

## Agenda

**Meeting: Thirsk and Malton Area Constituency Committee**

**Venue: The Friends Meeting House,  
19 Castlegate, Pickering, North Yorks  
YO18 7AX**

**Date: Wednesday 11 March 2020 @ 10am**

### Business

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- 1. Minutes of the meeting held 10 January 2020 (Pages 5 to 10)**
- 2. Apologies & 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. Health Services Update for Malton Hospital** – Briefing by the Director of Acute Commissioning, North Yorkshire CCGs

Purpose: To provide an overview of service delivery at Malton Hospital, and an assessment of local developments in the use of the Hospital site.

**5. Highways England Update** – from Highways England **(Pages 11 to 14)**

Purpose: To provide an update on the duelling of the A64, improvements to the Scotchman Lane and the Barton Hill Junction and other ongoing works.

**6. Trading Standards Presentation** **(Pages 15 to 38)**

Purpose: To provide an update on Scams and eCrime across the constituency area.

**7. Cycle Strategy Update** **(Pages 39 to 40)**

Purpose: To outline North Yorkshire County Council's approach to cycle path network provision across the Thirsk & Malton constituency area.

**8. Rural Commission Update** **(Pages 41 to 44)**

**Purpose:** To update the committee on the work of the Rural Commission, and to initiate a discussion about whether the committee wishes to consider submitting a report as part of the Commission's 'call for evidence'.

**9. Thirsk and Malton Area Constituency Committee Work Programme** – Report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services)

**(Pages 45 to 50)**

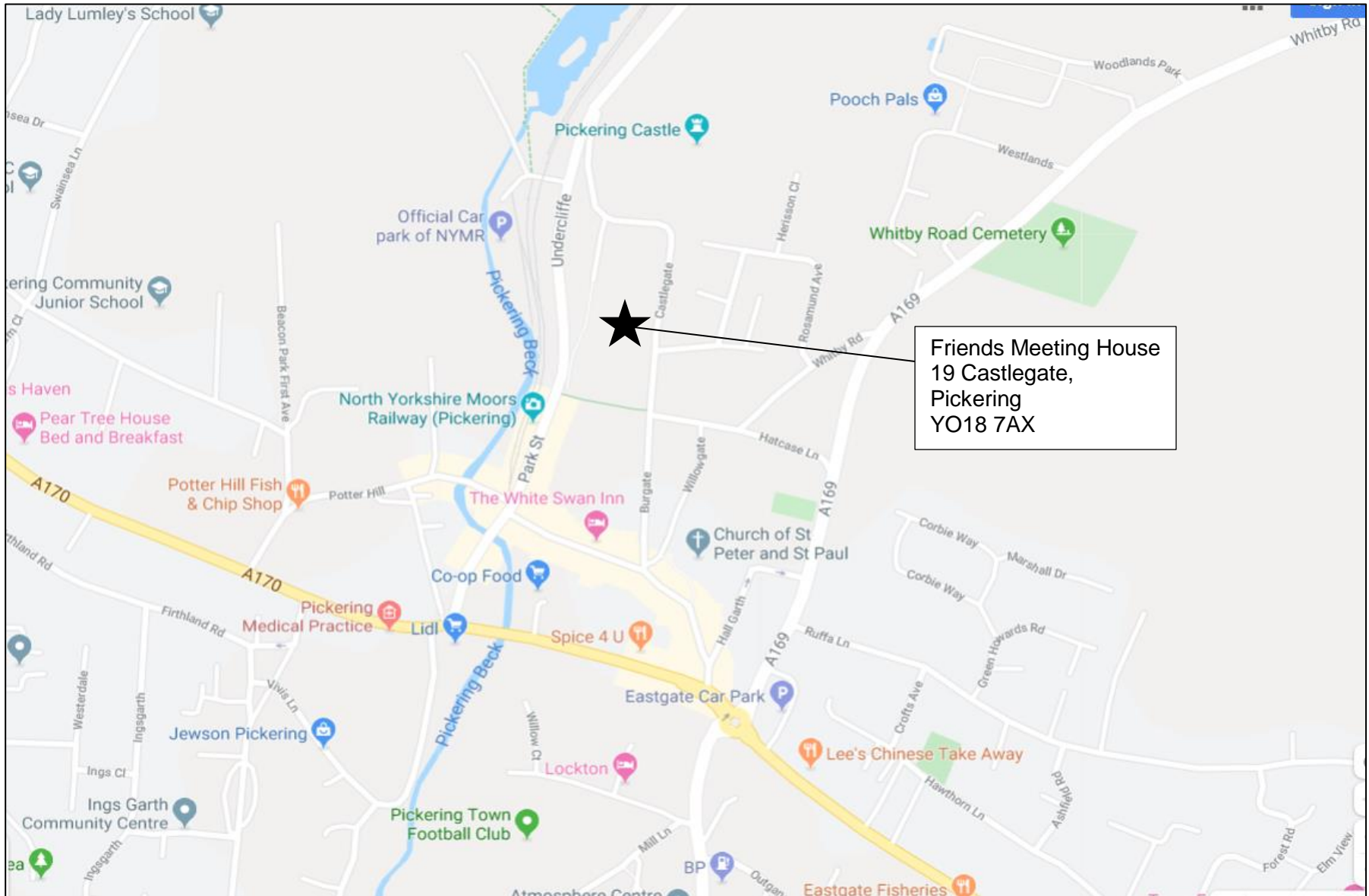
Purpose of report: To provide a draft Work Programme for 2020/21 for the Area Constituency Committee to consider, develop and adopt.

