

6. Response to the third Local Government Boundary Commission for England Boundary Review Consultation (Pages 31 - 38)

Recommendations

That the Executive:

- 1) Approve the submission of the BRMWG's recommendations to the Boundary Commission on behalf of North Yorkshire Council
- 2) Delegate authority to the Assistant Chief Executive Local Engagement, in consultation with the Council Leader and Chairman of the BRMWG, to submit the response with any amendments or additional information required for clarity in communicating the recommendations of the group.

7. Area Committee Feedback Report (Pages 39 - 44)

Recommendation

That the Executive notes the report and considers any matters arising from the work of the six Area Committees, that merits further scrutiny, review or investigation at a county-level.

8. Forward Plan (Pages 45 - 70)

9. Any Other Items

Any other items which the Leader agrees should be considered as a matter of urgency because of special circumstances

10. Date of Next Meeting - 21 October 2025

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North Yorkshire Council

Executive

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 16 September 2025 commencing at 11.00 am.

Councillor Carl Les in the Chair. Councillors Gareth Dadd, Richard Foster, Michael Harrison, Simon Myers, Heather Phillips and Malcolm Taylor.

In attendance: Councillors Steve Shaw-Wright, David Chance, Andy Paraskos, Keane Duncan (remote), Paul Haslam (remote) and Janet Jefferson (remote).

Officers present: Richard Flinton, Karl Battersby, Stuart Carlton, Gary Fielding, Nic Harne, Barry Khan, Daniel Harry, Elizabeth Jackson, Louise Wallace, Gareth Bentley, Kim Robertshaw, Hugh Clear Hill (remote) and Kerry Russett (remote).

Copies of all documents considered are in the Minute Book

At the commencement of the meeting the Leader invited the Executive Member for Highways and Transportation to provide an update on the Selby Station Gateway project. The project would regenerate the area around Selby Station, provide sustainable travel options and contribute to economic growth for the town. Work on site was due to start next month.

737 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Mark Crane, Janet Sanderson and Annabel Wilkinson.

738 Minutes of the Meeting held on 19 August 2025

Resolved

That the public Minutes of the meeting held on 19 August 2025, having been printed and circulated, be taken as read and confirmed by the Chair as a correct record.

739 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

740 Public Questions and Statements

Three public statements had been received in relation to Minute 741 – Review of Maximum Hackney Carriage Fares, which were dealt with at that Minute and are detailed below.

1. Statement from Richard Fieldman – read out at the meeting

Dear Councillors

Today you are going to be asked to determine this year's tariff charges, as requested by

the trade back in January/February, to which at this current time, is fourteen months since our last increase, back in July 2024, and by the time today's decision is made and implemented, it will be fifteen months.

For more years than I can remember now, the trade and the licensing department have relied on a fare formula used by Transport for London, to determine any increase that the London taxis are awarded annually, it is totally independent and impartial, with all figures taken into account of the increase in cost of living, fuel prices, insurance prices, the cost of new and used vehicles, as well as the increase in maintenance charges ,ie, garage labour and parts costs, and kicks out a percentage increase needed to keep the trade in a profitable situation, this formula however, does not take into account the wage needed for the driver. I asked Mr Bentley to run this formula last February to give the trade an idea of where we needed to be in requesting a tariff increase, it produced a figure of 8%, so therefore as I was constructing an increase request, I aimed my target at 5%, feeling that this was both fair for the trade and public alike.

You have before you the results of a consultation that was conducted by the licensing department, asking members of the public how they felt about taxi charges in the area, well guess what? No surprise that they think they are too high, and in true human nature, if each and every one of us is asked what we think about the costs of any of the services, or products we use, with a view to the possibility of the price increasing, we are going to say we think they are already too expensive. So the outcome of that survey is somewhat inevitable, but the fact remains, the taxi industry needs to not only be able to afford the high standards expected by the council, but needs the ability to maintain their vehicles to a high standard, as well as make a decent living to keep up with the cost of living.

It is true to say that a small percentage of the trade do not want an increase in the tariff rate, and that is mainly down to the influx of Uber into the area, however, Uber drivers have a massive distinct advantage over us, they are being licensed by much less expensive councils than ours, are running older vehicles, are not maintained to the levels ours are, and are backed up and supported financially by a huge company. We cannot nor must not, try and compete with Uber as far as tariffs are concerned, that is a road to destruction, a route we can never win, so the answer is not to try to compete with their fares, but be allowed to run profitably, or we will not have a business to compete with.

The other issue that must be taken into consideration is, if we are not given an increase this year, then we start to get to a stage of having to play catch up further down the line, meaning a bigger increase next year, and the year after, which disgruntles the public even more, and has more of a detrimental effect.

Last year the council did not increase the night time and public holiday rates, which saw us lose time and a half and double time rates, rates that the normal working person gets when working unsocial times and public holidays, this has led to a decrease in drivers working these times, as they are not being suitably paid for it, leaving members of the public struggling to get taxis during these times, this needs to be reinstated, time and a half, and double time of the day rate, as everyone else is allowed to earn in their occupation.

I ask you all today to think very carefully before accepting the officers recommendation, and to think as business people, by allowing the trade to keep their businesses up to date with the ever increasing costs, and to also earn a decent living.

Please remember, not all taxi drivers are in the same boat, not all work for companies and are supplied with a constant supply of jobs, many are independents, relying solely on the taxi ranks, where in some cases you can sit for nearly two hours without a job. If you do not want an increase in the tariff rate for whatever reason, you are under no legal obligation to have your meter altered to reflect the new rate, but it is vitally important that those drivers that do need it, are allowed the privilege of having it.

Thank you for listening.
Richard Fieldman

2. Statement from Lisa Ridsdale – read out at the meeting

Dear All

I would like to thank Richard for his significant contributions to this matter. I am also inquiring about the status of an email I previously sent, which requested an increase in representation for over 50 licensed drivers in North Yorkshire. That email included the badge numbers of all relevant drivers, and I have not seen any reflection of this request.

Following the merger of all seven districts, Ryedale experienced a 20 percent decrease in the running mile, a rate at which we have been operating since. We believe it is unjust for our fares to remain unchanged given the substantial increase in minimum wage.

If we do not receive a fare increase, we will unfortunately be forced to reduce our number of drivers, as sustaining their wages will become unfeasible. The Take Me group employs over 100 drivers in North Yorkshire, and we are concerned that a refusal to increase fares will impact our ability to provide essential public service.

We concur with Richard that a 5 percent increase is a fair adjustment. Drivers who prefer not to charge the metered rate will retain the option to charge less.

Many thanks,
Lisa Ridsdale

3. Statement from Kevin O'Boyle – statement previously circulated by email so was not read out at the meeting

1. On 1st April 2025, Integrated Passenger Transport at North Yorkshire Council, without any request from the trade whatsoever, gave a 3% increase to vehicles carrying out their school runs. This was based on expense increases from January to December 2024. One would assume from this that the Council recognise that the trade overall is justifiable in asking for a fare increase.
2. Survey. I feel that this was flawed. If one was to ask any member of the public, "do you think this price is too high?", irrespective of what it was for, under the current financial climate the answer would be "yes". Regarding drivers in Harrogate (which is the only area I can speak about) we have a very high percentage of drivers who virtually work part time to top up their pensions. We have others that do it for a hobby. We have a large number of drivers who only work five days a week -Monday to Friday. Personally, I would not call these people taxi drivers. There are also many drivers who never work weekends, or bank holidays, and take a fortnight off at Christmas. These people are commenting on surveys that do not directly affect them.
3. Cost of Living. As well as cost of living expenses that we share in common with everyone else, we have the added burden of the minimum wage increasing by 6.7% this year, plus national insurance and pension contribution increases. I would also ask where Mr Bentley gets his diesel from at £1.34 per litre? The price in Harrogate ranges from £1.40 to £1.45 per litre.
4. Night time rates. There has been no fare increase since 2023, when the new tariff 2 rate was introduced. However, due to rising costs, I find that we are delivering this service at a very much reduced income. This following the same path as

above - increases in NMW, pension and national insurance contributions.

- a. May I point out that there are less than 5% of drivers willing to work full night shifts. The reason for this is a decline in the night time economy in Harrogate. As well as there being many decent honest folk, we also have a large number of what can only be described as scum. We have to deal with drunks, people being sick in the cars (or worse). Although there is a soilage charge incorporated in the fare structure, at times actually getting this from the customer proves impossible. We have people who blatantly have no intention of paying the fare, and "do a runner". Going to the police proves pointless. Their first argument is that it is a civil, not a criminal matter - it is actually theft. If one does try to pursue this, one can spend 2-3 hours making a statement, knowing full well that no action will be taken
- b. There is also a major problem in Harrogate with drugs. Through the night there is a huge amount of toing and froing of passengers delivering or buying drugs. They obviously don't tell the driver what they are doing, but it is not hard to work out. The driver then runs the risk of, if stopped by the police, that these passengers could secrete their packages in the vehicle. If found, the driver could be prosecuted for possession of drugs, consequently receive a criminal record and losing his taxi licence.
- c. In 2023 the minimum wage was £10.42 per hour. It is now £12.21. An increase of £1.79 per hour. It is now becoming impossible to absorb these costs. If we do not get some kind of increase to help us, my company would have to look at withdrawing our night time service, and I know that other companies in the area feel the same.
- d. I do personally feel that the alterations to the start and finish of tariff 2 - 2200hrs to 0700hrs, to be harsh on the public. I feel it would be much fairer to revert back to 2300hrs to 0600hrs.
5. Subsidies. As you are possibly aware, we receive no help from government or anybody else, but we are an integral part of the public transport industry. I read that a bus company recently received 12Million to buy electric buses. All their fares are subsidised - from bus passes to cheap day travel, subsidies for runs that would normally be unprofitable. Because of the equalities act, we are actually subsidising disabled passengers.
6. Comparison of Fares. The fare comparison for a 2 mile journey - York charge the same as us, and are due for a review imminently, Leeds are 40p dearer and are also due for a review, Lancaster, Redcar, Durham, Kirklees, Bradford, Sheffield and Wakefield are all shortly due for a review.

I obviously don't know individual Council members' backgrounds but can assume that some of you have owned your own businesses. I do however know that you are all intelligent people. I hope that I have convinced you that a fare increase is required, and that a 5% increase will not by any means meet the increased expenses we are incurring, and that we will still be absorbing some of the increases ourselves. I hope that you feel that our 5% request is reasonable for both customers and the trade.

Response from the Executive Member for Managing our Environment:

We would like to thank members of the trade, including Mr Richard Fieldman, Ms Lisa Ridsdale and Mr O'Boyle, for their detailed submissions and continued engagement throughout this process. Their input highlights the financial pressures drivers and operators face in general, reflecting the challenges of operating within the current market conditions. We can also confirm that Ms Ridsdale's initial email was received and considered as part of the fare review.

Mr Fieldman referred to the Transport for London (TfL) formula, which suggested an 8% uplift to existing fares. While the TfL index can provide a useful benchmark, it is designed for a very different operating environment and, as Mr Fieldman himself noted, does not take account of all associated costs. Relying mechanically on a formula would introduce rigidity, risk overlooking the views of the public and the trade and fail to reflect local market factors such as competition from ride-hailing services. For these reasons, the licensing authority exercises discretion to consider all relevant factors and reach an informed decision rather than being bound by mathematical calculations. Local decisions must reflect local evidence. Factors such as cost of living and fuel prices have been included and sourced from the Office for National Statistics and the AA. Mr O'Boyle refers to the rise in minimum wage and national insurance contributions. These would normally refer to Private Hire Operators offices which employ staff, whilst the fare review focusses exclusively on Hackney Carriages. The Council does not regulate the fares charged for Private Hire Journeys.

Recent comparisons with neighbouring authorities indicate that, for many journeys, fares in North Yorkshire are already high in relative terms. Applying a formula to dictate annual increases would only widen the gap between taxis licensed by North Yorkshire Council and those licensed elsewhere, particularly where there is no expectation of annual increases. This disparity can encourage the public to pre-book taxis from outside the county as a cheaper alternative.

