster of problems were identified or a cluster of complaints received. He also confirmed there were a number of reasons why some residents may not be receiving superfast broadband e.g. demand stimulation or the need to update their package. He confirmed that when a resident had a fault they were advised to contact Openreach first to rule out system faults (in line with standard practice). NYnet would investigate a reported upgrade fault once the possibility of a system fault had been ruled out.

County Councillor Peter Sowray questioned whether it was fair that residents in more rural areas should have to wait to last especially as those properties received the worst services through the old system and Ian Marr confirmed there had been a political decision taken to use the available funding to provide superfast broadband to the majority of more urban premises first in order to be able to successfully apply for additional funding for further phases.

County Councillor Val Arnold questioned whether those premises that were left would ever receive superfast broadband and Ian Marr confirmed that was the aim, but it would require a variation on the delivery, made possible through the use of new technologies. He also confirmed that the average cost of installation was falling as the technology improved, making it cheaper to supply fibre to the premise, thereby making it possible to deliver to those outstanding rural premises.

Resolved -

- i) That the update on Phase 3 be noted
- ii) That a written response to the public question be provided by NYnet Ltd, and that Committee members be copied in for their information.

22. Adult Social Care Green Paper/Funding

Considered -

The report of the Assistant Director, Health & Adult Services providing an overview of the adult social care funding in the county, the challenges posed in delivering adult social care services in the county and details of what might be considered as part of the Government's anticipated Green Paper on adult social care funding.

Dale Owens, Assistant Director highlighted the key funding issues affecting the county, the savings made since 2015 and the further savings planned by 2021. He also detailed the focus on preventative works and the benefits that had brought, and the additional cost to the county council of providing domiciliary care, residential services and transport to those living in rural areas.

Members agreed there would be many across the county who were providing care that the County Council were unaware of. County Councillor Lindsay Burr highlighted some

of the issues with working in the sector and with adult social care apprenticeships, and asked that more consideration be given to the work of carers. Dale Owens acknowledged there were problems with recruitment across the county and outlined the initiatives being undertaken to attract new staff e.g. improved promotion and generating career pathways.

In regard to the funding of adult social care, Members noted that the funding pressure of approximately £4m remained a challenge, in a challenging market. They also noted that fragmented funding schemes created challenges and that the county council was having to use more expensive providers more frequently, with 7 out of 21 residential and nursing homes not accepting the county council's fee rates.

In regard to the LGA consultation on how the system could be improved and the radical measures under consideration for future funding generation, County Councillor Duncan Keane expressed concern at the possible solutions for paying for adult social care in the long term, as outlined in the report, and sought reassurance that the county council would be submitting a consultation response.

County Councillor Gareth Dadd expressed his view that the county council had got its priorities right and should be proud of its funding commitment to the provision of adult social care. However he suggested it was not just about funding, that what was needed was a cultural shift in attitudes about caring for the elderly, and for more multi-generational living. Whilst recognising you can't provide a services without funding it, he suggested it would be extremely unfair to look to council tax to bridge the funding gap

Members agreed some of the more radical solutions were controversial. County Councillor Janet Sanderson suggested means testing could prove more costly down the line and that the county council should lobby for having services properly funded by central government.

County Councillor Greg White suggested what was required was a move towards a professional care giving system that uses local commissioners and volunteers – a more blended delivery of care. He suggested the county council should look to how it could encourage it as it was still less costly to pay a premium to have people looked after at home rather than them going into a residential home.

Dale Owens agreed it was more cost effective and consultation responses showed it was the preferred option. However there had to be a threshold e.g. if two carers and multi visits were required it could prove cost prohibitive, although that would not necessarily a deciding factor. He also confirmed that the county council was looking at commercial opportunities for care delivery across the county and the possibility of having its own agency.

County Councillor Peter Sowray raised an issue with the funding of voluntary services in Hambleton and Easingwold and asked about the transparency of service contracts, and County Councillor Caroline Patmore reiterated his concerns about Easingwold. Dale Owens agreed to provide a written response to the specific query raised.