**10 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  
 3 March 2020

**Thirsk & Malton Area Constituency Committee Membership**

<b>County Councillors (12)</b>			
	<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
<b>Members other than County Councillors</b>			
	<i>Name of Member</i>	<i>Representation</i>	
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<b>Total Membership – ( )</b>		<b>Quorum – (3)</b>	



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## North Yorkshire County Council

### Thirsk and Malton Area Constituency Committee

Minutes of the meeting held at The Friends Meeting House, 17 Castlegate, Malton, YO17 7EP on Friday 10 January 2020 at 10.30 a.m.

**Present:**

County Councillors Caroline Goodrick (Chair), Val Arnold, Robert Baker, Lindsay Burr MBE, Caroline Patmore, Janet Sanderson, Peter Sowray, Helen Swiers, Roberta Swiers and Greg White.

**Apologies:** County Councillors Gareth Dadd & Keane Duncan

**Also in Attendance:** County Councillor David Chance; Simon Cox – Director of Acute Commissioning, North Yorkshire CCG; Adrian Clements – Medical Director at South Tees NHS Foundation Trust;

**Officers in Attendance:** Gary Fielding - Corporate Director for Strategic Resources; Robert Ling - AD Technology & Change; James McCluskey - NYCC Trading Standards Officer; Melanie Carr - Principal Democratic Services & Scrutiny Officer, Luke Macintosh & Mike Cratchley - Business Support Officers. Richard Marr (Area Highways Manager, Highways and Transportation, BES),

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

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#### **49. Welcome by the Chair – introductions and updates**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and confirmed there were no updates to provide.

#### **50. Minutes of the meeting held on 30 August 2019**

**Resolved –**

That the Minutes of the previous meeting of the Thirsk and Malton Area Constituency Committee held on 30 August 2019, having been printed and circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

#### **51. Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of interest were made at the meeting.

#### **52. Public Questions or Statements**

There were no public questions or statements.

### 53. Health Service Update for the Friarage Hospital & Malton Hospital

Members received a presentation from Simon Cox, the Director of Acute Commissioning for North Yorkshire CCGs, which provided an overview of the ongoing consultation on the future of the Friarage Hospital, which started in September 2019 and had been extended to Mid-January 2020 due to the general election.

Adrian Clements, Medical Director at South Tees NHS Foundation Trust went on to detail a number of issues that had resulted in the introduction of a temporary revised service model for Emergency Care Services in March 2019. These included:

- The long term availability of the appropriate workforce i.e. Doctors and Nurses, in particular intensive care unit specialists.
- The need for much more specialisation

He confirmed the temporary service model had been designed by the clinician groups delivering the services, which was currently delivering:

- Access to urgent care or treatment in an Urgent Treatment Centre including children's minor illness
- Acute assessment via a triage call by clinical consultants, who were on site until 8:30pm (Mon to Fri) & 6:30pm (Sat & Sun)
- Ambulatory emergency care unit with 24/7 crash team
- Consultant-led medical care with reduced opening hours for daily medical admissions, (Anaesthetist on site up to 9pm)
- Daily inpatient care for people that did not need specialist services
- A full range of diagnostic services and outpatient services
- Category 1 Ambulance transfer with practitioner, with prompt transfer to and from specialist services at other hospitals, and more repatriations from the James Cook and Darlington Hospital
- Integrated services for frail and elderly people, supporting them to stay at home for as long as it was safe to do so – It was confirmed 40-50% of patients previously admitted no longer needed to be and could be treated at home
- Short stay elective surgery and day cases for specialities (including orthopaedics, urology, breast surgery and gynaecology) – It was confirmed that more orthopedic operations had been undertaken since the new model's introduction

In response to Members' questions, it was confirmed that:

- The temporary model had proven to be safe and robust with no patient safety issues recorded since its introduction
- An assessment of the impact on other providers had shown an average of 11 additional patients attending James Cook
- Consultant diagnosis at triage stage was reducing the number of unnecessary tests and giving junior doctors a clear directive.
- The Friarage now had medical students and was attracting clinicians who wanted to teach.
- A & E nurses were being trained to be Nurse Practitioners
- Additional staff accommodation would be required in the future as trainee numbers increased
- An additional Ambulance had been funded to support the change in service delivery model
- Yorkshire Ambulance Service had embraced the new working arrangements for telephone triage, making it easier to decide where best to take a patient.
- A shortage of beds was a national issue, requiring an investment in social care in order to reduce the delays in transfer of care
- An investment in secondary care was required and better integration with community pathways - there had been a 77% increase in hospital attendance by the over 75s and a 50% increase in their admittance

Simon Cox confirmed the long term sustainability of the temporary model was now the focus of the consultation, including whether the urgent treatment centre should be made available 24/7. He provided an overview of the criteria to assess the options being consulted on, and confirmed there had been a series of focus group meetings held and approximately a 1000 completed questionnaires received to date.

Members confirmed they were pleased with the approach to workforce training and noted the re-establishment of nursing training in Scarborough (approximately 30 a year), and the introduction of a number of European GPs across the region. They agreed the public needed reassuring that the Friarage was here to stay and that a positive marketing campaign would help in that regard, and that improvements in the interface with social care should be prioritised.

Finally, Simon Cox confirmed there were no major changes planned for Malton Hospital and offered to attend a future meeting to provide a more detail overview of the Malton Hospital delivery model.