It is also important to note that the evidence does not indicate an across-the-board increase in operating costs. Paragraphs 3.6.1 and 3.6.4 of the report confirm that the price of fuel and the overall cost of running a vehicle have decreased since the last review, although other costs, such as insurance, may still present challenges.

The consultation, which received 292 responses, showed that many residents feel current fares are already too high, particularly for night-time and festive periods. Comparative analysis supports this view, showing that North Yorkshire's fares are among the highest regionally, especially for shorter journeys and during unsocial hours. It is also relevant that many respondents (both from the public and the trade) expressed a preference for no increase in maximum fares. While there is no obligation on drivers to charge the maximum rates, any increase would be visible to the public and could influence their willingness to use taxis. Trade members opposed to a fare increase would therefore likely be affected by such a decision in any case.

While concerns have been raised about consultation bias, it is only one of several factors considered alongside cost data, trade feedback, and fare comparisons with neighbouring authorities. This approach ensures that decisions are based on a rounded view rather than any single source.

Mr O'Boyle refers to an increase in contractual payments given by the Integrated Passenger Transport Team for school and social transport. These payments are governed by the terms of a contract and are entirely separate from the setting of maximum fares for general journeys.

Mr O'Boyle also refers to customers carrying drugs in licensed vehicles. Evidence of this should be passed to North Yorkshire Police. The Council is happy to assist with this and will take a strong line where a driver's involvement can be evidenced.

Finally, it is worth noting that the maximum tariff sets an upper limit only. Drivers remain free to charge less if they wish, providing flexibility for operators to respond to local market conditions.

We are grateful for the constructive input from the trade and can confirm that all views have been carefully considered as part of the review.

741 Review of Maximum Hackney Carriage Fares

Considered – A report of the Corporate Director Environment in relation to three requests to vary the Council's Hackney Carriage Table of Maximum Fares. The current table of fares came into effect on 1 July 2024 following consultation and consideration by the Executive. Three requests had been received from the hackney carriage trade to review the table of current of fares which were set out at section 3.1 of the report. A public consultation had taken place, and a summary of the responses was provided in section 3 of the report, along with the full responses at Appendix C. Information in relation to maximum fares of neighbouring authorities, fuel prices, cost of living and costs of running vehicles was also provided.

The Executive Member for Managing our Environment, Councillor Richard Foster, presented the report, stating that fares were high across North Yorkshire in comparison to neighbouring areas and online apps. These higher fares were putting pressure on the public to use taxis from outside the area, and in some cases vehicles were not licensed to the same standards as for North Yorkshire. The Executive Member therefore recommended that no change be made to the current Hackney Carriage Table of Maximum Fares.

Resolved (unanimously)

That no change be made to the current Hackney Carriage Table of Maximum Fares.

Alternative options considered

The Council is not legally obligated to set the maximum rates of charges. However, the vast majority of licensing authorities do set maximum fares to provide certainty, consistency and, particularly in relation to occasional passengers, protection from unfair or unreasonable charges.

Reasons for Recommendations

The Council is expected to set and regularly review the maximum fares to be charged by hackney carriage drivers with a view to protecting the public and ensuring that licensees are fairly rewarded for their work.

The research carried out confirms that:

- Over 70% of the trade and over 92% of residents, visitors or businesses who responded to the consultation felt that current fares were just right or too high for all three tariffs.
- On average, fuel prices have decreased by 8.5% since the last review.
- The latest annual cost of living rate shows an increase 4.1% over the last 12 months.
- The cost of running a petrol or diesel vehicle has decreased by 3% in the last 12 months (includes the change in fuel price).

742 Regulatory Services Fixed Penalty Notice Policy

Considered – A report of the Corporate Director Environment in which approval was sought to harmonise all existing Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN) charges within the remit of Regulatory Services. The report provided information on the introduction of Penalty Notices for various animal health and welfare offences and smoke control offences and sought approval for their use. A Penalty Notice Policy was proposed for adoption and it

was proposed that the new Fixed Penalty Charges and Penalty Notice Policy be implemented from 1 October 2025 if adopted.

In introducing the report the Executive Member for Managing our Environment, Councillor Richard Foster, explained that the proposed FPNs would be a useful tool for responding to some offences, whilst still having the ability to proceed straight to court for more serious offences.

The Corporate Director Environment, Karl Battersby, reported that creation of a new council had brought a number of regulatory teams together, creating a wider group of staff with the ability to use FPNs. The council was taking a zero-tolerance policy approach across the county with a standard £400 fee for smaller offences up to £1000 maximum fee. There would also be a name and shame approach when cases were taken to prosecution.

Resolved (unanimously) - that

- 1) The proposed Fixed Penalty Notice charge levels, as detailed in Appendix A, be approved.
- 2) The use of Penalty Notices under the Animals (Penalty Notices) Act 2022 and the Animals (Penalty Notices) (England) Regulations 2023, for animal health and welfare offences, be approved.
- 3) The use of Penalty Notices under the Environment Act 2021, for smoke control offences, be approved.
- 4) The Penalty Notice Policy, detailed in Appendix B, be adopted.
- 5) The agreed Fixed Penalty Notice charges and Penalty Notice Policy to be implemented from 1st October 2025.

Reasons for recommendations

The level of fixed penalty charges for relevant offences should be harmonised across the North Yorkshire Council area and reflect the severity of the offences. Fixed penalties provided enforcement agencies with an immediate, cost effective, and visible way of responding to low-level environmental crimes, and the Government encouraged their use by local authorities.

Alternative options considered

Alternative options had been considered in relation to harmonising the level of FPN charges, taking into account the variances across the Council area:

Option 1 (Recommended):	Align each FPN to the current highest locality, with a moderate increase for some offences.	This appears to be a reasonable and proportionate option at this time. Any reduction in FPN rates in a particular locality may be reported without an explanation of the overall picture for North Yorkshire. This could potentially give the wrong message in those areas.
Option 2	Align each FPN to the current lowest locality.	This would prevent existing lower charges being subject to a sudden large increase. This would mostly affect littering and householder duty of care. However, the result in some areas would

		be a reduction, as highlighted in Option 1 above.
Option 3	Set all FPN's at the maximum permitted level.	This may give a message that the Council are 'serious' about these offences but is not a recommended approach at this time. If the charges are set too high, the risk is an increase in non-payment rates, particularly in less affluent areas. It is proposed to keep FPN charges at a moderate level while the new Environmental Enforcement Team are established and have a better standard of data on all aspects of enforcement.

743 Report of the Crustacean Deaths Working Group

Considered – A report of the Corporate Director Environment presenting the report of the Crustacean Deaths Working Group (CDWG) following its investigation into the mass mortality event along the north east coast of England in late 2021. The CDWG was chaired by Redcar and Cleveland Council and comprised member representation from Hartlepool, Middlesborough, North Yorkshire and Stockton Councils. The delegates on the working group were Councillors Derek Bastiman, David Chance, Carl Les OBE, with Hugh Clear Hill acting as the link officer for NYC, and the Leader thanked them for their work on this.

The Transport, Economy, Environment and Enterprise Overview and Scrutiny Committee (TEEE OSC) had reviewed the final report of the CDWG on 11 July 2025 and supported the recommendations as set out at paragraph 3.3.1.

The Executive Member for Managing our Environment, Councillor Richard Foster, presented the report, acknowledging the severe economic impact of the mass die-off on the fishing industry. No definitive reason had yet been found for the die-off and it was important that environmental testing work continued.

Councillor David Chance referred to the complexity of the investigation and the lack of conclusions following work by the government on this. He supported the recommendation of TEEE OSC that it reconsider the peer-reviewed research once it was available.

Resolved (unanimously)

That the Executive endorse the final report of the Crustacean Deaths Working Group.

Reasons for recommendations

It is felt important to seek formal endorsement of the final report at each of the five local authorities represented as part of the Working Group, so that it can be forwarded to relevant stakeholders and government agencies, with a request to consider how the proposed report recommendations might be implemented.

744 Draft Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2025 to 2030

Considered – A report of the Corporate Director Community Development presenting the

draft Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2025-2030 for recommendation to full Council for adoption.

The Executive Member for Culture, Arts and Housing, Councillor Simon Myers, presented the report and strategy, which highlighted the work done by the Housing team in connecting with other teams within North Yorkshire Council and external partners to deal with the problems of homelessness and rough sleeping. The Executive Member thanked the Housing team of Nic Harne, Andrew Rowe and Kim Robertshaw for their work on this and set out the main points of the strategy, which included:

- Increasing the provision of suitable accommodation, particularly taking into consideration the withdrawal of private landlords from the market
- Building new social housing – the second homes council tax premium was being spent on housing and strategies to bridge the affordability gap
- Providing pathways to supported housing
- Reducing rough sleeping and providing more supported accommodation for rough sleepers
- Early engagement with tenants at risk of losing their homes

Executive Members expressed their support for the Strategy. Councillor Michael Harrison referred to the work of the Harrogate Homelessness Project, who were supportive and were aligning their own strategy to this. In response to a question Councillor Simon Myers advised that council house voids were reported quarterly.

Resolved (unanimously)

That the Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2025-30 be recommended for adoption by Full Council.

Reasons for recommendation

The recommendation to full council for adoption of the strategy. The strategy was a legal requirement and supported positive outcomes for vulnerable individuals while ensuring effective resource use.

745 Brierley Homes independent Review and Funding Update

Considered – A report of the Corporate Director Resources setting out the outcomes of an independent review into Brierley Homes requested by the Council as Shareholder. Approval was requested for additional loan facility headroom to Brierley Homes of £2m at the market rate of interest of 6% above base rate. Any drawdown on the additional loan facility would be subject to evidence of need and approval of the Corporate Director of Resources in consultation with the Leader, Deputy Leader and Chief Executive.

The Corporate Director Environment, Karl Battersby, introduced the independent review making the following key points:

- The review had been undertaken by Tony Dodds, an experienced real estate professional who had previously set up and led two local authority owned housing companies.
- The operating model of the company was considered alongside its structures, financial position and options going forward.
- The review had concluded that Brierley Homes was based on a sound operating model with achievable aims of building new homes for profit. The company had

diversified and was building a high proportion of affordable homes and delivering construction in different ways.

- The company had a positive impact on the County in addition to its core aim of generating Shareholder Value. The company could continue to provide a valuable contribution to the economy and environment of the area.
- The review made a number of recommendations and paragraph 4.7 set out the responses and actions of the Shareholder and company which were being progressed to ensure the company would continue to evolve and meet the council's housing needs.

The Corporate Director Finance, Gary Fielding, then referred to the financial implications and reported that the company had reported a £3.2m loss for 2024/25 which was due to slower than expected house sales. There was an existing loan facility of £25m at a commercial rate of interest, with an additional facility of £1.4m at base rate to enable the delivery of affordable homes above policy. The proposed additional £2m facility would be at a commercial rate of 6% above base. The company was currently well within its existing facility, however agreeing the facility now would avoid having to ask again should further funding be needed to support the supply chain, and a series of further approvals would be required. The Corporate Director confirmed that the Shareholder was now receiving a weekly cashflow statement from the company.

Councillor Gareth Dadd reported that the Brierley Group of companies was successful with an overall profit of £3m. It was confirmed that sensitivity analysis was undertaken for cash flow for the company and the principal sensitivity was housing sales.

Resolved (unanimously)

- 1) That the conclusions and recommendations of the independent external review that has been carried out be noted.
- 2) That approval be given to an additional loan facility headroom to Brierley Homes of £2m at the usual commercial rate of interest to be reviewed after 6 months to ensure Brierley Homes has appropriate cashflow over the short term. Approval of draw down on this additional loan facility to be delegated to the Corporate Director Resources in consultation with the Leader, Deputy Leader (Executive Member for Finance) and Chief Executive and is subject to evidence of need being demonstrated.

