



Agenda

- Meeting** Harrogate and Knaresborough Area Committee
- To:** Councillors Peter Lacey (Chair), Hannah Gostlow (Vice-Chair), Chris Aldred, Philip Broadbank, Sam Gibbs, Michael Harrison, Paul Haslam, Andrew Timothy, John Mann, Mike Schofield, Monika Slater, Matt Walker and Robert Windass.
- Date:** Thursday, 4 June 2026
- Time:** 10.00 am
- Venue:** Council Chamber - Civic Centre, St Luke's Avenue, Harrogate, HG1 2AE

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Business

1. Election of Chair

To elect a Chair of the Committee, to serve until the first meeting of the Committee following the Annual General Meeting in 2027.

2. Election of Vice-Chair

To elect a Vice-Chair of the Committee, to serve until the first meeting of the Committee following the Annual General Meeting in 2027.

3. Apologies for Absence

4. Minutes of the Meeting held on 26 March 2026

(Pages 5 - 12)

To confirm the minutes as a correct record, and for them to be signed by the Chair.

5. Declarations of Interest

All Members are invited to declare at this point any interests they have in items appearing on this agenda, including the nature of those interests.

6. Public Participation

Members of the public may ask questions or make statements at this meeting if they have given notice (including the text of the question/statement) to Edward Maxwell of Democratic Services (contact details below) by midday on Monday 1 June. Each

speaker should limit themselves to 3 minutes on any item. Members of the public who have given notice will be invited to speak:

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

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7. Receipt of Knaresborough Castle Petition (Pages 13 - 18)

To receive a report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services) advising members of a petition containing more than 500 signatures which has been received by North Yorkshire Council, and to ask the Area Committee to consider a response.

8. Community Safety Annual Report (Pages 19 - 42)

To receive a report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Local Engagement), providing members with an annual update on the work of the Community Safety & CCTV service in the Harrogate and Knaresborough area.

9. Harrogate, Knaresborough, and Boroughbridge Town Investment Plan Updates (Pages 43 - 48)

Report of the Corporate Director of Community Development, updating the Area Committee on progress with the development of Town Investment Plans (TIPs) for Harrogate, Knaresborough and Boroughbridge, with details on the emerging Harrogate and Knaresborough TIP vision and priority projects, consultation evidence and project prioritisation work and ongoing engagement in Boroughbridge.

10. Improving the Public Realm: A Review and Reset of Street Cleansing Services (Pages 49 - 52)

To receive a report of the Corporate Director (Environment), outlining a comprehensive service reset for Street Cleansing operations.

11. Annual Report of the Harrogate and Knaresborough Area Committee (Pages 53 - 56)

To consider the Annual Report of the Harrogate and Knaresborough Area Committee, reviewing the work of the 2025/26 municipal year.

12. Committee Work Programme (Pages 57 - 66)

- a) to ask members to consider the Committee's work programme and amend it as required.
- b) to inform members and the public of work undertaken since the last Committee meeting, including informal meetings and working group sessions.
- c) to inform members of progress made on issues raised during and since the last Committee meeting.

13. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 24 September 2026, at 10:00, at the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, St Luke's Avenue, Harrogate, HG1 2AE.

Members of the public are entitled to attend this meeting as observers for all those items taken in open session. You may be interested in [subscribing to updates](#) about this or any other North Yorkshire Council committee.

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North Yorkshire Council

Harrogate and Knaresborough Area Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 26 March 2026 commencing at 10.00 am at Harrogate Civic Centre.

Present: Councillor Peter Lacey in the Chair, and Councillors Hannah Gostlow, Chris Aldred, Philip Broadbank, Sam Gibbs, Michael Harrison, Andrew Timothy, John Mann, Mike Schofield, Monika Slater and Robert Windass.

In attendance: Councillor Arnold Warneken.

Officers present: Melisa Burnham (Highways Area Manager), Jon Holden (Head of School Organisation and Transport), Jasmin Gibson (Improvement Project Delivery Manager), Edward Maxwell (Senior Democratic Services Officer), and Chris Reynolds (Head of SEND and Resources).

Other Attendees: Five members of the public.

Apologies: Councillors Paul Haslam and Matt Walker.

Copies of all documents considered are in the Minute Book

34 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors Paul Haslam and Matt Walker.

35 Minutes of the Meeting held on 27 November 2025

Resolved: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 27 November 2025, having been printed and circulated, be taken as read and be confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

36 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Chris Aldred declared a non-registerable interest in Minute 39, as an exam invigilator at Harrogate High School.

37 Public Participation

Three public statements had been submitted:

- By Gia Margolis, in relation to Minute 38.
- By Dr Jenny Marks, Ruth Lily and Hazel Peacock, in relation to Minute 38.
- By Christopher Dunn, in relation to Minutes 38 and 39.

Statement submitted by Gia Margolis

In 2028 Cycling UK will celebrate the 150th anniversary of its creation here in Harrogate where on August 5th 1878, the Bicycle Touring Club was founded by Stanley Cotterell. This is commemorated by a plaque on the corner of Crescent Road opposite the George Inn. Now called Cycling UK with nearly 70,000 members, it claims to be the oldest transport organisation in the world.

The 150th anniversary provides Harrogate and North Yorkshire with a unique opportunity to celebrate this historic event.

I would like to request that a working party is formed to prepare for this anniversary. The goal would be to deliver some new or improved cycle infrastructure. A working party needs to start now to plan for a cycling project or projects that could be completed in time for the anniversary in August 2028. I will be contacting The Mayor's Office, Harrogate Town Council, Walk Wheel Cycle Trust, formerly Sustrans, and Cycling UK to help with this venture.

The following response was provided by the Chair of the Area Committee:

Thank you for raising this exciting opportunity to celebrate cycling in the area. We don't have the power to set up a working group along the lines you suggest, but we would be happy to participate in any joint meetings with the town councils and any other interested parties. Officers are very happy to support commemorative events, and we are excited to hear more about this opportunity. Thank you for bringing it to our attention.

Statement submitted by Dr Jenny Marks, Ruth Lily and Hazel Peacock

We have been campaigning for improved road safety in the Pannal Ash and Oatlands area since 2020, supported by headteachers and residents, 1800 of whom signed our petitions calling for action. We have spoken repeatedly at this committee about our community's concern for the safety of our children and other vulnerable road users. The validity of that concern was brought into stark relief when two teenagers were seriously injured on Yew Tree Lane in 2023.

In September 2023, NYC announced its intention to install 20mph speed limits with supporting traffic calming on Yew Tree Lane, Pannal Ash Road, Green Lane, Beckwith Road and Arthur's Avenue, as part of its South and West Harrogate 20mph Zone.

We are pleased to read in today's 20mph update that NYC intends to install sinusoidal cushions on Arthur's Avenue, Beech Grove, and Oatlands Drive. We note, however, that no timescale is given for this. Sinusoidal cushions have recently been successfully trialled in York. NYC's update states that if 'initial installations are successful and the contractors are able to construct the profile consistently, and maintenance is not problematic, then consideration will be given to their use more widely'. It seems odd that there should be any doubt about a contractor's ability to install something which has recently successfully installed 25-miles away, and where maintenance is already underway. Whilst new to North Yorkshire, sinusoidal cushions have been employed elsewhere around the country since 1995, so should not be an 'unknown'.

Today's update states that where sinusoidal cushions are not proposed, a mix of other traffic calming measures are to be used, with designs 'still being finalised' and consultation plans to be sent to stakeholders 'in due course'.

In summer 2024, NYC consulted upon speed cushions for Pannal Ash Road and Green Lane, with 94.3% of respondents from properties directly fronting Green Lane and 62.7% from Pannal Ash Road supporting the proposals and similarly high backing from neighbouring streets. Despite their importance to thousands of children, no action has been taken on these roads. We have repeatedly been told that 'officers continue to work on this' and measures for Pannal Ash Road and Green Lane are being 'redesigned'. Why is the safety of our children on these roads not being prioritized? Surely a 10-year period cannot be considered a

reasonable timeframe for redesigning traffic calming on two roads.

Pannal Ash Road, Yew Tree Lane and Green Lane, along with Beckwith Road and Cold Bath Road, are the cornerstone of the 20-mph zone approved by NYC in 2023. Without infrastructure on these roads, the zone is not complete and the area around the five schools and sports centres is as dangerous as before.

We make this plea: Can NYC implement the full South and West Harrogate 20mph Zone in 2026, putting the safety of the thousands of children and pedestrians first?

Our question is: What traffic calming measures do NYC propose for Pannal Ash Road, Green Lane, Yew Tree Lane, Beckwith Road, and Cold Bath Road and when will they, and a 20-mph limit, be consulted upon and installed?

The following response was provided by Highways:

Proposed traffic calming designs being reviewed by officers include both vertical and horizontal calming features alongside roundels and associated signage, but this is site specific on what's required compared to mean speeds in addition to site constraints. It's aimed to consult on proposals by June.

We have resource and funding available to deliver this 2026/2027 financial year, but consultation outcomes (such as objections), legal and contractor resource could extend this programme.

In a supplementary question, the questioners asked:

I feel the prioritisation for this scheme hasn't been particularly strong – we've been waiting for progress for three years – although it's encouraging to hear it may be consulted on in June. I also wanted to ask about the signage on existing 20mph roads. I drove from Ake & Humphris Wine Shop up the road and along the road next to Harrogate Grammar School, and I only saw two or three roundels. I understand there is a protocol for how frequently roundels should appear. What is the approved distance between 20mph roundels?

The following response was provided by Highways:

That depends on whether you mean roundels painted on the road. Those larger road markings are placed at every entrance to a 20mph zone. The repeater signs, however, are set at fixed intervals – they may be on lampposts or on standalone posts. My understanding is that they must appear roughly every 100 metres within the zone.

Statement submitted by Christopher Dunn

Re. King Edwin Park, Oakdale ward/ Duchy division.

Planning consent 14/02737/EIAMAJ, Section 106 13.03.2015. 600 dwellings. (42-page document)!

I am an autistic eighty-year-old male retired Teacher/Engineer, I write as a citizen of Harrogate only.

I note that despite approximately 400 completed dwellings and many trigger points reached, much monies and provisions have yet to materialise and or completed.

I am particularly concerned re Education/recreation provision.
eg:

1. Education/school & 1.4 hectare prepared site	£ 2,039,400
2. Bus Provision (not 7 day and irregular) but complete	£ 650,000
3. Harlow Moor Rd. /Otley Rd traffic signals	£ 350,000
4. A61 Parliament street/Ripon Rd.traffic signals	£ 662,490
5. Otley Rd/ Ripon Rd. traffic signals	£ 567,000
6. Killinghall Moor Playing fields	£ 307, 598
7. Travel Plan	£ 5,000
	Total £4,348,179

Other not costed commitments

8. Retail premises
9. Pedestrian/cycleway (x2) west/east to Killinghall moor
10. Community hall

This area did have a BUS only provision to/from West Harrogate/Jennyfields but was removed by NYC Planners under Section 73, so the 600 house site is now totally land locked, and much inconvenience is now caused to all residents especially school aged children who are subject to convoluted car or pedestrian travel, in order to:

Commute; Shop; Commune/socialise/worship; Vote; Education; Recreation; Play. Pennypot lane is particularly difficult as an access route.

This area is primarily in Killinghall Parish and is/has been proposed for much development and the pressure on schools and safe pedestrian/cycle travel is and will be enormous.

I urge the Committee Council and Officers to carefully study again 'School' up date and 'Travel' update' reports (agenda items 5,6), also be aware that much Planning and Section 106 commitments are sadly lacking.

Please note also that a Boundary commission review suggests that this area is absorbed into Harrogate town and cites the bus connection route through Orchid way as it makes it an ideal connection to/from Harrogate proper. The Bus route is now cancelled so this proposed absorption is now unacceptable.

Response provided by the Area Committee:

Thank you for your question. The Area Committee has requested updates from Development Management, Highways, Parks and Countryside, and School Improvement teams. However, unfortunately it has not been possible to provide a complete response to all the points you have raised in your statement in time for this morning's meeting.

However, a written response from all the above services will be provided to you in the next 14 days and will be circulated to members of the committee.

In response comments regarding the Local Government Boundary Commission for England's review of North Yorkshire's boundaries, this has now concluded following the Stage 3 consultation, which closed on 14 October 2025. North Yorkshire Council submitted evidence to the review, and the Commission's final report, published on 14 January 2026, is available to view on their website. Unfortunately, all stages of public consultation have now ended, and the final recommendations will apply for the May 2027 elections.