County Councillor Caroline Goodricke acknowledged it was a hugely complex subject, and that the future funding of adult social care was crucial. She stated her view that funding should be allocated down to Local Authorities from central government as they were best placed to understand the needs of the residents in their locality and had a working knowledge of the providers in their area.

Finally, County Councillor Gareth Dadd proposed a future report to the Committee on the work of the Community Care Association, in order to better understand their role and the role of others in the provision of community care.

Resolved -

- i) That the overview report be noted.
- ii) That the Assistant Director for Health & Adult Services provide a written response to the query raised by County Councillor Peter Sowray on the funding of services in Hambleton and Easingwold and the transparency of service contracts.
- iii) That the Committee receive a future report on the work of the Community Care Association and the role of others in the provision of community care.

23. Thirsk & Malton Area Constituency Committee Work Programme

Considered –

The report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal & Democratic Services), providing a work programme for the Committee to consider and adopt.

Members considered the list of proposed areas of work identified but not yet scheduled, and County Councillor Caroline Patmore proposed the addition of the following items:

- 1. The overnighting of HGVs
- 2. Use of minor roads in the County by heavy vehicles
- 3. Mobile phone coverage – black spots – proposals for improvements

County Councillor Duncan Keane proposed a future report on changes in primary care services. The Chair confirmed there had been a recent joint meeting of the committee with the Scarborough & Whitby Area Constituency Committee where a presentation on primary care services was given by the Associate Director of Primary Care from Scarborough & Ryedale Clinical Commissioning Group. The Scrutiny Officer agreed to circulate a copy of the presentation to all Committee members.

Members also discussed the location for future meetings. The Chair confirmed the previous agreement to hold all meetings in this municipal year at the one location. It was agreed that other venues would be considered for meetings as from July 2019.

Resolved -

- iii) That the Chair and Vice-Chair draft a rolling work programme for the coming municipal year, taking account of the areas of work identified but not yet scheduled and the items proposed at the meeting.
- ii) That the next meeting of the Thirsk and Malton Area Constituency Committee be held at Ryedale Indoor Bowls Club in Norton, on Wednesday 13 March 2019 at 10 am.

The meeting concluded at 12:10pm

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North Yorkshire County Council

Thirsk and Malton Constituency Committee – 13 March 2019

Update on the Experimental 7.5T Weight Restriction – Norton Level Crossing

1.0 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To provide Members with an update on the consultation responses post introduction of the Experimental 7.5T weight restriction at Norton Level Crossing.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 On 9 February 2018 an Order was made for the prohibition of heavy commercial vehicles with an operating weight exceeding 7.5 tonnes for an experimental period of eighteen months.
- 2.2 The statutory six month period for objecting to the indefinite continuation of the Order has now expired, however, NYCC has agreed to take any further representations up to 1 May 2019, (although the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996 provide that no variation or modification of an Experimental Order can be made more than 12 months after the Order was made).

3.0 Consultation Responses

- 3.1 19 Responses have been received post implementation, 18 objecting to the weight restriction and one in favour.
- 3.2 The main issue raised is the impact of the HGV Traffic which has been displaced onto Highfield Road/Pasture Lane with 12 of 18 responses raising concerns which can be summarised as follows –
- Detrimental impact on the two primary schools (pollution, noise pollution, road safety, intimidation)
 - Narrowness of road at the Old Malton end causing blockages and undesirable reversing movements back onto Old Malton Road.
 - Traffic jams as HGV's have difficulty manoeuvring around parked cars particularly at the start and end of the school day.
 - Damage to the road.
 - Detrimental impact on residential properties (pollution and noise pollution when HGV's rattle over the speed humps)

- Damage to residential properties caused by the vibrations of HGV's as they rattle over the speed humps).
- Difficulty to residents crossing over the road due to increased numbers of HGV's.
- Speed of HGV's.

