

North Yorkshire County Council

Transport, Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee

15 April 2015

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 (**Appendix A**).
- c. Approve the scope of the Residents Parking Scheme Policy review.

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 Mid Cycle briefing meeting – 3 March 20153.1 Residents Parking Scheme Policy

The Committee agreed at its meeting on 19 January 2015 to review the County Council's Residents Parking Scheme Policy.

At the mid cycle briefing meeting Group Spokespersons agreed to lead the review and report back the findings to the Committee later in the year. The draft scope of the review was discussed and is attached in **Appendix B**.

3.2 Policy announcements of the political parties: General Election 2015

Group Spokespersons also discussed the key policy announcements to date relating to transport, the economy and the environment of the three main UK political parties and the SNP, the Green Party and UKIP. All their manifestos are expected to be published by early April.

The devolution debate is likely to play a prominent part in the General Election and linked to this Group Spokespersons discussed the region's All-Party Parliamentary Group's document 'Devolution for Prosperity – a “manifesto” for Yorkshire and Northern Lincolnshire after May 2015'. Copies were also circulated to other Members on the committee.

The Mid Cycle briefing meeting scheduled for 5 May 2015 has been cancelled.

4 Recommendations

4.1 That the Committee:

- a. Notes the information in this report.
- b. Confirms, amends, or adds to the areas of work listed in the Work Programme schedule.

4.2 Approves the scope of the Residents Parking Scheme Policy review.

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Annexes: Appendix A – Work Programme
 Appendix B – Draft scope of Residents Parking Scheme
 Policy review

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Scope

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

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

Meeting dates

Scheduled Committee Meetings	8 July 2015 10am	14 Oct 2015 10am	20 Jan 2016 10am	13 April 2016 10am
Scheduled Mid Cycle Attended by Group Spokespersons only.	15 Sept 2015 10am	1 Dec 2015 10am	1 March 2016 10am	3 May 2016 10am

Overview Reports

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

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Meeting	Subject	Aims/Terms of Reference
8 July 2015	Highways Maintenance Contract	To receive the annual report on actions being put in place by the highways maintenance & highways improvement contractor (Ringway) to improve performance and communications
	Highways Agency	Regular annual update
	Adult Learning Service	Overview of the Adult Learning Service and actions arising from the Ofsted inspection carried out in November 2014
	Rail Services	To give an update on current and planned rail services affecting North Yorkshire: overview of the Rail North franchising partnership and replacing the franchises for TransPennine and Northern rail services
Items where dates have yet to be confirmed	Airport Consultative Committees	Annual report by the County Council's representatives on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leeds/Bradford International Airport • Durham and Tees Valley Airport • Robin Hood Airport
	Grass cutting	To provide an update on grass cutting arrangements with parish councils in North Yorkshire
	Civil Parking Enforcement	To provide an update on the county-wide Civil Parking Enforcement scheme
	Results of the consultation on the proposed reduction in bus subsidy for local bus services	To discuss the results of the consultation and make recommendations to the Executive
Member working groups		
	Working group on the Minerals and Waste Development Framework <i>(Next meeting will be held on 15 April 2015 at 2pm)</i>	To contribute to the preparation of new spatial planning policies for minerals and waste
Possible future overview reports and presentations from external partner organisations		
Meeting	Subject	Aims/Terms of Reference
	Promoting access to our heritage	To give an overview and promote discussion.

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	Finance Yorkshire	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.
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In-depth Scrutiny Projects/Reviews

Subject	Aims/Terms of Reference	Timescales
Task group review of North Yorkshire County Council’s Residents Parking Scheme Policy	<p>To review North Yorkshire County Council’s Residents Parking Scheme Policy, in particular the current eligibility criterion that: ‘in order to be eligible for a Residents Parking Scheme less than 50% of the properties have either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> existing parking within the property boundary, or the potential for owners/occupiers to provide their own parking within the property boundary, or available off-street parking within 400m.’ <p>To consider if there are circumstances that would merit increasing the percentage threshold of properties for this criterion. This would be in order to accommodate areas where 50% or more of properties have off-road parking but have a high percentage of on-street parking taken up by non-residents and meet the other criteria within the policy.</p> <p>To consider if there are other criteria that should be reviewed, for example to address the problem of on street parking by non-residents in streets with sheltered housing, which causes carer and medical access to be made more difficult.</p>	Spring-Summer 2015

