

## North Yorkshire County Council

### Transport, Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee

17 April 2019

#### 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 meeting – 7 March 2019

##### Scoping out the 20 mph review

3.1 Group Spokespersons discussed the scope of the 20 mph speed limit policy review. The Committee is asked to set up a task group and approve the draft scope of the review in **Appendix 2**. It is envisaged that the task group will hold its first meeting in May and the task group's report with recommendations will be presented to the Committee at its meeting on 24 October 2019.

##### Update on rollout of scheme for parishes to purchase VAS

3.2 Group Spokespersons received a brief update on the VAS protocol and confirmation that the report would be presented to the Executive on 26 March 2019. The Executive has subsequently approved the protocol, subject to a minor amendment to section 8 of the Protocol, to allow installation of the VAS to be carried out by either a trained volunteer or an appointed contractor.

##### HGV overnight parking on NYCC Highway Network – feedback from Richmondshire and Selby & Ainsty Area Constituency Committees'

3.3 HGV overnight parking is an item on the Committee's work programme. This item was discussed in November 2018 at Richmondshire and Selby & Ainsty Area Constituency Committees. The outcome is that a county-wide strategy involving a multi-agency approach will be developed.

- 3.4 Hambleton District Council has previously taken action to address the parking which had occurred in the District, with a co-ordinated approach between Hambleton District Council's Community Safety Team, North Yorkshire Police and Scarborough Borough Council's Civil Enforcement Officers. The action included making direct contact with HGV drivers and haulage companies advising them of the impact of their actions. Advice leaflets were placed on parked vehicles. Whilst the approach did have a generally favourable outcome it was relatively resource intensive and was something that was unlikely to be achieved on a countywide basis.
- 3.5 Hambleton District Council commenced consultations on a proposed Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) which has the general effect of preventing overnight stays on the highway. The County Council has given its support, in principle, to this, however, a formal response has been submitted raising concerns from operational and highways management perspectives about introducing this Order in isolation.
- 3.6 The need to work together to address the problem is recognised and NYCC Highways Officers have indicated that a pilot PSPO for Leeming Bar would be an appropriate way of addressing the effectiveness of that solution.
- 3.7 When a draft county-wide strategy is developed in the future it will be brought to the Transport, Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee for consideration. As yet there are no timescales for when the strategy will be produced.

#### Resources and Waste Strategy Consultation

- 3.8 Group Spokespersons received a briefing on the government's Resources and Waste Strategy Consultation. A formal report will be presented to the Committee's meeting on 17 April 2019 inviting the Committee to respond to the consultation.

## **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. Approves the draft scope of the Vehicle Activated Signs Review.

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Appendices:

- Appendix 1 – Work Programme Schedule 2019/20
- Appendix 2 – Scope of the review of North Yorkshire County Council's Policy on 20mph speed limits

Background documents:

North Yorkshire County Council Forward Plan

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/council-forward-plan>

## Transport, Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Work Programme Schedule 2019/20

### 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>17 April 2019</b> 10am	<b>15 July 2019</b> 10am	<b>24 Oct 2019</b> 10am	<b>23 Jan 2020</b> 10am	<b>15 April 2020</b> 10am
<b>Scheduled Mid Cycle Briefings</b> Attended by Group Spokespersons only	4 June 2019 10am	12 Sept 2019 10am	5 Dec 2019 10am	27 Feb 2020 10am	

### 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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<b>17 April 2019</b>	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
	Scarborough Park and Ride	Consultation of options to change the level of service provision of Park and Ride in Scarborough.
	Resources and Waste Strategy	To produce a consultation response to the government's consultation on the Resources and Waste Strategy
	Highways asset management policy and strategy	To be consulted on the updated strategy and make recommendations to the Executive.
	Mobile phone coverage project	To report the outcome of the tender and the locations where the phone masts will be built
<b>15 July 2019</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 England	Regular annual update
	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
	North Yorkshire and York Local Nature Partnership	Update report
<b>24 October 2019</b>	Rail developments	Update report on the rail franchise, Rail North and Transport for the North

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<b>Items where dates have yet to be confirmed</b>	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)	
20 mph speed limit policy	Response to the publication of the National Research project by the Department for Transport examining 20mph speed limits	To be determined	