- 3.3 Three Hauliers who have responded have identified the difficulty HGV's have turning right from Old Maltongate into the B1257 at Butcher Corner due to the tight radius often resulting in mounting the footway. Their other comments have been –
- HGV's are being forced to use unsuitable roads e.g. Highfield Road and the roads through Settrington and Scagglethorpe.
 - The restriction defeats the object in terms of air quality as HGV's still need to travel through the centre of Malton.
 - Increased travel time and transport costs.
 - HGV's are now one of the lowest polluting vehicles on the road.
- 3.4 Other comments received identify the following issues –
- Detrimental impact on Harton Village and the Howsham and Brasenthwaite bridges.
 - Quarry traffic having a detrimental impact on Welham Hill/Moor Hill through Burythorpe then Westow and Howsham.
 - Detrimental impact on roads through Settrington and Scagglethorpe.
 - Increase in traffic on Scarborough Road.
- 3.5 The next step in the process is that the evidence of the effect of the weight restriction will be reviewed and presented to the wider public by way of a public consultation. The public will be offered the opportunity to express their views as to whether or not the weight restriction should stay in force or be removed. The likely date of the consultation will be 3 May 2019 for a period of three weeks.
- 3.6 A decision will then be taken as to whether or not to recommend that the weight restriction is made permanent or removed. The recommendation will be reported to this Committee at its next meeting on 3 July 2019 giving the Committee the opportunity to contribute its views before the report is taken to the meeting of the Corporate Director and Business & Environmental Services Executive Members on 26 July 2019 for a decision.

4.0 Recommendation

- 4.1 Members to note the contents of this update.

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13 March 2019



**North Yorkshire County Council
Area Constituency Committee
Home to School Transport Policy update**

1.0 Purpose of the report

- 1.1 To provide the committee with an update on the recent changes to the Home to School Policy in May 2018.

2.0 Introduction

- 2.1 Home to School Transport (H2S) is a legal duty placed on Local Authorities to provide travel assistance of eligible statutory aged children, to enable them to access Education.
- 2.2 North Yorkshire County Council also adopt a policy statement of extending this assistance to include young persons of 16-19 years of age (post 16).
- 2.3 For young adults continuing in education beyond post 19. The Authority will still provide assistance to those with an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP).
- 2.3 The cost of H2S transport for children with SEN has been rising steadily in the last three financial years (2014-15 to 2016-17). Analysis of activity data over the same period had revealed this is caused by increase in demand, both in terms of pupil numbers and average mileage requirement.
- 2.4 Based on the rate of growth in the last 3 years, the budget forecast would be in the region of £30 million in 2015

3.0 What were the policy changes, and has this been achieved?

3.1 Introduce charging SEN Post 16 to 18 students

- 3.1.1 The policy statement had previously granted free transport to post 16 students with special educational needs (SEN), but charges £490 a year for other post 16 students.
- 3.1.2 Following the policy change the contribution charge now applies to all students starting a new post 16 course of education. This change has effectively standardise the discretionary policy for both SEN and mainstream post 16 students.
- 3.1.2 The introduction of the contribution charge has resulted in 70 young people not requesting the assistance, but opting to source other transport means to access

their education. Half term indicators are these young people are attending their chosen course.

3.1.3 A further 68 students have paid the contribution charge.

3.2 *Recognise SEN Post 19 students as Adults in Education*

3.2.1 Transport provision for Post 19 students has been individually assessed under the adult social care framework, which takes into account any existing provision available such as a mobility vehicle.

3.2.2 The young adults impacted by this policy update were contacted to request a transport assessment to be undertaken. From the 109 identified:

- 40 left education as no further progress would be made.
- 5 have now moved into Work Based Learning and directed to the Central Government funded – Access to work fund
- 10 have declined the assessment and will be using own or alternative methods of transport.
- 11 have been assessed as not requiring support.
- 43 have received assistance

3.3 *Parental Transport Allowance*

3.3.1 Local Authorities can offer parents an allowance as a form of travel assistance. Historically this has been set at 30p. Feedback from parents both prior and during the consultation was this amount was too low.

3.3.2 Following the increase to 45p per mile, a number of new application for transport assistance have been negotiated into PTA.

3.3.3 Existing solo traveller data had been delayed until Mid-October as a number of changes during the summer break will have influenced the number of pupils travelling in particular vehicles.

3.3.4 Correspondence to the parents of solo travellers has been started in the autumn half term, with some success, however a survey is expected to be sent out in March 2019 asking why parents are not interested in this option.

