



Agenda

- Meeting:** Thirsk and Malton Area Committee
- To:** Councillors Nigel Knapton (Chair), Caroline Goodrick (Vice-Chair), Joy Andrews, Alyson Baker, Lindsay Burr MBE, Sam Cross, Dan Sladden, Gareth Dadd, Keane Duncan, Michelle Donohue-Moncrieff, George Jabbour, Steve Mason, Janet Sanderson, Malcolm Taylor and Greg White.
- Date:** Friday, 27 March 2026
- Time:** 10.00 am
- Venue:** Council Chamber, Ryedale House, Malton, YO17 7HH

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Business

- 1. Apologies for absence**
- 2. Minutes of the meeting held on 5 December 2025** (Pages 3 - 8)
To approve the minutes of the previous meeting.
- 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/statements**
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- 5. Update by the local MPs** (Pages 9 - 10)
Kevin Hollinrake, MP for Thirsk and Malton.
Sir Alec Shelbrooke, MP for Wetherby and Easingwold – written update included.
- 6. Primary medical care and general practice access** (Pages 11 - 12)
Presentation by the Deputy Place Director and the Head of Primary Care, NHS Humber and North Yorkshire Integrated Care Board.

7. **Summary of the section 19 report - Storm Darragh flooding on Rye tributaries** (Pages 13 - 28)
Presentation by the Lead Local Flood Authority Team Leader and the Senior Engineer, Flood Risk Management.
8. **Updates from the previous meeting** (Pages 29 - 36)
9. **Work programme** (Pages 37 - 40)
To consider the Work Programme for the Area Committee.
10. **Any other items**
Any other items which the Chair agrees should be considered as a matter of urgency because of special circumstances.
11. **Date of next meeting**
10am on Friday, 12 June 2026.

For information only

12. **Schools, educational achievement and finance report** (Pages 41 - 56)
Report of the Assistant Director – Education and Inclusion, the Assistant Director – Resources and the Head of School Organisation and Transport.

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Thursday, 19 March 2026

North Yorkshire Council

Thirsk and Malton Area Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on Friday, 5 December 2025 commencing at 10.00 am.

Councillor Nigel Knapton in the Chair and Councillors Caroline Goodrick, Joy Andrews, Alyson Baker, Sam Cross, Michelle Donohue-Moncrieff, George Jabbour, Steve Mason, Janet Sanderson, Malcolm Taylor and Greg White.

Officers present: James Koppert – Youth Voice Creative Engagement Officer, Nicki Lishman - Senior Democratic Services Officer and Tracey Rathmell – Head of Delivery and Infrastructure, Lizzie Phippard – Infrastructure Investment Officer

Apologies: Councillors Dan Sladden, Gareth Dadd and Keane Duncan

Copies of all documents considered are in the Minute Book

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Dadd, Duncan, Sladden and Annabel Wilkinson.

2 Minutes of the meeting held on 26 September 2025

Resolved

That the minutes of the previous meeting of the Thirsk and Malton Area Committee held on 26 September 2025 be confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

3 Declarations of interest

In the interest of transparency Councillor Janet Sanderson declared an interest as a member of North Yorkshire Youth Limited Board of Trustees.

4 Public questions/statements

From Andrew Jenkins

Tourism Tax.

Was North Yorkshire Council consulted regarding the idea of creating a new tourism tax for North Yorkshire by the Major, if not, why not, and will tourism bodies such as the Filey Tourism and Trade Association on the front line be consulted regarding its implementation or not before any sort of local tax like this is implemented?

Businesses in Hospitality are already dealing with excessive rises in costs by government Tax, food and energy and wages and they cannot afford additional price rises at this time. The situation may be different in international tourist hot spots like York, but areas that rely on domestic tourism such as coastal areas are very different.

Response by Tony Watson, Head of Tourism

The Mayor of York and North Yorkshire has publicly supported gaining the powers to apply a visitor levy. In the recent Budget, the Chancellor confirmed that these powers will be made available to mayoral authorities and announced that a national consultation on the proposal is now open.

If the Mayor decides to implement a visitor levy, it will be introduced and administered as an initiative by the York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority (YNYCA). North Yorkshire Council is now considering its position and will actively engage in both the national and regional consultations. We strongly encourage all interested groups and businesses to participate in these consultations and share their views.

We particularly encourage Filey TTA to respond with their expert local knowledge through the Mayor's consultation via Policy Lab and through the [national consultation process](#). In addition, Filey TTA is represented on the Visit North Yorkshire Advisory Group. The Visit North Yorkshire team is currently finalising plans for the next meeting, which will provide an opportunity for the Mayor and his team to hear feedback directly from stakeholders.

Mr Jenkins then gave the following response, which was passed to Head of Tourism for consideration

Some of that is very good to hear. I'm attending that tourism meeting group, so I will be participating in that. We've certainly had no indication and no inquiry from the mayor's office prior to these announcements being made, asking whether this would be a good idea in the first place.

I would also feedback to councillors that should such a thing be implemented, it needs to be very carefully constructed, so that the monies are not disappearing into a general pot. The monies raised in other areas of around the world, and I've travelled very extensively throughout Europe where tourist taxes are implemented, tends to be in the larger towns and cities, but even in smaller places the monies raised go back into the communities in which they are raised, not into a wider general pot.

For businesses, if this is introduced and we get into the nitty gritty of how something like this might be implemented, how that money is actually taken from the customer, how it is declared to the relevant body, where is the money?

Is it just those businesses that are accommodating people staying overnight or is it a wider tourism tax on restaurants and other businesses?

5 Update by the local MPs

Sir Alec Shelbrooke MP supplied a written update, which was circulated with the agenda.

Kevin Hollinrake MP attended the meeting in person. Key issues discussed included:

- The proposed tourism tax
- Solar farm developments on agricultural land – Members discussed the challenges of the balance between energy security and food security, the climate emergency and planning policy.
- Dualling of A64 – The MP assured the committee of his continued support for dualling the A64
- Home to school transport
- Second homes premium - Mr Hollinrake commended the Council for ensuring that the monies raised were used for the provision of affordable homes.
- Funding for the Filey town bus service. A proposed business case from the mayor's

office was imminent and a number of potential funding sources had been identified to provide a local bus service

- Agricultural Property Relief
- Small Business Saturday

In addition, Members raised concerns on recent planning decisions that were impacted by capacity issues in the wastewater systems.

6 Youth Councils

James Koppert (Youth Voice Creative Engagement Officer) attended the Committee to advise Members on the current position and future development of youth councils across North Yorkshire.

James explained that a number had been set up around the county, some supported and run by the team, and others supported and run by volunteers and community organisations.

They were an opportunity for young people to get involved in democracy, promote the positive things that young people do, build their confidence and positively impact their CV as they go on to further education and the workplace.

They enabled the Council to engage and obtain opinion on Council services and check that we were doing things right for young people. They also fed into regional and national groups.

Barriers to participation include geography, demographics and a reliance on volunteers. Funding and sustainability were noted as key challenges.

If Members were interested in setting one up in their area, the team could offer support in setting up, promoting, training for volunteers and accessing regional and national groups.

Members expressed strong support for improving youth engagement.

Resolved

1. That the Committee supports the principle of developing youth councils and associated engagement activities across the Committee's area.
2. That youth councils and youth engagement be added to the Committee's work programme for further consideration, including potential funding options and partnership opportunities.

7 CIL and S106

Lizzie Phippard, Infrastructure Investment Officer and Tracey Rathmell, Head of Delivery and Infrastructure gave a presentation which described the differences between Section 106 and Community Infrastructure Levy (S106 and CIL), the two types of developer contributions. This followed an information item circulated with the agenda for the meeting held on 26 September 2025, when Councillors asked for more details on the process.

- S106 – parks and open space contributions were managed by the Parks and grounds team. Parish and town councils received annual notifications of the funds available.
- CIL – CIL income was spent on an approximately 80%-20% split between strategic and local infrastructure projects within the legacy district and borough areas.

The team followed an Infrastructure Business Plan, which outlined the process that would be followed when assessing each project and included how projects were categorised and assessed whether they contributed to the following four objectives:

- Health and wellbeing
- Supporting communities
- Sustainable and active travel
- Climate infrastructure

Members discussed a number of projects that were currently ongoing in the committee area and their concerns that parish and town councils did not know what funds may be available to them.

The officers confirmed that this information would be circulated to parish and town councils on an annual basis going forward and they were working on proactive engagement to provide support and guidance on applying for funding. This was an ongoing process.

Councillors were concerned that they were not included in correspondence, for example about available funds, to support parish and town councils in their funding applications etc.

Resolved

Where possible, that Division Members be included in any correspondence circulated to parish and town councils on available funds and other matters, to enable them to provide support to parish and town councils for their applications etc.

8 Work programme

Members considered the Committee's work programme for the remainder of the municipal year.

Following discussion, Members agreed the following additions to the programme.

1. That youth engagement be added to the Committee's work programme for further consideration, including potential funding options and partnership opportunities.
2. Items 9a, 9b and 9c were considered and Members requested that data on other GP surgeries within the Committee area were added to Item 9a.
3. That a representative of the Integrated Care Board be invited to a future meeting of the Committee.
4. That an officer from the Transport Planning team be invited to a future meeting of the Committee to advise on quiet lanes and work with Members to identify possible sites within the Committee area.
5. Further investigation on streetworks permits, road works/closures etc

Members also requested that the Mayor's office be approached to request that a written update on the work of the office be provided to future meetings.

9 Items for information only

Members requested further information as recorded in Minute 8.

10 Any other items

There were no items of urgent business.

11 Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 27 March 2026.

The meeting concluded at 12.30 pm.

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HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA

Thirsk & Malton Area Constituency Committee

North Yorkshire Council

Easingwold, Hillside & Raskelf, Huby & Tollerton divisions.

Dear colleagues,

Re: Wetherby & Easingwold MP Update – March 2026

I'm really pleased to be able to tell you that my updated Dementia Directory has now been delivered to every household across Wetherby & Easingwold.

The directory includes dementia-related activities and events that take place in and around the villages in our area, as well as advice for those living with and caring for people with dementia. An online version is available here: www.wetherbyandeasingwold.co.uk/dementia

1.4 million people will be living with dementia in the UK by 2040 and I have been working locally with volunteers in our community to bring about one simple goal: to make our area the UK's first dementia-friendly constituency.

The directory supports this goal by bringing together details of local organisations, events and services, and ensuring those living and caring for those with dementia know how and where to access first-class services locally.

Thirty-eight years ago, when my own grandmother was diagnosed with dementia, there was little support information available for carers. I wish she could have received an earlier diagnosis so we could have found more help and advice sooner. Thankfully, the outlook for families is much better today.

Here in our area, there are some inspiring organisations that make me optimistic that dementia can be dealt with more effectively and compassionately. I have seen first-hand that this kind of support, delivered well and early on in a person's dementia journey, can lead to better outcomes.

It remains my goal to secure better services for our constituents in a dementia-friendly constituency, and I thank you for your work to help me deliver this.

