

North Yorkshire County Council

Transport, Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee

12 July 2018

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 1**).

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: Mid Cycle briefing/VAS Review Task Group: 7 June 2018Section 19 and Section 22 Permits

- 3.1 Group Spokespersons received an update on possible changes to Section 19 Permits (standard and large bus permits) and Section 22 Permits (community bus permits). The changes are being brought about due to the DfT having received a legal challenge from commercial operators regarding the DfT's interpretation of an EU Regulation.
- 3.2 The Department for Transport (DfT) carried out a consultation earlier this year detailing changes required to update current guidance, together with proposed amendments to the Transport Act 1985. The consultation has now closed. North Yorkshire County Council submitted a response.
- 3.3 On 14 May 2018, the DfT issued an update for Local Authorities. In summary, the update stressed it would be premature for any local authority to end or withhold community transport contracts at this stage.
- 3.4 We were informed that the expectation is that the changes will have minimal impact to the County Council's fleet of vehicles (e.g. County Council operated minibuses with paid staff). However there is likely to be an impact to some community transport (CT) organisations. Some CT providers might have to be

trained up to a 'public service' standard; be required to have a bus licence with associated training requirements; have their vehicles tested to a higher standard; and employ a professionally qualified Transport Manager. There remains though some uncertainty and lack of clarity. Further detail has therefore been requested by the County Council. The DfT is expected to provide a summary response to the public consultation in July 2018 before the parliamentary recess.

- 3.5 We requested an update report be brought to the Transport, Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee once the finalised details and the implications for North Yorkshire are known.

Vehicle Activated Speed Signs review

- 3.6 The task group met on 7 June 2018 to discuss the results of the questionnaire sent to parishes and to agree the recommendations to be presented to the Transport, Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The results showed that 58% of those responding would consider purchasing and maintaining a Vehicle Activated Sign (42% would not). Vehicle Activated Speed Signs (signs showing the speed limit) were the preferred option over Speed Indicator Devices (signs showing the speed that a vehicle is travelling) (50% would consider purchasing and maintaining a Speed Indicator Device whilst 50% would not.).
- 3.7 The task group agreed to recommend that the County Council changes its policy to allow parishes to purchase and maintain a Vehicle Activated Sign. Subject to the deliberations of the Transport, Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 12 July 2018, the report with recommendations will go to the Executive for approval.

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.

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Appendix 1 – Work Programme Schedule 2018/19

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Scope

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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	12 July 2018 10am	25 Oct 2018 10am	24 Jan 2019 10am	17 April 2019 10am	15 July 2019 10am	24 October 2019 10am	23 January 2020 10am	15 April 2020 10am
Scheduled Mid Cycle Briefings Attended by Group Spokespersons only.	19 Sept 2018 10am	5 Dec 2018 1pm	7 March 2019 10am	4 June 2019 10am	12 Sept 2019 10am	5 Dec 2019 10am	27 Feb 2020 10am	

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
	Work Programme	Regular report where the Committee reviews its work programme

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Meeting	Subject	Aims/Terms of Reference
12 July 2018	Highways England	Regular annual update
	Road casualties	To advise Members of the road casualty figures in 2017 and the work of the 95Alive Partnership
	20s Plenty For Us	Overview of the work of the campaign group for 20mph to become the default speed limit on residential and urban streets
25 October 2018	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
	Civil Parking Enforcement	To provide a review of countywide Civil Parking Enforcement in 2016/17 and 2017/18
	Electric charge points for electric/hybrid vehicles	To be provided with an overview of the progress of installing electric charge points in the county for electric/hybrid vehicles and to discuss strategies to lever in investment to increase the number of charge points and to promote the use of electric/hybrid vehicles.
	Adult Learning and Skills Service	Update on the measures put in place in response to the Ofsted inspection held in June 2017
24 January 2019	North Yorkshire and York Local Nature Partnership	Update report
	Rural transport	An update on rural bus services and community transport
	Local Flood Risk Management Strategy	Update on the implementation of the Local Flood Risk Management Strategy including flood risk/coastal erosion alleviation measures put in place/scheduled to be put in place; funding; issues.

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17 April 2019	SEND Home to School Transport	Update report relating to the impact of the implementation of the SEND Home to School Transport policy changes in 2018, in particular the removal of the free transport statement for SEND post 16 to 18 students with an EHCP.
Items where dates have yet to be confirmed	20 mph speed limit policy	Response to the publication of the National Research project by the Department for Transport examining 20mph speed limits
	HGV overnight parking in North Yorkshire	To explore the issues of HGV overnight parking in North Yorkshire and ways to respond.
	Tourism in North Yorkshire	Overview of the work and future plans of Welcome to Yorkshire.
	Promoting access to our heritage	Overview of the County Council's heritage service.
	Winter Highways Maintenance	Overview of the policy on Winter Highways Maintenance
	Traffic management in the county: tackling traffic congestion	Overview of the ways that the County Council can tackle traffic congestion problems in the county such as through the use of smart traffic lighting to control traffic flow. Road junction road improvements in Harrogate and Scarborough town to be taken as examples.
	Countryside access	Overview of the County Council's countryside service and priorities (including unclassified roads, prioritisation of the public rights of way network and improving the definitive map processes)

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.	Ongoing (commenced March 2017)
Vehicle Activated Speed Signs	Task group to review the protocols on temporary vehicle activated speed signs with a view to allowing parish councils to purchase, install and maintain their own speed matrix signs on a permanent basis.	Completed July 2018

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