38 Active Travel Updates

Jasmin Gibson (Improvement Project Delivery Manager) presented an update on the progress of active travel schemes across Harrogate and Knaresborough, noting recent

delivery milestones, ongoing design and consultation work, and upcoming construction programmes. The report highlighted developments on key projects including the Oatlands and Wetherby Road crossings, Bilton Crossing, Otley Road sustainable transport measures, 20mph zone proposals, and wider cycle network planning. Members were advised that while several schemes are progressing to delivery, others remain subject to design refinement, stakeholder engagement, landowner discussions, and alignment with broader transport initiatives.

Members raised concerns about the adequacy of 20mph repeater signage on several roads and requested checks; officers confirmed compliance with standards but agreed to re-inspect in case of missing signs. Clarification was sought on the proposed uncontrolled crossing near Western Primary School and its consultation timeline. Officers explained that a controlled crossing was not feasible due to proximity to existing signals, and that consultation would run alongside proposals to extend the 20mph zone on Cold Bath Road. Questions were also raised about procurement of sinusoidal ramps; officers confirmed the contract was not yet awarded and that prior experience would be assessed.

Members queried delays to the Killinghall/Nidderdale Greenway access improvements, with officers explaining that widening the path required private land. Further questions were asked about the A59 “missing link,” including why shared use over High Bridge was not possible; officers advised that pedestrian volumes exceeded national thresholds and outlined plans for a bi-directional cycle track with crossing points linking to existing advisory lanes. The committee discussed the methodology of consultation exercises. Officers confirmed that forthcoming informal and formal consultations would include letter drops, plans and email response options, and were intended to gather all views. An update would be provided at the next meeting. Members raised wider concerns about delays to active travel schemes and asked whether a dedicated active travel team existed; officers confirmed that a team was not yet in place but remained an aspiration. An update on the A59 missing link would follow once the Road Safety Audit had been reviewed.

Members gave positive feedback on the recently delivered parallel crossings on Wetherby Road and Oatlands Drive, which were already noted as having a positive impact. Officers confirmed that the associated Road Safety Audit had been received, and any remedial works would be undertaken. Clarification was also sought on the Bilton to Hornbeam Park cycle route, and it was explained that the northern and southern sections were being progressed first, with the more complex town centre section to follow.

Members noted concerns about North Yorkshire’s low Active Travel England rating and requested information on improvement plans; officers agreed to request information from the Transport Planning Team. Questions were also raised about the use of sustainable transport funding for improvements to the Cold Bath Road/Otley Road traffic signals; officers explained that the works formed part of a wider corridor programme benefiting all users, including both drivers and pedestrians.

Resolved: That the report be noted.

39 Schools Performance Update

Jon Holden (Head of School Organisation and Transport) and Chris Reynolds (Head of SEND and Resources) presented a report updating the committee on the local education landscape, noting that the Harrogate and Knaresborough area contains 39 schools, the majority of which are academies.

It was noted that secondary funding levels, ranked 142nd of 151 nationally, were largely influenced by Department for Education formulae, particularly high needs and SEND-related factors, and officers undertook to supply a fuller technical explanation. Members also sought clarification on behaviour and leadership concerns identified in Ofsted judgments, with officers outlining interventions available through both the

Council's school improvement team and academy trust improvement teams. Updates were given on suspensions and exclusions, elective home education responsibilities, and the availability of attendance data. Questions on forecasting methods, including the use of Local Plan data, were addressed, with officers confirming that forecasts were regularly refreshed and that decisions on new school provision were based on a combination of pupil numbers, development triggers and the need to avoid destabilising existing schools.

Extensive discussion took place on school place planning in Harrogate and Knaresborough, including the potential need for future schools linked to new developments. Members raised concerns about transport logistics and community expectations, particularly regarding Oaklands Junior School capacity, Penny Pot Lane developments, and the anticipated Woodfield School opening, for which officers confirmed technical matters were still being resolved before a date could be announced. Questions were also asked about the trigger points and timescales for King Edwin Primary School and the implications of Section 106 expiry on sites such as Knaresborough Manse Farm, with officers emphasising that current forecasts did not yet justify new provision, but that monitoring would continue. Members commented on Maltkiln and the wider issue of aligning school provision with sustainability objectives, and officers outlined the pupil-yield calculations that informed decisions, noting that current development levels did not support a standalone secondary school. The committee noted the broader need to consider social, environmental and active-travel impacts when planning future provision.

Resolved: That the report be noted.

40 Committee Work Programme

Edward Maxwell (Senior Democratic Services Officer) presented the latest version of the committee's work programme, including items for consideration at future meetings, and an update of informal and working group meetings held since the last meeting.

Resolved:

- a) That the Work Programme be approved, subject to:
 - i. Councillor Gostlow requested that Active Travel be included as a standing item, noting ongoing public interest and the need for regular oversight of scheme progress.
 - ii. Councillor Gostlow also requested that the Cycling UK anniversary mentioned during the public questions be added to the Work Programme, so that Members could be kept informed of future plans.
 - iii. Councillor Lacey noted that the Area Committee would look to comment on the allocation of Community Infrastructure Levy funding and Section 106 monies in future, in accordance with the delegated powers set out in the Constitution.
- b) That:
 - i. Councillor Mike Schofield be appointed to the vacancy on the Housing Liaison Working Group.
 - ii. Councillor Mike Schofield be appointed to the vacancy on the Climate Change Working Group.

41 Written Reports for Information Only

41a Progress Report on the Recommendations of the Section 19 Report into the 6 May 2024 Flood Event in Knaresborough

Members noted the written report, and requested continued updates on the review undertaken by the Transport, Economy, Environment, and Enterprise Scrutiny Committee.

41b Harrogate Youth Council Report

Members noted the written report, and commended the engagement and enthusiasm shown by members of Harrogate Youth Council, and welcomed further communication from them, as well as from Knaresborough Youth Council, on issues of concern to young people in the area.

41c Town Investment Plan Update

41d Waste Performance Update

Members noted the written report and asked if further information on the high levels of missed bin collections in May and August 2025 could be explained in writing. They also wished to place on record their thanks to officers for addressing this issue.

42 Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next ordinary meeting of the Committee, on Thursday 4 June 2026 at 10:00am, was noted.

The meeting concluded at 11.45 am.

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North Yorkshire Council

Harrogate and Knaresborough Area Committee

4 June 2026

Receipt of Knaresborough Castle Petition

Report of the Assistant Chief Executive – Legal and Democratic Services

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To advise of a petition containing more than 500 signatures which has been received by North Yorkshire Council.
- 1.2 To ask the Area Committee to consider a response.

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 A petition has been received by North Yorkshire Council. This is a combination of a paper-based and an online petition with over 500 signatures from people who live, work, or study in the county.
- 2.2 The signatories urge North Yorkshire Council to take steps to preserve Knaresborough Castle.

Knaresborough Castle has a wonderful history, and is a special place for visitors and residents alike whether to walk around its grounds, to participate in local events or to enjoy one of the best views in England. But today, this magnificent symbol of our heritage faces threats from neglect and underfunding. The castle is in a very poor state of repair causing erosion of its structure and obscuring the famous views from Castle top. The castle's deterioration jeopardizes economic contributions from tourism. If Knaresborough Castle's decline continues ultimately it could be closed to the public which would be disastrous for the town.

Our key concerns are:

- *weeds in the castle walls are obscuring features and causing cracks in the masonry*
- *uncontrolled tree growth is undermining the stunning views over the Gorge*
- *Paths and steps up to the castle are in urgent need of attention*
- *Views of the moat are also obscured by trees*
- *Money raised by North Yorkshire Council from the castle estate including car parking revenue needs to be ringfenced for the maintenance of the castle estate and this should be transparent.*

We urge North Yorkshire Council, who is responsible for Knaresborough Castle's maintenance, and all stakeholders, to prioritise its conservation. By uniting as a community, we can rally to preserve this iconic landmark and its contribution to Knaresborough's identity and economy. Join us in signing this petition to secure a dedicated funding stream and a comprehensive restoration plan, ensuring the integrity of the Castle and its story continues.

Our heritage needs our help, and together we can make a difference.

3.0 COUNCIL'S ARRANGEMENTS FOR RESPONDING TO PETITIONS

3.1 The key features of the Council's arrangements for receiving and debating petitions, as published on the Council's website, are as follows:

- a) Receipt of the petition is published on the Council's website, which has been done in the case of this petition.
- b) If a petition contains 500 or more signatures (but less than 30,130 signatories), it will be scheduled for debate at the next meeting of the appropriate Area Committee.
- c) The petition organiser is offered the opportunity to speak for five minutes at the Area Committee meeting to present their petition. Subsequently, at the meeting, the petition will be discussed by Councillors for a maximum of 15 minutes, and a decision will be made on how to respond to the petition.
- d) Possible responses by the Council to petitions, as shown on the website, are:
 - i. **Option 1:** to take the action requested by the petition,
 - ii. **Option 2:** not to take the action requested for reasons put forward in the debate,
 - iii. **Option 3:** to commission further investigation into the matter, for example by a relevant committee; or,
 - iv. **Option 4:** where the issue is one on which the Council Executive are required to make the final decision, the Council will decide whether to make recommendations to inform that decision.
- e) The petition organiser will receive written confirmation of this decision. This confirmation will also be published on the website.
- f) In accordance with the arrangements described above, the petition organisers have been invited to join today's meeting to present their petition.

4.0 OFFICER'S COMMENTS AND BACKGROUND

4.1 Knaresborough Castle is a Scheduled Ancient Monument (no. 34841) which includes the castle grounds and Courthouse range of buildings (Grade II Listed) and has been part of the Royal estates for most of its 900-year history.

4.2 The Council currently hold a 50-year lease from the Duchy of Lancaster (Duchy) in respect of the Estate (shown edged red on the attached plan in Appendix 1 but excluding the section highlighted grey). The lease will expire on 28 September 2032.

4.3 The lease restricts use of the castle and grounds for public pleasure purposes including the bowling and putting greens, the Old Court House as a museum, the Former Girls School for letting to local societies (at the tenant's discretion), use of the yard areas for free public car parking (subsequently varied to allow then Harrogate Borough Council to charge, paying the Duchy 20% of the Net Initial Turnover), two parking areas for letting to North Yorkshire Police Authority, and 14 spaces to be made available free of charge to named local occupiers.

- 4.4 In addition to the 20% of the car parking net initial turnover, the Council pay a base rent to the Duchy.
- 4.5 The lease requires the Council to insure the site and give full indemnity to the Landlord and is not permitted to assign or sublet as a whole. Subletting of part, is only permitted on the basis described above.
- 4.6 The Council is responsible for all repairs and decorations. It is to keep all buildings (except the castle ruins) in good and tenable repair and condition including metalled and surfaced areas. It is to protect and preserve, prevent further decay and make good any damage to the castle ruins, and is to maintain the castle grounds, including lawns, trees, hedges and flowerbeds. The exterior of all buildings are to be well painted. If the Council fail to undertake the work within six months of notification, the Duchy has the right to do the work and recharge the Council for the costs plus 2%.
- 4.7 The Council are also to pay a reasonable proportion of the upkeep of party walls, sewers etc. and must comply with legislation including Ancient Monuments & Archaeological Areas Act 1979 together with additional obligations regarding safety of ruined Castle.
- 4.8 The Council generates an annual income from the permitted sub tenancies and public car parking fees; however historically the expenditure has been greater than the income resulting in a net cost of managing the asset.
- 4.9 The Council is currently preparing a schedule of planned maintenance for the asset up to the end of the lease in 2032. Alongside this, the Council is reviewing and updating the costs and income of managing the asset. This detail addresses the concerns set out in paragraph 2.2 above.

5.0 CURRENT MAINTENANCE POSITION

- 5.1 Since late 2025, the Property Maintenance Team has been working closely with the Council's consultants, Align Property Partners, alongside Historic England, to develop a programme of works at Knaresborough Castle, focusing primarily on vegetation removal at the castle keep and perimeter walls. As part of this, the Council established a programme of vegetation cutback and targeted treatment, to be delivered by specialist contractors. A tender package of work was issued in January 2026 for a 5-week period, following which Stone Technical were appointed to undertake the works.
- 5.2 Due to the scarcity of suitably qualified contractors, Stone Technical had limited availability and are therefore scheduled to carry out the works in two phases: 29 June – 10 July 2026, and 17 – 28 August 2026.
- 5.3 The timing of these works raised concerns in relation to the bird nesting season and the potential impact on local wildlife. To address this, we have been working closely with Whitcher Wildlife Ecological Consultants to ensure that all activities are undertaken in a manner that avoids disturbance to wildlife within the castle grounds. While some elements of the original scope have been adjusted in line with their recommendations, the Council are still able to proceed with most of the planned works.
- 5.4 The Council have also conducted several site visits and meetings with Historic England and the Duchy of Lancaster to review and agree our proposed approach. Feedback from all parties has been positive, with support for the methodology and programme outlined.
- 5.5 In addition, it has been identified that the handrails around the castle keep are in a poor condition and require attention. The Council are therefore working on a proposed design in collaboration with Purcell Conservation Architects, who are Ancient Monument specialists

based in York. This will form part of a planning application process to secure the necessary approvals. Timescales around this are currently unknown.