*Yours ever,
Alec*

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North Yorkshire Council

Thirsk and Malton Area Committee – 27 March 2026

Presentation on the S19 flood investigation report on Storm Darragh flooding on Rye tributaries

1.0 Background

- 1.1 At the meeting of the Committee held on 5 December 2025, Members received a briefing note on GP surgeries within the committee area.
- 1.2 After consideration of the information, Members requested that a representative from the Humber and North Yorkshire Integrated Care Board (ICB) attend the Committee to provide an overview on the provision of Primary Care and General Practice.
- 1.3 The Deputy Place Director and Head of Primary Care, NHS Humber and North Yorkshire Integrated Care Board will attend the meeting to be held on 27 March 2026.

2.0 Recommendation

- 2.1 That the information be noted.

Report author – Nicki Lishman, Senior Democratic Services Officer

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North Yorkshire Council

Thirsk and Malton Area Committee – 27 March 2026

Presentation on the S19 flood investigation report on Storm Darragh flooding on Rye tributaries

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 On 22 December 2025 it was agreed by the Corporate Director - Environment and the Executive Member - Highways and Transportation that the [Section 19 flood investigation report be approved and published on the Council's website](#).
- 1.2 The Chair of the Thirsk and Malton Area Committee requested that officers attend the Area Committee to advise local Members of the actions and recommendations agreed in the report.
- 1.3 This was to ensure that local members were aware of the recommendations and any updates following the approval of the S19 report.

2.0 Attendance at the Area Committee

- 2.1 Meirion Jones, the Lead Local Flood Authority Team Leader and Heather Lagan, Senior Engineer, Flood Risk Management will present the actions and recommendations of the report

3.0 Recommendation

- 3.1 That the information be noted.

Report author – Nicki Lishman, Senior Democratic Services Officer

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Storm Darragh Flooding on Rye Tributaries December 2024

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Summary of Section 19 report for
Area Committee 27 March 2026



Section 19 Process

- Section 19 of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010 states that on becoming aware of a flood in its area, a Lead Local Flood Authority must investigate the flooding including the functions risk management authorities in response to the flood.
- Section 14 of the FWMA grants the LLFA power to request information associated with its functions.

Section 3 of the North Yorkshire Council Flood Risk Strategy (2025) outlines the criteria that would trigger a Section 19 Investigation. Storm Darragh was judged to warrant a formal Section 19 Investigation due to:

- The relationship with the functions of other Risk Management Authorities.
- Number of properties internally flooded.
- The depth, area or velocity of flooding reported.
- The nature and extent of critical infrastructure impacted by the flood.

Flood History

History of Flooding on the River Dove

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- July 1872** ● **Kirkby Mills:** Streams rose 36 inches in a few minutes, causing significant flooding – *York Herald*
- July 1930** ● **Keldholme:** Local properties flooded – *Malton Messenger*
- 1946** ● **Keldholme:** Houses damaged by flooding with 3-4 ft of water – *Yorkshire Post*
- Autumn 2000** ● **Keldholme:** Properties Flooded
- August 2002** ● **Kirkby Mills:** Properties Flooded
- September 2008** ● **Kirkby Mills:** Properties Flooded
- September 2020** ● **Kirkby Mills:** Properties Flooded

History of Flooding on the River Seven

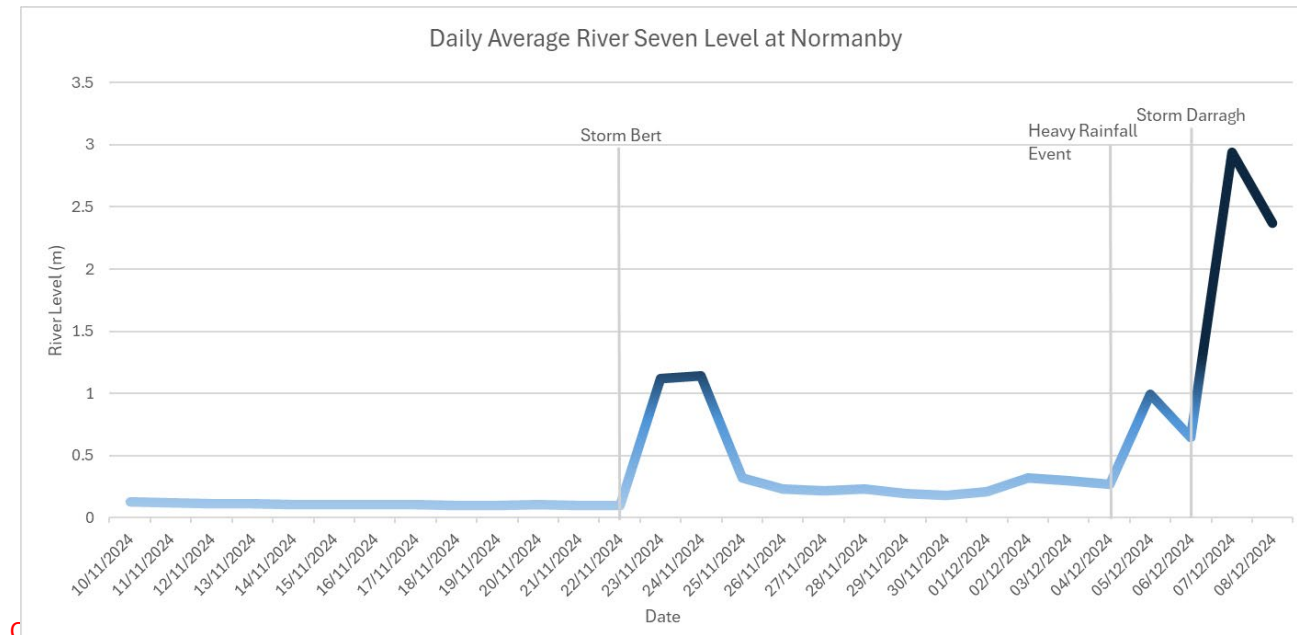
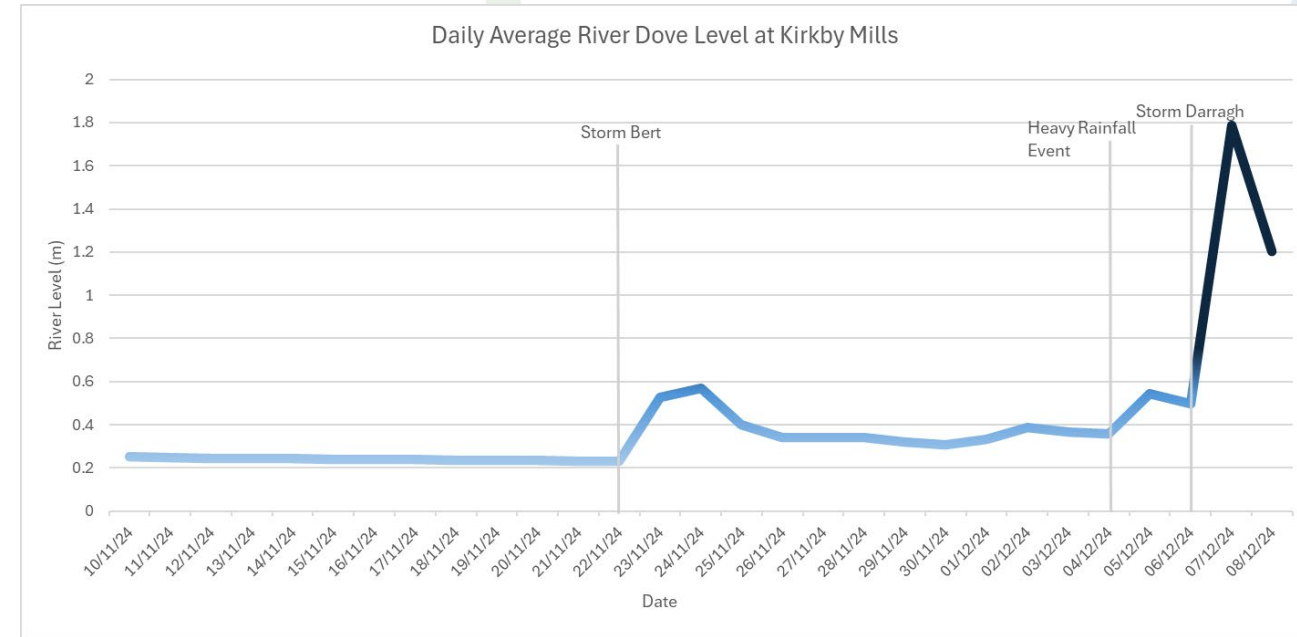
- May 1864** ● **Sinnington:** Streams rose with unexampled rapidity carrying down trees and rocks – *Yorkshire Gazette*
- 1866** ● **Sinnington:** Village Flooded – *Yorkshire Gazette*
● Marton: Water was 5ft deep – *Yorkshire Gazette*
- Summer 1872** ● **Sinnington:** Summer thunderstorms lead to many houses being flooded – *York Herald*
- August 1878** ● **Marton:** All access to Marton suspended – *York Herald*
- November 1878** ● **Sinnington:** Floodwater covered the village green – *Malton Messenger*
- September 1880** ● **Sinnington:** Railway station was an island amongst floodwater, with some stating the flooding was worse than the 1878 flood event – *Yorkshire Gazette*
- June 1895** ● **Sinnington:** The whole village was flooded from the Seven – *Yorkshire Post*
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- September 1931** ● **Sinnington:** The village was inundated with many houses Flooded. Records of flooding on the River Seven were broken – *Yorkshire Gazette*
- Autumn 2000** ● **Sinnington:** Several properties flooded
- August 2002** ● **Sinnington:** Around 10 homes flooded – *York Press*
- June 2007** ● **Sinnington:** River Seven broke its banks, flooding the village – *York Press* and resident records– *York Press*
● Marton: Village was flooded with sandbags deployed – *York Press*
- September 2008** ● **Sinnington:** 3ft of water in homes – *York Press*

Preceding Weather

- On the 23rd of November, Storm Bert hit the UK bringing 6 hours of persistent and extensive rainfall with intermittent rainfall continuing into the 24th November.

Between Storm Bert and the onset of Storm Darragh, 2 weeks of frequent short duration intermittent rainfall was present in the Rye catchments.

- Prior to the onset of Storm Darragh, on Thursday 5th December there were 2 hours of sustained intense rainfall, which maintained high river levels within the Rye catchment.