3.4 *Financial impact of proposals*

3.4.1 The implementation of the 3 proposal has generated a saving of £618,000.

3.4.2 The home to school transport expenditure continues to increase as the number of eligible statutory aged pupils also increases, including those requiring a specialist school provision, which cannot be met locally.

3.4.3 Preventative savings have been created by proposal 3 as more new applicants are selecting a parental transport allowance as the first offer, as it is more attractive than the old rate. This prevention saving is still requiring comparison against commissioned transport, early indications are expected to be around £200,000.

4.0 **What still needs to be done?**

- 4.1 Apply the policy changes to the protected students over the next 2 years.
- 4.2 Further exploration of the full Home to School Transport policy in line with statutory guidance, has generated a number of proposals in which a request to consult will be sort.
- 4.3 Review on how we deliver our statutory duty, for further efficiencies in processes.

Recommendation

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North Yorkshire County Council
18th March 2019



**North Yorkshire County Council
Thirsk and Malton Constituency Committee – 13 March 2019
Stronger Communities – Community Showcase**

1.0 Purpose of the Report

To provide Members with an update on the Stronger Communities Programme linked to the priority areas of School Readiness and Transport, and showcase the work of two key delivery partner organisations in the Thirsk and Malton constituency area; Ryedale Community Transport and Thirsk Community Library.

2.0 Background

2.1 The Stronger Communities Programme, working with a wide range of partners from within the Council, health and from the voluntary and community sector, agreed a strategy in 2017 and published the investment prospectus 'Inspire, Achieve, Innovate'. The work of the Programme and any projects supported through it will need to demonstrate that they are making a positive contribution to one or more of the following outcomes:

- Reduced inequalities;
- Improved social connectedness; and
- Improved social, physical or emotional well-being.

2.2 The scope for transforming the Council's services from traditional direct service delivery models to those that are more collaborative in their design, production and delivery is substantial; therefore the four priority programme service areas are:

- Libraries;
- Community Transport
- Children, Young People & Families, and
- Services for Older People and Adults.

2.3 School Readiness

One high-level strategic priority which has been identified both nationally and locally in North Yorkshire relates to the relatively large number of young children who are classified as not yet ready for school, which is then reflected in the fact that about 3

in 10 young children do not achieve a good level of development as part of the assessment at Early Years Foundation Stageⁱ. This figure rises to 5 in 10 for children eligible for free school meals (i.e. from disadvantaged backgrounds). It is however worth noting that most time for children is spent outside of school; this is where most of their life and learning takes place, somewhere between two-thirds and three-quarters of their waking hours (70%), rising to 100% during holidays. It is therefore imperative that the importance of the family and community environment is recognised.

In conjunction with Children and Young People's Services, the role of the Stronger Communities team is to develop a strong community asset base, growing the community and voluntary sector offer that supports the improvement of outcomes for children and young people; primarily through an asset based community development approach, and promoting social action in communities. To date, the Programme has supported a number of projects across the County that support the school readiness agenda including:

- Parent and toddler groups participating in healthy eating courses run by the PLA.
- Grants have been given to enable stay and play groups to purchase new resources.
- Community venues (for example village halls and churches) provided with resources to enable families with children to participate in community events.
- Breastfeeding peer support groups helped to find spaces to meet.
- A parent peer support group supported with business planning.
- Supported the children and young people's offer in Community Libraries (for example community arts projects).
- Pre-School resources and equipment.
- Group provision for young people with Special Educational Needs.

2.4 Transport

In a very large rural authority with a population density of 0.75 people per hectare, transport plays a key role in ensuring access to services is maintained; despite significant reductions in budget, NYCC continues to spend over £24m per annum on in-house transport services and £1.5m on subsidised bus services and community transport. NYCC have recognised, and continue to support the valuable contribution that the community and voluntary sector can make to the provision of responsive, effective and efficient transport schemes in local communities, whether that is through voluntary car schemes, community minibus projects or the provision of mopeds through the Wheels 2 Work scheme.