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

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Plan of Scrutiny Review

Topic	Residents Parking Scheme Policy: off-street parking
<p>Objective</p>	<p>To review North Yorkshire County Council’s Residents Parking Scheme Policy, in particular the current eligibility criterion that: ‘in order to be eligible for a Residents Parking Scheme less than 50% of the properties have either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • existing parking within the property boundary, or the potential for owners/occupiers to provide their own parking within the property boundary, or • available off-street parking within 400m.’ <p>To consider if there are circumstances that would merit increasing the percentage threshold of properties for this criterion . This would be in order to accommodate areas that have limited off-road parking with a high percentage of on-street parking taken up by non-residents for long periods of time.</p> <p>To consider if there are other criteria that should be reviewed, for example to address the issue of on street parking by non-residents in streets with sheltered housing, which can cause carer and medical access to be made more difficult.</p>
<p>Reasons for review</p>	<p>The Transport, Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee agreed at its committee meeting of 21 January 2015 to set up a task group to review the criterion listed above. This arose from the committee’s discussion about a residential estate in Skipton where more than 50% of the properties have off-street parking but experiences high levels of on-street parking from non-residents. Residents report that this is leading to: traffic/parking congestion; driveways being blocked; parking on or near to some of the bends; and households with several cars being unable to park in the vicinity of their property. In several other aspects the area meets the criteria for the introduction of Resident Parking Schemes.</p> <p>The remit of the Transport, Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee, (which includes transport and communications infrastructure of all kinds, however owned or provided, and how the transport needs of the community are met), means that it is the appropriate overview and scrutiny committee to undertake this review.</p> <p>The current Residents’ Parking Scheme Policy was approved by the</p>

	<p>Executive in September 2003. The County Council Parking Strategy makes a commitment to review this policy.</p> <p>The Residents Parking Policy was last revised in March 2012. (This was in respect of the requirement that 55 % of owners/occupiers of properties within the proposed zone should be in support at the outset. This was amended to stipulate that over 50 per cent of owners/occupiers of properties within the proposed zone should be in support at each stage. An additional criterion was added that a self-appointed champion needs to come forward for a scheme to be considered.)</p>
Task group members	County Councillors Andrew Goss, Robert Heseltine, Peter Horton, David Jeffels and Bob Packham.
Method	<p>Officer briefing on existing policy.</p> <p>Site visits including to: Skipton ('Regent Estate'), Selby and Harrogate districts, and an existing Residents Parking Scheme in Scarborough district.</p> <p>Research other local authorities' Resident Parking Schemes in respect of off-street parking criteria.</p>
Issues	<p>Defining what is meant by a 'high percentage' of on-street parking taken up by non-residents.</p> <p>Defining what is meant by 'limited' off-road parking.</p> <p>Other solutions for areas suffering from parking congestion.</p> <p>Under what circumstances (if any) could the introduction of Residents Parking Schemes in areas where the majority of residents have off street parking be justified?</p> <p>Residents cannot be forced to pay for a parking permit. It may be the case that insufficient numbers of residents with off-street parking will be prepared to pay for a parking permit to justify the expense to the County Council of putting in place and administering such a scheme in areas where the majority of households have off-street parking.</p> <p>Ensuring that we do not accommodate areas where parking problems are simply linked to over demand from residents for on-street spaces - e.g. because households own multiple cars and/or do not make full use of their available off-street parking including garages.</p>

	<p>Ensuring that implementing Residents Parking Schemes in areas where the majority of households have off-street parking is not simply undertaken in response to residents' wishes for no other motorists to park vehicles outside their houses.</p> <p>What should the percentage threshold of properties with off-street parking be set at (if any) and what are the implications of increasing the existing threshold of less than 50% of households with off-street parking? For example, increasing the percentage threshold of properties with off-street parking eligible for a Residents Parking Scheme will provide improved access to properties for residents (and visitors to those properties). It could however lead to parking displacement problems to adjacent streets. Whilst this is a risk that applies to Residents Parking Schemes in general could this risk increase if the percentage threshold of properties with off-street parking is raised? If so, could this risk be managed and if so how?</p> <p>How would we ensure that making changes to the scheme would not result in the County Council being faced with requests for Residents Parking Schemes that it could not resource (in terms of finance and officer time) but met the revised eligibility criteria? The funding and resourcing constraints of the County Council around enforcement and on-going administration of the schemes need to be taken into account.</p> <p>Ensuring that the criteria for the Residents Parking Scheme Policy continue to ensure fairness, including equity of resources, across the county.</p> <p>The number of permits that would be issued to households with off-street parking – e.g. differentiating between households with one off-road parking space and those with more (such as those properties with an outside off-road parking space plus a garage).</p> <p>Do the existing criteria in the Residents Parking Scheme Policy mean that they do not address the issue of on street parking by non-residents in streets with sheltered housing? If so which aspects of the existing criteria do we need to change, and/or do we need to do more to raise awareness of the various solutions that are available?</p>
<p>Schedule</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 3 March 2015 – Mid Cycle briefing meeting to discuss the County Council's Residents Parking Policy and the rationale & scope of the review. Agree membership of the task group. (Scope of review to be formally approved at TEE O&SCtee meeting: 15 April 2015) ▪ May to June/July 2015 – Desk research, site visits. ▪ July to August 2015 – Draw together findings and recommendations

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 14 October 2015 - Transport, Economy and Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee to consider and approve the task group's finding and recommendations ▪ Late October 2015 – Recommendations considered by the Executive
<p>Success indicators</p>	<p>Recommendation/s to the Executive regarding whether under certain circumstances [to be specified] Residents Parking Schemes should or should not be implemented in areas where 50% and above of the properties have either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • existing parking within the property boundary, or the potential for owners/occupiers to provide their own parking within the property boundary, or • available off-street parking within 400m. <p>Recommendations [if applicable] to revise other criteria within the Residents Parking Scheme Policy.</p>

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