Resolved – That:

- i. The presentation and verbal update be noted
- ii. That an update on Malton Hospital be added to the work programme for a future meeting

### **54. Highways England Update**

As no representatives from Highways England were available to attend the meeting, Members agreed to defer the item until the Committee's next meeting in March 2020.

### **55. Annual Budget Update**

Gary Fielding, Corporate Director for Strategic Resources gave a presentation on NYCC's latest financial position, and the ongoing savings requirement and plan. He highlighted:

- The £62m cumulative temporary funding confirmed for 20/21, with future years still to be confirmed
- The planned use of Reserves
- The shortfall in Directorate savings of £18.8m.
- The proposed increase in Council Tax of 3.99% in 2020/21
- The planned areas of investment

He went on to focus on the unrelenting demand led pressures in Adult Social Care and Children's Services, and highlighted the specific issues affecting the Thirsk & Malton constituency area e.g.

- New Inclusion locality hub model reflecting SEND multi-disciplinary teams
- New Scarborough, Whitby, Filey & Ryedale locality board and new Hambleton & Richmondshire locality board comprising Headteacher representation for school improvement and SEND
- Continued transformation of Hambleton PRS and continuation of ROOSE
- Implementation of new targeted provision (from Sept 20)
- Transport – policy changes (free and nearer, pick-up from curtilage of the road) + review of solo travellers + independent travel training
- Impact of PSVAR
- Review of Young People's Accommodation Pathway (Oct 21)
- The limited availability of Health & Adult Social Care, particularly in the more rural areas
- The increasing challenge of finding providers willing to accept NYCC's approved rates – currently 41% did not accept NYCC fee rates

Members noted the number of schools in financial difficulties across the area (17%) and the expected increase by March 2022 (64%), and the difficulties for rural schools that prevented them from academising. They agreed federation was the right route for those schools but acknowledged the associated issues.

In regard to HAS, they acknowledged it was a low paid sector which made recruitment and retention more difficult, which again the rural environment did not help. They agreed that for the benefit of patients, the market needed addressing through closer working with the Health Sector and improved processes.

Resolved – That the presentation and update be noted.

### **56. Trading Standards Presentation**

As a number of members needed to leave the meeting by 12:30pm, the Committee agreed to defer the presentation on Trading Standards to their next meeting in March 2020.

### **57. Digital Strategy Update**

The remaining Members received an abridged brief update on Digital Strategy from Robert Ling – AD for Technology & Change. The update included an overview of the new joint strategy for the whole of North Yorkshire which had been collaborated on with District Councils, the Health & Wellbeing Board and other partners, and Third Sector Organisations, which included a focus on:

- Its guiding principles;
- Its vision to become a smart County that uses technology in our operations and service delivery;
- its vision for the improved Health and wellbeing of residents and the objectives;
- The associated core objectives and agreed strategic actions;
- The benefits that could be achieved through improved data and analytics e.g. the transfer of data between Health Services, Social Care Providers and GPs etc;
- Digital opportunities for:
  - responding to the changing demands of residents e.g. digital appointments and the introduction of supplementary digital support for befriending Services etc;
  - Developing the workforce and uplifting volunteer skills etc
  - Improving Community awareness
  - Upskilling the capabilities of the existing business base across the area

Members were pleased to note that digital by default did not mean digital only and that by increasing digital opportunities it would free up time to better support those who had neither the means or the capability to access services and support online.

Members went on to discuss the problems associated with the delivery of 4G across the constituency area, particularly as some areas were now starting to see the erection of 5G aerials.

Robert Ling confirmed that work was still ongoing to deliver the County Council's ambition to have 100% 4G coverage. He also allayed some members' health concerns around the masts required for 5G, confirming that Public Health England and DCMS were advising that there were no associated health concerns.

Finally, the Chair noted that in some areas there was still a lack of basic services such as gas, electric and sewerage which for residents in those areas was just as important as digital access.

Resolved – That the update be noted.



## **58. Cycle Strategy Update**

As a number of Committee Members had left the meeting, the Chair chose to defer this item to the next meeting of the Area Constituency Committee.

## **59. Work Programme**

Members considered a report by the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services) which contained the Committee's current work programme.

In light of the discussions at the meeting, it was agreed that the following be added to the work programme for the next meeting of the Committee, in March 2020:

- Attendance of Highways England
- Presentation on Trading Standards
- CCG Update on Malton Hospital
- Cycle Strategy Update

The meeting concluded at 12:50pm

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**A64 Hopgrove – Briefing Note**  
**Thirsk & Malton Area Constituency Committee**  
**10 January 2020**

## **1.0 Current operations project along the A64**

- 1.1 We're investing £22 million along the A64 as part of ongoing maintenance work in Yorkshire and the Humber. This is a quarter of the allocated funding earmarked for the region this financial year. This is completely separate to the proposals being considered to possibly dual part of the route.
- 1.2 As part of work, we have completed our improvements at Staxton crossroads, = resurfacing between Seamer and Eastfield, resurfacing work at Rillington, and the Malton bypass drainage work.
- 1.3 We are currently carrying out improvements to cycle and pedestrian facilities between Staxton and Metes Lane. Safety improvements at five junctions in Knapton have also just started to reduce accidents and that is expected to be completed by the end of March 2020.
- 1.4 Next year, work will start on the safety improvements as part of the gateways at various villages between Crambeck and Staxton, drainage work at Sherburn, improvements to cycle facilities around Jinnah restaurant, safety improvements at Crambeck, and congestion relief and safety schemes at Askham Bryan.

## **1.5 A66 work west of Scotch Corner**

### Completed work

- Replacement of 12 signs on the A66 between Scotch Corner and West Layton junction.
- Resurfacing of the eastbound carriageway between Cross Lanes junction and Rokeby junction.