5.6 Furthermore, Purcell has been commissioned to undertake a detailed condition assessment of the entire site and to develop a Conservation Maintenance Plan in line with the obligations of the lease terms and conditions. This plan will guide works over the next six years and beyond, aligned with the duration of the Council's lease, which runs until 2032.

5.7 This information is anticipated by October 2026, at which point the Council will begin programming future maintenance works in strict accordance with the Conservation Maintenance Plan. The NYC Parks & Grounds team has also played a key role in supporting site maintenance, assisting with general tidying and upkeep where required, while ensuring that all activities remain fully compliant with relevant planning approvals and guidance.

6.0 COMMENTS ON THE OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS

6.1 As set out at 3.1 d), there are four options available to Members when responding to petitions. A comment on each is listed below:

a) **Options 1 and 2:** It is not possible to select Options 1 or 2, as the decision is not within the competence of the Harrogate and Knaresborough Area Committee.

b) **Option 3:** The matter could be referred to the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee for further investigation, if the Area Committee feels there is additional information it could use to prepare a report to the decision maker or responsible Corporate Director, with recommendations.

c) **Option 4:** The Harrogate and Knaresborough Area Committee can itself prepare a report to the decision maker or responsible Corporate Director, with recommendations.

6.2 The Committee also has the option to note the report and take no further action.

7.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 None identified.

8.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

8.1 None identified.

9.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

9.1 None identified.

10.0 CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS

10.1 Neutral implications.

11.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

11.1 That the Committee notes the petition and considers a response as listed at 6.1.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS:

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North Yorkshire Council

Harrogate & Knaresborough Area Constituency Committee

4 June 2026

Community Safety and CCTV Service Annual Update

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To provide Members with an annual update on the work of the Community Safety & CCTV service in the Harrogate & Knaresborough areas. This will include a focus on Community Safety Hubs, CCTV and the wider strategic Community Safety Partnership thematic work areas.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 The report provides an overview of Community Safety, CCTV & wider thematic delivery and the priorities for the year ahead.

3.0 COMMUNITY SAFETY HUB UPDATE

- 3.1 Community Safety Hubs remain an integral delivery model with a consistent approach now agreed for North Yorkshire alongside North Yorkshire Police. This includes dedicated police resources working alongside NYC Community Safety Officers at co-located sites.
- 3.2 Roles and responsibilities have been clearly defined with the Community Safety Hubs (CSH's) providing a coordinated partnership problem solving approach to tackle local issues and concerns by making best use of the legislative and voluntary provisions. There is a focus on early intervention through the development of Young Person Multi Agency Problem Solving Meetings.
- 3.3 The CSH's report to the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) through the Joint Delivery Group (JDG). The function of the JDG is drive the delivery of community safety locally and have a vision for the future in an area of work that continues to evolve
- 3.4 The Community Safety & CCTV Service has developed and adopted an Antisocial Behaviour Framework that aligns with the tools and legislative powers. Training has been delivered to provided enhance skills to the Teams.
- 3.5 Outlined below is a summary of some of the key activities delivered during 2025-26:
- **Anti-Social behaviour (ASB)** – neighbour disputes, anti-social behaviour committed by young people, street drinking, disruptive behaviour in residential areas, ASB associated with town centres.
 - **Early Intervention and Prevention** – utilising civil tools and powers, formulating an anti-social behaviour framework, strengthening information sharing between partners for swift intervention and coordinated approach.
 - **Tools and Powers** – utilising the ASB tools and powers available to us where necessary to address and prevent anti-social behaviour, crime and disorder. Including ASB warning

letters, acceptable behaviour contracts, ASB case reviews, community protection warnings and notices, civil injunctions, criminal behaviour orders and closure orders.

- **Properties** – closure of properties associated with anti-social behaviour, disorder and nuisance to our communities, in conjunction with North Yorkshire Police and Housing colleagues.
- **Children and Young People** – introduction of Children and Young People Multi-Agency Problem Solving meetings and implementation of ASB framework to facilitate a coordinated and robust approach to addressing young people coming to notice and committing anti-social behaviour through a consistent 3 staged approach.
- **Target Hardening Approach** – identification of repeat hotspot locations, conducting visual audits in conjunction with relevant partners to identify opportunities for environmental changes and target hardening to create safer environments.
- **Project Spotlight** – Harrogate Town Centre - Project Spotlight is a joint initiative led by North Yorkshire Council and North Yorkshire Police focussing on Harrogate town centre to tackle anti-social behaviour, street crime and retail theft through engagement, enforcement, education and prevention.
- **Retail and Nighttime Economy** – Christmas campaign around getting home safely, engagement with premises, joint activity with North Yorkshire Police and licensing, distribution of material to raise awareness on key messages and support with domestic abuse campaigns, deployment of Night Marshals on key dates and times over busy Christmas period, training day undertaken to educate staff on key themes such as Martyn's Law, Hate Crime, SCaN and Emergency Bleed Kit demonstration and funded K9 patrols around Harrogate town centre.
- **Community Engagement and Reassurance** – throughout the year 38 sessions have taken place in residential areas and high footfall areas which focus on specific issues and provide reassurance to our communities following trends in crime or to support national weeks of action.
- **Support with Operations** – Community Safety Hubs have supported North Yorkshire Police Operations, including multi-agency days of action, such as Operation Tornado, where we have supported with community reassurance following executed warrants and coordinating partnership involvement in executing other methods of enforcement.
- **Professional Development** – investing in our officers to receive external training to support with utilising tools and powers.

3.6 Outlined below are the local priorities for 2026-27:

- **Nighttime Economy and World Cup** – joint work with NYC and NYP licensing teams on joint projects and engagement, utilise links with CCTV, enforcing banning orders and ensure venues are utilising Radio Link scheme, promotion of consequences for proxy sales, utilise CAP resources, anti-spiking initiatives, deployment of Night Marshals scheme on football match dates to provide safety and reassurance to mitigate risk behaviours and be a link between venues and agencies during a busy period.
- **Anti-Social Behaviour** – in the Boroughbridge, Knaresborough and Harrogate areas there are ongoing problems with young people riding e-motorbikes and scooters in an anti-social manner. Working alongside Neighbourhood Policing teams to deter, apply interventions to individuals and enhance intelligence gathering with a look to also exploring target hardening opportunities in repeat locations.
- Harrogate town centre – groups of young people underage drinking, causing ASB and committing public order offences. Joint working with North Yorkshire Police, CCTV and exploitation teams, coordinating multi-agency meetings, initiating frameworks and intervention tools to deter and address these behaviours.

- Residential areas - exhibiting ASB around properties. Working alongside NYC housing colleagues and housing associations to ensure proportionate tenancy enforcement and encourage accurate reporting from neighbouring residents.
- **Utilising Tools and Powers** - The Community Safety & CCTV service, as part of service development, is committed to the continuous professional development of the staff team. During the last year all staff have received training around Civil Injunctions, Closure Orders, Statement taking and Community Protection Warnings and Community Protection Notices. Our aim is to ensure effective use of all tools and powers available to the Community Safety Hubs within the [Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014](#), and consistent use in the application of these across North Yorkshire.
- Currently 8 Criminal Behaviour Orders have been compiled ready for court, for repeat offenders across the Harrogate area committing retail crime, ongoing ASB incidents and public order offences.
- Currently 2 Community Protection Warning letters have been issued in Knaresborough and Harrogate to address ongoing anti-social behaviour in residential areas.
- **Community Engagement** - Throughout the year, 38 engagement sessions have been delivered across residential communities and high footfall areas. These sessions have been targeted to address specific issues, respond to emerging crime trends, and provide reassurance to local residents. There has also been a continued focus on sharing best practice within Community Safety teams to ensure that engagement approaches are effective, inclusive, and reach all members of the community.

3.7 Appendix A provides a summary of performance information relating to Community Safety during 2025-26.

4.0 COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

4.1 To ensure alignment with other Community Partnerships across the country a decision was agreed to adopt a new logo that visually reflects both Community and Safety along with renaming the partnership to Safer North Yorkshire. Members of the partnership agreed that this is a positive move forward. The 2025-26 annual report has been agreed by members.

Safer North Yorkshire Partnership have implemented an annual face-to-face partnership development day for all members to attend in September following the overall agreement that the previous year's meeting was successful in bringing members together to take a proactive approach and commitment around delivering the strategic priorities

The Harrogate Community Safety Hub undertakes work that supports the strategic priorities of the North Yorkshire Community Safety Partnership. This work is driven by the Partnership Team within Community Safety and supported by staff members of the locally based Community Safety Hubs.

Here is a link to the [North Yorkshire Community Safety Partnership Strategic Plan 2024 – 2028](#).

4.2 Domestic Abuse

Local Aim

“We will focus on prevention by proactively increasing understanding of healthy relationships across all age groups, while raising awareness of domestic abuse to ensure early identification and the promotion of specialist services. Our aim is to provide support early and ultimately eradicate abuse.”

Stalking Awareness Week: 21.04.25 to 25.04.25

Safeguarding Week: 16.06.25 to 20.06.25

16 Days of Action: 25.11.25 to 10.12.25

Male Victims of Domestic Abuse: 13.04.26 to 17.04.26

To support these key campaigns and to ensure a strong local presence, community engagement events were delivered across the county. These events enhanced visibility of domestic abuse issues and strengthened community awareness.

The events provided valuable opportunities to involve partner agencies, ensuring that residents could access immediate, informed advice, while clearly demonstrating the strength and consistency of local partnership working. Partner organisations included: North Yorkshire Police, Independent Domestic Abuse Service, North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service, St. Giles Trust, and NYC colleagues from a range of services.

Locations were selected to maximise reach and engagement, reflecting the focus of each campaign. Engagement was achieved across a diverse range of settings including colleges, hospitals, local markets, libraries, community centres, leisure centres, supermarkets, and community cafes. This approach ensured contact with a broad cross-section of the community, including harder-to-reach groups. Events were supported by a range of resources aimed at prompting meaningful conversations, raise awareness of key issues, and equip individuals with practical information to take away.

To extend the impact beyond face-to-face engagement, a coordinated communications approach was implemented. This included social media posts, radio coverage, a press release and both internal and external newsletters. Collectively, these channels significantly amplified campaign reach and reinforced key messaging across the county.

4.3 Preventing and reducing serious violence

The Serious Violence Duty was introduced through the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022. The Duty emphasises a whole-system, multi-agency approach and requires partners to share information, jointly assess local need, and coordinate interventions

A partnership approach to understanding and reducing serious violence and identifying the nature of violence within our local communities is supported by the North Yorkshire & York Strategic Needs Assessment (SNA) of Serious Violence (2025/2026) has recently been published.

Across North Yorkshire the completion of the siting of over 20 knife bins in 17 locations with an interactive map enabling residents to locate exact location of their local bin. The bins are emptied by North Yorkshire Police on a regular basis who safely dispose of the items. In addition, 45 bleed kits have been installed proactively supporting the duty.

The Community Safety Hubs support the duty with a proactive and operational approach which includes the Clear, Hold, Building initiative in Barrowcliff Ward of Scarborough, Project Community – a multi-agency approach giving a visible presence in our communities and Children's Multi-agency Problem Solving meetings to support young people on the periphery of anti-social behaviour.

Training and Community Engagement – a significant undertaking of mandatory training for all Community Safety Hub teams around the tools and powers within their remit to ensure a consistent approach to tackling anti-social behaviour (ASB).

4.4 **Standing Together to Tackle Hate Crime, Radicalisation and Extremism**

North Yorkshire governance for Prevent and Protect & Prepare

North Yorkshire Council's Community Safety and CCTV Service lead on the 'Protect and Prepare' and 'Prevent' strands of the CONTEST Strategy. To support compliance with the Prevent Duty 2015 and the Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Bill (Martyn's Law), both internal NYC strategic groups and local multi-agency groups have been established and are now well embedded.

The local multiagency groups cover the following areas:

- West (Ripon, Richmond, Skipton, Northallerton including its outer areas of Northallerton)
- Central (Harrogate, Selby, Knaresborough, Ainsty)
- East (Scarborough, Whitby, Thirsk, Malton, Easingwold)

Each of these local group's report on their local activity directly into the York & North Yorkshire Prevent Partnership Board, the NYC Strategic Protect & Prepare Group both chaired by the Assistant Chief Executive (Local Engagement Directorate), Safer North Yorkshire (North Yorkshire Community Safety Partnership) and the York & North Yorkshire CONTEST Board.