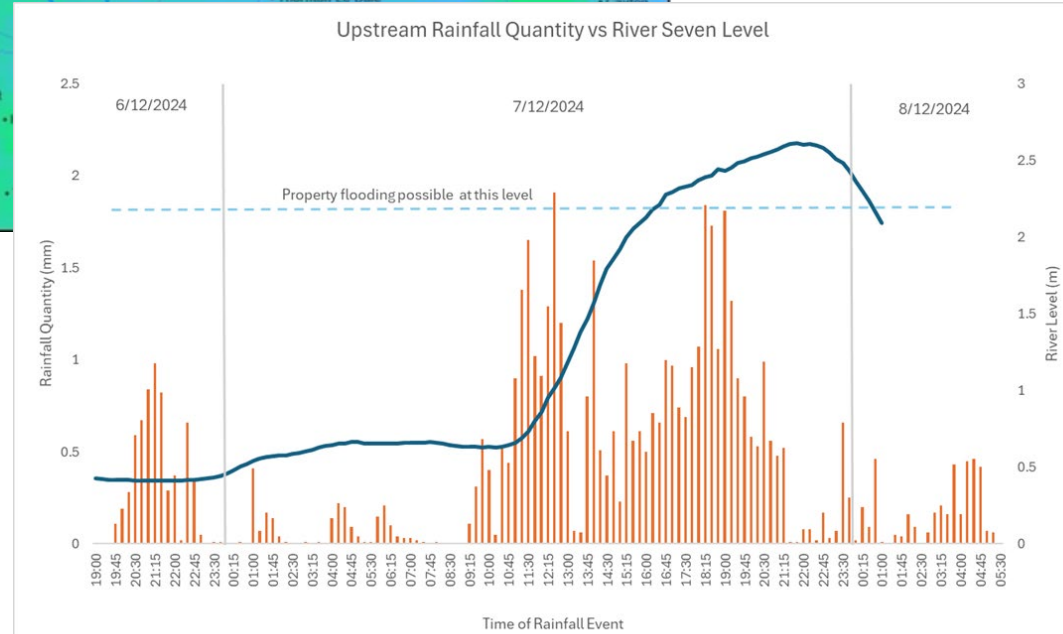
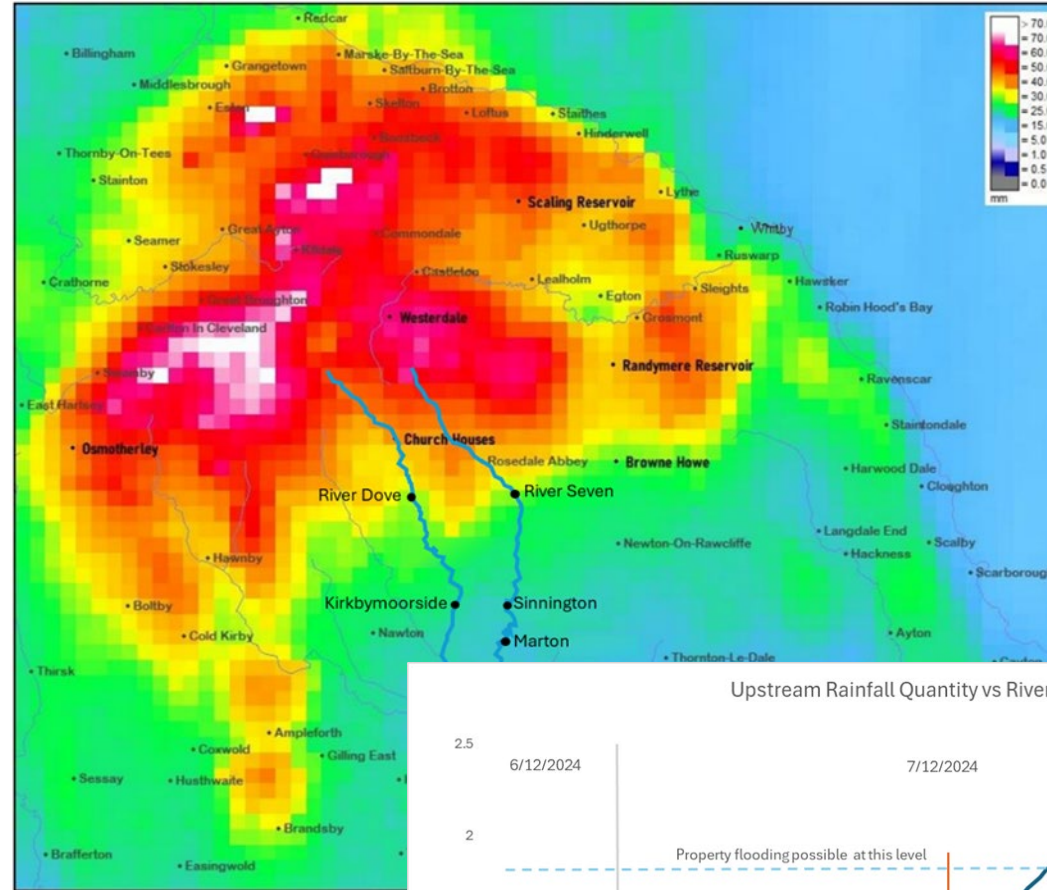


Storm Darragh

Storm Darragh rainfall lasted approx. 12 hours, from roughly 9am to 9pm and totalled at 15.5mm of rainfall in the areas of Kirkby Mills, Sinnington and Marton.

Higher up in the catchment received more intense rainfall, for a longer duration with about 80mm of rainfall accumulated within 25 hours.

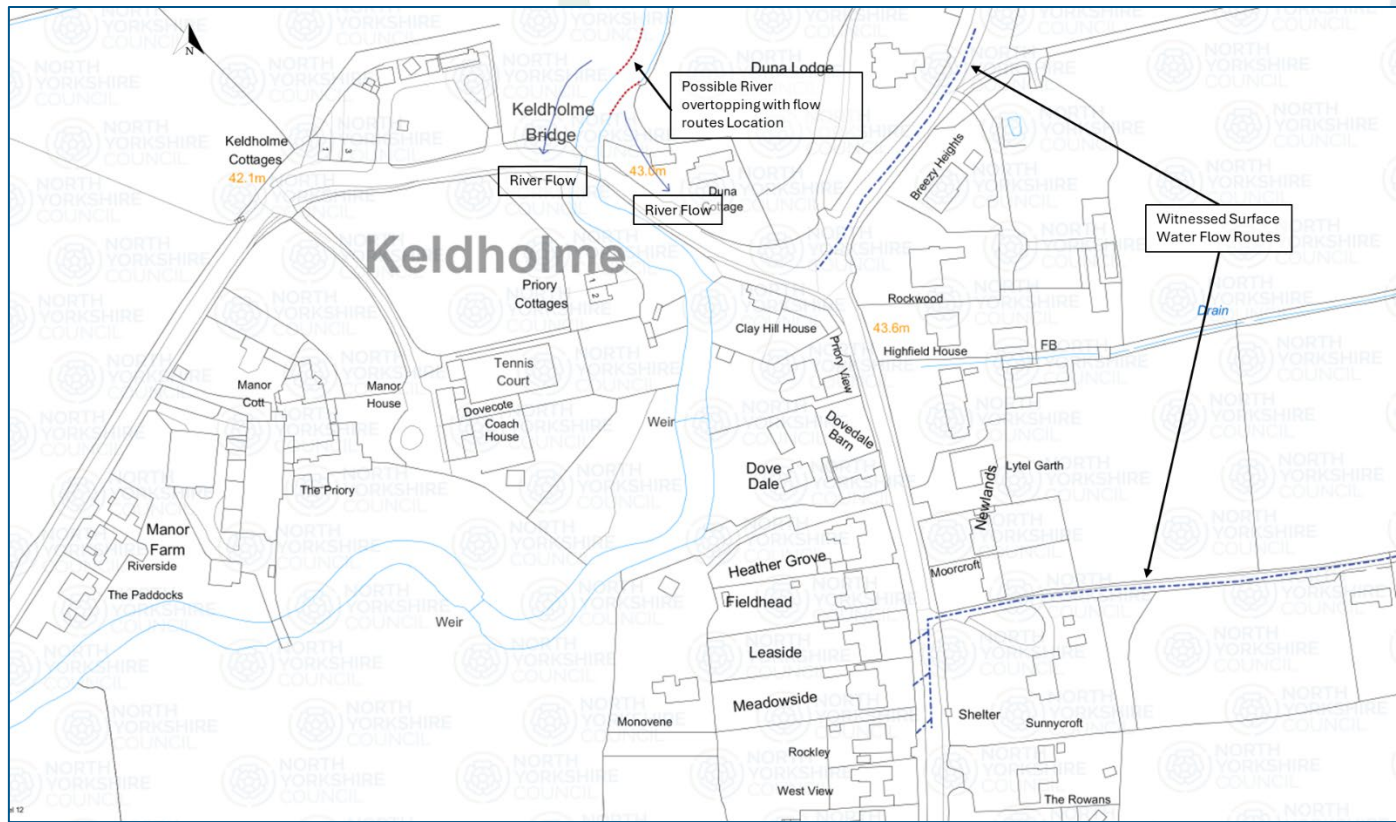
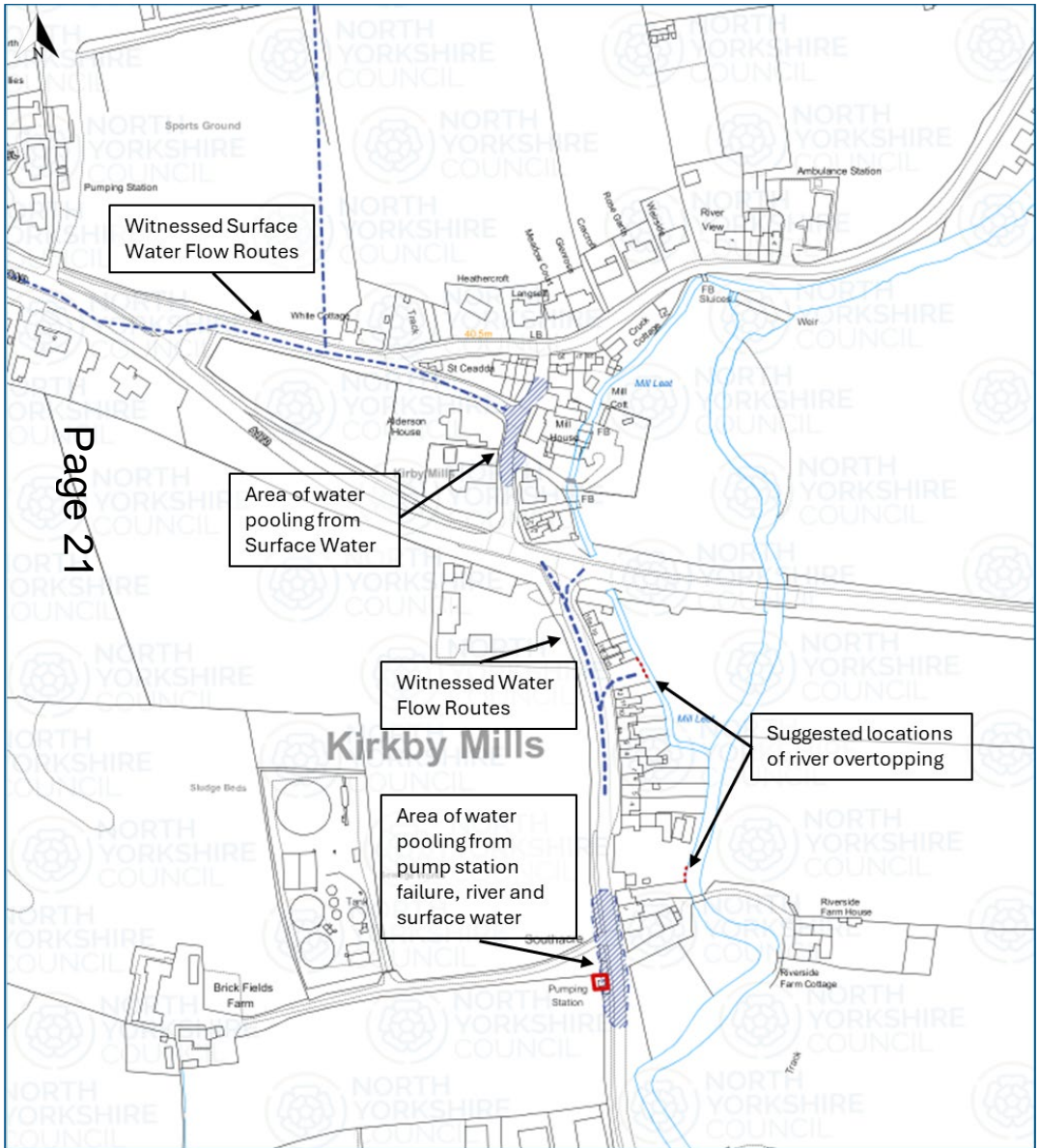
The Rivers responded rapidly to the upstream rainfall.