### Planned work completed between November and December

- Resurfacing work between West Layton junction and New Lane junction, and improved junction definition i.e. solar road studs and verge bollards at New Lane junction.

### Planned work to be undertaken between January and March 2020

- Hedge removal and replacement with timber fence to improve sightlines at the A66 New Lane junction.
- Replacement of a section of wire rope safety fence in the central reserve with a steel barrier system on the A66 either side of Greta Bridge.
- Improvement work to central reserve gaps between Bowes interchange and the Cumbria border to improve safety for both vehicles travelling on the A66 and "local" vehicles turning across the carriageway in the central reserve.
- Replacement of the bridge parapets at Bowes.
- Renewal of the snow gates at Bowes.

- Introduction of a permanent 50mph speed restriction on the single lane section of the A66 between the two sections of dual carriageway from Warreners Lane/Mainsgill & Browson Bank. Support is required from NYCC for similar permanent speed restriction to be applied for and enacted on their network on side roads that join the A66 between these two points.

Work currently being planned for 2021

- Resurfacing of the eastbound carriageway from Rokeby junction to Thorpe Grange and the replace of the bridge joints on both carriageways on Greta Bridge.
- Resurfacing of the westbound carriageway between the A67 junction at Bowes and the Coach & Horses (now a private residence).

## 1.6 A1(M) work

- A1(M) resurfacing work between Ripon and Leeming – due to be completed by the end of 2019.

Planned work to be undertaken between January and March 2020.

- LED lighting improvement work to Leeming Bar and Baldersby interchanges.

Work currently being planned for 2021

- Resurfacing to A1(M)/A168 interchange carriageway.

## 2.0 A64 Hopgrove Major Project

### 2.1 Hopgrove Roundabout Feasibility Study (2017)

The Department for Transport (DfT) announced in the Road Investment Strategy (2015-2020) a project to be developed for the Hopgrove junction for potential future delivery in Roads Period 2 (2020-2025) or beyond. This was based on identified traffic problems, including significant queuing at weekends and Bank Holidays particularly affecting traffic travelling east towards Malton and Scarborough.

The Feasibility Study concluded in 2017, with the following summary;

- Identified issues are not specifically related to the performance of A64 Hopgrove junction, which currently has sufficient capacity.
- The merging from dual to single carriageway section north of A64 Hopgrove junction was identified as cause of congestion.
- A stand-alone grade separated junction gave a BCR of 0.57:1 and was considered poor value for money.

### 2.2 Options Phase Outcomes (2018)

A revised study scope was agreed with the DfT to investigate six potential options – four dualling options (up to 9.5km in length) and two junctions only improvement options. This more detailed assessment work, compared with the initial feasibility study, concluded that several project specific impacts significantly increased the likely project cost estimate. This included archaeological risk, Statutory Utilities diversions and a need for grade

separated junctions along the route due to induced traffic and safety concerns.

The scheme cost estimate was c.£310m with a BCR of 1-1.5:1 – considered low value for money. The information was forwarded to the DfT and no further work has been commissioned to develop this scheme since August 2018.

### **2.3 A1237 York Outer Ring Road Dualling Proposal and A64 Hopgrove Project interaction**

In 2019, the City of York Council applied to the DfT for funding to dual an initial section of the York Outer Ring Road, from Little Hopgrove Roundabout (adjacent to A64 Hopgrove Roundabout) through to the A19 junction. Highways England is currently reviewing the impact of the York Outer Ring Road (YORR) project on the network, with and without the A64 Hopgrove project. This will look at three scenarios;

- York Outer Ring Road project only
- Highways England A64 Hopgrove Roundabout project only
- Both projects above

The study will conclude early in the New Year. The progression of a future larger dualling project is dependent on the outcome in DfT's upcoming Road Investment Strategy 2, which is likely to be announced early next year.

### **2.4 Overview of how Highways England develops potential schemes**

Highways England considers where and how future investment is made on the Strategic Road Network, based on both local network intelligence and direction from the Department for Transport.

When a part of the Strategic Road Network is identified as having issues that, for example, impede efficient and safe operation, an initial strategic feasibility study is undertaken. This is to better understand those issues and consider whether there is a case for further investigation of a potential project. The study draws on local evidence to consider the likely benefits of a project i.e. congestion reduction or safety improvement, and a strategic estimate of cost to solve the problems is identified. A key output of this work is a 'Benefit Cost Ratio' (BCR) used as an initial measure of whether the likely cost of solutions would yield sufficient benefit to the network and its users to justify the use of taxpayer money. Typically, a BCR of above 1.5:1 – meaning £1.50 in benefits is yielded from every £1 of public money spent – is considered the minimum threshold by which a project can generally be considered 'value for money'. Scheme assessments, including the BCR data, are provided to the Department for Transport for decisions on which projects will be taken forward for further development during Highways England's five-year roads periods.

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# Thirsk and Malton Area Constituency Committee 10/1/2020

Jim M<sup>c</sup>Cluskey – Divisional Trading Standards Officer

# Scams and eCrime

- What do we mean?
- A few examples
- How can we stop it
- On-going projects



# What do we mean?

- Scam
- Fraud
- Misleading actions
- Cyber-enabled
- 'Hacking'

# Consumer and Retail fraud

Software service

'Too good to be true'

Shopping coupons

Official websites





## Shopping coupon scams

If you saw a supermarket coupon for £75, £150 or £250, it would get your attention... Right? Of course it would, and that's exactly what coupon scammers rely on. This is because what appears to be a harmless, low level scam is really a cynical ploy to steal your money, your identity or banish you to a life on suckers' lists.