Reasons for recommendations

Additional loan facility was required in order to potentially allow the company time for sales to be received over the next few months and ensure Brierley Homes could continue to make all payments due to suppliers in the event of some delayed sales in the coming months.

Alternative options considered

There was an option not to approve any additional loan, but this ran the risk of some payments being unable to be made if there was any delay in sales income being received and the development pipeline of Brierley Homes being constrained.

746 Recharging for Scheduled Parish Elections

Considered – A report of the Assistant Chief Executive Legal and Democratic Services to seek a decision on whether North Yorkshire Council should recharge parishes for the cost

of all elections, both scheduled and unscheduled, including uncontested elections. Four options for recharging parishes were presented and should Executive be minded to implement a recharge Option 2 was recommended which would enable the council to recharge a parish in full for any costs associated exclusively with a parish election. Where an election was combined with a North Yorkshire Council election only the additional costs incurred by the parish election would be recharged.

The Executive Member for Corporate Services, Councillor Heather Phillips, introduced the report and advised that recharging would bring fairness across the county as some town and parish councils held frequent by-elections and currently this cost was spread across the whole county. In July 2023 Executive adopted a policy to recharge contested by-elections; uncontested elections and scheduled elections were not included in the policy at that time.

Resolved (unanimously)

- 1) That the Council continue to recharge parish council for by-elections.
- 2) That the Council recharges parish councils at scheduled elections (May 2027 + 4 yearly) for the additional costs solely attributable to the parish election, as per option 2 in Appendix A to form the basis of those recharges.
- 3) That the Council introduces the proposed recharges for uncontested parish elections from April 2026, as set out in appendix A.

Reasons for recommendations

To reduce the financial burden on North Yorkshire Council for parish election costs. Parishes becoming more financially responsible for their elections ensures affected electors are contributing towards the cost of parish democracy via specific area parish precept, rather than all electors across North Yorkshire paying for parish elections in the entire area.

Alternative options considered

Option 1 in Appendix A: To continue recharging parishes for by-elections and introduce recharges at scheduled elections (May 2027 + 4 yearly) for both the costs solely attributable to the parish election (i.e. ballot papers and postal vote packs if dispatched separately) in addition to the shared element costs such as venue hire, staffing fees.

Option 3 in Appendix A: To continue with parish recharge arrangements in place since April 2024, only recharging for the cost contested by-elections.

Option 4 in Appendix A: To not recharge at all for any parish elections

747 Closure of Wentworth Street and Back of Micklegate Public Conveniences

Considered – A report of the Corporate Director Environment in relation to the provision of public toilet facilities.

The Executive Member for Managing our Environment, Councillor Richard Foster, introduced the report and advised of a change to the recommendations as printed in the report. An overview and scrutiny review of public convenience provision was planned and therefore it was proposed that decisions on closures be deferred until after the review.

Councillor Steve Shaw-Wright advised that should Back of Micklegate, Selby, public conveniences close permanently there was no suitable alternative provision. Councillor

Keane Duncan spoke on the Wentworth Street, Malton, public conveniences advising that the local members and the signatories to a petition had objected to the closure. Councillor Duncan referred to the decision-making process to close the toilets and expressed support for the amended recommendations.

Resolved (unanimously)

- 1) That a decision on the potential closure of Wentworth Street, Malton public conveniences be deferred until the refurbishment of the Market Place facilities has been completed and to take into account a review of public conveniences which is to be undertaken by overview and scrutiny.
- 2) That a decision on the permanent closure of Back of Micklegate, Selby public conveniences, which are temporarily closed, be deferred to take into account a review of public conveniences which is to be undertaken by overview and scrutiny

Reasons for recommendations

To enable decisions on public conveniences to take account of an overview and scrutiny review of public conveniences.

748 Forward Plan

Considered – The Forward Plan for the period 5 September 2025 to 30 September 2026 was presented.

Resolved

That the Forward Plan be noted.

749 Date of Next Meeting - 21 October 2025

The meeting concluded at 12.38 pm.

North Yorkshire Council

Executive

7 October 2025

Richmond Swimming Pool Options Appraisal

Report of the Corporate Director Community Development

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To set out the findings and recommendations in relation to the future options for Richmond Pool.

2.0 SUMMARY

2.1 This report sets out the findings from the options appraisal undertaken in relation to Richmond Pool. It recommends that essential repairs are undertaken and that the pool be reopened.

3.0 BACKGROUND

3.1 In March 2025 Richmond Pool was transferred to the Council's in house leisure service as part of the Active North Yorkshire service. In April sections of the wooden ceiling became loose and fell into the pool hall resulting in the closure of the pool on safety grounds. Given the potential costs of repairs to the ceiling and other essential repairs, a full options appraisal was carried out to assess fully the options for the future of the site.

4.0 ISSUES AND OPTIONS

4.1 This options appraisal has included consideration of usage trends, asset condition, financial sustainability and the impact of other nearby facilities, including the MOD owned leisure centre at Catterick. Community consultation has also been undertaken and the results of this are summarised in section 5 below.

4.2 Options assessed included:

- Option 1 – undertake essential works only and reopen the pool
- Option 2 – undertake essential works with refurbishment of changing rooms and accessibility improvements
- Option 3a – reconfigure the teaching pool to increase health and fitness offer
- Option 3b – reconfigure to remove both pools and increase health and fitness space and flexible space (rental/office etc)
- Option 4 – decommission and demolish
- Options 5 – disposal of the site for sale/long lease

Pool Usage and Trends

4.3 Overall there have been some increases in usage in recent years. However, the Richmond pool has much lower levels of usage than other council pools, in terms of both annual usage and learn to swim members. Membership and usage figures are shown below.

	2019/20 (pre- COVID- 19)	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
Casual swimming	22,767	14,760	9,131	13,222	21,686
Swimming lessons	9,805	13,842	6,672	8,640	11,303
School swimming	13,039	9,293	5,316	8,730	7,455
Aquafit	1,535	1,560	1,245	1,514	2,987
Other	5,617	15,098	10,074	14,696	15,521
Total throughput	52,763	54,553	32,438	47,032	58,952

4.4 The following trends have been identified:

- **Total throughput has fluctuated in recent years.** This is primarily due to the post-Covid closures. Despite these closures, usage of the pool recovered well in 2024/25, reaching the highest throughput across the five-year data period.
- **Swimming lesson throughput has recovered strongly from the impacts of pool closures in 2022/23 and 2023/24.** Swimming lesson throughput increased by 30.8% between 2023/24 and 2024/25, indicating positive signs of recovery following the closures in 2022/23 and 2023/24 prior to the most recent closure in April 2025.
- **The strategic importance of the site as a facility for the delivery of school swimming has diminished.** School swimming throughput was 42.8% lower than that recorded in 2019/20.
- **Casual swims have recovered well and there is further potential for growth.** Throughput for casual swims increased by 64.0% on the previous year to 21,686 in 2024/25. This is still below a peak of 22,767 casual swims achieved pre-COVID which suggests further potential for growth.
- Throughput for **aqua fit classes** increased significantly in 2024/25 in comparison to previous years.

4.5 A key factor influencing demand in Richmond is the presence of Catterick Leisure Centre, a modern facility including 3 pools, swimming lessons and school swimming programme. Catterick is 2.5 miles from Richmond Pool. It is owned by the MOD but has substantial community access, which has recently been increased since the closure of Richmond Pool, with opportunities to expand further. The two clubs that are based at Richmond pool have been using Catterick pool, although Richmond District ASC are also utilising pools space in Sunderland and Darlington. There is a significant learn to swim programme with capacity to expand this further.

Financial Position

- 4.6 A summary of the budget for the current year is shown below. This is based on previous operating costs although it should be noted these are not directly comparable to the 24/25 position as the pool was operated by Richmondshire Leisure Trust ("RLT") prior to March 2025. During 24/25 the Council paid RLT a grant of £362k, with remaining losses coming from reserves. The net service budget for the current year is £408k as below. The site requires ongoing financial subsidy

	Total
Income	£615,500
Expenditure	-£878,900
Net operating position surplus / (subsidy)	-£263,400
Central costs	-£145,200
Net surplus / (subsidy)	-£408,600

Options Considered

- 4.7 All options have been assessed and modelled over 15 years to enable like for like comparisons. Options assume funding via borrowing, with associated costs for capital repayments.
- 4.8 **Option 1** assessed the costs of undertaking essential works to the Richmond Pool. Under this option gym equipment would also be replaced as part of the wider Leisure Investment Strategy proposals which is due to be considered by the Executive in November. Works proposed include the following and would take up to 6 months to complete:
- Works identified as urgent or required in years 0-2 in the building fabric asset condition survey
 - Works identified as urgent or required in years 0-2 in the mechanical and electrical condition survey
 - Pool plant works identified in relation to the pool filtration systems.
- 4.9 Essential works would cost £1.2 million and the financial modelling for this option is shown below. Undertaking these works would enable the pool to reopen for customer use, although would not entail any widescale improvements or reconfiguration to the facility. Gym equipment would be replaced, however, the layout of Liberty Gym would remain sub optimal.

	Option 1	
	15-Yr Total	15-Yr Average
Income		
Total income	£10,664,886	£710,992
Expenditure		
Total expenditure	(£14,565,436)	(£971,029)
Net operating position surplus / (subsidy)	(£3,900,549)	(£260,037)
Lifecycle costs	(£1,375,511)	(£91,701)
H&F equipment costs	(£833,041)	(£55,536)
Operating surplus / (subsidy) including lifecycle costs and FF&E	(£6,109,102)	(£407,273)
Capital repayments	(£1,821,603)	(£121,440)
Operating surplus / (subsidy) including lifecycle costs, FF&E and capital repayments	(£7,930,704)	(£528,714)

4.10 Options 2, 3a and 3b looked at various alternative configurations for the building and options for more significant capital investment. Given the capital costs and revenue implication none of these options were financially viable for the Council, nor proportionate given the levels of usage and the presence of a large alternative facility at Catterick.

4.11 **Option 2** includes essential work plus refurbishment of the changing rooms and accessibility improvements at a capital cost of c£4.35m. Financial modelling is shown below.

	Option 2	
	15-Yr Total	15-Yr Average
Income		
Total income	£11,073,785	£738,252
Expenditure		
Total expenditure	(£14,565,436)	(£971,029)
Net operating position surplus / (subsidy)	(£3,491,651)	(£232,777)
Lifecycle costs	(£1,269,762)	(£84,651)
H&F equipment costs	(£833,041)	(£55,536)
Operating surplus / (subsidy) including lifecycle costs and FF&E	(£5,594,454)	(£372,964)
Capital repayments	(£6,715,957)	(£447,730)
Operating surplus / (subsidy) including lifecycle costs, FF&E and capital repayments	(£12,310,412)	(£820,694)

4.12 Option 3a modelled the reconfiguration of the teaching pool to increase the health and fitness offer within the main building, which could have released the current Liberty building (which is leased). This was estimated at a capital cost of £7.24million and would have converted the pool space and created a two level mezzanine to include studio, spin and 34 station gym, alongside refurbishment of the changing and installation of a pool pod to improve accessibility.

4.13 Financial modelling for option 3a is shown below:-

Option 3A		
Income	15-Yr Total	15-Yr Average
Total income	£13,163,552	£877,570
Expenditure		
Total expenditure	(£12,915,055)	(£861,004)
Net operating position surplus / (subsidy)	£248,496	£16,566
Lifecycle costs	(£1,204,693)	(£80,313)
H&F equipment costs	(£864,112)	(£57,607)
Operating surplus / (subsidy) including lifecycle costs and FF&E	(£1,820,309)	(£121,354)
Capital repayments	(£11,173,025)	(£744,868)
Operating surplus / (subsidy) including lifecycle costs, FF&E and capital repayments	(£12,993,334)	(£866,222)

4.14 Option 3b modelled an option to reconfigure the whole site as health and fitness space plus flexible office/other space, without any pool space. This was estimated at c£11m, with a 32 person studio, spin studio, 75 station gym, refurbishment of changing and public areas and the creation of a mezzanine level to create 2 additional flexible space.