Impacts – Kirkby Mills and Keldholme

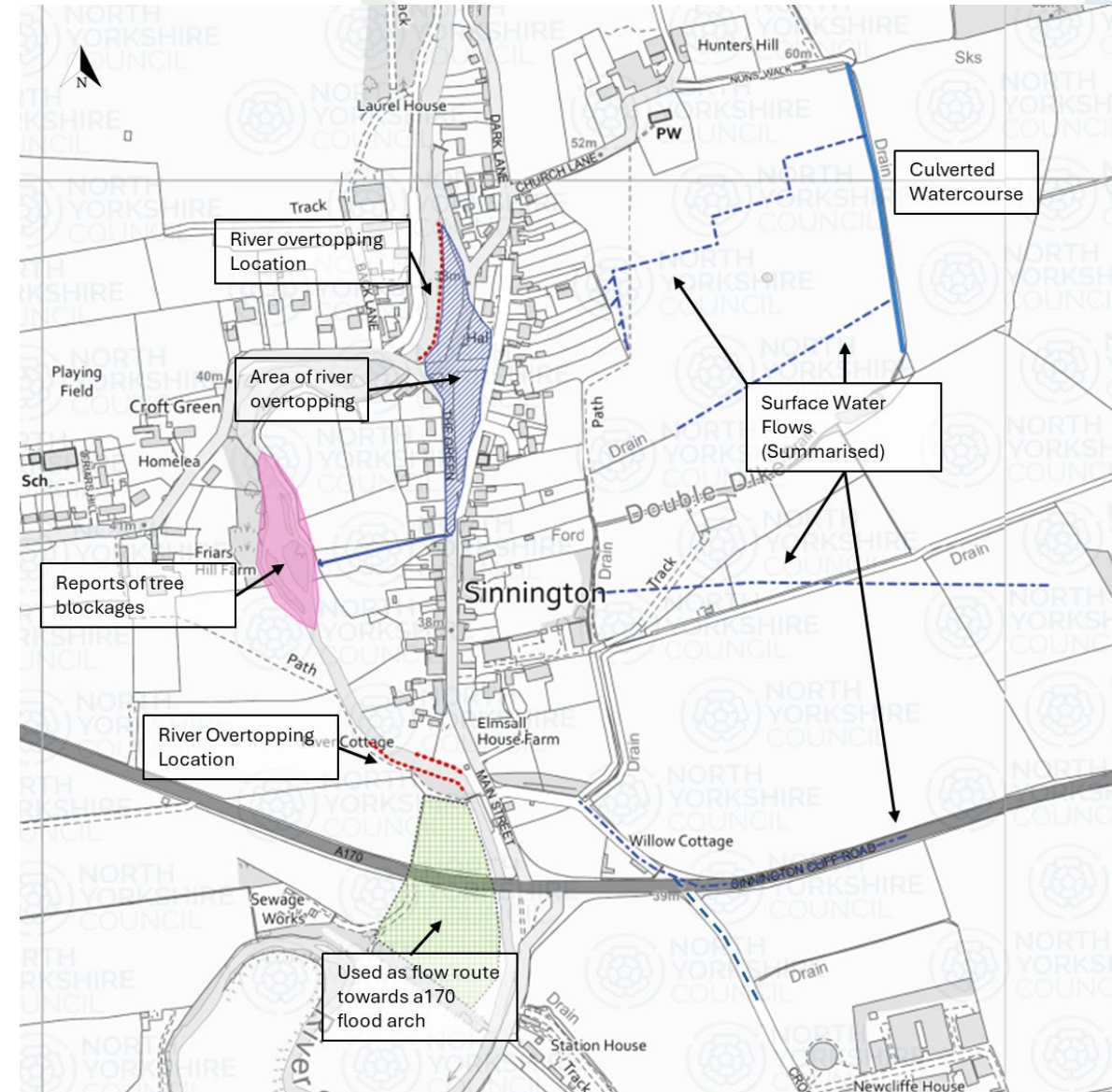
- A total of 29 records of internal flooding and near-miss events were reported.
- The first property was reported to have flooded at approximately 16:00 due to an overtopping of the Mill Race.
- Surface water flows were observed travelling from Kirkbymoorside and along the A170, accumulating in topographical low points.
- Yorkshire Water reported a power failure at their pumping station south of Kirkby Mills at 17:22, with a second failure occurring at 23:11. The latter event also affected the backup system. During pump failure, excess water was diverted to the River Dove





Impacts – Sinnington

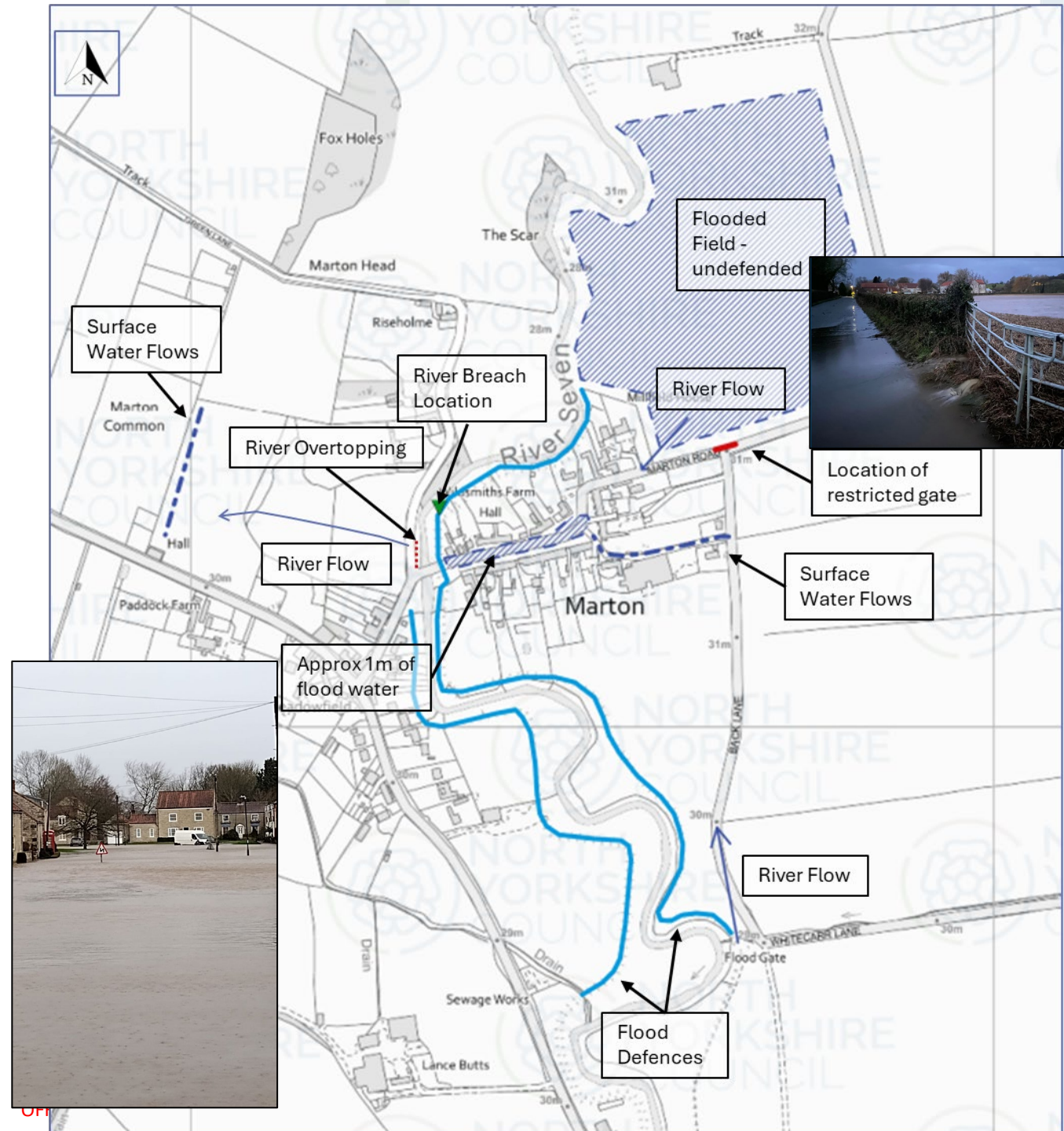
- A total of 21 flood incidents were reported, of which 19 involved internal property flooding
- Many properties avoided internal flooding through the use of improvised flood defences, including sandbags, towels and boards.
- Flooding was observed through river overtopping and surface water flows coming into the village.



Impacts – Marton

- There were 24 reported flooding incidents, 20 internal property flooding.
- Marton is partially defended by flood embankments, which constrained the river until early morning on the 8th of December when a tree falling caused a breach in the embankment.

Vegetation blockages caused an unusual re-routing of flood water into the main street of Marton.



Risk Management Response

Initial

- Resilience and Emergencies Team set up:
 - Bronze Commanders to liaise with emergency services
 - Set up Local Assistance Centre in Kirkbymoorside with assistance from Town Council – RET, Social Care, Housing, Highways, Localities, Flood Risk Management and Major Incident Response Team were some of The Council Departments who based themselves there for two weeks.
- The Council provided skips and helped with carpet and furniture removal.
- Flood Risk Management did site visits, set up 3 drop-in sessions and encouraged residents not already signed up to the Property Flood Alleviation Scheme running in the area, to sign up.
- £300 grants were made available to residents from the Two Ridings Foundation, to aid in the immediate recovery.
- The Environment Agency carried out temporary embankment repairs in Marton, after a tree was uprooted within the embankment.

Medium Term

- Flood Risk Management are continuing to work with contractors to survey and fit bespoke Property Flood Resilience to impacted properties.
- Resilience and Emergencies Team are engaging with local communities and Parish Councils to strengthen local preparedness through development of Community Local Plans.
- The Environment Agency are continuing their Natural Flood Management project on the River Dove, which aims to deliver 11,000m³ of water storage, reducing the flood risk to 12 properties in Kirkby Mills. A 17-hectare site at Grouse Hall performed effectively during Storm Darragh by storing and slowing a large volume of water that could have made its way downstream.

Recommendations

General:

- 1) The LLFA to continue to deliver the existing property flood resilience scheme that will benefit properties in Keldholme, Kirkby Mills and Sinnington.
- 2) All risk management authorities to continue responsive engagement and service within the villages.
- 3) Environment Agency to continue engagement and increase education regarding the flood warning system and landowner and homeowner responsibilities.