If you have not seen a fake coupon yet, you may see one soon because it is only a matter of time before someone shares one with you on Facebook, Twitter or WhatsApp, or before the scammers find another way to dangle one under your nose.

### How does it work?

**1** You might see a social media post, or receive a WhatsApp message or text from a friend saying something like: "Asda is giving free £100 vouchers to EVERYONE for their wedding anniversary".

Sometimes they are referred to as 'vouchers', other times they are called 'gift vouchers' and latterly they have become 'prizes'. They may come or appear to come from a friend, and encourage you to pass them on to make them seem more believable.

**2** There is always a link... **BUT DON'T CLICK IT.** The link leads to an online customer survey asking for your name, address, phone number, and date of birth in return for the voucher.

This seems reasonable for the amount of money they are giving away, doesn't it? In reality, it is enough information to take out a loan in your name, and you will never receive the promised vouchers anyway.

**3** But wait, there is even more!

They will also sell your details to other criminals to use, abuse and bombard you with more scams.

### So what can you do to avoid a coupon scam?

The best way to avoid coupon scams is simply to ignore them. You should never click the links because you risk downloading malicious software to your computer or device. Whatever you do, you should never, ever give over any personal details. Finally, do NOT spread the scam by sharing any of the posts or messages with family and friends.

Apply for New/Renewal Car Tax Disc - Online - Windows Internet Explorer provided by North Yorkshire County Council

http://www.taxdisc-direct.co.uk/

Google

Favorites: LEP Law Enforcement Por..., Memex Patriarch, My Council - Home, Outlook Web App, Suggested Sites

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Page Safety Tools

# TaxDisc Direct

Pay your vehicle tax online

not affiliated or connected with DVLA or GOV.UK

- Home
- Apply for Tax Disc
- Terms & Conditions
- Privacy Policy
- Service Charges
- Contact
- Contact DVLA
- Visit DVLA

## Apply for a tax disc

Before you apply online, you must have either of the following:

- 16 digit reference number from your tax disc renewal letter (V11) ([Where is my V11 Reference Number?](#))
- 11 digit reference number from your log book (V5C)([Where is my V5 Reference Number?](#))

Please read and confirm the following statements:

Does the V5C registration certificate hold your current address? Please note, this service cannot change your address.

- Yes
- No

The vehicle has an MoT, Goods Vehicle or Passenger Service Vehicle (PSV) test (if required). This must be valid when the tax disc starts.

- Yes
- No

I confirm that there is valid insurance covering the use of the vehicle when the tax discs starts and that the policyholder has given permission for this to be checked electronically.

- Yes
- No

I am aware that if I choose to pay by credit/debit card, an additional charge will be applied ([service fee](#)). There is no charge for applying at the Post Office to buy a tax disc, but Post Office do not accept credit cards (Customers taxing a vehicle that do not have to pay tax should also select yes).

- Yes



- > Instant Email Confirmation
- > 24x7 Customer Support
- > Overdue Tax Reminder through Text or Email messaging
- > Automatic Future Tax Payment Setup (on request)
- > MOT Test Booking reminder
- > Instant SMS Confirmation
- > Multi-Language support on-site
- > Free Driving Licence Renewal (worth 20 GBP)\*
- > Free V5C Logbook (worth 25 GBP)\*
- > Order Checking & Validation

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# Subscription Traps



# Advanced Fee Fraud

Romance

West African 419

'Too good to be true' (2)

Rentals











# Phishing

- The bait
- The catch
- The follow-up
- The clear out

# Thirsk and Malton residents

1/4/2018 – 1/12/2019

- 51 complaints about scams
- Doorstep
- Emails
- Telephone
- Business to Business

# What to do

- Prepare
- Prevent
- Protect
- Pursue

# National Trading Standards

NTS created in 2012 following a government review of national consumer protection responsibilities

Regional teams and national teams covering areas such as mass market fraud (mail and telephone), doorstep crime and online crime....





# Cyber Fraud and Scamming

Guidance and Advice



Draft



**NATIONAL  
TRADING  
STANDARDS**  
Scams Team

  
Office of the  
Public Guardian

  
Leaders in fraud prevention

**NATIONAL  
TRADING  
STANDARDS**  
eCrime Team

  
Chartered Trading  
Standards Institute

  
**SOLLA**  
Society of Later  
Life Advisers

# Working for you

## ‘Copycat’ web sites

- £40 million fraud, 37+ years prison sentences, £6.1 million recovered in assets

## Subscription traps

- Improved the way the finance industry responds to consumer complaints, developed payment disruption techniques

## ‘Microsoft’ scam

- First ever UK prosecution, working with partners on a further investigation

# Top Tips

- Never give out personal details
- Be suspicious of all callers
- Take your time
- Trust your instincts
- Keep control

# More information

<https://www.nationaltradingstandards.uk/work-areas/scams-team/>

[www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk)

[www.takefive-stopfraud.org.uk](http://www.takefive-stopfraud.org.uk)

[www.getsafeonline.org](http://www.getsafeonline.org)

[www.cifas.org.uk](http://www.cifas.org.uk)

Any questions?





**North Yorkshire County Council  
Thirsk and Malton Area Constituency Committee – 11 March 2020  
Cycle Path Network Provision**

**1.0 Purpose of the report**

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

**2.0 Background**

2.1 In 2016 North Yorkshire County Council published LTP4, the fourth Local Transport Plan (LTP) which outlines the approach NYCC will take to a range of transport policies, opportunities, challenges and transport modes through to 2045.