4.15 The financial modelling for option 3b is shown below.

Option 3B		
Income	15-Yr Total	15-Yr Average
Total income	£13,005,735	£867,049
Expenditure		
Total expenditure	(£9,972,651)	(£664,843)
Net operating position surplus / (subsidy)	£3,033,085	£202,206
Lifecycle costs	(£1,119,679)	(£74,645)
H&F equipment costs	(£855,536)	(£57,036)
Operating surplus / (subsidy) including lifecycle costs and FF&E	£1,057,870	£70,525
Capital repayments	(£16,902,192)	(£1,126,813)
Operating surplus / (subsidy) including lifecycle costs, FF&E and capital repayments	(£15,844,322)	(£1,056,288)

4.16 Option 4 would result in the permanent loss of the facility and the demolition of an attractive building. Under this option Liberty would be retained for the remaining lease period (2031) to be reviewed after that point. Demolition costs are estimated at c£400k.

4.17 Option 5 examined the market for an alternative use either as a long lease rental or sale. Whilst this could potentially provide a financial return for the Council and the productive reuse of the building, the market was uncertain, without a clear and viable alternative use. This has the potential for a long period of uncertainty around an empty building, with subsequent costs and negative impact of the surrounding environment.

4.18 A summary of the options, alongside an assessment of service benefits and impact on users is shown below:

	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3A	Option 3B	Option 4	Option 5
Capital cost	£1.18M	£4.35M	£7.24M	£10.96M	£396.5K	£0 (sale) c. £1M (rent)
Revenue implications	£7.9M – 15yr total £529K annual average	£12.3M – 15yr total £821K annual average	£13.0M – 15yr total £866K annual average	£15.8M – 15yr total £1.06M annual average	£481K – 15yr total £32K annual average*	n/a (sale) +£37.2K p.a. (rent)
Service / user / AWB benefits						
Displacement of users / unmet demand						
Assumed opening	Apr 2026	Apr 2026	Oct 2026	Dec 2026	n/a	n/a

4.19 Overall option 1 is preferred. Of the options that retain the asset for operational use (option 1 to 3B), option 1 has the lowest on-going annual cost to the Council. There is no financial return from investing in the pool beyond the essential repairs. Options 4 and 5 significantly reduce, or eliminate, the on-going financial commitment, however with a negative impact on the service users and come with a number of risks, as set out above.

5.0 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN AND RESPONSES

5.1 Consultation was also undertaken in relation to the options appraisal for Richmond Pool, with over 2200 responses received. A petition was also received by the Richmond Area Committee in September. These show strong feelings about the potential closure of the pool and widespread support for reopening the pool with essential repairs. Key headlines from the survey are summarised below:

- 53% (1208) used the facility at least once a week
 - 46% for general swimming / 9% swimming lessons / 7% aquafit
 - 7% sauna / 8% spectator / 5% club user / 18% gym/class
- 74% very important, 17% moderately important
- 60% drove to the facility / 32% walked
- 79% stated their activity levels were slightly lower (31%) or a lot lower (48%) since closure
- Over half had used an alternative facility (47% had not)
 - 28% Catterick / 10% Dolphin Centre / 6% Northallerton / 4% Active Life (Scotch Corner) / 3% Bedale / 2% Teesdale / 1% Thirsk
- What stopped people from using alternatives was too far (38%) / too difficult to get to (26%) / times of classes (13%) / offer not what was wanted (10%) / too expensive (9%) / didn't know about alternatives (3%)

5.2 Richmond (Yorks) Area Committee received a petition opposing the threatened closure of Richmond Pool on 15 September 2025. The Committee unanimously agreed that they wished for the pool to remain open and supported the recommended option 1 to undertaken essential repairs and reopen the pool.

5.3 The options appraisal is also scheduled to be considered by the Housing and Leisure Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 23 September 2025 and a verbal update of their recommendations can be provided at the Executive meeting.

6.0 CONTRIBUTION TO COUNCIL PRIORITIES

6.1 The provision of inclusive and accessible active well-being facilities contributes to Council ambitions to support thriving places and ensure people are safe, healthy and living well.

7.0 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

7.1 A range of alternative options have been considered as outlined in section 4 above.

8.0 IMPACT ON OTHER SERVICES/ORGANISATIONS

8.1 The proposals in this report have been developed as part of the wider Strategic Leisure Programme, supported by the Council's Project Management Team and in partnership with key Council services including Finance and Property/Estates.

8.2 The Property team will take the lead in developing and implementing a programme of works to undertake the required works as quickly as possible.

9.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

9.1 Financial modelling has been undertaken in respect of each of the options set out above. This was undertaken over a 15-year period, taking into account potential capital costs and revenue implications including capital repayments.

9.2 From a financial perspective, of the options that invest in the operational asset (Options 1 to 3B), the option that has the lowest on-going annual cost to the Council is Option 1, at an average of £529k per annum. There is no financial return from investing in the pool beyond the essential repairs that are set out in paragraph 4.8. Options 4 and 5 significantly reduce, or eliminate, the on-going financial commitment, however with a negative impact on the service users and come with a number of risks, as set out earlier in the report. Taking non-financial factors into consideration, Option 1 has been identified as the preferred option, as set out in paragraph 4.19, and this option involves undertaking essential repairs at a cost of £1.2m. The proposal is to fund this from the Council's Strategic Capacity Unallocated reserve.

10.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

10.1 Any expenditure in relation to the works and repairs will be spent in accordance with the Council's Procurement and Contract Procedure Rules and, to the extent applicable, the Procurement Act 2023 or the Public Contracts Regulations 2015.

11.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

11.1 An EIA screening has been completed. There are no significant implications as the proposed option maintains an existing facility, however, the reopening of the pool will enable access to the facilities to be maintained. See Appendix A.

12.0 CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS

12.1 A climate change impact screening assessment has been completed. There are no significant implications as the proposed option reopens an existing pool facility. See Appendix B.

13.0 CONCLUSIONS

- 13.1 The Richmond Pool facility has been considered within the context of a large more modern leisure centre within a couple of miles of the site. This clearly impacts demand and given the capacity of Catterick this facility is likely to meet the core leisure needs of the local population. Although Richmond Pool is expected to operate more efficiently and benefit from the economies of scale from being part of the larger Active North Yorkshire service, it will still require considerable ongoing subsidy.
- 13.2 However, Richmond Pool does serve an important local population and the results from the consultation show the value placed on the facility. The site also plays an important role for local swimming clubs. It is also the case that there is not a clear alternative use for the site, market conditions and alternative uses are uncertain and could result in a lengthy period with an empty building and associated costs and community concern. Having considered carefully all of the options the recommendation is that **option one is preferred** and that essential works are undertaken to the pool to enable it to reopen as quickly as possible.

14.0 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 14.1 To enable works to be undertaken to Richmond Pool and for it to fully reopen for community use.

15.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 15.1 That essential repairs are undertaken to a value of approximately £1.2m, funded from the Strategic Capacity Unallocated reserve, to enable Richmond Pool to reopen to the public.

APPENDICES:

Appendix A : Equalities Impact Assessment Screening
Appendix B : Climate Change Screening

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:

- Asset conditions surveys
- Richmond Leisure and WellBeing Hub Summary Findings (consultation)
- Options Appraisal: Richmond Swimming Pool

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Report Author – *Jo Ireland, Assistant Director (Culture, Leisure, Archives and Libraries)*
Presenter of Report – Jo Ireland

Note: Members are invited to contact the author in advance of the meeting with any detailed queries or questions.

Initial equality impact assessment screening form			
This form records an equality screening process to determine the relevance of equality to a proposal, and a decision whether or not a full EIA would be appropriate or proportionate.			
Directorate	Community Development		
Service area	Culture, Leisure, Archives and Libraries		
Proposal being screened	Richmondshire swimming pool options appraisal		
Officer(s) carrying out screening	Jo Ireland		
What are you proposing to do?	Undertake essential works and reopen the swimming pool.		
Why are you proposing this? What are the desired outcomes?	Currently the pool is closed following a ceiling collapse. An options appraisal on the future of the pool has been undertaken and the recommended option is to undertake essential repairs and reopen the pool.		
Does the proposal involve a significant commitment or removal of resources? Please give details.	Estimated value of works is £1.18million		
Impact on people with any of the following protected characteristics as defined by the Equality Act 2010, or NYC's additional agreed characteristics			
As part of this assessment, please consider the following questions:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To what extent is this service used by particular groups of people with protected characteristics? Does the proposal relate to functions that previous consultation has identified as important? Do different groups have different needs or experiences in the area the proposal relates to? 			
If for any characteristic it is considered that there is likely to be an adverse impact or you have ticked 'Don't know/no info available', then a full EIA should be carried out where this is proportionate. You are advised to speak to your directorate representative for advice if you are in any doubt.			
Protected characteristic	Potential for adverse impact		Don't know/No info available
	Yes	No	
Age		✓	
Disability		✓	
Sex		✓	
Race		✓	
Sexual orientation		✓	
Gender reassignment		✓	
Religion or belief		✓	
Pregnancy or maternity		✓	
Marriage or civil partnership		✓	
People in rural areas		✓	
People on a low income		✓	
Carer (unpaid family or friend)		✓	
Are from the Armed Forces Community		✓	
Does the proposal relate to an area where there are known inequalities/probable impacts (for example, disabled people's access to public transport)? Please give details.	Within the consultation exercise it has been identified that 64% of users who had not used a different facility cited accessibility (alternatives are too far (38%) and too difficult to get to (26%)) as the primary reasons for not utilising these facilities. Whilst not explicitly captured this will		

APPENDIX A

	<p>certainly be driven by an element of equalities issues such as disability, age and even rurality.</p> <p>Therefore, the proposed decision to reopen the facility will have a positive impact on the accessibility of leisure facilities for minority groups in the area.</p>			
<p>Will the proposal have a significant effect on how other organisations operate? (for example, partners, funding criteria, etc.). Do any of these organisations support people with protected characteristics? Please explain why you have reached this conclusion.</p>	<p>The pool is currently used by a range of groups, including Richmond swimming club which includes a para swimming squad.</p>			
<p>Decision (Please tick one option)</p>	<p>EIA not relevant or proportionate:</p>	<p>✓</p>	<p>Continue to full EIA:</p>	
<p>Reason for decision</p>	<p>Impact of the recommended decision will enable existing uses to continue, so impact on protected groups will be minimal and existing access will be maintained</p>			
<p>Signed (Assistant Director or equivalent)</p>	<p>Jo Ireland</p>			
<p>Date</p>	<p>10 September 2025</p>			

Initial Climate Change Impact Assessment (Form created August 2021)

The intention of this document is to help the council to gain an initial understanding of the impact of a project or decision on the environment. This document should be completed in consultation with the supporting guidance. Dependent on this initial assessment you may need to go on to complete a full Climate Change Impact Assessment. The final document will be published as part of the decision-making process.

If you have any additional queries, which are not covered by the guidance please email climatechange@northyorks.gov.uk

Title of proposal	Richmondshire Swimming Pool Options Appraisal
Brief description of proposal	Consideration of options for the future of Richmondshire Pool. Recommended option is to undertake essential repairs and reopen the pool.
Directorate	Community Development
Service area	CLAL
Lead officer	Jo Ireland
Names and roles of other people involved in carrying out the impact assessment	N/A

The chart below contains the main environmental factors to consider in your initial assessment – choose the appropriate option from the drop-down list for each one.