North Yorkshire Channel Panel is a multi-agency group that assesses individuals who may be vulnerable to radicalisation and develops tailored support plans to reduce their risk, safeguard them, and steer them away from extremist influences. North Yorkshire Channel is chaired by North Yorkshire Council Head of Community Safety and CCTV and meets monthly and continues to be a busy space.

Local activity/engagement

- Locality bases workshops to support the annual review of the Counter Terrorism Local Profile (CTLP) engaging 100 practitioners across the county.
- Annual Multi Agency Prevent Champions Event 13th May 2026 engaging 80 safeguarding practitioners from a variety of organisations.
- North Yorkshire Council's 'Martyns Law' Engagement Conference was hosted on 26th September 2025 in which Figen Murray was the main speaker. The event attracted over 170 participants from across the local retail and hospitality businesses, event organisers and community and voluntary sector.
- Local SCaN/ACT and Martyns Law awareness sessions delivered in partnership with Counter Terrorism Security Advisors across localities to local retail businesses and community and voluntary groups.
- Additional counter terrorism support offered to major annual events taking place across North Yorkshire.
- Quarterly North Yorkshire 'Protect and Prepare' newsletter for partners to help inform partners of both national and local information.

Hate Crime and Community Cohesion

The York and North Yorkshire Inclusive Communities Joint Coordinating Group continues to work in partnership to address hate crime while strengthening more inclusive, cohesive and resilient communities across the region.

Hate Crime Awareness Week (11 October 2025)

Activity during Hate Crime Awareness Week included a range of local engagement initiatives across the county, working alongside businesses, MENCAP and a local theatre group to raise awareness and promote inclusion.

As part of the week, Safer North Yorkshire hosted a Hate Crime Conference attended by around 100 professionals from a wide range of organisations. The event featured national and local speakers, alongside powerful contributions from individuals with lived experience. The conference also marked the launch of the York and North Yorkshire Hate Crime and Community Cohesion Plan on a Page (2025–2028) [Y&NY Hate Crime and Community Cohesion Plan on a Page 2025-2028.pdf](#), which sets out a shared vision:

'To work together to create a future where hate has no place, where communities are empowered, their voices are heard, and everyone feels valued and accepted—supporting York and North Yorkshire to be the safest and most welcoming place for all.'

Hate Crime Awareness and Champions accredited training has been delivered jointly by North Yorkshire Police and North Yorkshire Council to a variety of organisations including NYC Health and Adult Service, NYC Housing Management Teams, NHS Teams and Community and Voluntary Sector.

5.0 PUBLIC OPEN SPACE CCTV

- 5.1 A strategic review of public space CCTV arrangements has been initiated. The review is being led by Alastair Taylor (NYNet) and reports to a strategic steering group chaired by Rachel Joyce, Assistant Chief Executive, North Yorkshire Council. The steering group includes representation from across the Council, including procurement and information governance, as well as partners from the York and North Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority and North Yorkshire Police. The review will undertake a comprehensive assessment of current arrangements, evaluating the effectiveness, efficiency, and compliance of existing systems. It will make recommendations to ensure that CCTV provision continues to support community safety, crime prevention, and public confidence, while fully respecting privacy and legal obligations. The steering group is meeting on a monthly basis. The review is currently in the evidence-gathering phase, with engagement and consultation taking place across key stakeholders, including a questionnaire to Parish Councils. It is anticipated that initial findings and recommendations will be presented to the steering group in early summer, with further reporting and decision-making to follow.
- 5.2 The Harrogate CCTV Control Room has integrated the cameras from Northallerton, Bedale, Thirsk, Stokesley, Selby, Tadcaster & Sherburn in Elmet into the 24-hour service. This process has maximised the use of NYNET fibre infrastructure and has also included upgrading of some existing cameras to digital quality. The control room has live radio communications to North Yorkshire Police via Airwaves.
- 5.3 The cameras are registered with the Information Commissioners Office (ICO) for the prevention and detection of crime. The cameras are not used for any enforcement purposes, traffic management, monitoring of roadworks or weather relates issues. The CCTV Service liaises with other departments, and reports concerns or risks that may be identified through routine surveillance. The Highways Team at Boroughbridge depot have view only access to a specific number of cameras to assist with their planning, they do not utilise the system for any enforcement work.
- 5.4 The majority of evidence is produced for North Yorkshire Police via a Service Level Agreement. This is provided electronically to their cloud-based system NICE. This allows quick time provision of data and saves time for police officers as there is no requirement to attend the CCTV Control Room. Airwaves radio allows CCTV to speak direct to the force control room and officers on duty. A live feed also exists to the police station at Harrogate.

- 5.5 Further capital investment is planned to continue the upgrade of analogue to digital cameras in Harrogate & Knaresborough during 2026-27.
- 5.6 The Harrogate CCTV Control Room is responsible for the coordination of the Harrogate District Businesses Against Crime Partnership (HDBAC). This includes the regular production of intelligence packs and partner briefing concerning shoplifting, travelling criminals and organised crime impacting on our towns. This includes working alongside Business Improvement Districts (BIDS) and shoplifting leads within North Yorkshire Police.
- 5.7 Appendix A provides a summary of CCTV performance during 2025-26.

6.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- a) Annual updates are presented to the Area Committee alongside colleagues from North Yorkshire Police.
- b) Feedback is provided on the Strategic Review of Public Open Space CCTV across North Yorkshire.

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Community Safety & CCTV Performance Summary 2025-26 Harrogate & Knaresborough

KNIFE BINS	Date Installed	Total No of deposits	No of deposits 2025-26
Harrogate, Dragon Road Car Park, Harrogate	January 2023	3,951	1,486
Fisher Street Car Park, Knaresborough	February 2025	547	547
Morrisons Car Park, Boroughbridge	February 2025	224	224

BLEED KIT LOCATIONS
UK Bleed Control Kit Map Register & Find Nearby Emergency Kits
Jennyfield Styan Community Wellbeing Hub, Grantley Drive, Harrogate
Bilton Methodist Church, 205 Skipton Road, Harrogate
Community House, 46-50 East Parade, Harrogate
Fairfax Community Wellbeing Hub, Fairfax Avenue, Harrogate
Library Gardens, Victoria Avenue, Harrogate
St Peters Church, Cambridge Road, Harrogate
Fern House, Spa Lane, Starbeck, Harrogate
Crescent Gardens Public Toilet, Crescent Gardens, Harrogate
Stockwell Community Wellbeing Hub, Stockwell Avenue, Knaresborough

ASB Management, Tools & Powers	
Orcuma Cases – coordinated by the CSH	51
Orcuma Enquiries – referred into the CSH	858
Criminal Behaviour Orders (CBO's) (granted 2025-26)	4
Closure Order (LA or Police led) (granted 2025-26)	Partial = 1 Full = 1
Community Protection Warnings (CPW) Issued by the CSH	0
Community Protection Notices (CPN) Issued by the CSH	0
Acceptable Behaviour Contracts (ABC) Issued by the CSH	2
Antisocial Behaviour Case Reviews (formally Community Trigger)	1

Public Open Space CCTV Cameras	Total number of cameras per town	Total No of Incidents	Top Types of Incidents – 2025-26
Harrogate & Knaresborough	55 8 Total = 63	2021/22 - 3489 2022/23 - 3823 2023/24 - 4245 2024/25 - 4096 2025/26 - 2996 April 2026 - 431	Traffic observations 605 Concern for welfare/Missing 493 Suspect person/ Observations known offender 372 Anti-social behaviour 312 Shoplifting 209 Assault / Violence 206

CCTV Reviews for NYP	CCTV Evidence Produced NYP	Note
40 hours 50 mins total time spent by operators reviewing footage	156	Each clip is usually a few minutes in length showing the actual incident Routine surveillance is undertaken daily to support police colleagues
Annual Recharge to NYP	£17,621 <small>excl VAT</small>	This figure includes Ripon recharges

Business Crime Membership	Harrogate & Knaresborough	Ripon	Total Membership
Retail	47	22	
Night- Time Economy	22	3	
Total	69	25	94

Note: Ripon BID Fund the Radios for the town

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Area Committee NPT Update – Harrogate, Knaresborough & Boroughbridge

Area Commanders Update

North Yorkshire Police is committed to providing an outstanding service to the public of York and North Yorkshire, to keep them safe and feeling safe. As part of that commitment, we will continue to have a strong presence in neighbourhoods and communities; this helps us to understand and be responsive to community needs and to build public trust and confidence.

As the Superintendent for the Harrogate area, I am very much committed to this. Working alongside me as a Senior Leadership Team, are three Chief Inspectors: Chief Inspectors Jo Crooks-Rea (responsible for the Response Teams), Simon Williamson (responsible for the Neighbourhood Policing Team) and Matt Wilkinson (Responsible for Crime). I hope that in due course and during future meetings that you will have the opportunity to meet them all.

At present our Neighbourhood Policing Teams (NPT) are made up of both PCSOs and police officers. They are led by Sergeants and 1 Inspector. They are very much focused on crime prevention activities.

Harrogate Inner NPT is led by Inspector Greg Davies

Harrogate Outer NPT is led by Inspector Keeley Lockey-Smith

Harrogate Inner

NPT UPDATE:

We have welcomed several new officers and staff to Harrogate NPT inner in recent months.

South

PCSO Bigsby
PC James
PC Puntillo (student)
Sgt John Pepper

Town

PCSO Northcott
PC Cleary
PC Beardsley

North

PS Jon Moss

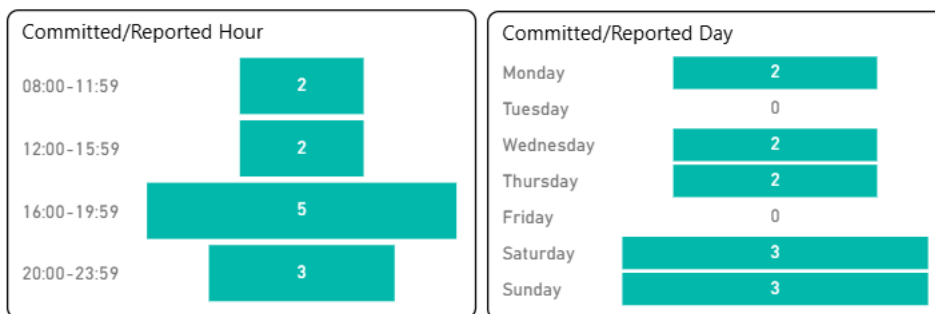
ASB and NTE – Last 90 Days

Hgte Inner = 14 Wards (Condensed to the main 3 areas North, Town & South)

North –

Killinghall

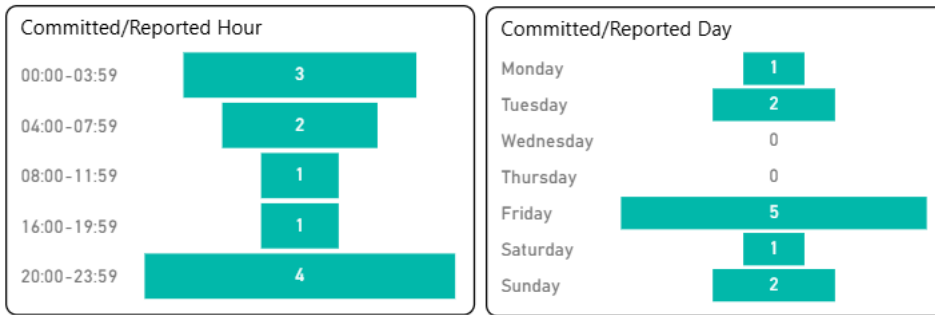
12 incidents



This consists of 8 ASB Nuisance and 3 ASB Personal, and 1ASB Environmental.

Saltergate

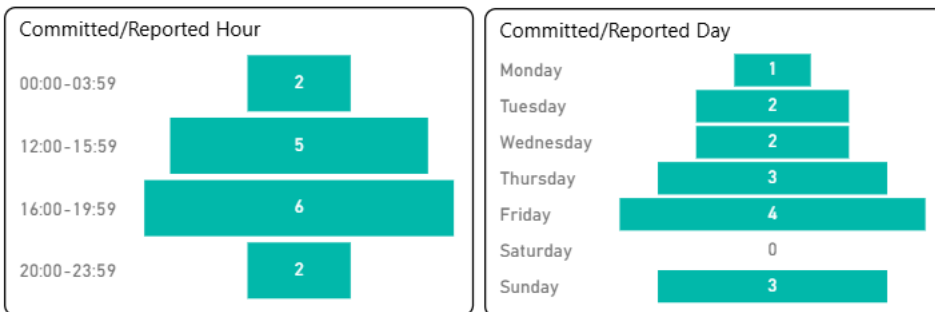
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Bilton

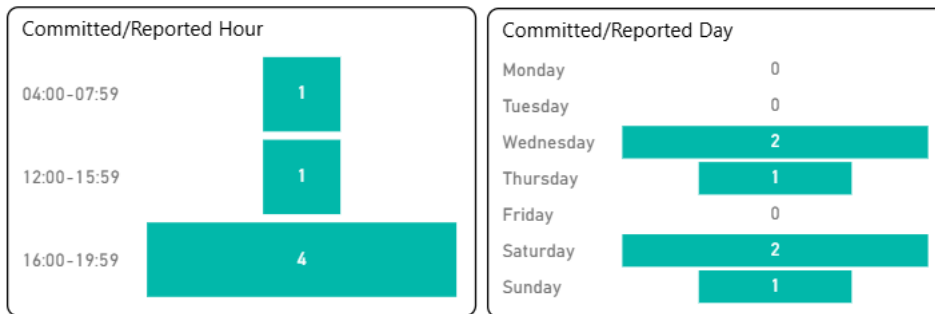
15 incidents



This consists of 13 ASB Nuisance and 1 ASB Personal, and 1ASB Environmental.