2.2 The LTP includes a dedicated section on the council's approach to cycling. This can be seen here: (<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/local-transport-plan> ) The council is committed to providing for and promoting cycling as a mode of transport for both utility and leisure purposes.

2.3 NYCC recognise that there are a many positive benefits associated with cycling including reducing congestion, providing exercise, reducing pollution and offering a cheaper alternative to the private car or public transport. Despite the positives associated with cycling, NYCC also recognise a number of disincentives associated with cycling, including terrain, lack of confidence, lack of facilities and distance of journeys, in order to achieve the positives associated with cycling it is recognised that the disincentives must be addressed.

2.4 The LTP outlines that NYCC is committed to developing a cycling policy, which will identify the council's plans for cycling in the short and medium term. This is currently in development.

2.5 Nationally the preferred method of delivering cycle infrastructure is to focus on providing dedicated off road routes. However, these are expensive costing of the order of £150k per kilometre on green field sites and significantly more in urban areas. Unfortunately, in the current financial climate, and with competing priorities there is limited budget to deliver cycle routes. The County Council currently receives £3.023 million annual allocation for all transport improvements for the whole county or approximately £5 per head of population. A significant proportion of this funding is dedicated towards providing additional highway maintenance, our top transport priority. Therefore, the ability to deliver new cycle infrastructure is severely restricted.

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

### 3.0 Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIPs)

- 3.1 In 2017 the Government published its first Cycling Walking Investment Strategy, which set out the government's ambition to make walking and cycling the natural choices for shorter journeys or as part of a longer journey. The LCWIPs are designed to be a strategic local level document for identifying cycling and walking improvements.
- 3.2 As stated above, NYCC successfully bid for funding from DfT's Access Fund, as part of the bid NYCC identified an in-kind contribution of £60,000 to develop Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIP's) for Harrogate, Scarborough and Skipton which were all identified as key growth centres in the County.
- 3.3 NYCC is also jointly working with Selby District Council and Ryedale District Council to develop LCWIPs for Selby, Sherburn, Tadcaster and Malton / Norton, and LCWIPs for Northallerton and Catterick Garrison will be commenced in the near future. Once these LCWIPs are complete, it will ensure the main settlement and growth centre in each district as identified in the Local Plans has an LCWIP.
- 3.4 It is important to note that there is no specific funding allocated by Government to deliver the LCWIP's. However, having a LCWIP in place enables the County Council to be in a bid ready position when government announce any funding competitions. In addition to this, having an LCWIP in place enables the County Council to request funding from developers to deliver sections of the identified network.
- 3.5 To develop an LCWIP and bid ready schemes for each town costs in excess of £50k. Therefore, it is not feasible to develop an LCWIP for each of the towns in North Yorkshire. There are also limited opportunities to bid for funding for cycling infrastructure, therefore a decision was made to concentrate on developing LCWIPs for the largest communities and growth centres in each of the districts.
- 3.6 Whilst to date only the Harrogate, Scarborough and Selby LCWIP's are complete or close to completion they are already being used to inform funding bids to Government. The National Productivity Investment Fund bid for the Otley Road cycle route was informed by the developing LCWIP for Harrogate and the developing LCWIPs for Skipton and Selby are currently being used to inform a bid into the Governments Transforming Cities Fund for cycle routes to improve sustainable transport access to the railway stations in these towns.

### 4.0 Implications

- 4.1 **Equalities** - Consideration has been given to the potential for any adverse equalities impacts arising from the recommendations of this report. As this report is for information only it is the view of officers that the recommendations included in this report do not have any adverse impacts on any of the protected characteristics identified in the Equalities Act 2010 and no Equalities Impact screening is required
- 4.2 **Financial & Legal** - As this report is for information only, it is the view of officers that there are no financial or legal implications associated with the recommendation in this report.

### 5.0 Recommendation

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



**NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**THIRSK & MALTON AREA CONSTITUENCY COMMITTEE**  
**11 MARCH 2020 AT 10AM**

**RURAL COMMISSION UPDATE**

**Report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services)**

**1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

- 1.1 To update the committee on the work of the Rural Commission, and to initiate a discussion about whether the committee wishes to consider submitting a report as part of the Commission's 'call for evidence'.

**2.0 BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 The Council's Rural Commission was established in October 2019. The purpose and aims of the Rural Commission are as follows:

- Recommend the actions that local partners should take over the next ten, 20 and 30 years in order to maximise the sustainability of the super-sparse rural communities in North Yorkshire.
- Improve the evidence base and arguments that will enable local partners to make the case successfully for increased government support to maximise the sustainability of the super-sparse rural communities in North Yorkshire.

- 2.2 The Commission is an independent group which is self-governing, impartial and non-political. The Commission is not a part of, or aligned to, the County Council or any other partner organisation.

- 2.3 The Rural Commission Panel is made up of 8 independent members and it is chaired by the Very Rev John Dobson DL, Dean of Ripon. The panel is aided in its work by a reference group of key stakeholders. This includes: the leaders of the district councils in North Yorkshire; the two national park authorities in the county; and North Yorkshire and East Riding Local Enterprise Partnership.

**3.0 RURAL COMMISSION WORK PROGRAMME**

- 3.1 The work programme of the Commission is extensive and wide ranging. The Commission agreed in their inaugural meeting that they would tackle the main part of the task on a theme-by-theme basis. The Commission also recognised the interplay between the themes and acknowledged a number of additional cross-cutting themes, largely but not exclusively linked to the wider socio-economic and material environment and the distinctive demographic characteristics evident in North Yorkshire.