Remember to think about the following;

- Travel
- Construction
- Data storage
- Use of buildings
- Change of land use
- Opportunities for recycling and reuse

Environmental factor to consider	For the council	For the county	Overall
Greenhouse gas emissions	No effect on emissions	No Effect on emissions	No effect on emissions
Waste	No effect on waste	No effect on waste	No effect on waste
Water use	No effect on water usage	No effect on water usage	No effect on water usage
Pollution (air, land, water, noise, light)	No effect on pollution	No effect on pollution	No effect on pollution
Resilience to adverse weather/climate events (flooding, drought etc)	No effect on resilience	No effect on resilience	No effect on resilience
Ecological effects (biodiversity, loss of habitat etc)	No effect on ecology	No effect on ecology	No effect on ecology
Heritage and landscape	No effect on heritage and landscape	No effect on heritage and landscape	No effect on heritage and landscape

APPENDIX B

If any of these factors are likely to result in a negative or positive environmental impact then a full climate change impact assessment will be required. It is important that we capture information about both positive and negative impacts to aid the council in calculating its carbon footprint and environmental impact.

Decision (Please tick one option)	Full CCIA not relevant or proportionate:	✓	Continue to full CCIA:	
Reason for decision	<p>No Impact</p> <p>The proposal is to undertake repairs and continue to operate the swimming pool. This is the “business as usual” option and will have no effect on climate change as this is an existing swimming pool facility.</p>			
Signed (Assistant Director or equivalent)	Jo Ireland			
Date	10 September 2025			

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North Yorkshire Council

Executive

7 October 2025

Response to the third Local Government Boundary Commission for England Boundary Review Consultation

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To report the views of the Boundary Review Member Working Group (BRMWG) in respect of revised proposals on Council Division Boundaries by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England.
- 1.2 Executive is asked to approve the submission of the BRMWG's recommendations to the Boundary Commission's consultation.

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 In July, Executive and Full Council approved the submission to the Boundary Commission of a proposal for 89 Councillors in single-member divisions. The report can be found [here](#).
- 2.2 The Boundary Commission reviewed the proposal, alongside others received, and determined that the review would be based on 89 Councillors in single-member divisions. It also accepted the electorate forecast developed by the council to predict the number of electors in each area by 2030. On that basis, a Public Consultation was launched in October 2024.
- 2.3 The Boundary Review Member Working Group developed a proposed pattern of divisions which met the criteria of the Boundary Commission. This was approved by Executive in [November 2024](#). It was then submitted to the consultation in December 2024.
- 2.4 The Boundary Commission then used the information received from the consultation to develop their proposals. On 1 April 2025, the Boundary Commission published its draft recommendations. The BRMWG reconvened to review this proposal. In June 2025, the Executive approved the recommended response of the BRMWG and this was submitted to the [Boundary Commission](#).
- 2.5 On 2 September 2025, the Boundary Commission launched a further consultation on revisions to 25 divisions, in the western and central areas of the county. Full details can be found [here](#). As with previous consultations, the Boundary Commission would welcome responses from all interested parties, with a closing date of 13 October 2025.
- 2.6 Whilst this extra consultation was not an expected part of the process, it reflects significant changes to the proposals based on information received in the previous consultation. The BRMWG has reviewed the further draft proposals, and its recommendations can be found in Appendix 1.

3.0 KEY POINTS

- 3.1 The BRMWG broadly viewed the latest changes as an improvement, noting that in many cases the revisions brought the proposals more in line with the initial recommendations of the Council.
- 3.2 There remain a number of areas where the group did not fully agree with the proposals. However, it was recognised that there is no perfect solution and there are different perspectives on the best balance to be struck in each area. For this reason, it was decided to only respond on areas of key concern. This includes:
- The three divisions proposed for Ripon, which divide the historic city centre and align this with entirely rural areas to the south
 - Parish areas where grouped parishes have not been recognised in proposals, or where the proposed boundaries divide parishes undergoing Community Governance Reviews where it would be preferable if parishes that may be merged as a result of the Community Governance Review are placed in the same Division.
- 3.3 The detail of the BRMWG's recommendations can be found in Appendix 1. Subject to the Executive's approval, this would be submitted to the Boundary Commission prior to the close of the consultation.

4.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Executive:

- i) Approve the submission of the BRMWG's recommendations to the Boundary Commission on behalf of North Yorkshire Council
- ii) Delegate authority to the Assistant Chief Executive – Local Engagement, in consultation with the Council Leader and Chairman of the BRMWG, to submit the response with any amendments or additional information required for clarity in communicating the recommendations of the group.

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Assistant Chief Executive – Local Engagement

Report Author – Will Boardman, Head of Strategy and Performance

Response to the Third Boundary Review Consultation – October 2025

Background

1. Following consideration of the responses to the second consultation on the Boundary Commission's proposed boundaries for North Yorkshire, the Commission determined that it would consult again on 25 revised divisions across the central and western areas of the county.
2. The Boundary Review Member Working Group (BRMWG) has reconvened to consider these revised proposals. This report reflects the broad feedback and recommendations from the group, alongside other feedback from officers in respect of the implications for Community Governance Reviews.

General Response

3. The BRMWG considered that the amendments to the 25 divisions are an improved position from the previous proposals. There remain some areas which are not ideal from either a numerical or geographic perspective, but it is recognised that there is no perfect solution. For this reason, the BRMWG has decided to raise only those issues which it feels are significant and potentially resolvable.

Specific concerns

Appletreewick and Barden

4. Appletreewick and Barden Parishes are closely aligned and should be part of the same division. This is noted below in relation the Community Governance Review, paragraphs 24-27.
5. Aligning them both within the Skipton North and Embsay-with-Eastby division is not recommended as this would take in the main A6265 route through Wharfedale, meaning people travelling across Wharfedale would need to leave the division and re-enter it to reach its eastern area.
6. **Recommendation** – to align these parishes without disconnecting Wharfedale, it is recommended that Barden moves into Upper Wharfedale and Upper Nidderdale.

Ripon

7. The BRMWG strongly considers that the proposal for Ripon does not effectively represent the character of the area.

8. Using North Street as a dividing line through the centre of the city splits the Cathedral from the Cathedral School and disconnects the ancient and historic areas of the city from one another. The eastern side of the city is then aligned with the rural areas to the south within the proposed Ripon Canal and Ure division.
9. It is recognised that this is a challenging area numerically, given that it is too big for two divisions and too small for three. However, the proposals do not accurately reflect any specific community identity nor particularly represent areas which support good local governance.
10. **Recommendation** – the Commission should review whether the A61 and River Skell provide a more sensible boundary for Ripon Cathedral and Spa Division. This would increase the electorate within this division (currently -10%) with the potential to offset this by moving the northern boundary of Ripon South further north if required.

Howardian

11. There remains concern with the addition of High Hutton to Howardian Division. The Howardian Division is clearly characterised by the extent of the Howardian Hills National Landscape, which the inclusion of High Hutton not only extends this sound but crosses the main road of the A64. The busy nature of the A64 in this area, as a single carriageway with at-grade junctions, makes crossing it difficult and so it does act as somewhat of a natural barrier across the area.
12. **Recommendation** – the Commission should consider whether the area to the south of the A64 should remain within Sheriff Hutton and Derwent, consistent with the other villages along the A64 corridor.

Parish arrangements

13. The BRMWG also heard feedback from the separate Community Governance Reviews Officer Working Group, which has highlighted some implications of the Commission's proposals in respect of Parish arrangements. Whilst Community Governance Reviews are outside the BRMWG's remit, it is recognised that the Boundary proposals will have an impact upon them, and so this is being communicated alongside the BRMWG's own response.
14. There are some aspects of proposals which do not recognise existing arrangements and some aspects which will have implications for, or restrictions upon, the outcomes of the Community Governance Reviews.

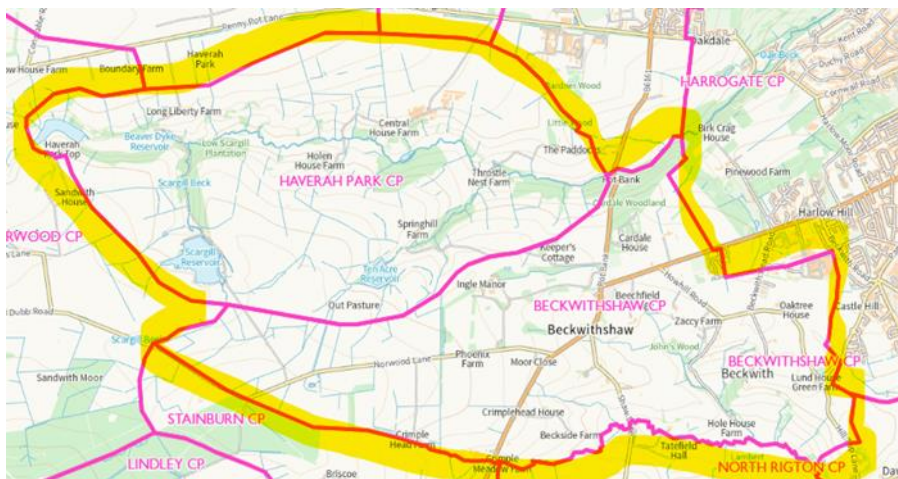
Proposals that do not recognise existing grouped parish councils

Haverah Park-with-Beckwithshaw Parish Council

15. Haverah Park-with-Beckwithshaw Parish Council is a grouped parish council comprised of the parishes of Beckwithshaw (5 seats) and Haverah Park (1 seat).

OS map showing the [2 civil parishes](#):

16. The Commission’s proposal for Haverah Park-with-Beckwithshaw Parish Council



below does not appear to recognise that Haverah Park is a separate parish and therefore the below warding pattern does not work. Haverah Park needs listing in the draft recommendation.

Further draft recommendations

Haverah Park with Beckwithshaw Parish Council should comprise five councillors, as at present, representing two wards:

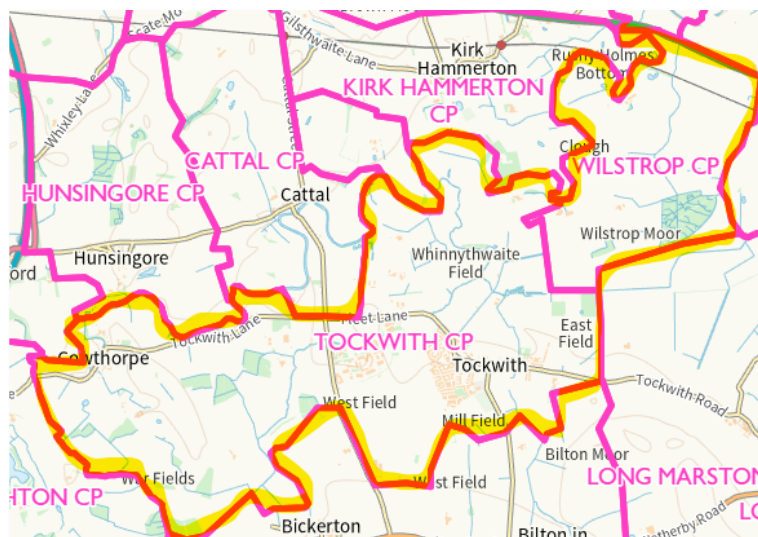
Parish ward	Number of parish councillors
Beckwithshaw	4
Harlow Hill Grange	1

17. **Recommendation** – that the Commission’s draft recommendation be amended to take into account that Haverah Park-with-Beckwithshaw is a grouped parish council, comprised of 2 civil parishes including Haverah Park which needs to be allocated at least 1 councillor seat.

Tockwith and Wilstrop Parish Council

18. Tockwith and Wilstrop is a grouped parish council comprised of the parishes of Tockwith (7 seats) and Wilstrop (2 seats).

OS map showing the [2 civil parishes](#):



19. Tockwith is proposed to sit in the Spofforth and Tockwith division, whilst Wilstrop is proposed to sit in the Hammerton division.
20. A grouped parish council should ideally not be split across divisions.
21. **Recommendation** – that the Commission alters the division boundary lines to ensure that the parishes of Tockwith and Wilstrop sit in the same division.