Kirkby Mills:

- 1) North Yorkshire Council Highways and Yorkshire Water to jointly investigate the drainage system north of the A170, focusing on interactions between the Yorkshire Water network, highway gullies, and the river near the Mill, and assess the potential benefit of installing a non-return valve at the outfall.
- 2) North Yorkshire Council Bridges team and landowners to de-silt and regularly monitor the bridge to maintain flow capacity and reduce flood risk.
- 3) Yorkshire Water to assess how the Combined Sewer Overflow affects river channel capacity and contributes to flood risk.
- 4) Yorkshire Water to investigate power failure of pumping station and configure plan to avoid it happening in the future Environment Agency to engage riparian landowners to raise awareness of their responsibilities and take enforcement action on unconsented works, including the weir and Mill Race.

Recommendations

Keldholme:

- 1) North Yorkshire Council Bridges as part of Local Highway Authority to continue to monitor silt levels under Keldholme Bridge.
- 2) North Yorkshire Council as Local Highway Authority and LLFA to explore opportunities reduce Surface Water flow impacts on the Highway from the East.

Sinnington:

- 1) North Yorkshire Council to work with landowners on riparian responsibility and engage in the education of surface water flow management.
- 2) North Yorkshire Council to explore maintaining the existing flow pathway on Main Street at Land Adjacent to Riverdell, is maintained in the event of any future proposals to develop the land.

Recommendations

Marion:

- 1) Environment Agency to review flood defence and tree management regime, work with landowners on educating riparian responsibility and undertake enforcement where needed.
- 2) Environment Agency to submit funding bids to further repair the breach and carry out other maintenance of the flood embankments and river channel where a business case for investment can be made and where funding is available. This includes bank surveys to assess for low spots, embankment repairs and tree and vegetation clearance to aid conveyance.
- 3) Yorkshire Water to demonstrate how separating out the surface water from the Combined system will not increase surface water flood risk if the river level is high and reduce bad connections as an output of the CCTV survey.
- 4) North Yorkshire Council Resilience and Emergencies Team to help set up a community action group with the assistance of Marion Parish.

Updates to Recommendations

Recommendations	Current Actions
Community Engagement	FRM running 2 drop-in sessions in April with RET, EA and YW
Property Flood Resilience – Kirkby Mills, Keldholme and Sinnington	All surveys complete and installations have begun, 6 properties complete
Kirkby Mills Drainage	Highways and Yorkshire Water have investigated the drainage and identified a location where a flap valve can be installed to reduce river water backflowing into the highway gully network
Kirkby Mills Yorkshire Water Combined Sewer Overflow	Engagement, funding and research being undertaken to understand one of the CSO's in Kirkby Mills
Keldholme Surface Water Flows	Highways have programmed work to alleviate some flows
Sinnington Surface Water and Drainage	Farming landowner has increase culvert capacity and discussing with neighbours about adding another ditch to capture surface water flows. FRM Team currently arranging surveys to the drainage network around A170 to better understand connections and identify any blockages.
Environment Agency Marton maintenance	Funding bid has been submitted for a permanent breach repair and a business case is being prepared for bank maintenance, reviewing bank condition, which will include tree maintenance and levelling out low spots.

**North Yorkshire Council
Thirsk and Malton Area Committee
10am on 27 March 2026**

Update

1. Yorkshire Water

At the meeting held on 5 December, Members discussed concerns about Yorkshire Water.

The focus was the use of Grampian Conditions on recent planning applications in the committee area, due to the wastewater, sewerage and associated Yorkshire Water (YW) infrastructure limitations.

Members raised concerns with YW performance in general and thought that the Chief Executive (CX) had been holding meetings with YW. They wondered if the CX had any update for the committee.

Response from CX

As a Council we are concerned about this issue and therefore consequently I wrote to Yorkshire Water Chief Executive Nicola Shaw raising it. I subsequently meet with Nicola Shaw to discuss this issue along with a couple of other issues.

I reiterated the Council's concern that Yorkshire Water needed to ensure that their investment plans and the upgrading of their facilities was in line with our local plan. The follow up action was for Linda Marfitt from our Forward Plan Team to have a more detailed discussions with the appropriate individuals within Yorkshire Water and they will no doubt be arranged in the near future.

Response from Linda McKenzie (formerly Marfitt), Head of Planning Policy and Place

I met with Steph Pullan, Director of Asset Management at Yorkshire Water on 4 February. I provided an update on the preparation of the North Yorkshire Local Plan and highlighted the importance of close engagement between both organisations as the plan progresses.

We discussed that a key opportunity will be through the upcoming work on infrastructure capacity (being undertaken jointly with the Combined Authority, City of York Council and the National Parks) as well as more detailed work when potential sites are identified. We also discussed the need for and benefits of ensuring that infrastructure to support future growth is factored into the Yorkshire Water investment pipeline alongside the local plan. There are commitment and willingness to continue engagement as the plan develops.

2. Quiet lanes

At the meeting held on 5 December, Members requested that an officer from the Transport Planning Team be invited to a meeting to advise on quiet lanes and possible sites.

Response - Keisha Moore, Senior Transport Planning Officer advised that the quiet lanes protocol will be reviewed following the recent adoption of the Speed Management Strategy (SMS). As part of the SMS, a programme speed limit reviews will be carried out over approximately five years, ultimately covering all roads in the county.

The SMS could support the delivery of Quiet Lanes, as a reduction in speed limits is likely to make certain roads eligible, however, the Quiet Lanes protocol itself needs to be reviewed in the current context, as it has not been updated since it was first adopted 15-20 years ago. Officers are reviewing the current position and will offer feedback in due course.

3. Request for written updates from the mayor’s office

A request from Thirsk and Malton area Committee was sent to the mayor’s office on 12 December 2025. A response has not yet been received.

A similar request was made by another Area Committee who was advised that the mayor’s office believed this may be a good idea but did not have the capacity at the time to action the request. However, they stated that they would liaise with their communications team.

Appendix A has been prepared by the support officer and includes links to matters considered at various meetings of the CA and to news items that may be of local interest.

Members may wish to receive a similar update at each meeting of the Area Committee.

Appendix B is the summary that the Mayor provides to the CA Scrutiny Committee at each quarterly meeting.

4. Data on other GP surgeries

At the meeting of the Committee held on 5 December 2025, Members received a briefing note on GP surgeries within the committee area.

After consideration of the information, Members requested similar information on other GP surgeries adjacent to the committee area.

The information below has been collated via an online search and has not been verified.

Practice	Patients	GPs
Haxby Group – Haxby & Wigginton, Huntington, Gale Farm – Acomb, New Earswick, Upper Poppleton surgeries	32,587	17 FT & 17 PT (across 5 surgeries in the group)
Topcliffe, Thirsk	3,723	1 FT & 2 PT
Mayford House, Malpas Road, Northallerton	9,633	8 PT
Church Lane Surgery (inc Helperby branch)	10,225	12 PT
MyHealth surgery (Stamford Bridge, Strensall, Huntington and Dunnington)	19,294	6 FT & 9 PT

5. Recommendation

That the updates be noted.

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**North Yorkshire Council
Thirsk and Malton Area Committee
10am on 27 March 2026**

Items from the York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority (CA) that may be of interest to the Area Committee

1.0 Matters that have been recently considered at CA meetings

1.1 [Business Board – 27 November 2025](#)

Min 24 – How’s Business – to note improvements to the York – Scarborough railway

Min 25 – Mayor’s business update – to note challenges of affordable housing sector and available workforce

1.2 [Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 18 December 2025](#)

Item 5 - [Mayor’s update and Member Q&A](#)

Item 6 - [Local Transport Plan update](#)

1.3 [Combined Authority – 23 January 2026](#)

Min CA24-81 - York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority Established Status Application (EMSA) to the MHCLG

EMSA “conferred the strongest form of devolution available and was a prerequisite for an Integrated Settlement, bringing together multiple funding streams with greater flexibility and a clearer outcomes framework.”

Minute CA24-82 – Grow Yorkshire Renewed

Update on the reconstitution of Grow Yorkshire as an Expert Advisory Panel on Agriculture, Food and Rural Businesses and Communities, including an overview of the programme’s evolution, proposed structure and next steps

1.4 [Combined Authority – 27 February 2026](#)

MIN CA24-99 – Mayor’s Active Travel Fund

“Members welcomed the strong early interest in the community element of the Mayor’s Active Travel Fund. Members emphasised the importance of prioritising simple, accessible measures and stressed the need for well-connected infrastructure rather than isolated schemes. The Mayor confirmed the commitment to ensuring joined-up working with both local authorities and community stakeholders, noting the significant contribution of the Active Travel Commissioner in building strong partnerships.”

2.0 CA news items

[The CA newsletter](#) is available by email for anyone to subscribe

- a. [Deputy Mayor Jo Coles update on Langdale Fire investigation > York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority – 26 February](#)
- b. [Mayor launches £1 million Active Travel Fund to transform everyday journeys and support safer school runs > York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority – 25 February](#)

- c. ['We must get this right for our region', Mayor on next steps for Visitor Levy > York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority – 17 February](#)
- d. [New Grow Yorkshire chair in bid to boost farm incomes > York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority – 9 February](#)
- e. [Putting the WOW! into Malton's High Street > York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority – 9 January](#)
- f. [Mayor welcomes inheritance tax changes for farmers > York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority – 23 December](#)

York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority – Overview and Scrutiny Committee Mayor’s Update and Member Q&A

17 March 2026

Dear members,

General Update

Since our last meeting we have set the Combined Authority and Mayoral General Budgets, delivering over £180m of funding in the next financial year to support jobs, opportunity and growth in York and North Yorkshire. I want to thank the committee for their important role in scrutinising the budget.

Further to our last meeting, steps have been taken to improve transparency in my office. I now publish my register of interests, register of gifts and hospitality, expenses, and a record of my external meetings on a quarterly basis. The staff in my office who act in an advisory capacity also publish their register of interests, register of gifts and hospitality, and a record of their external meetings.

Funding and Investment

We continue to make progress ahead of the Local Growth Fund, an initial proposal to allocate some of the funding is being taken to our next Combined Authority meeting, which will allow for investment to maintain vital combined authority and local authority services that support business.

I have continued to engage with hospitality and tourism organisations on the Overnight Visitor Levy to discuss their concerns and the opportunities. The Government consultation closed in February and we are awaiting the response to this. Our work through the Policy Lab, with York St John University, is producing an analysis of the OVL, which is engaging with key stakeholders.

Moving Forward

The first round of the Movement, Activity and Sport Fund has closed, and allocations will be made in the coming weeks. This has had significant interest from around the region, showing the need for investment into addressing social challenges through movement, activity and sport.

The grant funding element of the Men’s Mental Health Fund has been allocated, supporting projects across the region. We continue to support businesses to engage in our workplace programme, *Shift your focus*, and continue to make progress on delivering the workplace pilot within the Fire and Rescue Service.

The £4m Mayor’s Active Travel Fund is currently taking bids from public bodies and local community groups. £2.4m of this funding is allocated for public bodies,

applications closed earlier this month and will be determined in the coming weeks. The £1m Community Grants element of the fund opened earlier this month, and closes on 10 April.

Highstreets

Applications for the Vibrant and Sustainable High Streets Fund Phase 3 have been appraised earlier this month, and a decision panel will convene later this month to decide which proposals will be granted funding. Phase 3 received 55 applications, and the total available for funding of projects is £2.2m.