In conjunction with Integrated Passenger Transport (IPT) and the voluntary and community sector, the role of the Stronger Communities team is to develop an increased and more sustainable community transport offer. To date, the

Programme has supported a number of projects across the County that support this priority workstream. This includes:

- 'Go Local' is the new marketing brand for the 30 independent community transport providers across the County. Co-designed with providers in the county, Go Local is a modern, recognisable and unifying brand that is available for community transport organisations to use and clearly conveys to existing and potential new customers the range of community transport services available to them.
- Development of community minibus scheme in response to community need.
- Organisational development and business planning support to providers.

3.0 Community Showcase

3.1 Ryedale Community Transport

In the Thirsk and Malton area it takes residents double the time to get to all key services than it does for people in the rest of the Yorkshire and Humber. Rurality is a cross-cutting challenge for the area both in terms of equitable access to services but also to tackle the rural isolation. Vitally this year locally we are looking to work together to identify and develop potential solutions for the area. NYCC are reviewing transport provision in Ryedale this coming year as well as the Ryedale Development Group (Chaired by the Stronger Communities Delivery Manager for infrastructure support organisations) specifically looking at rural transport challenges and solutions.

Ryedale Community Transport (RCT) is the key community transport provider in the district. RCT have just celebrated their 30th anniversary, are a member of the Ryedale Charities Together Partnership and an essential partner to the wider services in the community as a whole.

3.2 Thirsk Community Library

Thirsk Community Library (TCL) was one of 22 Libraries transferred over to community management in April 2017. Based in Meadowfields (an extra care facility), the Library is now run by a volunteer led independent charity, with support from NYCC Library Service and Stronger Communities. TCL's first year of operation as a community library saw levels of good performance, with the number of visits and book issues, and the Summer Reading Challenge being areas of particular success.

Work to start developing TCL's broader vision to support the community of Thirsk (and surrounding area) in relation to improved health and wellbeing outcomes and school readiness has commenced, with a number of partnerships established. This includes:

- Established working relationship with the Children's Centre based in East Thirsk.
- Development of the 'Pop-up Library' through which library volunteers attend a local primary school on a monthly basis to raise awareness of the services offered, activities and events that are taking place, on-going and emerging campaigns (for example Bookstart Bear and Summer Reading Challenge) and to encourage children, young people and their families to become members of, and use library resources.
- In conjunction with the Thirsk School and Sixth Form College, developing volunteering placements for Duke of Edinburgh Award students.
- More recently, starting to explore the opportunity to provide work placements for those on the journey to seeking employment, and those undertaking qualifications in health and care, and early years education.

4.0 Points for discussion

- How should NYCC and partner statutory bodies approach rural transport challenges and how can this be enhanced and developed by the VCSE sector?
- How do NYCC continue to support community libraries in the most effective way possible to achieve their broader outcomes in terms of school readiness and improved health and wellbeing?

5.0 Recommendations

5.1 It is recommended that Members note the content of this report.

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ⁱ The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) Profile is an assessment completed at the end of the Reception year (4 - 5 year olds). The profile measures children's attainment in 17 areas of learning, known as Early Learning Goals. Performance is measured by the percentage of children achieving a Good Level of Development (GLD).



**North Yorkshire County Council
Thirsk & Malton Area Constituency Committee
13 March 2019 at 10am
Committee Work Programme**

Purpose of Report

The report asks Members to consider the Committee's draft work programme for 2019/20 – shown at Annex A, and agree possible venues for their meetings during the coming municipal year.

Work Programme

Members are asked to consider, amend and add to the Committee's draft work programme for 2019/20, attached at Annex A.

Committee Remit

The Area Constituency Committees:

- Act as a forum for Members to bring forward issues affecting their local Electoral Divisions
- Hear and respond to questions and statements from members of the public relating to anything affecting the community within the constituency area
- Agree a Work Programme which lists items of business which the Committee wishes to consider at future meetings
- Undertake meaningful scrutiny of local health issues within their constituency area, complementing the strategic work undertaken by the Scrutiny of Health Committee
- Undertake meaningful scrutiny of local transport issues within their constituency area, complementing the strategic work undertaken by Transport, Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- Act as consultees in major decisions that affect their constituency area (including responding to consultations)
- Make recommendations on the application of Innovation funding (supported by the Stronger Communities Team)
- Develop a working relationship with the local MP, sharing updates and information on relevant local issues being addressed by the committee.