Whitwell-on-the-Hill with Crambe Parish Council

22. Whitwell-on-the-Hill with Crambe is a grouped parish council comprised of the parishes of Whitwell-on-the-Hill (3 seats) and Crambe (2 seats).
23. During the Commission's stage 2 recommendations, it was proposed that Whitwell-on-the-Hill sit in the Howardian division, and Crambe sit in the Sheriff Hutton and Derwent division.
24. Following the publication of the stage 3 consultation report, Whitwell-on-the-Hill parish is no longer proposed to sit within the Howardian division, presumably both parishes will now sit within Sheriff Hutton and Derwent division, however, this is not explicitly referred to within the stage 3 report as the Sheriff Hutton and Derwent division is not one of the 25 divisions under review.
25. **Recommendation** – that the Commission ensures that Whitwell-on-the-Hill parish and Crambe parish sit in the same division

Parishes under review in North Yorkshire Council's 2025/26 Community Governance Review (CGR) that may be impacted by the proposed division boundaries

Appletreewick Parish Council and Barden Parish Meeting

26. A CGR will take place to review the governance arrangements of Barden Parish Meeting and Appletreewick Parish Council (5 seats). One of the potential options is to merge the two parishes together and form a single parish council.
27. Barden Parish Meeting is proposed to sit in the Skipton North and Embsay-with-Eastby division whilst Appletreewick is proposed to be in the Upper Wharfedale and Upper Nidderdale division.
28. If the outcome of the CGR was to merge both parishes together, a single parish council could not be created as a parish council must be wholly within a single division (unless it is warded). If a grouped parish council was formed, it would straddle multiple divisions.
29. **Recommendation** – that the Commission considers altering the North Yorkshire Council division boundary lines to ensure that the parishes of Barden and Appletreewick sit in the same division, namely that Barden moves into Upper Wharfedale and Upper Nidderdale.

Bolton-on-Swale Parish Meeting, Ellerton-on-Swale Parish Council and Scorton Parish Council

30. A CGR will take place to review the governance arrangements of Bolton-on-Swale Parish Meeting, Ellerton-on-Swale Parish Council (5 seats) and Scorton Parish Council (7 seats). One of the potential options is to merge the three parishes together and form a single parish council.
31. Bolton-on-Swale Parish Meeting and Scorton Parish Council are both proposed to sit in the Brompton and Scorton division whilst Ellerton-on-Swale Parish Council is proposed to sit in the Swale division (as per the stage 3 recommendations).
32. If the outcome of the CGR was to merge all 3 parishes together, a single parish council could not be created as a parish council must be wholly within a single division (unless it is warded). If a grouped parish council was formed, it would straddle multiple divisions.
33. **Recommendation** – that the Commission considers altering the North Yorkshire Council division boundary lines to ensure that the parishes of Bolton-on-Swale, Ellerton-on-Swale and Scorton sit in the same division, namely that Ellerton-on-Swale moves into Brompton and Scorton.

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North Yorkshire Council

Executive

7 October 2025

Area Committee Feedback Report

Report of the Assistant Chief Executive Legal and Democratic Services

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To bring to the attention of the Executive key issues considered at recent meetings of the Area Committees (ACs).

2.0 HARROGATE AND KNARESBOROUGH AC - 25 SEPTEMBER 2025

- 2.1 The Mayor of York and North Yorkshire attended and held a wide-ranging discussion on regional priorities and current projects with the Area Committee. Members raised concerns about transport connectivity, particularly east-west rail links, and emphasised the need for integrated bus ticketing and better support for disabled passengers. Local congestion issues, including Starbeck level crossing, were highlighted, and Members stressed the importance of ongoing dialogue with businesses during the Harrogate Station Gateway works. The Committee also discussed crime prevention, youth engagement, and the need for tailored skills provision aligned with local industry. Members welcomed the Mayor's collaborative approach and looked forward to future updates.
- 2.2 The Area Committee considered the proposed devolution of Knaresborough Market to Knaresborough Town Council, ahead of a decision scheduled to be taken by the Executive in October. Members expressed strong support for the proposed devolution of the market, recognising it as a significant step in empowering local decision making. The Committee commended the work of officers and KTC, while raising concerns about financial risk, delivery timelines, and the need for clear post-decision guidance. Members also noted the progress of wider double devolution and called for renewed momentum. The importance of local trader involvement and community ownership was emphasised, and Members urged the Executive to approve the transfer and ensure continued support.
- 2.3 The Section 19 report on the 2024 Knaresborough flood was also discussed, and the Area Committee provided comment ahead of its formal submission. The Area Committee welcomed the report and engaged in a detailed and constructive discussion. Members acknowledged the scale of the event and the technical challenges involved, while raising concerns about the report's scope, timing, and the need for clearer communication with affected residents. Suggestions were made to better reflect the lived experience of communities. Members highlighted the importance of proactive gully maintenance, clearer guidance on private responsibilities such as soakaways, and the emotional and financial impact of flooding. A series of recommendations were agreed, including improved mapping, communications, and joint working with Yorkshire Water and the Environment Agency. Officers welcomed the feedback and confirmed that the recommendations would be presented for note to the Executive Member when the report was formally approved.
- 2.7 Further information about the meeting can be found here:

3.0 SKIPTON AND RIPON AC – 11 SEPTEMBER 2025

- 3.1 The Committee received an update from RT Hon Julian Smith MP on key issues within the Constituency.
- 3.2 The Skipton and Ripon Area Committee Annual Report 2024/25 was then considered. The Annual Report provided a summary of activity over the last year and an overview of what had been achieved.
- 3.3 A verbal update was provided by the Chairman of the Skipton Youth Council on the work of the Youth Council.
- 3.4 A report on the Nidderdale National Landscape Plan was then considered. The report provided an overview of the Nidderdale National Landscape Management Plan review, including the current public consultation and the process for adoption by North Yorkshire Council.
- 3.5 The Committee then received a presentation on the North Yorkshire Council Strategic Parking Principles, which would guide parking policy across North Yorkshire.
- 3.6 This was followed by a presentation providing further details of the Council's Destination Management Plan.
3. Further information about the meeting can be found here:

[Agenda for Skipton and Ripon Area Committee on Thursday, 11 September 2025, 10.00 am | North Yorkshire Council](#)

4.0 SCARBOROUGH AND WHITBY AC – 19 SEPTEMBER 2025

- 4.1 The Mayor of York and North Yorkshire, David Skaith attended to provide an overview of the work of the Combined Authority and the benefits to the constituency and wider region. Among the issues discussed with the committee were the plans to drive investment in Seamer and other train stations and to improve connectivity between Scarborough and York through providing two trains an hour; working with the council and the new Scarborough Neighbourhood Board to support the development of the Brunswick Centre as part of the wider redevelopment of the town centre; working with Schneider Electric to use their recent investment to promote the area to other investors; and his support for local authorities to have stronger planning powers to manage HMOs and short term holiday lets because of their negative effect on local communities. Members welcomed the Mayor's collaborative approach and looked forward to future updates.
- 4.2 Local MP Alison Hume's update to the committee was dominated by the Langdale Moor Fire when as the local MP she was called upon to assist and provide information to worried constituents. She praised the efforts of the council, fire service, farmers, gamekeepers, landowners and other volunteers in containing the blaze, but as a lesson learned, felt a dedicated phone line for the public should have been provided as she had suggested. She would be pursuing with the Government whether this incident was the trigger for a national resilience response because of the proximity to the fire of the critical military facility at RAF Fylingdales. Mayor Skaith also commended the work undertaken to tackle the fire adding that he and his Deputy Mayor for Policing, Fire and Crime would be involved in the recovery phase, making sure any learnings were identified.

- 4.3 The committee considered a report outlining future options for Whitby Cliff Lift for final decision by the Executive together with a petition in support of preservation of the lift. Four public questions and statements were also considered about this issue. The Cliff Lift had been closed since April 2022 when corrosion was discovered in its structure. A steady increase in water ingress had led to further deterioration. Members felt that the favoured option of decommissioning the Cliff Lift should be a last resort and that other less expensive interventions should be considered first; further, members queried the proposed figure of some £6m to restore the lift to working order. Instead, given the importance of this facility to Whitby's heritage and in enabling access to the West Cliff beach, the committee (i) voted against the recommendation to decommission Whitby Cliff Lift (ii) invited Anglo American to carry out a further investigation after the winter in the new year and (iii) requested a public consultation on the future of the Cliff Lift.
- 4.4 Lastly, the committee received an update on the Playing Pitch Strategy, Built Sports Facilities Strategy and Leisure Investment Strategy and commended the planned investment in Whitby Leisure Centre to become a flagship Active Wellbeing Hub.
- 4.5 Further information about the meeting can be found here:

[Agenda for Scarborough and Whitby Area Committee on Friday, 19 September 2025, 10.00 am | North Yorkshire Council](#)

5.0 THIRSK AND MALTON AC – 26 SEPTEMBER 2025

- 5.1 The Committee received three public questions, two of which were concerned with the Home to School Transport Policy and one related to breaches of the 7.5 tonne weight restriction on Norton level crossing.
- 5.2 Sir Alec Shelbrooke MP submitted a written update, and Kevin Hollinrake attended the meeting in person. Key issues such as home to school transport provision, the cumulative impact of a significant number of solar farms applications, challenges to the farming community, challenges to the hospitality industry, the A64, holiday homes, public toilets, Malton livestock market and Filey town bus service.
- 5.3 Officers and representatives of North Yorkshire Police gave an annual update of the the work of the Community Safety and CCTV service. This included an update on the ongoing work of the Community Safety Hub to tackle local issues, the Community Safety Partnership and the annual crime statistics.
- 5.4 An update on the Howardian Hills National Landscape management plan advised Members on the latest for the review of the plan for 2025 – 2030.
- 5.5 The Committee received a verbal update on the Town Investment Plan (TIP) for Malton and Norton. Existing studies have been reviewed, key themes and challenges identified, and a long list of projects has been developed. Initial stakeholder consultation has taken place. Initial work on the Thirsk TIP has commenced and Filey, Pickering, Easingwold, Helmsley and Kirkbymoorside will follow in due course.
- 5.6 Following receipt of a briefing paper on banking and cash handling services, Members requested more information on the impact the reduction in local services was having on business.
- 5.7 Briefing notes on fuel poverty, mobile coverage and S106 and Community Infrastructure Levy were provided for information
- 5.8 Further information about the meeting can be found here:

[Agenda for Thirsk and Malton Area Committee on Friday, 26 September 2025, 2.00 pm | North Yorkshire Council](#)

6.0 RICHMOND (YORKS) AC – 15 SEPTEMBER 2025

- 6.1 The Committee received a petition in support of keeping Richmond Swimming Pool open. This was in response to the recent options and appraisal undertaken as part of the Council's Leisure Investment Strategy. Members unanimously agreed that the Richmond (Yorks) Area Committee wants the Richmond Pool to remain open and asks the Democratic Services Officer to send a report (the minutes) to the Housing and Leisure Overview & Scrutiny Committee and then to the Executive stating the Committee's wishes.
- 6.2 A representative of Yorkshire Water gave a presentation, which addressed pre-submitted questions. Topics included response times to leaks, roadworks and traffic management, river pollution, housing development and sewerage management.
- 6.3 Members had requested a briefing paper on banking and cash handling in the area and after consideration of the information provided, agreed that the Area Committee request a review of Stokesley community's cash access needs by applying to LINK for a banking hub. It was subsequently realised that an assessment had already been undertaken by LINK and found that the provision of any new or improved cash access services in Stokesley was not recommended at this time.
- 6.4 The committee also received several information only items including a written update from the local MP, the Localities update 2024/25, an update from Northumbrian Water and information on ash dieback.
- 6.5 Further information about the meeting can be found here:
[Agenda for Richmond \(Yorks\) Area Committee on Monday, 15 September 2025, 10.00 am | North Yorkshire Council](#)

7.0 SELBY AND AINSTY AC – 18 SEPTEMBER 2025

- 7.1 The Committee received one public question which related to the Home to School Transport Policy, Tadcaster Grammar School and the Appeals (Home to School Transport) Committee.
- 7.2 Under the work programme item, Members requested an item on the Home to School Transport Policy, raising specific queries which they hope officers can attend a future meeting to answer. An item on housing was also requested.
- 7.3 Sir Alec Shelbrooke MP submitted a written update and Keir Mather MP attended the meeting virtually to provide an update. Key issues such as SEND provision, mobile phone signal, public transport and national transport policy were discussed.
- 7.4 A report was submitted recommending that the Committee proposes to Executive that they recommend to Full Council that the New Settlement (Maltkiln) DPD and accompanying Policy Map, incorporating the Inspector's recommended Main Modifications, are adopted. The report also recommended that the Committee proposes to Executive that they recommend to Full Council that the Corporate Director of Community Development in consultation with the Executive Member for Open to Business, be authorised to make further additional modifications to the documents – these modifications would relate exclusively to factual updates, grammatical and formatting corrections. Members raised queries relating to the ownership of the land, the legal advice received and the impact of a failed Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) on the proposals. Concerns about the Council progressing with the proposal without fully understanding the potential impact if the CPO is unsuccessful were noted, but the recommendations outlined in the report were carried.

