

## North Yorkshire County Council

## Transport, Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee

1 February 2017

## 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**).

**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 Updates**Members Working Group on the Minerals and Waste Development Framework

3.1 A number of Members on this Committee sit on the Members Working Group.

3.2 The working group met on 7 October 2016 to be provided with a summary of the responses to the 'Preferred Options' consultation. This includes preferred sites for minerals and waste extraction. The main issues and concerns raised by those responding related to oil and gas (with the consultation running in parallel to the planning application for shale gas extraction at Kirby Misperton); environmental protection (calls for there to be a robust approach); site allocations (site specific comments); and waste planning.

3.3 Following the preferred options consultation and updating of evidence, a draft Minerals and Waste Plan was then produced with a six weeks publication period commencing in November 2016 for further representations to be made to the finalised draft Minerals and Waste Plan. The working group at its meeting on 7 October was provided with a summary of the main elements of the draft Minerals and Waste Plan.

- 3.4 The working group met again on 13 January 2017 following the close of the consultation period. The purpose of the meeting was to receive a summary of the main representations made to the finalised draft Minerals and Waste Plan.
- 3.5 Partly as a result of the work of the Joint Sub-Committee of Transport, Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Scrutiny of Health Committee in 2016, the finalised draft Minerals and Waste Plan now includes more robust safeguards around shale gas and oil extraction. Whilst the scope of the Plan is limited by national planning policy and guidance, the relevant policies in the Plan, particularly Policies M16, 17 and 18, incorporate many of the recommendations put forward by the Joint Sub-Committee. They include:
- the introduction of spatial policy criteria relating to the location of shale gas operations
  - criteria to be applied to assess any cumulative impacts arising from a proliferation of well sites
  - more guidance on how the waste (including the transportation of waste water) arising from the development of an onshore shale gas industry will be managed
  - criteria seeking to protect aspects of the existing economy in those areas where shale gas operations are being proposed.

## **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.
- c. Notes the cancellation of the 26 April 2017 Committee meeting.

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Appendices:

Appendix A – Work Programme Schedule

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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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### Meeting dates

<b>Scheduled Committee Meetings</b>	<b>1 Feb 2017</b> 10am	<b>26 April 2017</b> 10am	<b>20 July 2017</b> 10am	<b>31 Oct 2017</b> 10am	<b>23 Jan 2018</b> 10am	<b>10 April 2018</b> 10am
<b>Scheduled Mid Cycle Briefings</b> Attended by Group Spokespersons only.	7 March 2017 10am	15 June 2017 10am	21 Sept 2017 10am	7 Dec 2017 10am	8 March 2018 10am	

### Overview Reports

Meeting	Subject	Aims/Terms of Reference
<b>Consultation, progress and performance monitoring reports</b>		
Each meeting as available	Corporate Director and / or Executive Member update	Regular update report as available each meeting
	Work Programme	Regular report where the Committee reviews its work programme

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Meeting	Subject	Aims/Terms of Reference
<b>1 February 2017</b>	Director of Public Health Annual Report 2016	Overview and progress update on implementing the recommendations in the report: creating healthy workplaces and building a healthy workforce
	Apprenticeships	To provide an update on the County Council's progress in supporting apprenticeships in North Yorkshire and its preparations in responding to the new apprenticeship levy to be introduced from April 2017
	YNYER LEP	Update on the work of the York, North Yorkshire and East Riding Local Enterprise Partnership
<b>26 April 2017</b>		
<b>20 July 2017</b>	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
	Road casualties	To advise Members of the road casualty figures in 2016 and the work of the 95Alive Partnership
	Adult Learning Service	Overview of the Adult Learning Service
<b>31 October 2017</b>	Rail developments	Update report on the rail franchise, Rail North and Transport for the North
	Airport Consultative Committees	Update report by the County Council's representatives on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leeds/Bradford International Airport</li> <li>• Durham and Tees Valley Airport</li> <li>• Robin Hood Airport</li> </ul>
<b>Items where dates have yet to be confirmed</b>	Bus services	To provide an update on changes to bus services and community transport options following the implementation of the reduction in bus subsidy from 2016/17.
	Allerton Waste Recovery Park	To advise Members on the arrangements for the Allerton Waste Recovery Park becoming operational in early 2018

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	Parking Standards	Conclusion of the review on Standards for Parking for Developer Funded works within North Yorkshire
	Local Nature Partnership	Update on the work of the Local Nature Partnership
	Promoting access to our heritage	To be provided with an overview of the heritage service and promote discussion
<b>Member working groups</b>		
	Working group on the Minerals and Waste Development Framework	To contribute to the preparation of new spatial planning policies for minerals and waste
<b>Possible future overview reports and presentations from external partner organisations</b>		
<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Aims/Terms of Reference</b>
	Tourism	To be provided with an overview of tourism figures from the past five years to now and projected trends
	Electric charge points for hybrid vehicles	To be provided with an overview of the progress of installing electric charge points in the county for hybrid vehicles and to discuss strategies to lever in investment to increase the number of charge points and to promote the use of hybrid vehicles

### In-depth Scrutiny Projects/Reviews

Subject	Aims/Terms of Reference	Timescales
The North Yorkshire economy post-Brexit	Steering group comprising of the Group Spokespersons set up to consider the measures required to support the local economy following the triggering of Article 50 of the Treaty of Lisbon by the UK government.	Remit of the review and timescales to be discussed at the mid cycle briefing meeting on 7 March 2017.

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