Transport

The DFT have devolved a consolidated £456.2m Mayoral Transport Fund (MTF), this includes £428.8m capital funding over four years and £27.4m revenue funding over three years. The devolved funding allows for the Mayoral Transport Authority to determine how the funding is allocated. The principles for this funding will be determined at the March Combined Authority meeting, aligning to our previously agreed Strategic Transport Framework and my Mayoral priorities. I am determined that we will improve the way we do things in our region.

We continue to manage the pressures of bus funding, seeking to protect the level of services and fare subsidies that we currently have in York and North Yorkshire.

Housing and Regeneration

Our Strategic Place Partnership with Homes England has been established and a delivery plan agreed. Progress is now being made on setting out strategic sites for unlocking, discussions on public estates and potential for housing development, continued engagement with York and North Yorkshire Housing Partnership to address affordable housing issues and build capacity in the sector to deliver. Our Housing Growth Plan is in draft for consideration by the Combined Authority later this year.

The Brownfield Housing Fund Programme (BHFP) is a £20m fund to support the delivery of new homes on brownfield land across the region. £24.4m has been allocated to 26 housing sites. Collectively, these sites are set to deliver 1,340 new homes (over 50% are affordable). The aim is to have all projects contracted by end of March with delivery over the next couple of years. Most schemes are in contract with many now in delivery.

Business, Trade and Innovation

We held our Growth Summit: 'Ambition 2035'. The event was well-attended and contained many thoughtful contributions from panellists and attendees alike on the potential of our region to deliver meaningful economic growth that benefits local communities.

We launched two new schemes under our Business Innovation Fund, a competitive support programme similar to ‘dragons den’ and a support programme to help more businesses access funding.

Officers are also working at pace to plan a full schedule of events to take place at UKREIFF in May this year, where the Combined Authority will have a dedicated pavilion.

Education, Employment and Training

Our Work and Skills Interchange resource was launched on the 9th Jan. The interchange will offer advice for individuals and businesses, and will help provide the opportunity to build connections for people who are seeking work or are trying to stay in work – especially those who have significant health conditions, those who are economically inactive, or those who face other disadvantages in the labour market such as caring responsibilities.

We have also been given £10m from central government to continue the Economic Inactivity Trailblazer programme.

Visits and Engagements

I continued to visit community organisations and stakeholders across the region.

In addition, I have represented our region on the national stage. I attended the Oxford Farming Conference’s Welcome Dinner as a keynote speaker, attended ministerial meetings, and gave evidence to the APPG Rural Business and Rural Powerhouse as they produce their report on devolution in rural communities.

David Skaith
Mayor of York and North Yorkshire

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North Yorkshire Council
Thirsk and Malton Area Committee

27 March 2026

Work Programme Report

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To advise Members of the latest version of the Committee's work programme.

2.0 BACKGROUND

2.1 The Committee's work programme is attached at appendix A and shows the items currently scheduled to be considered by the Committee.

2.2 Members have received an invitation to a work programming session to be held via Teams on 1 May 2026. This session will consider what Members wish to be brought to the Committee over the municipal year.

2.3 The Work Programme will continue to be circulated with the agenda.

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

3.1 Members are asked to:

a) note the Committee's work programme and amend as required.

Scheduled meeting dates 2026/27

Meeting dates for 2026/27

12 June 2026 – 10am

25 September 2026 – 10am

4 December 2026 – 10am

29 January 2027 – 10am budget briefing

19 March 2027 – 10am

Report author – Nicki Lishman, Senior Democratic Services Officer.

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Thirsk and Malton Area Committee Work Programme 2026/27

10am on 27 March 2026	
Attendance of local MPs	Opportunity for the local MPs to share their views on issues affecting the constituency area
Representatives of the Integrated Care Board	Lisa Pope, Deputy Place Director and Charlotte Liddle, Head of Primary Care, Humber & North Yorkshire ICB
Section 19 flood investigation report on Storm Darragh flooding on Rye tributaries	Meirion Jones, Lead Local Flood Authority Team Leader Update on the recommendations
Work programme	Review of future topics relevant to the constituency area.
Schools, educational achievement and finance report	Information only
10am on 12 June 2026	
Election of a Chair	
Election of a Vice Chair	
Attendance of local MPs	
Highways and Street Works	Alexandra Hollifield, Team Leader, Network Information and Compliance – virtual
Community Safety and CCTV	Paul Romans, Community Safety and CCTV Manager – tbc
Work programme	Review of future topics relevant to the constituency area.
Thirsk & Malton Area Committee annual report 2025/26	Senior Democratic Services Officer – information item
10am on 26 September 2026	
Annual update on the work of the mayor of York and North Yorkshire	Update on the work of the MCA
Attendance of local MPs	Opportunity for the local MPs to share their views on issues affecting the constituency area
Localities update	Adele Wilson-Hope
Resilience and emergencies update	Matt Robinson
Work programme	Review of future topics relevant to the constituency area.
10am on 4 December 2026	
Attendance of local MPs	Opportunity for the local MPs to share their views on issues affecting the constituency area
Work programme	Review of future topics relevant to the constituency area.
10am 29 January 2027 – informal briefing via Teams	
Budget proposals 2027/28	Overview of budget proposals for 2026/27 – Director of Strategic Resources

10am on 19 March 2027	
Attendance of local MPs	Opportunity for the local MPs to share their views on issues affecting the constituency area
Work programme	Review of future topics relevant to the constituency area.

To be scheduled

1. Youth engagement - including potential funding options and partnership opportunities.
2. Transport Planning team - quiet lanes and work with Members to identify possible sites

Meeting dates for 2026/27

12 June 2026 – 10am

25 September 2026 – 10am

4 December 2026 – 10am

20 January 2027 – 10am budget briefing

29 March 2027 – 10am

**North Yorkshire Council
Thirsk and Malton Area Committee**

27 March 2026

Schools Update

1.0 Purpose of the Report

1.1 To inform Members of the local educational landscape, educational achievement and the financial challenges which affect schools in the Thirsk & Malton committee area.

2.0 Local educational landscape

2.1 As of 31 August 2025 there was a total of 62 schools and academies within the Thirsk and Malton Committee area. The table below shows the number of schools and academies in both the county as a whole and the committee area by school type.

	Schools in North Yorkshire		Schools in Thirsk & Malton AC	
Primary Maintained	158	53.6%	28	51.9%
Primary Academy & Free School	137	46.4%	26	48.1%
Total	295	100%	54	100%
Secondary Maintained	12	28.6%	1	14.3%
Secondary Academy	30	71.4%	6	85.7%
Total	42	100%	7	100%
Special Maintained	5	50%	1	100%
Special Academy	5	50%	0	0%
Total	10		1	100%
PRU Maintained	4	80%	0	
PRU Academy	1	20%	0	
Total	5		0	100%
Total maintained	179	50.9%	30	48.4%
Total Academy	173	49.1%	32	51.6%
Overall Total	352		62	100%

3.0 School standards

3.1 School Ofsted judgements

From September 2024, inspections of state-funded schools no longer include a judgement on overall effectiveness. The judgements for the 4 areas inspected under the previous inspection framework, as at 31 August 2025, are shown in the tables below:

% Good or Outstanding

Quality of Education

	Primary	Secondary	Special
National	86%	73%	77%
North Yorkshire	90%	72%	83%
Thirsk and Malton	87%	83%	100%

Behaviour and Attitudes

	Primary	Secondary	Special
National	96%	85%	89%
North Yorkshire	96%	72%	83%
Thirsk and Malton	92%	83%	100%

Personal Development

	Primary	Secondary	Special
National	98%	89%	91%
North Yorkshire	98%	83%	100%
Thirsk and Malton	95%	83%	100%

Effectiveness of Leaders

	Primary	Secondary	Special
National	91%	82%	84%
North Yorkshire	95%	80%	100%
Thirsk and Malton	93%	86%	100%

Similarly, 97% (30 of 31) of the Childcare establishments (childcare in non-domestic premises) which have had an Ofsted inspection in the committee area were 'Good' or 'Outstanding'. The rate in North Yorkshire was 97% at the same time.

3.2 Attainment overall

In primary schools, performance across North Yorkshire in the Early Years (Early Years Foundation Stage Profile) has continued to be above national benchmarks. Attainment of children at Key Stage 2 fell slightly this year but is still above the national level. In secondary schools the percentage of pupils achieving a grade 5 or above in both English and maths (Basics) improved in 2025 and is now 4.1% higher than national.

3.3 Early Years Foundation Stage Profile (EYFSP)

In 2025, 69.5% of children in the committee area achieved a Good Level of Development. An in-year comparison of EYFSP outcomes with LA and national figures (see table below) shows that a lower proportion of pupils within the committee area achieved a good level of development compared with all NYC pupils but the proportion is above the national comparable figure.

Early Years Foundation Stage Profile – percentage achieving a good level of development			
	Thirsk and Malton	North Yorks	National
2022	66.5%	68.3%	65.2%
2023	69.3%	70.3%	67.2%
2024	70.4%	71.2%	67.7%
2025	69.5%	70.6%	68.3%

3.4 Key Stage 2

In 2025, 60.8% (5.8% more than last year) of children in the committee area achieved the expected standard in reading, writing and maths, which is higher than both the North Yorkshire and national comparable figures. An in-year comparison of KS2 attainment with LA and national figures is shown in the table below.

Key Stage 2 - percentage achieving the expected standard or above in reading, writing and maths combined.			
	Thirsk and Malton	North Yorks	National
2022	59.4%	56.6%	58.9%
2023	56.1%	56.1%	60.0%
2024	55.0%	58.2%	61.3%
2025	60.6%	59.6%	62.1%

3.5 Key Stage 4

The average Attainment 8 score, which measures the achievement of a pupil across eight qualifications, was 46.9 for the committee area in 2024. This is slightly above the North Yorkshire average and the national comparable figure.

Key Stage 4 - Average Attainment 8 Score			
	Thirsk and Malton	North Yorks	National
2022	49.6	50.3	48.8
2023	46.8	46.8	46.3
2024	46.6	46.8	45.9
2025	46.9	46.5	46.1

The percentage achieving a GCSE grade 5 or above (grading is 9-1) in English and Maths (Basics measure) was 49.5% for the committee area in 2025. This is above the national and the North Yorkshire comparable figure.

Key Stage 4 - Percentage achieving a grade 5 or above in English and Maths			
	Thirsk and Malton	North Yorks	National
2022	52.1%	53.8%	49.8%
2023	45.8%	46.0%	45.3%
2024	46.7%	47.7%	45.9%
2025	49.5%	46.8%	45.4%

3.6 Not in education, employment or training

There were 925 young people recorded in Year 11 living in the committee area in May 2025 and of this cohort 15 (1.8%) were not in education, employment or training after leaving school as of January 2025. The figure is above the overall North Yorkshire figure of 1.6% for the same period.

4.0 Suspension Incidents and Permanent Exclusions

4.1 Suspension Incidents

In the 2024/25 academic year, there have been a total of 9566 suspensions for a total of 2808 individual children in North Yorkshire, 457 of these children were on roll of mainstream schools in the Thirsk and Malton committee area.