New Park

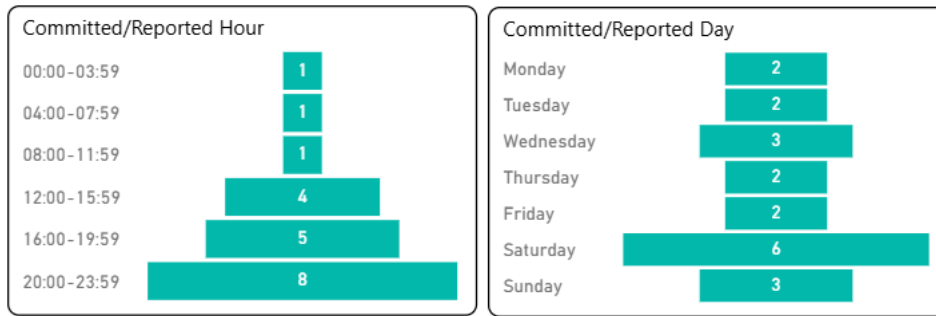
6 incidents



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Woodfield

20 incidents

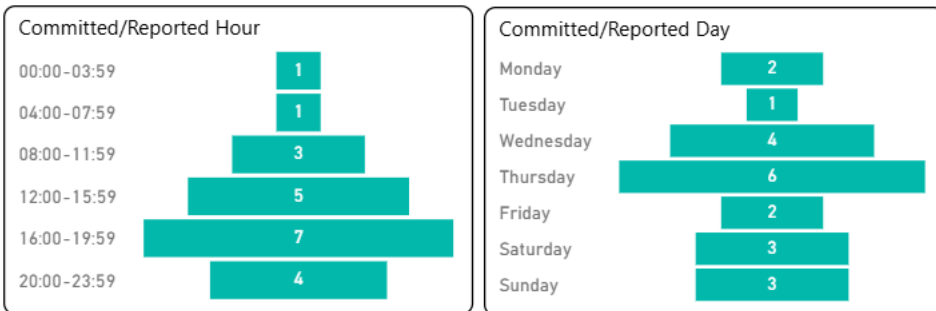


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Town

Town Centre - High Harrogate

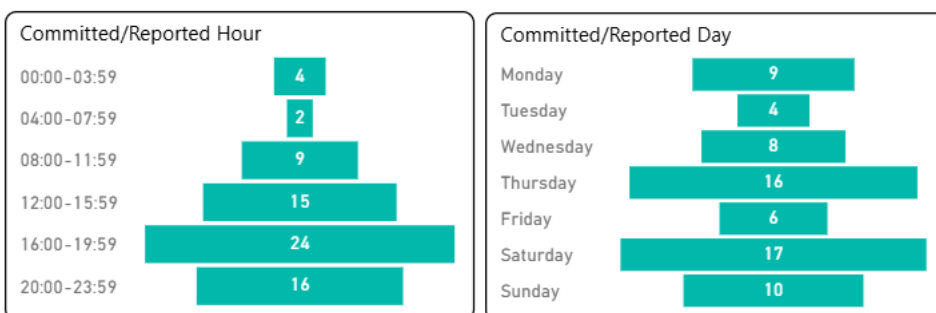
21 incidents



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Town Centre - Low Harrogate

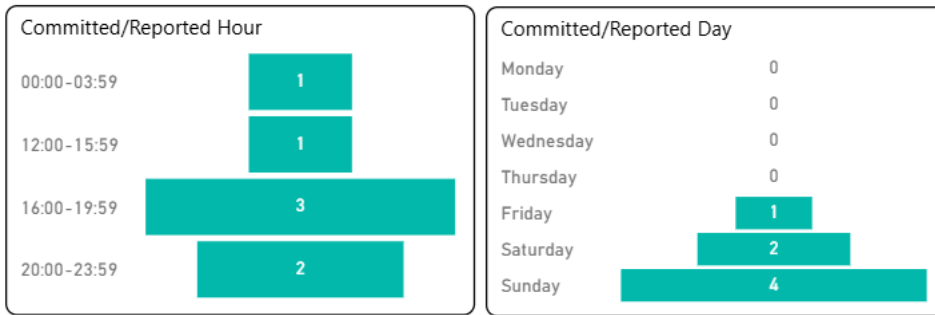
70



This consists of 596 ASB Nuisance and 9 ASB Personal, and 4 ASB Environmental.

Harlow Moor

7 incidents

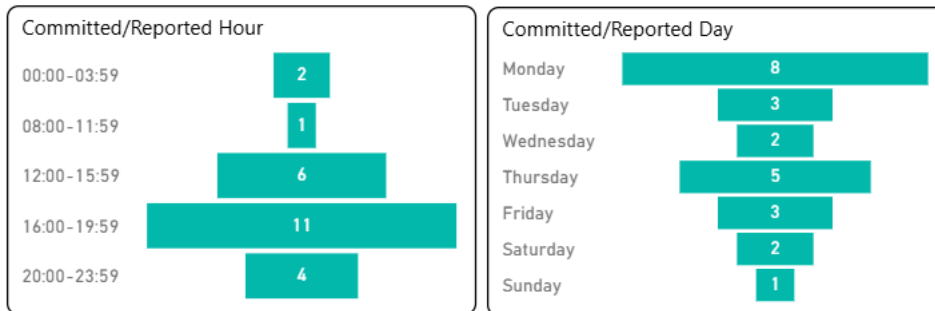


This consists of 3 ASB Nuisance and 4 ASB Personal.

South

Starbeck

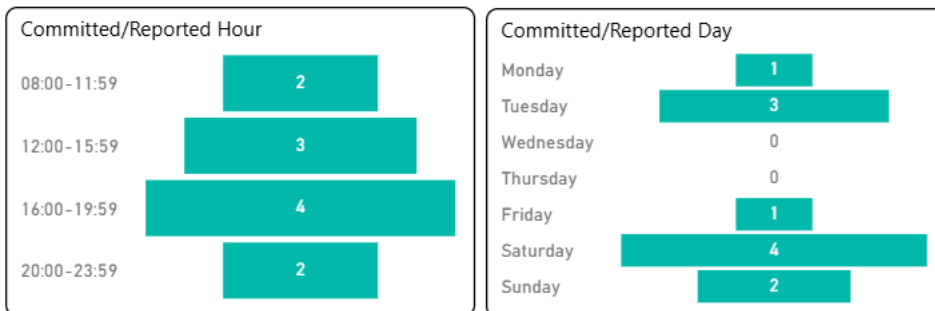
24 incidents



This consists of 18 ASB Nuisance and 6 ASB Personal.

Hookstone

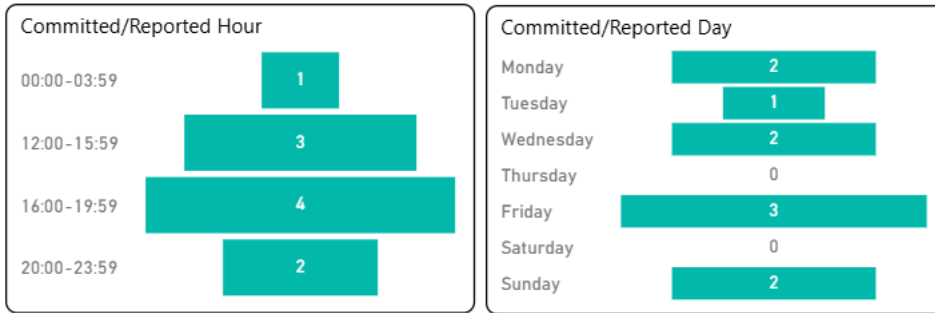
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Pannal

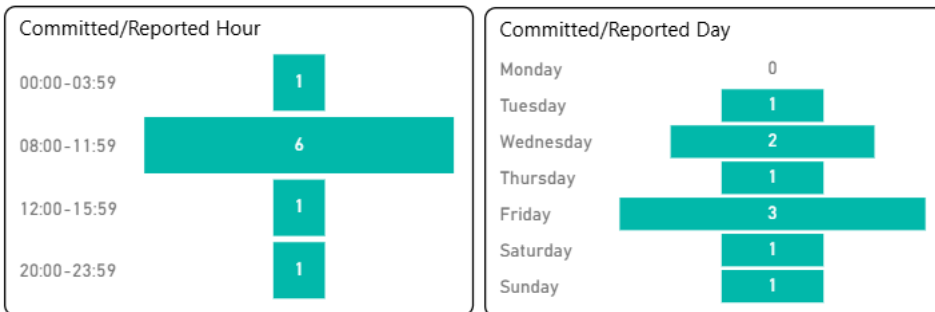
10 incidents



This consists of 5 ASB Nuisance and 5 ASB Personal.

Rossett

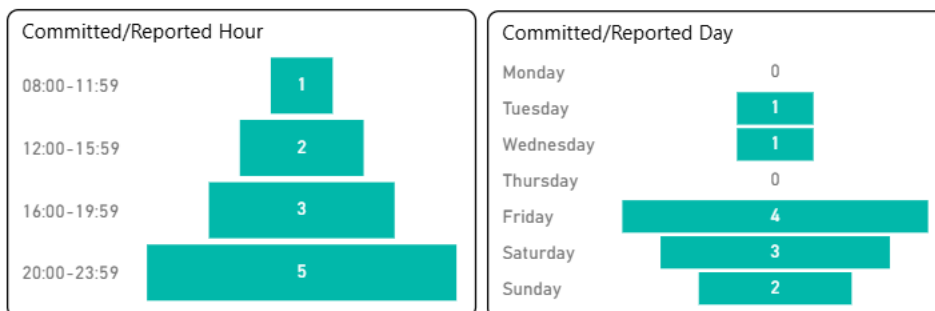
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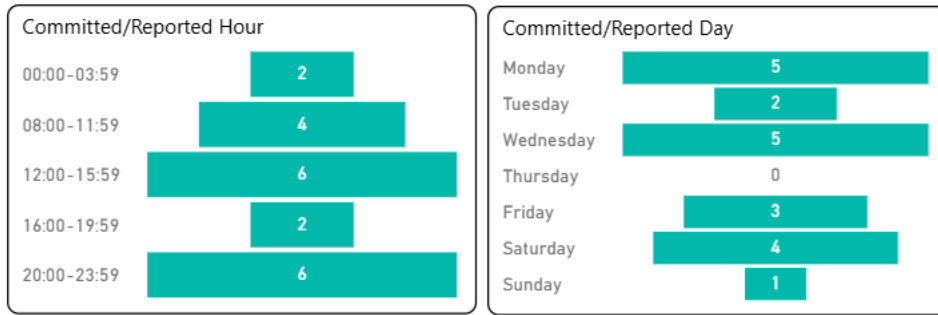
Stray