Scheduled Committee Dates

Forthcoming committee dates are:

10am on Wednesday 3 July 2019

10am on Wednesday 11 September 2019

10am on Wednesday 27 November 2019

10am on Wednesday 11 March 2020.

Venues

Members have previously indicated that they would like to vary the venue of future Area Constituency Committee meetings. Below are a list of possible venues for Members consideration. Please note these suggestions have been taken from a list of countywide venues considered by the County Council suitable in regards to accessibility, facilities and cost:

Possible Venues in the Hambleton area:

Carlton Lodge, Carlton Road, Thirsk, YO7 4NJ

St John Ambulance Services, Lumley Close, Thirsk, YO7 3TD

The Court House (Rural Arts), 4 Westgate, Thirsk, YO7 1QS

The Golden Fleece Hotel, Market Place, Thirsk, YO7 1LL

Mencap Centre, Goosecroft Lane, Northallerton, DL6 1EG

The Forum, Bullamoor Road, Northallerton, DL6 1LP

Possible venues in the Ryedale area:

Ryedale Indoor Bowls Club, Scarborough Road, Norton, YO17 8EG

Malton & Norton Rugby Union Football Clubhouse, Old Malton Road, Malton, YO17 7EY

Ryedale District Council, Old Malton Road, Malton, YO17 7HH

Norton Trinity Methodist Church, 10 plum Street, Norton YO17 9JA

Members are welcome to make further suggestions, but alternative venues will need to be checked for suitability, before being accepted.

Recommendation

Members are asked to:

- i. Consider, amend and add to the Committee's draft work programme.
- ii. Agree a shortlist of possible venues for their meetings during 2019/20.

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**Thirsk and Malton Area Constituency Committee
Draft Work Programme 2019/20**

10.00 a.m. on Wednesday 3rd July 2019 at a venue to be agreed	
Subject	Description
HGV Ban Consultation	Analysis & Draft Recommendations – Tim Coyne
HGV Overnight Parking	Appraisal of the issues on NYCC's Highway Network in Thirsk and other areas, and the multi-agency approach to it – David Kirkpatrick
Community Safety	Overview of community safety issues inc. updates from Police; Fire and Rescue; Community Safety; Highways (road safety); Stronger Communities & Public Health – identification of any further lines of enquiry
Place	Following an analysis of data from NYP, NYFS, Highways, Community Safety and Public Health, Members will be asked to provide a local perspective to the examination of 'Place'.
Rural Crime Strategy	Response to rural crime, including wildlife crime – linked to the Police and Crime Panel
Work Programme	Review of areas for Scrutiny
10.00 a.m. on Wednesday 11th September 2018 at a venue to be agreed	
Subject	Description
Attendance of local MP	Opportunity for the RT Hon Kevin Hollinrake MP to share his main issues of local interest
Economic Development & Educational Attainment	Impact of educational attainment (levels 2 & 3) upon the development of the local economy
Work Programme	Review of areas for Scrutiny
10.00 a.m. on Wednesday 27th November 2018 at a venue to be agreed	
Subject	Description
Health Services at Friarage Hospital	Assessment of the changes in service delivery - to feed in local views to the Scrutiny of Health Committee (possible joint meeting with Skipton & Ripon ACC)
Health Services at Malton Hospital	Assessment of local developments in the use of the site and what services are available – opportunity to feed in any concerns to Scrutiny of Health Committee
Work Programme	Review of areas for Scrutiny
10.00 a.m. on Wednesday 11th March 2020 at a venue to be agreed	
Subject	Description

Areas of work identified but not yet scheduled:

1. Supported Living - review of supported living provision and links to future development of the NYCC services
2. Heritage and Natural Environment - tourism and the promotion of local heritage and natural environment
3. Appointments to Outside Bodies
4. 101 non-emergency service – performance
5. Use of minor roads in the Constituency Area by HGVs
6. Mobile phone coverage – black spots – proposals for improvements