Suspension Incidents								
Academic year	Pupils suspended			Total Suspensions			Reason for suspension	
	North Yorkshire	Thirsk and Malton (mainstream)	Percentage of North Yorkshire total (pupils)	North Yorkshire	Thirsk and Malton (mainstream)	Percentage of North Yorkshire total (incidents)	Most common reason (Thirsk and Malton)	Most common reason (North Yorkshire)
2018/19	2149	302	14%	5970	828	13.87%	Persistent disruptive behaviour (47.8%)	Persistent or general disruptive behaviour (48.7%)
2019/20	1578	246	16%	4365	757	17.34%	Persistent or general disruptive behaviour (63.5%)	Persistent or general disruptive behaviour (48.2%)
2020/21	1578	221	14%	3553	543	15.28%	Persistent or general disruptive behaviour (55.4%)	Persistent or general disruptive behaviour (40.0%)
2021/22	2046	305	15%	5197	915	17.61%	Persistent or general disruptive behaviour (48.5%)	Persistent or general disruptive behaviour (45.5%)
2022/23	2753	391	14%	7639	1200	16%	Persistent or general disruptive behaviour (48.1%)	Persistent or general disruptive behaviour (48.2%)
2023/24	3114	485	16%	9960	1713	17%	Persistent or general disruptive behaviour (59.3%)	Persistent or general disruptive behaviour (53.4%)
2024/25	2808	457	16%	9566	1608	17%	Persistent or general disruptive behaviour (62.6%)	NY: Persistent disruptive behaviour (56.7%)

In 2024/25, schools in the committee area had a 15% share of the total schools' population in North Yorkshire and had a 17% share of suspensions for the whole county.

4.2 Permanent exclusions

In 2024/25, there were 123 permanent exclusions from all schools in the county, 25 of which were for children in Thirsk and Malton mainstream schools.

Academic year	Thirsk and Malton	North Yorkshire	Percentage of North Yorkshire total
2018/19	15	87	17%
2019/20	9	51	17.65%
2020/21	4	26	15.38%
2021/22	7	55	12.73%
2022/23	23	96	24%
2023/24	19	121	16%
2024/25	25	123	20%

In 2024/25, schools in the committee area had a 15% share of the total schools' population in North Yorkshire and had a 20% share of permanent exclusions for the whole county.

4.3 Responding to increasing exclusion from schools

It is important to note that the decision to suspend or permanently exclude from school can only be made by the school's headteacher as a last resort. Schools also have a responsibility to monitor attendance and exclusions of pupils.

A new Inclusive Mainstream Toolkit has been launched by NYC to support educational professionals in the planning for and meeting the needs of children and to prevent exclusion from the educational process.

The North Yorkshire response has also included outreach support for schools through SEND Locality Hub teams, offering outreach services for children at risk of suspension or permanent exclusion.

5.0 Special Education Needs and Disabilities

5.1 SEN Statistics for Committee area

As of December 2025, there were 893 children in the committee area with a North Yorkshire funded EHC plan, which equated to 14% of the North Yorkshire total. The most common needs are:

- Autism (38%)
- Social Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH, 20%)
- Speech Language and Communication (SLCN, 16%)

As of January 2025, there were 1596 children in the committee area with SEN Support in North Yorkshire schools, which equated to 15% of the North Yorkshire total. The most common needs are:

- Speech, Language and Communication (SLCN, 22%)
- Social Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH, 21%)
- Specific Learning Difficulties (e.g. Dyslexia, 20%)

5.2 Increasing demand for Education, Health and Care plans (EHC plans)

Requests for Education, Health and Care plans (EHC plans) remain at a high level.

The 2024/25 academic year saw 1220 requests for assessment for an EHC plan received, which was very similar to the number received in 2023/24 (1196) and 2022/23 (1263). 156 (13%) were for children or young people living in the committee area in 2024/25, a decrease from the 169 in 2023/24.

Significant work has been undertaken to improve and maintain the timeliness of conducting statutory assessment of children and young people's special educational needs.

5.3 SEND provision

The Council's ambition for children and young people with SEND is set out in the Local Area SEND Strategy 2023-2026. Key to the strategy is making sure that children have the opportunity to achieve good outcomes, attend a school close to home where they can make friends and connections in their local community and be prepared for a fulfilling adult life.

Whilst the SEND system nationally and locally remains challenging, the council continues to work proactively to support children and families to have their needs identified and met. The number of children identified as having SEND, is continuing to rise rapidly.

The council has a duty to keep its SEN provision under review and build capacity so that children with SEN can access suitable provision. Recently the council have worked with partners and schools to develop the Inclusive Mainstream Toolkit to support practitioners in meeting needs of children in mainstream settings. The council has a well-developed capital programme that is in the process of being reviewed and updated. Current commitments include strengthening the offer in mainstream schools through rolling out Targeted Mainstream Provision (TMP) as well as creating more special school places across the county and improving existing facilities for children.

In the Thirsk and Malton constituency there has been capital investment that has created two Targeted Mainstream Provisions which are operational at Thirsk School and Norton Community Primary School. Further work is underway to roll out more of these provisions in the area with 3 more schools having expressed an interest. Applications from schools have been requested by the end of April in order for the council to progress this development. Additionally, Welburn Hall School has continued to increase the number of places it provides to the locality and beyond.

6.0 Elective Home Education

Total EHE

As of the beginning of the 2025/26 academic year there were 1257 children recorded as Electively Home Educated (EHE) in North Yorkshire, 205 (16.3%) of which were formerly from a mainstream school in the Thirsk and Malton committee area. At the same point last year, there were 1125 children EHE in North Yorkshire, including 189 (16.8%) formerly from a mainstream school in the committee area.

Academic Year	Thirsk & Malton beginning of academic year	Percentage of Total North Yorkshire EHE	Total North Yorkshire EHE
24/25	189	16.8%	1125
25/26	205	16.3%	1257

In 2025/26, schools in the committee area had a 15% share of the total schools' population in North Yorkshire and had a 16.3% share of electively home educated children and young people for the whole county.

Becoming EHE

In the 2024/25 academic year, 888 children became EHE in North Yorkshire, 163 of which were formerly educated in a mainstream school in the Thirsk and Malton committee area. This figure in the previous academic year (2023/24) was 129 from the committee area out of 821 becoming EHE in North Yorkshire.

Parents have the offer of a pre-decision meeting to ensure that they fully understand their legal obligations. Furthermore, school staff and governing bodies have the opportunity to access training to support children who are not engaging in education.

The Children's Wellbeing Bill has raised plans for increased responsibilities and powers for LAs regarding the EHE process, as part of multi-agency involvement in the safeguarding of children.

7.0 School Finance

7.1 2024/2025 School Revenue Balances

Local Authority maintained school revenue balances as at 31 March 2025 are summarised below, together with a comparison with 2024. The balances are also expressed as a percentage of school delegated budgets.

	Primary & Nursery 143 schools	Secondary 12 schools	Special 5 schools	Pupil Referral Unit 4 schools	Total 164 schools
Total School Revenue Balances (Net) as at 31 March 2025	£13,863k	£158k	-£1,549k	£907k	£13,379k
% of Revenue Budget	12.0%	0.3%	-14.4%	35.7%	7.3%
No. Schools with an Accumulated Revenue Budget Surplus as at 31 March 2025	121	8	4	4	137
No. Schools with an Accumulated Revenue Budget Deficit as at 31 March 2025	22	4	1	0	27
<i>Comparison to total school revenue balance (net) as at 31 March 2024</i>	<i>+£152k</i>	<i>+£902k</i>	<i>+£119k</i>	<i>+£97k</i>	<i>+£728k</i>

(The number of school budgets submitted to the local authority for 2024/25 is lower than the total number of local authority maintained schools operating within North Yorkshire due to a number of school federations operating a single, amalgamated budget covering all of the schools within the federation)

27 schools (16% of LA Maintained schools) had an accumulated revenue budget deficit totalling £5.6M as at 31 March 2025. An analysis of the budget deficits by school phase is detailed in the table below:

	Primary & Nursery	Secondary	Special	Pupil Referral Unit	Total
No. Schools with an Accumulated Revenue Budget Deficit as at 31 March 2025	22	4	1	0	27
Total School Revenue Deficit Balances as at 31 March 2025	-£1,360k	-£2,290k	-£1,956k	N/A	-£5,606k
Average Value of Accumulated Revenue Budget Deficit as at 31 March 2025	-£62k	-£573k	-£1,956k	N/A	-£208k
Highest Accumulated Revenue Budget Deficit as at 31 March 2025	-£237k	-£969k	-£1,956k	N/A	-£1,956k
Lowest Accumulated Revenue Budget Deficit as at 31 March 2025	-£1.3k	-£229k	-£1,956k	N/A	-£1.3k

7.2 School Budget Projections - Based on 2025/26 Start budgets

The 2025/26 Start Budgets submitted to the local authority by schools in May 2025 are summarised below:

	Primary & Nursery	Secondary	Special	Pupil Referral Unit	Total
	142 schools	12 schools	5 schools	4 schools	163 schools
Total Forecast School Revenue Balances (Net) as at 31 March 2026	£9,728k	-£1,456k	-£1,871k	£670k	£7,071k
No. Schools with an Accumulated Forecast Revenue Budget Surplus as at 31 March 2026	122	5	3	3	133
Average Value of Accumulated Forecast Revenue Budget Surplus as at 31 March 2026	£94k	£263k	£86k	£233k	£103k
No. Schools with an Accumulated Forecast Budget Deficit as at 31 March 2026	20	7	2	1	30
Average Value of Accumulated Forecast Revenue Budget Deficit as at 31 March 2026	-£87k	-£396k	-£1,064k	-£31k	-£222k
<i>Comparison to total school revenue balance as at 31st March 2025</i>	<i>-£4,135k</i>	<i>-£1,614k</i>	<i>-£322k</i>	<i>-£237k</i>	<i>-£6,308k</i>

(The overall number of individual school budgets have reduced from 164 to 163 between the 2024/25 and 2025/26 financial years due to 14 schools converting to academy status and 2 schools closing).

7.3 School Finance and Funding Issues

- The Department for Education (DfE) usually publishes the National Funding Formula (NFF) allocation in July to help schools with their planning as early as possible, however the DfE stated that this was not possible due to the timing of the multi-year Spending Review concluding in June 2025. Outline 2026-27 NFF funding information was provided in mid-November 2025 with indicative allocations expected later in Autumn 2025.
- The DfE have confirmed that there are no structural changes to the schools NFF for 2026-27, with no changes to the NFF factors and how they operate compared to 2025-26. The NFF factor values will broadly increase by c2% for the 2026-27 financial year.

