

North Yorkshire County Council**Transport, Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee****16 April 2014****Work Programme****1 Purpose of Report**

1.1 This report asks the Committee to:

- a. Note the information in this report.
- b. Confirm, amend or add to the areas of work shown in the work programme schedule (**Annex A**).

2 Background

2.1 The scope of this Committee is defined as:

'Transport and communications infrastructure of all kinds, however owned or provided, and how the transport needs of the community are met.'

'Supporting business, helping people develop their skills, including lifelong learning.'

'Sustainable development, climate change strategy, countryside management, waste management, environmental conservation and enhancement flooding and cultural issues.'

3 Review of local bus services

3.1 The Task Group met on 17 February and 19 March. At the February meeting the task group had a wide ranging discussion about transport provision in the county and signed off the scope of the review. At the March meeting representatives from Rural Action Yorkshire, North Yorkshire Forum for Voluntary Organisations and Northallerton & District CVS attended to explore with us people's access needs. We also discussed with them community-led transport solutions - chiefly volunteer car schemes - and gained an overview of Grassington hub. Grassington hub is an example of a community run hub providing a range of services for people living in a market town and immediate surrounding areas. The hub means that people are less reliant on public transport in order to be able to access some services. At our following meetings we will be meeting representative interest groups (chiefly those relating to older people, young people and disabled people), Community Transport providers and commercial bus operators.

4 Mid Cycle Briefing – 19 March 2014

4.1 At the Mid Cycle Briefing held on 19 March, Group Spokespersons were updated on the LEP's Local Growth Fund bid; potholes; 20mph speed restrictions; road casualties in North Yorkshire; and shale gas and fracking. The

written reports presented to the meeting have been circulated to all Members on the Committee.

- 4.2 In respect of 20mph speed restrictions, the County Council is undertaking a light touch review of its approach. This is partly in response to guidance produced by the Department for Transport encouraging the introduction of more 20mph speed restrictions in urban areas and in built-up village streets that are primarily residential. The Association of Police Officers (ACPO) has indicated that there will be enforcement of 20mph restrictions if the Police regard the limit to be appropriate given the prevailing road conditions. The road will need to look and feel like a 20mph restriction rather than the road giving the impression to motorists that a 30mph or higher limit is in place. North Yorkshire Police has yet to adopt the latest ACPO guidance and is currently reviewing its enforcement criteria in light of these changes. The County Council intends to work closely with North Yorkshire Police before it makes any changes to its policy; Group Spokespersons saw this as a sensible approach.

5 Mid Cycle Briefing – 12 May 2014

- 5.1 The mid cycle briefing meeting scheduled for 12 May has been cancelled. The next mid cycle briefing meeting will be held on 12 September.

6 Recommendations

- 6.1 The Committee is asked to:
- a. Note the information in this report.
 - b. Approve, comment or add to the areas of work listed in the Work Programme schedule.

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Background Documents: None

Annex: Annex A – Work Programme

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Scope

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Meeting dates

Scheduled Committee Meetings Agenda briefings to be held immediately prior to Committee meeting. Attended by Group Spokespersons.	22 Jan 2014 10am	16 April 2014 10am	16 July 2014 10am	15 Oct 2014 10am	21 Jan 2015 10am	15 April 2015 10am
Scheduled Mid Cycle Attended by Group Spokespersons only.	19 March 2014 10am		12 Sept 2014 10am	2 Dec 2014 10am	3 March 2015 10am	

Overview Reports

Meeting	Subject	Aims/Terms of Reference	Action/By Whom
Consultation, progress and performance monitoring reports			
Each meeting as available	Corporate Director and / or Executive Member update	Regular update report as available each meeting	David Bowe/Executive Members

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16 April 2014	Local Transport Plan (LTP3) Mid Term Review	To receive the draft amendments to the LTP3 in respect of the Mid-Term Review (transport & public health, HS2, Local Growth Fund, Strategic Environmental Assessment)	Andrew Bainbridge/Allan McVeigh
	Annual casualty report	To receive the details of the annual casualty figures.	Allan McVeigh
	Temporary Vehicle Activated Speed Signs	Interim feedback on how the use of temporary vehicle activated signs has worked following the Committee's scrutiny review in September 2012	Allan McVeigh
	The use and management of Unsurfaced, Unclassified Roads (UUR)	Feedback from pilot schemes	Doug Huzzard
	2020 North Yorkshire	To receive an overview of the 2020 North Yorkshire programme and the implications for County Council services	Gary Fielding
	Airport Consultative Committee	Annual report by the County Council's representatives on: Durham and Tees Valley Airport (Cllr Jeffels) Robin Hood Airport (Cllr Pearson) Leeds/Bradford International Airport (Cllr Trotter)	Jonathan Spencer/Cllrs. David Jeffels, Chris Pearson and Cliff Trotter
16 July 2014	Ringway	To receive the annual report on actions being put in place by the highways maintenance & highways improvement contractor (Ringway) to improve performance and communications	Barrie Mason
	Highways Agency	Regular annual update	Roger Wantling
	Finance Yorkshire	To be provided with an overview of the work of Finance Yorkshire in supporting businesses in, or relocating to, the Yorkshire and Humber region (with 'seed corn' finance, business loans and equity-linked finance); and to explore the ways in which the County Council and Finance Yorkshire could work together in the future to help support businesses in our area.	Jonathan Spencer/Alex McWhirter

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	Grass-cutting – biodiversity and the potential to make savings to the grass-cutting service	Discussion of the benefits of promoting biodiversity in respect of grass-cutting and initial ideas as to where potential areas could be made to make savings in respect of the grass-cutting service more generally.	Barrie Mason
Items where dates have yet to be confirmed	Economic Development <i>(15 October 2014 or later)</i>	Regular update	James Farrar

Member working groups

	Working group on the Minerals and Waste Development Framework <i>(Introductory meeting held on 30th September 2013/next meeting due to be held on 30 May 2014)</i>	To contribute to the preparation of new spatial planning policies for minerals and waste.	Rob Smith/Jonathan Spencer
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Possible future overview reports and presentations from external partner organisations

Meeting	Subject	Aims/Terms of Reference	Action/By Whom
	Rail services	To give an update on current and planned rail services affecting North Yorkshire. Feedback from Rail User Group	Rail operating companies Rail User Group
	Promoting access to our heritage	To give an overview and promote discussion	English Heritage

In-depth Scrutiny Projects/Reviews

Subject	Aims/Terms of Reference	Action/By Whom	Timescales
Review of local bus services	To consider the access needs of communities in North Yorkshire and how these might best be met using a range of transport options.	Task Group Members/ Richard Owens/Jonathan Spencer	February to June 2014

Please note that this is a working document, therefore topics and timeframes might need to be amended over the course of the year.