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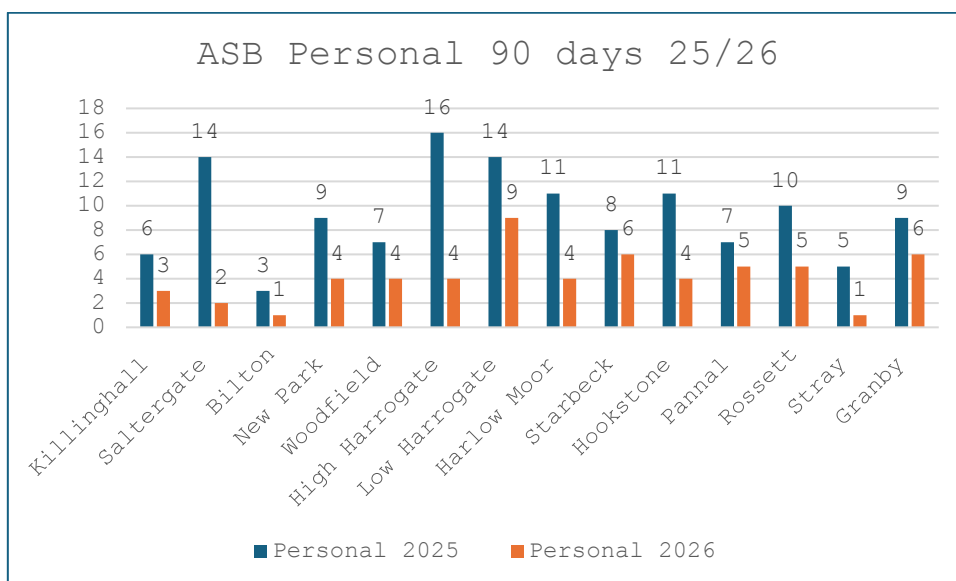
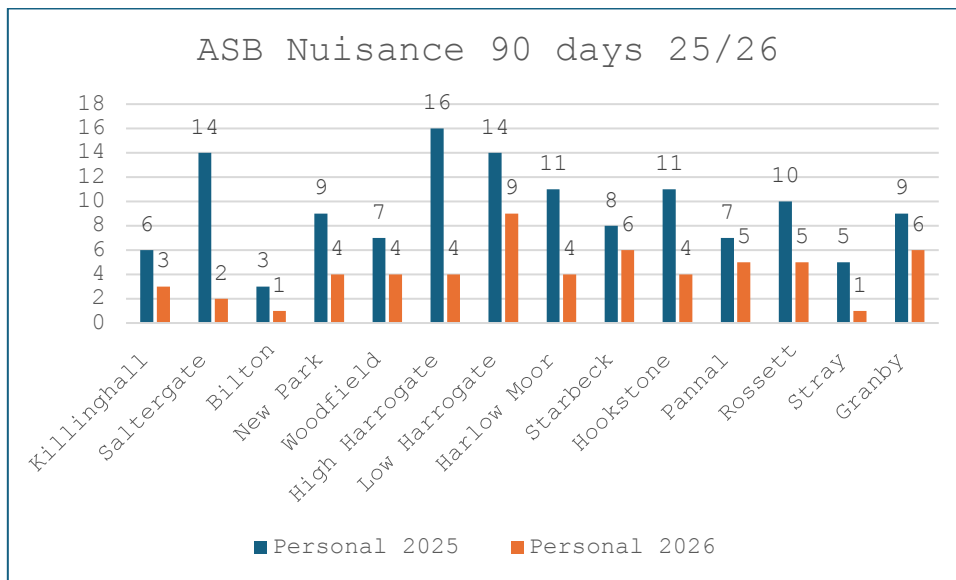


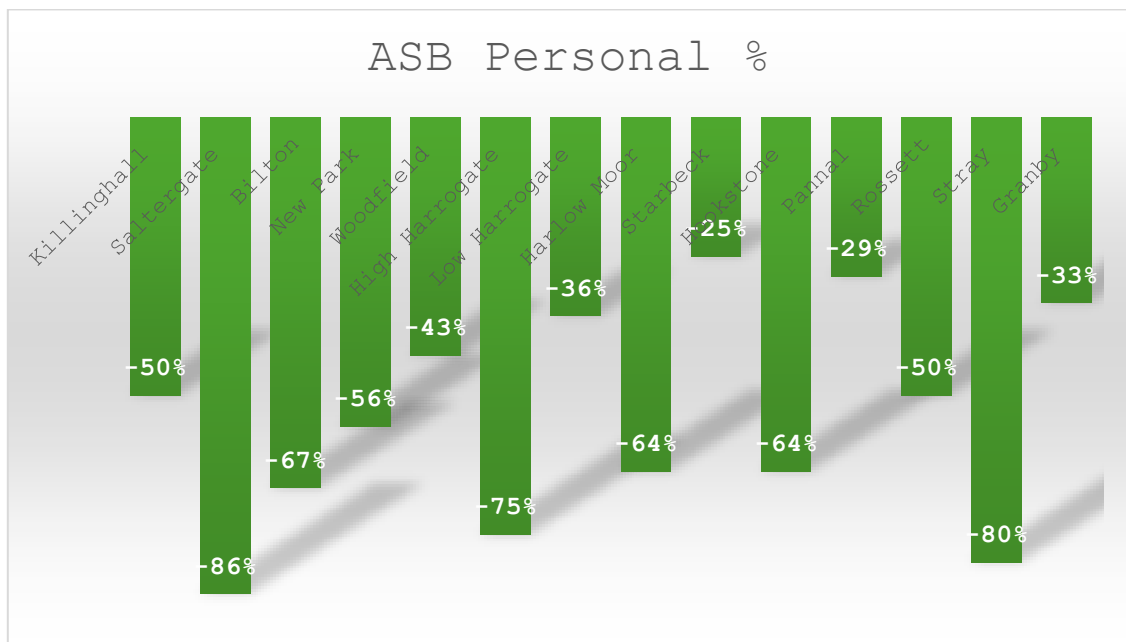
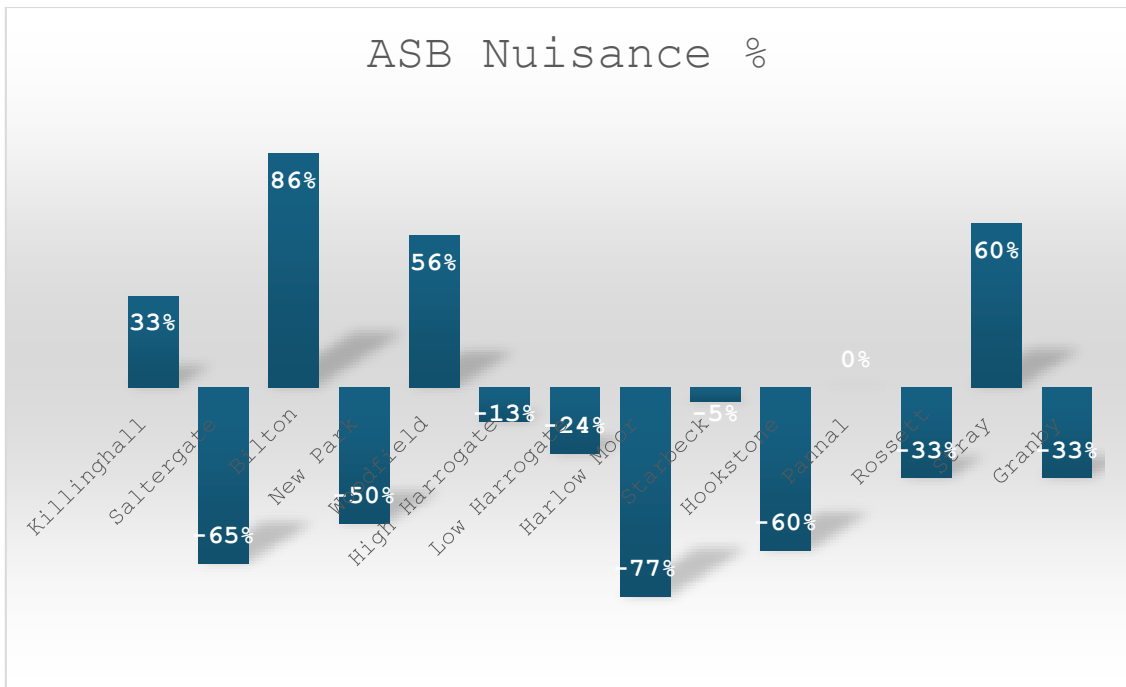
This consists of 8 ASB Nuisance and 1 ASB Personal, and 2 ASB Environmental.

Granby
20 incidents



This consists of 14 ASB Nuisance and 6 ASB Personal.





Bilton – Reports of youths at house party, youths drinking in the street, ASB. Repeat victim offender, NPT engaging with.

Woodfield – 3 occurrences relate to repeat victim/RP and known male nominal. NPT aware and supporting victim and taking appropriate action on male nominal. Motorbikes on the greenway, multiple reports. Operation being planned to combat this.

Stray – reports of ASB nuisance on the Stray persons playing music through DJ equipment. This has been explored and local environmental health team notified for consideration to any breaches of stray act. But no evidence of any ASB currently. RP suitable advised. This area also identified as a

popular spot for youths and groups and has been included in a dispersal zone should any dispersal notices be required.

Further reports include male in tent on stary, NPT visited and male found support out of area.

Killinghall – Neighbour dispute, Moorlands Fold. NPT are engaged and working with housing to progress and reach a satisfactory solution.

Neighbour dispute at Nidd Croft. NPT aware and engaging.

The increase in ASB in Bilton, Woodfield and Stray wards when broken down is associated with youths and some ASB from known locations that are linked to vulnerable persons or drugs activity (Woodfield/Bilton). These areas have seen an increased focus in recent months around these issues and regular patrols are taking place, and increased engagement with our communities.

May is currently showing a reduction in ASB in all three wards.

Child Exploitation CSE / CCE

Harrogate Inner has some of the highest risked victims in the County. There are four female victims seen to come to police attention with one young person with 377 involved occurrences linked to them. This does include intelligence, and 107 incidents linked to CSE, and many of these relate to missing person episodes.

However, through collaboration with partners, we have significantly reduced the number of incidents and engagement continues with the individuals, their families, partners, education and children's social care.

We currently have 2 High Risk Child Exploitation Perpetrators. Continued work is ongoing to introduce a Slavery Trafficking Risk Order for one, and arrests and bail conditions, and CAWN's have been put in place. These actions have had a significant impact on child exploitation, and we have seen a reduction in those we believe were at risk of exploitation. Missing and Exploitation Team are continuing positive work with partners and families to engage with both victims and perpetrators. All of this has resulted in much fewer calls for service and fewer victims.

Op Buggy was introduced to provide a focus on a specific group of young persons believed at risk of Child Criminal Exploitation and to target perpetrators. The ongoing work between NYP and partners has been positive with a significant change in the intelligence picture around these young persons and their risks and exposure to exploitation.

Current PSP's & Operations

Op Buggy is the operation focused on identifying the perpetrators of child criminal exploitation against vulnerable young persons and taking appropriate action to safeguard the children and to bring offenders to justice. Since the introduction of Op Buggy, we have seen a significant and positive change in the intelligence picture and continue to work hard to safeguard young persons.

Op Cone is the operation introduced to combat ASB in the Harrogate Town Centre by youths and adults. After seeing a sudden increase in ASB amongst a large group of young people, Harrogate NPT

and partners took positive action to identify all those involved. Due to the level of violence that was evidenced in some incident's arrests were made on a small group of young persons. Dispersal orders were actioned where appropriate, bail conditions introduced, and other young persons identified as being part of the groups causing the ASB were spoken to with parents. Working with the Community safety Hub we have issued ABC warning letters and introduced ABC's to several young persons. We have also taken the time to engage with parents and carers alongside partners to provide the appropriate support to them.

Op Codon Following the successful prosecution and convictions of 3 males for burglary offences in the Harrogate area, we introduced Op Codon to investigate a series of 2in1 burglaries in the Harrogate area. Following proactive patrols in targeted areas and intelligence led policing we have arrested five nominals for offences of burglary. These investigations remain ongoing and we have seen a reduction in 2in1 offences since August 2025.

Op Solar Whilst not a problem-solving plan, we have continued our active engagement and reassurance patrols to our Jewish community following several violent incidents both nationally and internationally.

Op Sceptre / OP Divan

Knife crime is a national concern particularly with youths. Our NPT teams often work with our school liaison officers to produce and deliver crime and safeguarding education at our local schools and colleges. We have a knife amnesty bin in the town centre that is emptied weekly removing potential future risks.

PSP's

- PSP for shop theft in town centre and the wider Woodfield estate. This also includes CBOs for prolific offenders.
- PSP for Op Cone -ASB Youths, ABC's also issued.
- Motorbikes on Greenway/Harrogate.

Cuckoo / Vulnerable Victim's

Our teams regularly conduct impromptu welfare checks on some or very vulnerable potential "Cuckoo" victims in company with Housing staff and the Community Safety Partnership Hub to ensure they get the support that they need and are as protected as well as much as is possible.

Recently as part of Op Tornado the NPT Team and Community Safety Partnership Hub have carried out several arrests for drugs offences and are currently working towards a full premises closure order. We have also led focused days of activity on the Bilton and Woodfield estates

Good work of note – following multiple reports of drugs activity and ASB, officers conduct regular cuckooing visits of an address in Harrogate, and an adult female is arrested for drugs offences. As a result of the continued activity, we are working with CSH to obtain a closure notice of the premises.