- 3.2 The themes to be examined in-depth are:

- Farming and Food
- Economy and Jobs
- Housing
- Education, Schools and Training

- Transport
- Accessibility - Digital Broadband and Mobile
- Energy and Environment

3.3 The overall approach developed by the Commission includes a programme of evidence sessions; a separate public call for written evidence from people and organisations who would like to submit written material to support the work of the Commission; a programme of external visits across the county that will allow Commissioners to explore and observe the lived reality of people from the most rural communities in North Yorkshire; and additional appointments with MPs as part of a programme of engagement with key political figures and central government officials.

#### 4.0 DATA & ANALYSIS

4.1 One key feature of the work of the Commission is to assemble and interrogate a wide range of data and intelligence that will make up the evidence base and underpin the conclusions and recommendations made by the Commission. The main source of information for the evidence base will originate and grow from the core work programme set out above, including a schedule of evidence sessions, the call for evidence, a programme of visits and additional rounds of engagement.

4.2 The Commission is supported in its work by a secretariat of County Council officers, who help to organise the various meetings of the Commission and manage the communications and media that is generated from the work of the Commission. The secretariat also supports the Commission to bring together and organise the evidence base and to help with the collation of the extensive information that is made available to the Commission – but not with the interrogation or the analysis of the data, which is the responsibility of the Commissioners.

#### 5.0 PROGRESS TO DATE

5.1 The evidence sessions have been scheduled to run monthly from December 2019 up until June 2020 (see table below). Each evidence session includes discussions with small groups of participants and the Commission, which includes introductory presentations from contributors and a question-led discussion which is overseen by the Chair of the Commission. The main focus of the debate at the evidence sessions is centred on the critical issues and challenges identified by the participants and any ideas and thinking from the participants about the best ways the Commission might wish to tackle the problems they have raised.

<b>Programme of planned evidence sessions of the Rural Commission</b>	
<b>Date</b>	<b>Evidence Session</b>
18 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	Farming and Food
23 <sup>rd</sup> January 2020	Economy and Jobs
26 <sup>th</sup> February 2020	Housing
26 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	Education, Schools and Training
22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2020	Transport
20 <sup>th</sup> May 2020	Accessibility – Digital Broadband and Mobile
17 <sup>th</sup> June 2020	Energy & Environment

5.2 The three evidence sessions held to date and heard from 26 participants speaking on issues affecting farming and food, the rural economy and jobs, and rural housing. During this time the Commission has recorded eight hours of audio from these sessions and

generated more than 10,000 words of key notes from conversations with participants. The Commission has engaged with 18 different organisations and received 14 separate written submissions from individuals and agencies who have responded to the call for evidence. Many other reports have also been made available to the Commission, in order to inform thinking, including academic research papers, government reports or government commissioned research, and scientific reports on specific topics.

### 5.3 Involvement of County Councillors & Others

County Councillors can be actively involved in the work of the Rural Commission in a number of ways. They can suggest the topics they would like to see debated by the Commission, under the agreed themes, and inform the Commission about the key challenges in their local areas (some County Councillors have already started to do this). It would also be helpful if County Councillors could encourage local people, businesses and organisations with views and practical ideas about the issues that affect our most rural communities to contact the Commission directly.

5.4 Written submissions on any issue can be sent by email at any time up until May 2020, to: [ruralcommission@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:ruralcommission@northyorks.gov.uk) .

5.5 Further information on the work of the Rural Commission is available via the following link - <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/north-yorkshire-rural-commission>

## **REPORTING LINES**

6.1 The Commission provides updates on its progress and achievements to a Reference Group that was set up to encourage and counsel the Commission, and to act as a sounding board for the Commission, but the Commission is not accountable to the Reference Group. The Reference Group is chaired by the Leader of the County Council and includes the Leaders of the District Councils, the Chairs of the National Park Authorities, and Chair of the Local Enterprise Partnership.

6.2 The report of the Commission will be presented to the County Council, and it is intended that the key findings and recommendations considered by Executive members and by the Overview and Scrutiny Committees

## **7.0 OUTCOMES & OUTPUT**

7.1 The recommendations of the Rural Commission will be informed by the wide ranging and extensive evidence base assembled by the Commission. All of the evidence that is submitted to the Commission will be made available to the public.

7.2 The main output will be a report of key findings and recommendations, to be published in Autumn 2020. The report will summarise the results of the work of the Commission, their conclusions, and perhaps most importantly, it will set out the Commission's recommendations about the actions that local partners should take over the next ten, twenty and thirty years, in order to maximise the sustainability and future prosperity of the most rural communities in North Yorkshire.

## **8.0 IMPLICATIONS**

8.1 There are no financial, legal or equalities implications associated with the recommendation in this report.

**9.0 RECOMMENDATION**

- 9.1 To have a discussion about whether the committee wishes to consider submitting a report as part of the Commission's 'call for evidence'.

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7 February 2020

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Background documents: None

Appendices:



**North Yorkshire County Council  
Thirsk & Malton Area Constituency Committee  
11 March 2020 at 10am  
Committee Work Programme**

**1.0 Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 The report asks Members to consider the Committee's draft work programme for 2020/2021 shown at Annex B, and propose topics for future consideration.

**2.0 Committee Remit**

2.1 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.