The DfE have prescribed that local authorities are required to set the minimum funding guarantee funding (MFG) protection between minus 0.5% and 0% for the 2026-27 financial year. The overall funding requirement for 2026-27 school budgets, and the associated affordability within the 2026-27 schools block DSG funding provision, cannot be finalised until the actual 2026-27 schools block DSG allocation is received in December 2025

- School budgets have experienced significant cost pressures in the 2025/26 financial year, this position is expected to continue for the 2026/27 financial year. Cost pressures include:
 - Below forecast inflation increases in school funding provided by Government for the 2024/25 and 2025/26 financial years
 - Cost pressures associated with supporting an increasing number of pupils with additional SEND support needs.
- North Yorkshire secondary schools are placed 142 out of 151 local authorities in terms of funding level per pupil. On average, a school in North Yorkshire will receive £6,849 per pupil in 2025-26 compared to a national average of £7,450. Comparing the funding for a 1,500 pupil secondary school this equates to a difference in funding of £0.9m. The funding for North Yorkshire primary schools is more favourable with a position 35 out of 151 local authorities in terms of the funding level per pupil. For primary schools, a North Yorkshire school will receive on average £5,812 per pupil compared to a national average of £5,704. The average funding position in relation to primary schools in North Yorkshire is influenced by the levels of the lump sum and sparsity funding received through the DfE National Funding Formula by the relatively high number of small, rural primary schools within the local authority area.
- North Yorkshire has a number of schools that, geographically, are vital in serving their local communities. Inadequate sparsity funding and general financial pressures for smaller, rural secondary schools, continues to be a significant concern. NYC utilises the provision in the DfE National Funding Formula (NFF) to locally provide additional lump sum funding of £50k for the smallest (less than 350 pupils), most rural secondary schools. NYC continues to lobby the DfE and local MPs for higher levels of funding for the small, rural secondary schools within the LA.

7.4 Local Authority Support for Schools in Financial Difficulty

- The Local Authority adopts a number of measures to support schools facing financial difficulty:
 - the use of a financial risk rating framework to determine the level of support, challenge and intervention undertaken at individual school level,
 - meetings are held with the headteacher and Chair of Governors of schools forecasting an accumulated budget deficit in either the current or the next financial year, where no financial recovery is forecast to discuss the actions planned by the school to address the forecast budget deficit
 - the escalation path for financial intervention including the use of Notices of Financial Concern, where deemed appropriate. Currently, eight schools are subject to a Notice of Financial Concern.

- the undertaking of School Resource Management reviews in individual schools where this has been identified as an appropriate intervention through the risk rating process. The reviews are either commissioned from the DfE or undertaken by LA staff with the SRMA accreditation and based on the DfE School Resource Management Adviser (SRMA) model.
- continuing to undertake research into small school financial effectiveness to identify and share best practice
- review of the Schools Financial Value Standard (SFVS) and Resource Management dashboard in financially challenged schools
- continuing the promotion of school collaboration and the sharing of best practice in terms of effective resource management between schools
- the provision of Headteacher and Governor finance briefings and training
- continuing to lobby DfE for fairer funding for North Yorkshire schools, especially in relation to small, rural secondary schools.

7.5 Schools Financial Position – Thirsk & Malton

2024/25	2025/26
<p>24 schools in budget surplus as at 31 March 2025. 3 schools in deficit by March 2025; 11% of schools in Thirsk & Malton (2 primary, 1 special)</p> <p>Average primary surplus = £99k Average secondary surplus = £96k Average special surplus = N/A</p> <p>Average primary deficit = -£19k Average secondary deficit = N/A Average special deficit = -£1,956k</p> <p>(Data Source – 2024/25 Consistent Financial Reporting (CFR))</p>	<p>22 schools projecting to be in budget surplus as at 31 March 2026. 5 schools projecting to be in deficit by March 2026; 16% of schools in Thirsk & Malton (3 primary, 1 secondary, 1 special)</p> <p>Projected average primary surplus = £69k Projected average secondary surplus = N/A Projected average special surplus = N/A</p> <p>Projected average primary deficit = -£38k Projected average secondary deficit = -£241k Projected average special deficit = -£2,120k</p> <p>(Data Source – 2025/26 Start Budgets)</p>

8.0 Planning school places

8.1 School sustainability

The sustainability of schools is largely influenced by three key factors which are usually related to each other:

- Falling pupil rolls
- School standards
- Financial difficulty

Where school closures have occurred in North Yorkshire these factors have been relevant. During the period 1 September 2022 to 31 August 2025 there were eleven closures in the county, of which the following two occurred in the committee area:

- Hovingham CE (Voluntary Controlled) Primary School, closed with effect from 31 March 2023; and
- St Hilda's Ampleforth CE (Voluntary Controlled) Primary School, closed with effect from 31 August 2024.

8.2 Pupil rolls – current and future

In accordance with the Education Act, 1996 the Council has a statutory duty to ensure sufficient school places are available for every child.

The strategic planning of school places is undertaken on the basis of 'planning areas,' which represent groups of associated schools which are aligned in terms of issues such as geography, transport links and patterns of parental preference. The council previously considered the strategic planning of primary school places via a total of 58 planning which had developed over a significant period.

A review of the former planning areas was undertaken during 2025 arising, in part, from criticisms of their relevance during the annual reporting to Area Committees during the 2025 annual reporting round. In January 2026, the DfE approved an application from the council to implement revised planning areas via which the future monitoring and planning of primary school places will be undertaken.

The planning areas utilised by the council for the purpose of forecasting secondary school places have not been amended and remain as previously reported.

Appendix 1 shows the planning areas that were in use for the Thirsk and Malton Committee area as at 31 August 2025, together with: -

- The schools and academies in each area
- Capacity in the planning area
- Current numbers on roll
- Projected future numbers
- Projected impact of approved housing developments

The Council's pupil number forecasts indicate that the total number of pupils attending schools and academies within North Yorkshire will decline by 3.6% between 2024-2025 and 2029-30. The decline in pupil numbers is not, however, expected to be consistent across the county; arising from higher levels of housing development it is expected that a small number of areas in the county may experience an increase in the demand for school places whilst in other areas the decline in pupil numbers is forecast to be significantly in excess of the forecast average rate of decline.

The area covered by the Thirsk and Malton Area Committee is largely characterised by rural villages, which are served by small schools. The declining birth rate combined with other demographic changes means that several small schools are facing financial challenges associated with low numbers on roll. In the committee area, there are examples of schools working innovatively to mitigate these challenges, including in federations.

The area also has areas where there is a significant amount of new housing development, including within Easingwold, Thirsk, Malton and Norton.

The council regularly reviews its forecasts of pupil numbers, taking account of both the birth rate and the additional number of new pupils that are expected to arise from the development of new housing.

In those areas where new housing is proposed, and which is forecast to result in there being a shortfall of school places then the council seeks developer contributions (in the form of both Section 106 and CIL) towards the cost of providing those additional places.

8.3 School Organisation Issue

On 17 March the Executive Member for Education, Learning and Skills will consider a report seeking approval to consult publicly on school organisation proposals to transfer the responsibility of Special Resourced provision in the form of Targeted Mainstream Provision (TMP) from the Hambleton and Richmond Pupil Referral Service (PRS) to Thirsk School and Sixth Form.

9.0 Recommendation

<p>9.1 That Members note the report on educational factors in the Thirsk and Malton committee area.</p>

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APPENDIX 1

Planning Areas and forecast surplus/shortfall school places – as of 31 August 2025

- School planning areas are groups of schools which are used for assessing current and future pupil demand for school place provision and structured according to DfE guidelines.
- Figures below assume all outstanding housing permissions are built out over a five-year period, but do not include undetermined planning applications or draft Local Plan proposals.
- Pupil yield from housing is based on 25% for primary aged pupils and 13% for secondary aged pupils.

School planning area	Places available as of 2024/2025	Number on Roll 2020/2021	Number on roll 2024/2025	Surplus Capacity 2024/2025	Forecast pupils as of 2029/2030	Projected Pupils from current housing permissions until 2029/2030	Forecast/ Surplus capacity 2029/30
*School located in a neighbouring committee area							
PRIMARY							
Thirsk <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Saints Catholic Primary School, a Catholic Voluntary Academy • Sowerby Primary Academy • Thirsk CP • Keeble Gateway Academy 	899	623	645	254	624	43	232
Thirsk Outer Area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alanbrooke Academy • Carlton Miniott Primary Academy • Knayton CE Academy • Sessay CE VC Primary • South Kilvington CE Academy • Topcliffe CE Academy • Pickhill CE Primary* • Dishforth CE Primary* 	912	819	756	156	689	30	193
Total	1811	1442	1401	410	1313	73	425

Easingwold <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Easingwold CP 	297	248	302	-5	287	36	-26
Easingwold Outer Area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outwood Primary Academy Alne • Crayke CE VC Primary • Forest of Galtres Anglican/Methodist Primary • Huby CE • Husthwaite CE • Linton on Ouse Primary • Sheriff Hutton Primary • Stillington Primary • Sutton on the Forest CE 	1025	766	708	317	687	49	289
Total	1322	1014	1010	312	974	85	263

School planning area	Places available as of 2024/2025	Number on Roll 2020/2021	Number on roll 2024/2025	Surplus Capacity 2024/2025	Forecast pupils as of 2029/2030	Projected Pupils from current housing permissions until 2029/2030	Forecast/ Surplus capacity 2029/30
*School located in a neighbouring committee area							
Filey Primary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Filey Junior Filey CE Nursery & Infants Academy 	548	448	419	129	341	11	196
Filey Outer Area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hertford Vale CE VC Primary Hunmanby Primary Sherburn CE VC Primary 	441	387	338	103	275	12	154
Total	989	835	757	232	616	23	350

Malton & Norton <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amotherby CP Malton Primary Academy Norton CP St Mary's Catholic Primary School - a Catholic voluntary academy 	1344	1201	1104	240	1011	258	308
Malton & Norton Outer Area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Foston CE VC Primary Langton Primary Leavening CP Luttons CP Rillington CP Sand Hutton CE VC Primary Settrington All Saint's CE VC Slingsby CP Terrington CE VA Warhill CE Welburn CP West Heslerton CE 	941	789	745	196	650	19	272
Total	2285	1990	1849	436	1661	44	580

North Ryedale Primary Area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Helmsley CP Kirkbymoorside CP Pickering Community Infant Pickering Community Junior St Joseph's Catholic Primary School - a Catholic voluntary academy 	990	777	728	262	726	18	246
North Ryedale Primary Outer Area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gillamoor CE Nawton CP Rosedale Abbey CP Sinnington CP Thornton Dale CE St Benedict's Catholic Primary School - a Catholic voluntary academy 	570	451	453	117	423	7	140
Total	1560	1228	1181	379	1149	25	386

School Planning Area	Places available as of 2024/2025	Number on Roll 2020/2021	Number on roll 2024/2025	Surplus Capacity 2024/2025	Forecast pupils as of 2029/2030	Projected Pupils from current housing permissions until 2029/2030	Forecast/ Surplus capacity 2029/30
*School located in a neighbouring committee area							
Boroughbridge Primary Outer Area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dishforth Airfield CP* • Great Ouseburn CP* • Green Hammerton CE* • Kirk Hammerton CE* • Marton-cum-Grafton CE • Nun Monkton Primary* • St Peter's Brafferton CE • Staveley CP* 	816	566	581	235	629	31	156
Northallerton Primary Outer Area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ainderby Steeple CE* • Appleton Wiske CP* • Brompton CP* • East Cowton CE* • Great Smeaton Academy* • Kirkby Fleetham CE* • Osmotherley Primary* • South Otterington CE 	813	577	549	264	468	98	247

SECONDARY							
Thirsk <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thirsk School & Sixth Form 	1227	934	1008	219	923	24	280

Central Ryedale <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Malton School • Norton College 	1908	1727	1744	164	1544	12	352
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Easingwold <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outwood Academy Easingwold 	1268	642	770	498	946	28	294
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North Ryedale <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lady Lumley's School, • Ryedale School 	1974	1676	1430	544	1234	8	732
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Filey <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Filey School 	761	420	469	292	482	4	275
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