Priorities – Tasking & Vulnerability Patrol Plan (TVP)

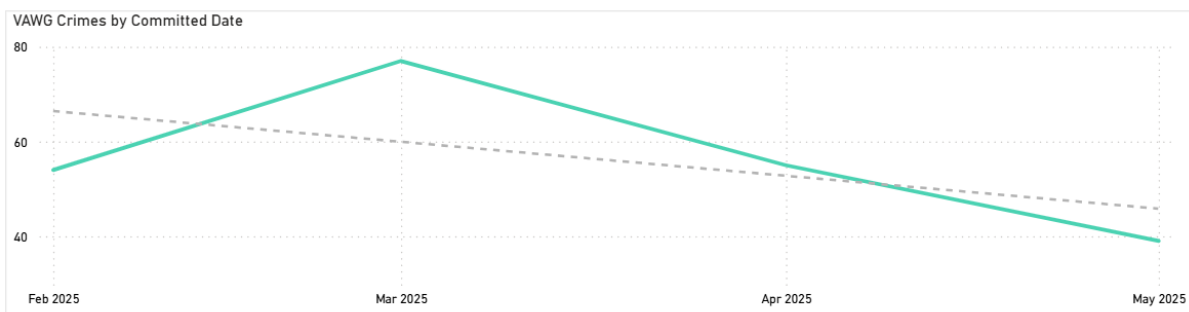
- **OP BUGGY**
- **OP CODON**
- **Op CONE**

- **Safeguarding Most Vulnerable** - Visiting and safeguarding our most vulnerable victims of Domestic abuse, CSE / CCE and Cuckoo victims by actively targeting/disrupting the perpetrators and supporting victims.

- **Nighttime Economy and Op Hotspot patrols**

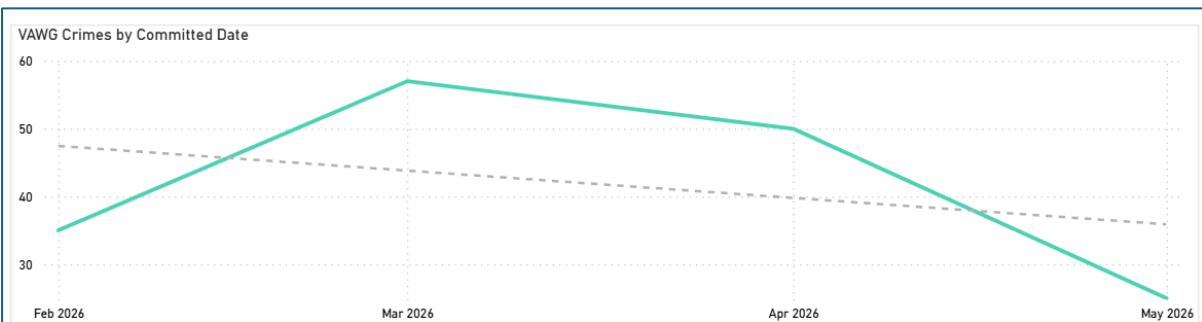
- **VAWG – Op Vigilant patrols**
Compared to the same period last year we have seen a -25% reduction in VAWG related crime.

2025



Year	2025					Total
Command	February	March	April	May	Total	Total
County	54	77	55	39	225	225
Total	54	77	55	39	225	225

2026



Year	2026					Total
Command	February	March	April	May	Total	Total
County	35	57	50	25	167	167
Total	35	57	50	25	167	167

VAWG

Feb Mar Apr May 25

54	77	55	37	223
Feb	Mar	Apr	May	25
35	57	50	25	167
-35%	-26%	-9%	-32%	-25%

- **Prevention work** – Providing focus and planning for the release of convicted criminals to provide the appropriate support to prevent re-offending and take robust and positive action to those who continue to offend upon release.
- **Retail Crime** – New dedicated team for prevention and early intervention in retail crime, for Harrogate Town.

Positive outcomes data period 21/05/2024 – 01/05/2025 (Dashboard only begins from 21/05/2024)

County Command as a whole – 55.67%

Harrogate (inner and outer) – 59.26%

Positive outcomes data period 01/05/2025 - 01/05/2026

County Command as a whole – 61.52%

Harrogate (inner and outer) – 65.84%

Particular good work highlights over the last 12 months

Chocolate shop thefts – February 2026

An OCG travelling group being monitored by Op Opal came to North Yorkshire and committed a series of high value chocolate thefts (£5000 in total) over the course of a week around the York/Harrogate/Knaresborough area. 2 of the offenders were identified and stopped by RPG. They were charged with the thefts and received an 8-month jail sentences suspended for 12 months. They were also issued a CBO banning them from entering any Tesco's, Sainsburys and CO-OP anywhere in the UK.

Prolific cross-border criminal September 2025

An unknown nominal was frequently travelling to Harrogate/Boroughbridge to commit high value alcohol thefts. Officers linked in with Op Opal and neighbouring forces to establish an identity for the male and the same day, successfully obtained an ID and managed to stop the vehicle in a neighbouring force. The nominal was arrested and charged where he then received a 34-week prison sentence.

The retail crime team continue to work with the CSH to obtain CBOs on the most prolific nominals and with IOM/probation to achieve recall to prisons thereby keeping prolific offenders in custody for longer.

Upcoming events of focus

Fifa World Cup 2026 – NTE resources in place with high visibility patrols.

Great Yorkshire Show

G. Davies

Inspector 1760

Harrogate Inner Neighbourhood Policing Team

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North Yorkshire Council

Harrogate and Knaresborough Area Committee

4 June 2026

Harrogate, Knaresborough and Boroughbridge Town Investment Plan update

Report of the Corporate Director of Community Development

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide an update to the Area Constituency Committee on progress with the development of Town Investment Plans (TIPs) for Harrogate, Knaresborough and Boroughbridge, with details on the emerging Harrogate and Knaresborough TIP vision and priority projects, consultation evidence and project prioritisation work and ongoing engagement in Boroughbridge.

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The North Yorkshire Council Economic Growth Strategy 2024–2029 includes a commitment to develop investment plans for the county’s towns and their hinterlands, or to refresh existing plans, to drive economic growth and productivity in line with the Local Plan, Local Transport Plan and other key strategies. Town Investment Plans for key urban centres and market towns form part of the suite of documents required to move the Economic Growth Strategy from high-level ambition into delivery on the ground.
- 2.2 Within this framework, work is underway to prepare TIPs for Harrogate, Knaresborough and Boroughbridge, providing an evidence base for future business cases and coordinated investment across the area.
- 2.3 The Town Investment Plan programme provides a coordinated, place-based framework for regeneration and investment, helping the Council and the York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority to understand local investment priorities and opportunities. The programme is intended to act as an evidence base for future funding bids and business cases, and to guide decisions by public, private and community partners over the medium to long term.
- 2.4 TIPs are being developed through active collaboration, bringing together business networks, community and voluntary organisations, developers, public sector agencies and other stakeholders, with co-design and community participation as core principles.
- 2.5 Across the three towns, the focus is on identifying real, positive changes that will help neighbourhoods to thrive and improve quality of life for residents, businesses and visitors. The three TIPs sit within the North Yorkshire Council Economic Growth Strategy 2024–2029 and are part of the wider suite of documents that turn county-wide ambitions into delivery, alongside the Local Plan, Local Transport Plan and other key strategies. Because they are being developed to a common methodology, with shared criteria and programme themes, they provide a coordinated, place-based framework for regeneration and investment rather than isolated plans.

2.6 For Harrogate and Knaresborough in particular, this creates clear opportunities to design linked interventions along shared corridors and within functional economic and travel-to-work areas – for example, complementary bus enhancements, connected active-travel routes, joined-up visitor and heritage offers, and aligned skills and employment initiatives that recognise the way people live, work and move across the two towns. As Knaresborough’s engagement findings and project list mature, officers will be able to bring forward more explicit “twin-town” packages that maximise local benefits while strengthening the collective case to the York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority and other funders.

3.0 HARROGATE TOWN INVESTMENT PLAN

3.1 The Harrogate TIP is now underpinned by a substantial mixed-method engagement programme delivered from autumn 2025 to early 2026, including nearly 600 survey responses, themed workshops, Member sessions, Youth Council and school engagements, and targeted engagement with various local groups. This has generated a robust evidence base that reflects the views of residents and businesses across age groups and communities, including young residents and people who live in surrounding settlements but rely on Harrogate for work and services.

3.2 An emerging vision is taking shape around Harrogate as a “heritage-led wellness destination” that combines its Victorian spa character, strong green-space offer and cultural assets with modern, inclusive infrastructure and opportunities. Work is underway to translate this vision into a phased programme of quick-win interventions, medium-term programmes and longer-term strategic projects, supported by an emerging Advisory Board to help refine priorities, oversee project development and champion the TIP with partners and funders.

3.3 Consultation findings show a high level of pride in Harrogate’s distinctiveness, but also a clear sense that the town needs to adapt to remain attractive and inclusive. People consistently highlight:

- Heritage and built environment: attractive historic buildings and a traditional spa-town character that must be protected and better celebrated.
- Green spaces and nature: the Stray, Valley Gardens, Harlow Carr and local parks as core assets, alongside the wider countryside setting.
- Safety and cleanliness: Harrogate is widely perceived as safe and pleasant, which is integral to its appeal.
- Cultural and leisure offer: the Theatre, Royal Hall, Harrogate Convention Centre and festivals as important strengths, with appetite for a more defined cultural quarter and more year-round events.

3.4 Respondents also describe a series of challenges:

- Public realm and town centre: parts of the town centre are seen as “tatty and tired”, with worn paving, hard landscaping, lack of shade, surface-water flooding and prominent empty buildings, including former department stores and some council-owned assets.
- Economy, jobs and business conditions: job and training opportunities are often rated “poor” or “very poor”, with many residents commuting out for better pay and prospects and high business costs seen as major barriers to independent businesses.
- Youth provision and inclusion: respondents highlight under-provision of youth clubs, safe hang-out spaces and affordable indoor activities (e.g. bowling, ice rink, trampoline and family attractions), and a desire for community infrastructure that reflects all age groups, not just older residents.

- Housing and infrastructure: concerns focus on affordability, the perceived quality and character of some recent estates, and the sense that roads, schools, GP practices and local services are not keeping pace with growth.
- Transport and movement: congestion, roadworks and parking charges are recurring themes, alongside mixed views on cycling infrastructure and calls for improved bus connectivity (including evenings and links to surrounding towns such as Skipton, Ilkley and Otley).

3.5 The consultation evidence points to a set of headline priorities for the Harrogate TIP:

- Protect and enhance heritage and green spaces: invest in high-quality public realm, green-blue infrastructure, protection and reuse of historic buildings, and imaginative use of parks.
- Revitalise the town-centre economy and public realm: tackle tired streetscapes, vacant units and upper floors, and create a more vibrant, mixed-use town centre with active ground floors and improved evening economy.
- Improve transport, active travel and access: address congestion and parking pressures, improve bus services and connections, and deliver safer, more coherent walking and cycling routes into and through the town.
- Expand youth, leisure and wellbeing provision: create more inclusive and affordable facilities, activities and support for young people, families and those on lower incomes, including mental-health and wellbeing support.

These themes directly inform the project pipeline in the prioritisation exercise, ensuring a strong consultation fit for shortlisted schemes.

3.6 The Harrogate TIP project longlist has been put through a structured prioritisation process using a two-stage “sift” framework.

- Sift 1 – eligibility and programme fit: projects must align with at least one TIP programme theme (Enabling Enterprise; A Sustainable Settlement; Protecting Heritage and Promoting Growth; Resilient and Improving Social and Personal Well-being) and be realistically deliverable within the indicative timeframes.
- Sift 2 – scoring against eight criteria: eligible projects are scored against strategic fit, community-consultation fit, economic impact, social wellbeing, climate-change impact, deliverability/realism, value for money and legacy, with scores summed across criteria and assessors to give a total ranking.

This process allows projects to be rank and provides a transparent rationale for why some schemes progress more quickly than others, while still retaining a broader “pipeline” for future opportunities. The highest-scoring projects collectively provide a balanced response to the consultation evidence, covering town-centre renewal, transport, youth and wellbeing, green infrastructure, skills and enterprise.

3.7 Each project emerging from the TIP that requires council investment will be subject to its own business case, financial appraisal, legal checks and decision-making through existing governance routes, ensuring alignment with council budgets and risk appetite.

3.8 The project priority list is being currently refined, and it will be shared with the Members and Advisory Group in the coming weeks. There will be further opportunities to engage with the vision and priority projects in the upcoming months. The draft Harrogate plan will be presented to Members by the end of 2026.