**3.0 Scheduled Committee Dates**

- 3.1 This is the last meeting of this municipal year. Forthcoming committee dates for the coming municipal year 2020/2021 are:

Monday 15 June 2020 at 10am

Wednesday 23 September 2020 at 10am

Wednesday 9 December 2020 at 10am

Wednesday 10 March 2021 at 10am

3.2 Work is currently underway to book suitable venues for those meetings in a range of locations across the constituency area.

#### **4.0 Work Programme**

4.1 The Committee's current work programme is attached at Annex A and a draft work programme for the coming 2020/2021 municipal year is attached at Annex B.

#### **5.0 Recommendation**

5.1 Members are asked to consider, amend and add to the Committee's draft work programme for 2020/2021 shown at Annex B.

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Annex A – 2019/2020 Work Programme  
Annex B – Draft 2020/2021 Work Programme

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

**10.00 a.m. on Wednesday 3rd July 2019 at a venue to be agreed**

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Description</b>
Rural Crime Strategy	NYP Response to rural crime – Insp. Jon Grainge NYP Rural Taskforce
HGV Ban Consultation	Analysis & Draft Recommendations – Richard Marr
HGV Overnight Parking	Appraisal of the issues on NYCC's Highway Network, and the multi-agency approach to it – David Kirkpatrick
Schools, Educational Achievement & Finance	An overview of the local educational landscape, educational achievement and the financial challenges which affect schools in the Thirsk & Malton constituency area.
Work Programme	Review of areas for Scrutiny relevant to the Constituency area

**10.30 a.m. on Friday 30 August 2018 at Galtres Centre, Easingwold**

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Description</b>
Work Programme Review	Review of work undertaken to date and proposals for future topics for Scrutiny
Attendance of local MP from 11am	Opportunity for the RT Hon Kevin Hollinrake MP to share his main issues of local interest

**2:30pm. on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2019 – CANCELLED - All business deferred to 10 January 2020**

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**10.00 a.m. on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at the Friends Meeting House, 19 Castlegate, Pickering, YO18 7AX**

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Description</b>
Health Services Update for the Friarage Hospital & Malton Hospital	Attendance of Simon Cox, Director of Acute Commissioning, North Yorkshire CCGs to provide assessments of both the changes in service delivery at the Friarage Hospital, and of local developments in the use of Malton Hospital's site and what services are available
Attendance of Highways England	An update on A64 duelling and Scotchman Lane and the Barton Hill Junction improvement – Alistair Ryder (HE) & Chris Dunn - DEFERRED
NYCC Digital Strategy	An update on the development of a range of technologies that will improve connectivity, access to services and the opportunities for business.- Robert Ling, AD Technology & Change
Draft Annual Budget	Consideration of the draft Annual Budget ahead of its consideration by the Executive on 28 <sup>th</sup> January 2020 – Gary Fielding
Scams & eCrime	Overview of the work of Trading Standards – James McCluskey, NYCC Trading Standards - DEFERRED
Cycle Path Network Provision Across the Constituency	Update on the coverage and use of the existing cycle path network, and plans for future expansion – For Information Only (no officer attending) - DEFERRED
Work Programme	Review of areas for Scrutiny relevant to the Constituency area

**10.00 a.m. on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at the Friends Meeting House, 19 Castlegate, Pickering, YO18 7AX**

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Description</b>
Health Services Update for Malton Hospital	Attendance of Simon Cox, Director of Acute Commissioning, North Yorkshire CCGs to provide an overview of service delivery at Malton Hospital, and an assessment of local developments in the use of the Hospital site
Attendance of Highways England	An update on A64 duelling and Scotchman Lane and the Barton Hill Junction improvement – Irene Ofei, Highways England Strategic Sponsor
Scams & eCrime	Overview of the work of Trading Standards – James McCluskey, NYCC Trading Standards
Cycle Path Network Provision Across the Constituency	Update on the coverage and use of the existing cycle path network, and plans for future expansion – For Information Only (no officer attending)
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<b>Thirsk and Malton Area Constituency Committee Draft Work Programme 2020/21</b>	
<b>10am on Monday 15 June 2020 - venue to be agreed</b>	
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Description</b>
Life Expectancy - Public Health Area Profile	Overview of Life Expectancy across the Constituency area – Lincoln Sargeant
Rural Policing	Annual Update from the NYP Rural Taskforce Unit
Bi-annual Crime Data Update	Presentation on crime data for the constituency area
Work Programme	Review of areas for Scrutiny relevant to the Constituency area
<b>10am on Wednesday 23 September 2020 – venue to be agreed</b>	
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Description</b>
Attendance of local MP	Opportunity for the RT Hon Kevin Hollinrake MP to share his views on main issues of local interest
Schools, Educational Achievement & Finance	Annual overview of the local educational landscape, educational achievement and the financial challenges which affect schools in the Thirsk & Malton constituency area.
Work Programme Review	Review of work undertaken to date and proposals for future topics for Scrutiny
<b>10am on Wednesday 9 December 2020 – venue to be agreed</b>	
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Description</b>
Rural Commission	Review of Findings (expected Nov 2020)
Bi-annual Crime Data Update	Presentation on crime data for the constituency area
Work Programme	Review of areas for Scrutiny relevant to the Constituency area
<b>10am on Wednesday 10 March 2021 – venue to be agreed</b>	
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Description</b>
Work Programme	Review of areas for Scrutiny relevant to the Constituency area

**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. Mobile phone coverage – black spots – proposals for improvements
4. Unpaid Carers (young and old)

## Annex B

5. Mental Health (and its impact on young people and older people) to include information on the organisations who can assist and who they signpost to)
6. Fracking