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

## Transport, Economy &amp; Environment Overview &amp; Scrutiny Committee

## Plan of Scrutiny Review

TOPIC	North Yorkshire County Council's 20 mph speed limit policy	
<b>BACKGROUND</b>	<p>At the meeting of the Transport, Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 12 July 2018, Members agreed to convene a task group to review the County Council's current 20 mph Speed Limit Policy, once the National Research project by the DfT examining 20 mph speed limits had been published. The report was published in November 2018.</p> <p>The report has concluded that based on the findings of the study, existing DfT guidance remains broadly valid. However, the report also states that consideration should be given to encouraging traffic authorities to work with relevant partners from the police, health, environment, urban planning, education, and the local community to deliver 20mph limits as part of an integrated approach to addressing transport, community, environment and health objectives. The guidance also needs to recognise the concern amongst the public regarding the apparent lack of enforcement, and the general view that the likelihood of being caught exceeding the limit is very small.</p>	
<b>OBJECTIVES</b>	<p>To consider the findings of the 20mph Research Study (National Research Project)</p> <p>To examine the DfT's guidance on 20mph speed limits (Setting Local Speed Limits: DfT Circular 01/2013.) and relevant legislation</p> <p>To examine the County Council's current policy on the introduction of 20mph speed limits and how it is applied</p> <p>To consider whether there is a need to change the County Council's current policy on the introduction of 20mph speed limits</p> <p>To consider other measures to be adopted</p> <p>To take evidence from NYCC Highways Officers, NYCC Road Safety, 95 Alive Partnership, North Yorkshire Police and the 20s Plenty Campaign regarding the advantages and disadvantages of changing the policy.</p>	
<b>Council Plan: key ambitions 2018-2022</b>  <b>(tick most</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Every child and young person has the best possible start in life</li> </ul>	√
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Every adult has a longer, healthier and independent life</li> </ul>	√
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• North Yorkshire is a place with a strong economy and a commitment to sustainable growth that enables our</li> </ul>	

appropriate)	citizens to fulfil their ambitions and aspirations	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We are a modern council which puts our customers at the heart of what we do.</li> </ul>	√
<b>TASK GROUP MEMBERS</b>	To be determined at the meeting of the Transport, Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee to be held on 17 April 2019.	
<b>PARTICIPANTS/ STAKEHOLDERS</b>	County Council Highways & Road Safety Officers 95 Alive Partnership North Yorkshire Police Public Health	
<b>METHOD</b>	<p>A series of meetings commencing May 2019 to take evidence from stakeholders. The first meeting will be a discussion amongst the task group members to consider the existing policy and to identify any area they think merits further review/scrutiny. Stakeholders will then be invited to subsequent meetings.</p> <p>National research</p> <p>Other Highways Authorities' approaches towards 20mph speed limits.</p> <p>Final report with recommendations to be submitted to the Committee's meeting on 24 October 2019.</p>	
<b>ISSUES</b>	<p>Issues that need to be addressed should the policy be changed include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Why and how were 20mph limits introduced – their objectives</li> <li>Have speeds and driver behaviour changed in areas where 20mph limits have been introduced, including in North Yorkshire – how is this monitored?</li> <li>Have 20mph zones/limits reduced the number and severity of collisions?</li> <li>Areas suitable/not suitable for introduction of 20mph speed limits (existing mean speeds/nature of the road environment)</li> <li>What level of capacity would there be for Police enforcement of 20mph limits</li> <li>Utilising alternative/complementary approaches to Police enforcement (e.g. Speedwatch, use of vehicle activated signs)</li> <li>Impact of new vehicle technologies for self-enforcement</li> <li>Driver education initiatives to embed a culture of slower speeds in residential and pedestrian environments</li> <li>Pros and cons of 20mph speed limits and 20mph speed zones</li> </ul>	



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Financial and other resourcing costs to the Highways Authority</li> <li>• Extent of public support for 20mph speed limits</li> </ul>
<b>WORK PROGRAMME</b>	Report to go to 24 October 2019 Transport, Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting, Executive – November/December 2019 – meeting date to be confirmed
<b>SUCCESS INDICATORS</b>	That the task group is able to critically assess the pros and cons of updating County Council policy on 20mph speed limits, by producing a report with recommendations that take into account the issues and practical implications of revising the current policy.
<b>ESTIMATE OF RESOURCES REQUIRED</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Task group meetings – a minimum of three.</li> <li>• Wherever possible task group meetings will be held on the same day as other meetings that task group Members are attending in order to reduce travel costs (including mid cycle briefings scheduled for 4 June and 12 September).</li> <li>• Officer support – Policy, Performance &amp; Partnerships and NYCC Highways.</li> </ul>