7.5 The Committee received a briefing paper on community centres in the area and were asked to note that approval was given to the Assistant Director of Housing and the Head of Housing Management to assess alternative options on a centre-by-centre basis. Members raised concerns that they had not been consulted prior to the decision to delegate authority, that local communities had not been involved and that the management of these centres had been ineffective. Members also queried who would be responsible for the final decision regarding these centres. The Committee recommended that no decision regarding the future of the centres be made until an officer has attended a meeting of the Area Committee to respond to questions raised, and until meaningful consultation has taken place with the local Members, Parish Councils and wider communities.

7.6 Further information about the meeting can be found here:
[Agenda for Selby and Ainsty Area Committee on Thursday, 18 September 2025, 2.00 pm | North Yorkshire Council](#)

8.0 FINANCIAL & LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

8.1 The financial and legal implications of the issues raised in this summary report are included in the reports that went to the meetings of the Area Committees in September 2025.

9.0 CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS

9.1 The climate change implications of the issues raised in this summary report are included in the reports that went to the meetings of the Area Committees in September 2025.

10.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

10.1 The equalities implications of the issues raised in this summary report are included in the reports that went to the meetings of the Area Committees in September 2025.

11.0 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

11.1 The recommendations to the Executive have been made by the Area Committees as part of their consideration of local issues at their September 2025 round of committee meetings.

12.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

12.1 The Executive is asked to note the report and consider any matters arising from the work of the Area Committees detailed above, that merit further scrutiny, review or investigation at a county-level.

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Background Documents:

Agenda, papers and minutes of the six Area Committee meetings in September 2025, which can be accessed via the following link -

<https://edemocracy.northyorks.gov.uk/mgListCommittees.aspx?bcr=1>

Note: Members are invited to contact the author in advance of the meeting with any detailed queries or questions.



FORWARD PLAN

The decisions likely to be taken by North Yorkshire Council in the following 12 months are set out below:

Publication Date: 26 September 2025 Last updated: 26 September 2025

Period covered by Plan: 26 September 2025 to 30 September 2026

PLEASE NOTE:-

In accordance with the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements)(Meetings and Access to information)(England) Regulations 2012, at least **28 clear days' notice**, excluding the day of notification and the day of decision taking, must be published on the Forward Plan of any intended key decision. It is also a requirement that **28 clear days' notice** is published of the intention to hold a Executive meeting or any part of it in private for the consideration of confidential or exempt information. For further information and advice please contact the Head of Democratic Services and Scrutiny on 01609 533531.

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21 Oct 2025 Page 44	Executive		Whitby Cliff Lift	Yes	This report informs the Executive that the lift has remained out of service since 2022. It outlines the available options for addressing the issue and seeks approval to proceed with the recommended course of action. A replacement bus service has been in operation and will continue throughout 2025 to mitigate the impact of the lift closure. The report also requests approval for a capital budget allocation of £600,000 to undertake the necessary works.	There is no consultation proposed in relation to the decision to infill the cliff lift. A public consultation will take place over Summer 2025 into the provision of a free replacement bus service – not forming part of this decision.	Public consultation via website.	Chris Bourne, Head of Harbours and Coastal Infrastructure Email: chris.bourne@northyorks.gov.uk

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Page 15	21 Oct 2025	Executive		Report and Recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel for Member Allowances for 2026/2027	Yes	To make a recommendation to Full Council based on Independent Remuneration Panel Recommendations	Independent Remuneration Panel and Members	Independent Remuneration Panel meetings	Barry Khan, Assistant Chief Executive (Legal & Democratic Services) barry.khan@northyorks.gov.uk
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Page 15	21 Oct 2025	Executive		Amendments to the Council's Constitution	Yes	Consideration of proposed amendments to the Council's Constitution for recommendation to full Council. Subject to any comments Members may have, to recommend the proposed amendments to the Constitution to full Council for approval.	Relevant NYC Officers and Members The Members' Working Group on the Constitution	Correspondence and meetings	Moira Beighton moira.beighton@northyorks.gov.uk
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	21 Oct 2025	Executive	Executive Member for Highways &	Business Case for Devolution of Knaresborough	No	To consider the business case submitted by	Knaresborough Town Council (KTC), divisional members for	Direct meetings with representatives	Jonathan Clubb, Head of Parks and Grounds
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		Transportation	Market		Knarborough Town Council in respect of devolving to them the management and responsibility for operating the weekly charter market in Knarborough.	North Yorkshire Council (NYC), officers from relevant NYC service areas including but not limited to; Property Services, Parking Services, Finance and Legal Services.	of KTC, Officers of the Double Devolution Project Group (internal to NYC).	Jonathan.clubb@northyorks.gov.uk
21 Oct 2025	Executive		Corporate Property Strategy	Yes	The purpose of our property strategy is to guide the effective and efficient management of our portfolio of assets to achieve our key objectives. The strategy will provide the Council with a structured approach to respond to service needs and priorities and will also form the basis on which the	Corporate and Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Meetings	Kerry Metcalfe, AD Property, Procurement & Commercial kerry.metcalfe@northyorks.gov.uk

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Councils team of property professionals will manage and operate the portfolio with support from key services in legal, procurement and finance.

21 Oct 2025	Executive		To consider adoption of the New Settlement (Maltkiln) Development Plan Document	Yes	To consider the adoption of the New Settlement (Maltkiln) Development Plan Document following the outcome of the Report on the Examination of Plan issued by the Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the Secretary of State. To agree whether to adopt the Development Plan Document, incorporating the	Management Board Selby & Ainsty Area Committee Development Plan Committee Legal, Finance, Equalities, Climate	Correspondence, meetings, email	Natasha Durham, Planning Manager (Policy) natasha.durham@northyorks.gov.uk
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Page 48 21 Oct 2025					Inspector's recommended Main Modifications and Additional Modifications.			
	Executive		Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) Review	Yes	The purpose of this report is to update the Executive on the outcomes of the recent consultation regarding Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs) and to seek agreement on the preferred next steps from the options presented. Subject to the agreed direction, relevant policies will be updated to reflect the new approach.	North Yorkshire residents and businesses	A 12-week engagement exercise from November 2023 to January 2024 invited North Yorkshire residents and businesses to submit their views on potential changes to HWRCs.	Michael Leah, Assistant Director - Environment and Transport Email: Michael.leah@northyorks.gov.uk
21 Oct 2025	Executive		Future of Scarborough Model Agreement	Yes	To summarise the current funding arrangements	Town and Parish Councils Local and Executive	Teams meetings/emails /briefings	Jonathan Clubb, Head of Parks and Grounds

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18 Oct 2025	Executive		Procurements for the Provision of Extra Care Housing	Yes	To seek approval to undertake any future Extra Care Housing procurements under this overarching governance for a period of 5 years with the option to extend the governance for a further 3 + 2 years (10 years in total – 5+3+2).	Lead Officers, partners and potential providers	Meetings and correspondence	Michael Rudd, Head of Housing Marketing Development (Commissioning), Health and Adult Services Email: Michael.rudd@northyorks.gov.uk / Tel No: 01609 535347
21 Oct 2025	Executive		Harrogate Transforming Cities Fund - Project update and Contract Entry Authority	Yes	To update the Executive and seek delegated authority for the Corporate Director - Environment to	Members of the public, business stakeholders and internal NYC departments.	Face to face and on-line meetings	Richard Binks, Head of Major Projects & Infrastructure richard.binks@northyorks.gov.uk

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Page 20					enter into all agreements necessary to progress and deliver the scheme.			
	10 Oct 2025	Executive		No	To share with Members the responses received to the residents parking petition on Back Dragon Avenue, Harrogate	Residents	Survey	Heather Yendall, Improvement Manager heather.yendall@northyorks.gov.uk
	21 Oct 2025	Executive		No				Heather Yendall, Improvement Manager heather.yendall@northyorks.gov.uk
	4 Nov 2025	Executive (Skipton)		Yes	To approve the ten-year Regeneration Plan for Scarborough and initial four-year Investment Plan of agreed	The Scarborough Neighbourhood Board, in partnership with the Council, is conducting wide ranging engagement on the creation of the	The wider consultation mentioned above will be delivered through a variety of means	Kerry Levitt, Regeneration Projects Officer Kerry.levitt@northyorks.gov.uk

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					interventions to receive, allocate and spend grant funding received from Government through the Plan for Neighbourhoods programme.	Regeneration for Scarborough with internal services and key strategic Officers, local members, businesses, stakeholder groups, charities, community organisations, and residents. The Scarborough Neighbourhood Board also needs to approve the Plan for Neighbourhood for Scarborough before submission to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government.	such as targeted stakeholder meetings, open public sessions and online methods and is being undertaken in liaison the Scarborough Neighbourhood Board.	
4 Nov 2025	Executive (Skipton)		North Yorkshire Council Local Planning Enforcement Plan	Yes	The Local Enforcement Policy (LEP) describes how the Council will undertake its role of enforcing planning control. The report seeks adoption of the	Town and Parish Councils Members Head of Legal, Property, Planning and Environment Corporate Director of Community Development Executive Member for	Teams meetings/presentation Email consultation	Ann Rawlinson, Development Manager - Enforcement and Central ann.rawlinson@northyorks.gov.uk

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					Council's new Planning Enforcement Policy (Local Enforcement Plan).	Corporate Services Executive Member for Open to Business Assistant Director Resources Corporate Strategy and Performance Lead Climate Change Business Partner		
4 Nov 2025	Executive (Skipton)		Report to consider the findings of the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman report – Housing Services Disabled Facilities Grant	Yes	The report sets out the key findings of the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman's investigation into Housing Services: Disabled Facilities Grant. It also outlines the actions the Council has taken or intends to take in response, including the recommendation to adopt defined timescales for the delivery of various categories of	Executive Members Finance Legal Climate Equalities	Email and MS Teams	Lynn Williams, Head of Housing Renewal lynn.williams@northyorks.gov.uk

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Page 53					major adaptations.					
	4 Nov 2025	Executive (Skipton)			Leisure Investment Strategy and Options Appraisals	Yes	To agree a way forward in respect of the outcomes of the Leisure Investment Review and associated options appraisal for Richmond Pool.	Public consultation undertaken. Consultation with key stakeholders Overview and Scrutiny – 23 September 2025 Executive Member Corporate Director Finance Legal Climate and Equalities officers	Public survey has been undertaken in July in respect of the options appraisal for Richmond Pool. The Leisure Investment Strategy was informed by the “let Talk Active” consultation. Issues to be considered by Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Leisure and Housing) on 23 September 2025.	Jo Ireland, AD Culture, Arts & Leisure jo.ireland@northyorks.gov.uk
	4 Nov 2025	Executive (Skipton)			North Yorkshire Council Enforcement Strategy	Yes	To seek approval for the adoption of a unified Enforcement Strategy for North	NYC internal process		Dean Richardson, Head of Regulatory Services dean.richards@northyorks.gov.uk

