



Agenda

- Meeting** Skipton and Ripon Area Committee
- To:** Councillors Robert Heseltine (Chair), Andy Solloway (Vice-Chair), Philip Barrett, Barbara Brodigan, Andy Brown, Nick Brown, Felicity Cunliffe-Lister, Richard Foster, Nathan Hull, David Ireton, Andrew Murday, Simon Myers, David Noland, David Staveley and Andrew Williams.
- Date:** Thursday, 5 March 2026
- Time:** 10.00 am
- Venue:** Belle Vue Suite, 1 Belle Vue Square, Broughton Road, Skipton, BD23 1FJ

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Business

- 1. Apologies for absence**
- 2. Minutes of the meeting held on 4 December 2025** (Pages 5 - 16)
- 3. Declarations of interest**
All Members are invited to declare at this point any interests they have in items appearing on this agenda, including the nature of those interests.
- 4. Public questions and statements**
Members of the public may ask questions or make statements at this meeting if they have given notice and supplied the text to Harriet Clarke at democraticservices.west@northyorks.gov.uk by midday on Monday 2 March 2026, three working days before the day of the meeting. Each speaker must limit themselves to 3 minutes.

Members of the public who have given notice will be invited to speak:

- at this point in the meeting if their questions/statements relate to matters which are not otherwise on the Agenda (subject to an overall time limit of 30 minutes)
- when the relevant Agenda item is being considered if they wish to speak on a matter which is on the Agenda for this meeting.

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- 5. Update from RT Hon Julian Smith MP**
An opportunity for Members to discuss issues of key concern in the constituency.
- 6. Airedale Hospital Update**
A verbal update from the Airedale NHS Foundation Trust on the Airedale Hospital rebuild.
- 7. Wyvern Link Road, Skipton**
To provide the Area Committee with a verbal update via briefing note on the proposed Wyvern Link Road, Skipton.
- 8. Annual School Update Report (Pages 17 - 34)**
To inform Members of the local educational landscape, educational achievement and the financial challenges which affect schools in the Skipton & Ripon Area Committee area.
- 9. Ripon Mobility Hub Update (Pages 35 - 44)**
An update on progress and information as to whether a mobility hub in Ripon is feasible.
- 10. Rural Energy Policies and Local Fuel Pricing Update (Pages 45 - 50)**
An update on rural energy policies and local fuel pricing disparity across the Skipton and Ripon area.
- 11. Committee work programme (Pages 51 - 54)**
- 12. Any other Items**
Any other items which the Chair agrees should be considered as a matter of urgency because of special circumstances.
- 13. Date of next meeting**
Thursday, 4 June 2026 at 2.00 pm.

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