

**North Yorkshire County Council**

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

**21 January 2021**

**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**

• **Single Use Plastics Task Group**

3.1 The task group held its final meeting on 14 October 2020. The purpose of that meeting was to discuss with a representative from the York and North Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership, the LEP's work on promoting the circular economy including examples of good business practice. The task group also explored ways that the County Council could assist the LEP including by taking the lead role in promoting a single-use plastics reduction campaign.

3.2 The task group's report with recommendations has been brought to today's committee meeting for approval for submission to the Executive on 9 March 2021.

- **Climate change work**

- 3.3 Following on from the work of the Climate Change Members Working Group, involving a number of Members from this Committee, go-ahead has been given for officers to commence work on a Carbon Reduction Plan for North Yorkshire County Council.
- 3.4 The Carbon Reduction Plan is likely to include energy usage in our buildings as well as reducing emissions on a broader scale for example through fleet vehicle use, staff mileage, through procurement and supply chains and through the Brierley Group of companies.
- 3.5 There are considerable challenges, not least around finance and, as expected for a new plan, there are currently gaps in information. Accordingly, appropriate officer teams within the Council will develop business cases for proposed in-scope projects to improve confidence of estimates of costs and carbon benefits. The Assistant Directors group will co-ordinate delivery of these to provide the detail for a more informed discussion with the Executive later this year.

## **4 Recommendations**

### 4.1 That the Committee:

- a. Notes the information in this report.
- b. Incorporates the Carbon Reduction Plan for North Yorkshire County Council into its work programme.

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### Appendices:

- Appendix 1 – Work Programme Schedule 2021/22

### Background documents:

North Yorkshire County Council Forward Plan

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

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**Scope**

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**Meeting dates**

<b>Scheduled Committee Meetings</b>	<b>21 Jan 2021</b> 10am	<b>14 April 2021</b> 10am	<b>12 July 2021</b> 10am	<b>21 Oct 2021</b> 10am	<b>20 Jan 2022</b> 10am	<b>13 April 2022</b> 10am
<b>Scheduled Mid Cycle Briefings</b> Attended by Group Spokespersons only	25 Feb 2021 10am	1 June 2021 10am	9 Sept 2021 10am	9 Dec 2021 10am	24 Feb 2022 10am	

**Reports**

<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Aims/Terms of Reference</b>
<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>21 January 2021</b>	York and North Yorkshire LEP	Annual update on the work of the York and North Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership and a briefing on the LEP-led Covid Economic Recovery plan for York and North Yorkshire
	Highways England	Regular annual update on maintenance and improvement activity on Highways England's roads in North Yorkshire (A1 (M), A66, A64 and A19).
	Road casualties	To advise Members of the most recent confirmed road casualty figures in North Yorkshire and initiatives undertaken by the 95Alive Partnership.
	Single-use plastics review	To receive the task's group report and consider the recommendations to the Executive set out on pages 23 to 24 of the task group's report.
<b>14 April 2021</b>	Rural Commission (North Yorkshire)	To discuss the findings and recommendations of the Rural Commission.
	Rural transport	Community transport and bus services: the sustainability of some commercial services particularly in light of the COVID-19 pandemic and the role of the council in market shaping/development; and matters arising from the call for evidence on rural transport by the Rural Commission.
	North Yorkshire County Council's Air Quality Strategy	To be consulted on North Yorkshire County Council's Air Quality Strategy.
	Allerton Waste Recovery Park	To receive an update on the performance of Allerton Waste Recovery Park.
<b>20 January 2022</b>	York and North Yorkshire LEP	Annual update on the work of the York and North Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership.
	North Yorkshire County Council's Plan for Economic Growth	To receive an annual update on progress.

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<b>Items where dates have yet to be confirmed</b>	NY Highways	To receive an annual update on progress and performance.	
	Civil Parking Enforcement	To provide a review of countywide Civil Parking Enforcement in 2019/20 and 2020/21.	
	Grass-cutting	To provide an update on grass-cutting arrangements with parish councils.	
	Carbon reduction plan	To receive an update on the progress of North Yorkshire County Council's Carbon Reduction Plan.	
	Review of North Yorkshire County Council's 20mph Speed Limit Policy	To receive an update on the progress of implementing the Committee's recommendations arising from its review of the Council's 20mph speed limit policy.	
	Tourism in North Yorkshire	Overview of the work and plans of Welcome to Yorkshire.	
	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**

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Aims/Terms of Reference</b>	<b>Timescales</b>	
Single-use plastics review	To explore ways to reduce the use of single-use plastics by North Yorkshire County Council, its suppliers, partner organisations, other local businesses and residents.	Concluded December 2020	

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