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					Yorkshire Council. The strategy will set out a clear, consistent, and transparent framework for how the Council will undertake enforcement activities across its services. It aims to ensure that enforcement is carried out in a fair, proportionate, and effective manner, supporting compliance, protecting public interests, and promoting community confidence in Regulatory services.			
4 Nov 2025	Executive (Skipton)		NYC Local Plan: Call for Sites – proposed submissions for	Yes	The purpose of the report is for the Executive to approve (or	Executive	None	Stewart Brown, Strategic Land Consultant Tel No:07855

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Page 55			Council owned sites		otherwise) the submission of NYC owned land to the NYC Call for Sites planning portal.			195648
	Nov 2025	Executive (Skipton)		Yes	To approve Customer Experience Strategy 2025-29	Councillor Heather Phillips Cabinet Management Board Corporate and Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny	Reports	Margaret Wallace, Assistant Director Customer, Revenue & Benefits margaret.wallace@northyorks.gov.uk
	4 Nov 2025	Executive (Skipton)		Yes	To obtain approval from the Executive to acquire up to 26 new build properties various localities for use as affordable rented accommodation and shared ownership to take into the Housing Revenue Account. The acquisition of these homes will increase the	Executive member for Culture Arts and Housing Corporate Director of Community Development Assistant Director of Resources – Community Development Assistant Director for Housing Legal Finance Housing Needs service as they have	Direct contact with relevant members and service areas	Hannah Heinemann, Head of Housing Delivery and Partnerships hannah.heinemann@northyorks.gov.uk

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supply of affordable rented and shared ownership housing and will also form part of our aspiration to deliver 500 new Council homes over the next 5 years.

confirmed the need in these locations Housing Management as they will be responsible for managing the properties. Homes and Places service as they will be responsible for the on-going maintenance of the properties.

4 Nov 2025	Executive (Skipton)		Variation of Restrictive Covenant – Land at Sherburn in Elmet	Yes	To seek authority for the variation of a Restrictive Covenant over land at Sherburn in Elmet to enable the landowner to progress proposals for the development of the land. NYC benefits from an overage agreement and a restrictive covenant over the land. The variation	None	Not applicable	Philip Cowan, Non-Operational Property Manager, NYCC Property Services philip.cowan@northyorks.gov.uk
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of these agreements will provide a capital receipt for the Council.

Given the likely value of the capital receipt, a decision will need to be taken by NYC's Executive.

18 Nov 2025	Executive		Q2 Performance Monitoring and Budget Report	Yes	Q2 Performance Monitoring and Budget report including: Revenue Plan; Capital Plan; Treasury Management and Prudential Indicators	Management Board	Meetings	Gary Fielding, Corporate Director of Resources gary.fielding@northyorks.gov.uk
16 Dec 2025	Executive		Housing Delivery Joint Venture	Yes	The purpose of the report is to seek approval for the Council to enter into a Limited Liability Partnership to	Housing and Leisure Overview	Presentation to Housing and Leisure Overview	Hannah Heinemann, Head of Housing Delivery and Partnerships Hannah.Heinemann@northyorks.gov.uk

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Page 58	18 Dec 2025	Executive			create a Housing Joint Venture Vehicle.			
			Introduction of a new Enforcement Policy aligned with Renters Rights Act	Yes	Following the introduction of the Renters Rights Act (currently due October 2025) we will need to align our enforcement policy to ensure compliance. There are significant changes proposed which will affect tenants and landlords within communities across North Yorkshire.	As this is a legislative change consultation has been undertaken at government level, our policy will reflect the requirements set in the legislation.	Email, Teams and face-to-face meetings	MS and Lynn Williams, Head of Housing Renewal lynn.williams@northyorks.gov.uk
	16 Dec 2025	Executive		No	The Director of Public Health Annual Report is an independent report on the health of the local population. The	The report includes reflections on engagement already undertaken with a wide range of stakeholder groups. The report will be	Not applicable	Louise Wallace, Director of Public Health Email: louise.wallace@northyorks.gov.uk

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					Director of Public Health has a duty to write an annual report, whereas the local authority's duty is to publish it. The focus of this year's report is on the Public Health opportunities afforded by Local Government Reorganisation. The Executive committee will be asked to consider and note the report.	shared with HAS leadership teams, Executive Portfolio Holder and Management Board for comment as it progresses, and to the Health and Wellbeing Board, Scrutiny of Health Committee and Care and Independence Overview		
16 Dec 2025	Executive		Redeployment of land to the north and south of Crosshills Lane, Selby	Yes	To approve the proposed redeployment of the property	Executive members and Management Board at the informal Executive meeting held on 8 June 2021		Philip Cowan, Non-Operational Property Manager, NYCC Property Services Philip.Cowan@northyorks.gov.uk
16 Dec 2025	Executive		North Yorkshire and York Local Nature Recovery	Yes	To seek approval to formally publish the statutory	Natural England City of York Council North York Moors	Online hosting	Timothy Johns, Senior Policy Officer

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			(LNRS) Strategy) - Publication		outputs of the North Yorkshire and York Local Nature Recovery (LNRS) Strategy comprising -local habitat map -statement of biodiversity priorities. As developed in accordance with the LNRS Regulations 2023.	National Park Authority Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority Stakeholders and members of the public across NY and City of York		timothy.johns@northyorks.gov.uk
16 Dec 2025	Executive		Howardian Hills and Nidderdale National Landscapes Management Plans	Yes	The report will set out the two Management Plans for the two National Landscapes that fall within the responsibility of North Yorkshire Council, as per the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 which requires local authorities whose	Local community organisations, conservation organisations and general public	Public consultation process under auspices of each National Landscape's Joint Advisory Committee	Estelle Hook, Manager - Howardian Hills National Landscape, Iain Mann, Manager - Nidderdale National Landscape estelle.hook@northyorks.gov.uk or iain.mann@northyorks.gov.uk,

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area includes a National Landscape to prepare and review on a 5-yearly cycle management plans for that protected landscape. Agreement is sought to adopt The Howardian Hills National Landscape Management Plan and the Nidderdale National Landscape Management Plan. Both plans set out objectives relevant to their local area to deliver their statutory purpose to conserve and enhance natural beauty.

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16 Dec 2025	Executive		Proposals for revised school organisation arrangements requested by several federated governing boards of primary schools in North Yorkshire	Yes	To detail the outcomes of the public consultations carried out by CYPS, at the request of several primary school federations within the county, and the revised school organisation arrangements proposed by their federated governing boards. The Executive is asked to consider the responses to the consultations, to authorise the publication of statutory proposals, and to schedule taking a final decision on the proposals on 17 March 2026.	Parents, Staff, Governors, Local Secondary Schools, Local Elected Members, Town and parish councils, MP and other local stakeholders.	If approved statutory proposals would be published on the NYC website, in a local newspaper and placed on school gates. The representation period for the statutory proposals would be from 12 January to 6 February 2026. Representations may be made in writing to the Corporate Director- CYPS, or by email to schoolorganisations@northyorks.gov.uk by 6 February 2026	Jon Holden, Head Strategic Planning (CYPS) jon.holden@northyorks.gov.uk
6 Jan	Executive		School Admissions	Yes	To provide	Consultation in respect	Consultation	Jon Holden, Head

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Arrangements for the School Year 2027-28

information about proposed admission arrangements for Community and Voluntary Controlled schools for the school year 2027-28.

The decision required is for the proposals to be referred to the meeting of the Full Council on 13 February 2026 for determination.

The Council has a statutory duty to have determined the arrangements by 28 February 2026.

of the proposed arrangements will be undertaken with: -

- Headteachers and Governing Boards of Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools
- Headteachers and Governing Boards of Voluntary Aided and Free Schools, Academies and Foundation Trusts
- Parents
- Diocesan authorities
- Neighbouring local authorities (13); and
- Other stakeholders

documents will be published on the council's website, with hard copies, including in alternative formats, available on request. Responses will be made via an online survey or in hard copy.

Most of the consultees noted above will be contacted via email to advise of the consultation exercise and invited to make responses.

Schools will be requested to display posters to promote the consultation

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	20 Jan 2026	Executive		Plan for the Provision of Public Conveniences	Yes	To agree a series of measures to take forward the public convenience service and an agreed approach for the role of Parish and Town Councils in managing the current network	Parish/town councils in Jan-April 2025 alongside key stakeholders; disability action groups, chambers of commerce, Business Improvement Districts.	Individual meetings and drop-in sessions.	Steven Goddard, Public Conveniences Manager steve.goddard@northyorks.gov.uk
	20 Jan 2026	Executive		Revenue Budget 2026/2027 and Medium Term Financial Strategy - To make recommendation to Full Council	Yes	To consider and recommend to Council the Revenue Budget for 2026/2027 and the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) including: Revenue Plan; Capital Plan;	Management Board	Budget consultation process	Gary Fielding, Corporate Director of Resources gary.fielding@northyorks.gov.uk

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					Treasury Management; Prudential Indicators			
20 Jan 2026 Page 65	Executive		Council Plan 2026-2030 - To make recommendation to Full Council	Yes	To consider and recommend to council the Council Plan for 2026-2030	Corporate and Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny Committee Management Board	Meetings	Will Boardman, Head of Strategy & Performance will.boardman@northyorks.gov.uk
3 Feb 2026	Executive		Review of North Yorkshire Pavement Licence Policy	Yes	To consider consultation responses and implement the new North Yorkshire Pavement Licence Policy with or without amendments.	Trade and other interested parties.	Direct consultation with existing licence holders and via the Council's website.	Sharon Cousins, Licensing Manager sharon.cousins@northyorks.gov.uk
17 Feb 2026	Executive		Q3 Performance Monitoring and Budget Report	Yes	Q3 Performance Monitoring and Budget report including: Revenue Plan; Capital Plan; Treasury Management and	Management Board	Meetings	Gary Fielding, Corporate Director of Resources gary.fielding@northyorks.gov.uk

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Page 66	17 Feb 2026	Executive	North Yorkshire Council Regulatory Services Urban Gull Strategy	Yes	Prudential Indicators To seek approval of a North Yorkshire Council Regulatory Services Urban Gull Strategy	Stakeholder consultation held February/March 2025 to inform the strategy development work.	Survey/questionnaire completed by stakeholders. Draft strategy scheduled at Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Scarborough and Whitby Area Committee in 2026 prior to submission to Executive	Dean Richardson, Head of Regulatory Services dean.richardson@northyorks.gov.uk
	17 Mar 2026	Executive	Tree and Woodland Policy	Yes	North Yorkshire Council has a legal duty and powers to manage the risk and to protect trees on the land that we manage. This should be reasonable and proportionate to balance the many benefits that trees and woodlands	Members of the Transport, Economy, Environment and Enterprise Overview Property Services, Risk and Insurance, Health	Engagement with the TEEE O	Helen Arnold, Tree and Woodland Manager Helen.arnold@northyorks.gov.uk

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bring. Developing a county wide approach to policy will provide Officers, elected Members and all other stakeholders clarity on how this will be managed. The report will present the Tree and Woodland Policy for adoption.

21 Apr 2026	Executive		Scarborough Harbour West Pier Delivery	Yes	The report will seek approval: 1.To agree final budget for delivery of the Scarborough Harbour West Pier Deliver. 2.To request approval of the NYC required funding. 3.To request approval to enter into a contract with	Community Development: Economic Development, Regeneration, Tourism and Skills, Resources Environment: Harbours, Resources Legal and Democratic Services: Legal Resources: Property, Procurement and Commercial	Email briefing and	Helen Jackson, Regeneration Projects Manager helen.jackson1@northyorks.gov.uk
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					construction contractor to deliver agreed works.			

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