4.0 KNARESBOROUGH TOWN INVESTMENT PLAN

- 4.1 Progress on the Knaresborough Town Investment Plan (TIP) has advanced significantly over the past period, with Gateway 1 (Strategic Case) completed, presented, and signed off by the Programme Board in April 2026. This stage has focused on establishing a robust evidence base and strategic context for the Plan, drawing on a wide range of national, regional and local strategies, alongside detailed local analysis and engagement. The work confirms that the TIP is well aligned with priorities around sustainable growth, town centre vitality, health and wellbeing, and heritage-led regeneration, positioning it as a key delivery mechanism for both North Yorkshire Council and York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority ambitions.
- 4.2 A comprehensive evidence review has been undertaken to understand Knaresborough's current position, strengths and challenges. This has highlighted that, while the town is a relatively successful and attractive market town, it is facing increasing pressure from housing growth, infrastructure constraints and accessibility issues. Key challenges include congestion at known pinch points, the need to strengthen town centre vitality, and the ongoing management of important heritage and environmental assets such as the riverside and historic core. At the same time, the evidence reinforces the importance of protecting Knaresborough's distinct character and ensuring that future growth is coordinated with infrastructure, services and place quality.
- 4.3 A significant programme of stakeholder and community engagement has been delivered to complement the evidence base and ensure that the TIP reflects local priorities. This has included discussions with Knaresborough Town Council, targeted engagement with community and business groups, multiple public drop-in sessions, and a public survey which received 135 responses. Early feedback highlights consistent themes around the need for better coordination of growth and infrastructure, improvements to accessibility and movement, and a desire to focus on practical, deliverable interventions that build on the town's existing strengths rather than large-scale transformation.
- 4.4 Building on this combined evidence and engagement, a clear set of emerging themes has been identified to guide the next stage of the TIP. These include strengthening Knaresborough's sense of place through heritage and culture, improving town centre functionality and vitality, addressing movement and accessibility challenges, and ensuring that growth is aligned with infrastructure and environmental capacity. There is also a strong emphasis on managing key assets such as the market and River Nidd, and on delivering practical, phased interventions that can demonstrate early impact while contributing to long-term resilience.
- 4.5 The programme is now transitioning into the next phase of work, focused on project identification and prioritisation. A longlist of potential interventions has been developed and a structured prioritisation matrix is being applied to assess projects against strategic fit, deliverability and impact, ensuring a robust and transparent approach to shortlisting. This phase will be supported by further internal collaboration and engagement with stakeholders, with the aim of developing a clear, deliverable set of priority projects and an agreed vision for the town over the coming months.
- 4.6 Overall, the Knaresborough TIP is progressing in line with the agreed programme, with strong foundations now established through evidence and engagement. The focus will now shift towards refining priorities, developing a clear project pipeline, and ensuring the Plan is positioned to secure funding and deliver tangible improvements for residents, businesses and visitors.

5.0 BOROUGHBIDGE TOWN INVESTMENT PLAN

- 5.1 Boroughbridge follows the same core methodology as other towns, with a place-based evidence review, stakeholder mapping and a programme of engagement to inform a draft vision and longlist of projects. This work is being led by the Localities team, with support from Regeneration officers.
- 5.2 There are a number of public engagement events planned in the upcoming weeks, including community consultation events on Saturday 6th June at Boroughbridge Library and Wednesday, 17 June at Methodist Church. There is a separate event organised with the local Chamber of Commerce on 4 June. An online survey is live until 30 June 2026, to capture views from residents and businesses who cannot attend in-person events.
- 5.3 Feedback from these activities will be analysed to identify what people value about Boroughbridge, key challenges and opportunities, and to inform early vision-setting and project ideas for the TIP.
- 5.4 Further updates on emerging themes, draft vision options and potential interventions for Knaresborough will be brought to future meetings once the engagement phase is complete and analysis has been undertaken.

6.0 FINANCIAL, LEGAL, EQUALITIES AND CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The Harrogate TIP engagement has deliberately sought to involve a wide range of voices to ensure that diverse needs and perspectives inform the emerging vision and project concepts. Similar attention to equalities, community participation and climate resilience is incorporated into the development of the Knaresborough and Boroughbridge TIPs as engagement and project scoping progresses.
- 6.2 At this stage, the TIPs are being developed as strategic frameworks and evidence bases, and there is no commitment to specific capital or revenue expenditure beyond existing budgets for strategy and engagement activity.
- 6.3 Any future projects emerging from the TIPs that require Council investment will be subject to separate business cases, detailed financial appraisal and decision-making through the Council's governance processes.
- 6.4 Legal implications, including any procurement or statutory consents, will be assessed at individual project level as schemes move from concept to delivery, with early consideration given through the TIP process where relevant.

7.0 CONCLUSIONS

- 7.1 The Harrogate and Knaresborough TIPs are progressing well, underpinned by extensive engagement and a strong emerging vision that reflects both the town's heritage strengths and its contemporary challenges and opportunities.
- 7.2 Boroughbridge is at an earlier stage, with engagement underway.
- 7.3 The three TIPs will collectively support delivery of the Economic Growth Strategy and help to guide future investment decisions across the Harrogate, Knaresborough and Boroughbridge area over the coming years.

8.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- a) That the Area Constituency Committee notes the progress made in developing Town Investment Plans for Harrogate, Knaresborough and Boroughbridge.
- b) That Members provide any views on the emerging vision options and priorities for Harrogate to inform the next stage of TIP development and project prioritisation
- c) That Members note the engagement activity underway in Boroughbridge and indicate any additional local priorities or stakeholder groups that should be considered as the TIPs progress.

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Harrogate and Knaresborough Area Committee

04 June 2026

Improving the Public Realm: A Comprehensive Review and Reset of Street Cleansing Services

Report of the Corporate Director - Environment

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report outlines a comprehensive service reset for Street Cleansing operations, including new performance indicators, aligned operational standards and an improvement in the quality of cleanliness, alongside an expanded role for local communities in maintaining high-quality public spaces.

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Street cleansing is a statutory responsibility that contributes to public health, environmental quality, and community pride. In April, the strategic oversight of the service transferred from Highways and Infrastructure to Environment and Transport. It is proposed that, over the next few months, responsibility for the mechanical sweeper fleet associated with road cleansing and the ten associated posts will move from Waste Operations to North Yorkshire Highways (NYH). This will support an enhanced level of service by enabling closer integration between road cleansing and gully emptying and other highways functions. Direct dialogue and formal consultation are taking place with affected colleagues. This proposal does not affect pavements and pedestrianised areas which will remain the responsibility of Waste and Street Scene.
- 2.2 Bringing together both the strategic and operational elements of street cleansing across North Yorkshire provides an opportunity for a comprehensive service review and reset. This will help improve consistency, modernise service delivery, and strengthen local accountability. Currently, there is no single countywide policy for street cleansing, and provision is shaped largely by historical practices, presenting potential for improvement. While Waste Operations leads the function, the Parks and Grounds Service also undertake substantial aspects of public realm cleansing. This results in several operating models across the county, which can create confusion and duplication and to limit the ability of teams to take full ownership for delivering a high-quality local environment.
- 2.3 Across the County, NYC supports several environmentally focused groups, however many community volunteers contribute their time to help keep the area clean, often without any direct engagement with the Council. Where engagement does occur, there is no single point of contact - volunteers may work with Parks and Grounds, Waste Operations, the Coastal Team, or Localities. This fragmented approach potentially discourages participation and limits the potential for coordinated initiatives, such as the Great British Spring Clean and locally focused intensive programmes. In addition, other key partners, including the National Parks and Business Improvement Districts, play an important complementary role in helping maintain a clean and welcoming North Yorkshire.

3.0 PROPOSAL

- 3.1 To provide sufficient capacity to undertake a review of the Service, a new fixed term post of Street Scene Policy Officer is currently being recruited to. This role will have responsibility for ensuring the street cleansing service is responsive to local service demand but is delivered consistently to maximise the opportunities from LGR. The post will be key to creating a suite of performance indicators and creating a programme of work to deliver service improvement and efficiency savings. Over the coming months, the street cleansing service will have delivered £100k worth of savings through the HAT-03 transformation programme with a further £50k to be delivered in 27/28 [currently unallocated]. This has been achieved through a review of working practises [NYH operating model for mechanical sweepers], a reduction in overtime and a more integrated approach to local litter disposal practises.
- 3.2 The role will also be responsible for developing a single, accessible consistent approach for how the Council engages with community litter-pick groups and to encourage more to get involved. This will include establishing a standardised offer from NYC, providing appropriate tools and support such as generic risk assessments, tabards, and an accessible network of locations where volunteers can collect equipment. Work will also be undertaken to benchmark our offer against that of other Local Authorities to help maximise volunteer participation and ensure individuals are signposted to the most appropriate organisations or groups.
- 3.3 Alongside the support provided to community groups, opportunities will be explored to pilot new collaborations with Business Improvement Districts, Parish and Town Councils, social landlords and other partners. These arrangements may draw on double devolution principles or involve contributions to enhance street cleansing provision in specific areas, for example dedicated village/town caretakers. The service will also explore the development of a closer working relationship with the Probation Service and Community Payback teams, ensuring environmental improvement initiatives are effectively delivered for the benefit of local communities.
- 3.4 A fixed-term litter campaign was delivered across the County in 2023/24; however, it did not form part of a cohesive long-term strategy. Since then, the Council has participated in several initiatives - including the Great British Spring Clean and the Sprucing Up Scarborough project - but again these have not been connected to a broader communications approach, limiting their overall impact. A key element of the future service model will therefore be the development and use of consistent messaging, vehicle branding, litter-bin infrastructure and aligned participation in national campaigns to maximise influence and visibility. The policy officer will be working closely with other services within Environment and Corporate Communications experts to develop and deliver a communication strategy fit for the prominence of the service, to work with other stakeholders, Division Members, MPs etc. Educational outreach directly and supporting others with additional messaging will be key, this would be with schools and others such as the Scout and Girlguiding Associations. The Service has applied for, and secured, funding from Keep Britain Tidy's Chewing Gum Task Force, this has delivered high profile improvements with the potential for scalability across North Yorkshire.
- 3.5 The Service has developed strong working relationships with Division Members across the County. Feedback from engagement sessions, Member Seminars and ongoing dialogue indicates, a continued high level of interest in street cleansing and community support activities. Building upon this, to maintain a standardised service that is reflective of local demand, will be key to the long-term success of the Service.

- 3.6 At present, there are limited formal Performance Indicators for the Street Cleansing Service. The intention is to establish and monitor performance measures across all localities. Likely indicators include:
- i. Percentage of scheduled cleansing tasks completed within agreed SLAs
 - ii. Litter grade performance (A–D) by area (based on nationally recognised standards)
 - iii. Number of overflowing litter bins reported and resolved within 48 hours
 - iv. Community-reported issues resolved within target times.
 - v. Customer satisfaction with local cleanliness, informed by complaint data
- 3.7 While enforcement does not fall within the operational Street Cleansing Service, it is clear that enforcement activity plays a vital role in maintaining a clean and welcoming North Yorkshire. To provide a more complete view of overall performance in this area, consideration will be given to reporting indicators from both service areas together.
- 3.8 The delivery of a high-quality public realm is about far more than simply keeping spaces free from litter and detritus. It is about clean beaches, a street scene free of graffiti and guano, well-maintained street furniture, effective weed control, and a shared sense of pride in the environment. Achieving this standard, cuts across multiple service areas - both within and beyond the Council. Over the coming months, work will continue to identify and align the most effective elements from the different operating models and practices in operation between Parks and Grounds and Waste and Street Scene. This may include greater collaboration between services or the harmonisation and clearer distinction of processes to improve the effectiveness of each service individually. To date, improvements have largely focused on individual teams, functions, or specific locations. This review will take a whole service perspective, enabling a strategic assessment of the most efficient and effective ways to maintain a clean and welcoming North Yorkshire.
- 3.9 A common approach across many local authorities is the use of local, area-based teams that take ownership of all relevant Council functions within their locality, rather than operating strictly within traditional service boundaries. Neighbourhood “clean and green” teams - responsible for a broad range of environmental tasks - have proven to be an effective and responsive operating model in numerous councils. Filey provides a strong local example of this integrated approach. In this locality, a single, compact team has taken responsibility for a broad range of functions - including cleaning public toilets, cutting grass, managing parks, removing street litter, gritting and servicing the town’s litter bins - all under the management of the Parks and Countryside team. This approach demonstrates how a flexible, place-based operating model can deliver high-quality outcomes and provides a potential blueprint for other areas. However, this structure differs significantly from arrangements across the wider North Yorkshire area and may not be easily scalable without disrupting the service models introduced as part of LGR. Careful consideration is therefore needed to determine whether expansion would bring clear benefits. Options include piloting the model in another locality, disbanding it to reinforce clarity of roles and responsibilities, or refocusing it to maximise outcomes through closer collaboration with another service - such as Waste and Street Scene - or with partners like NYH.
- 3.10 Work is also progressing with Regeneration colleagues to ensure that the service reset fully aligns with opportunities created through the new Town Centre Investment Plans and Pride in Place programme. This collaboration will help ensure that the street cleansing service plays a strong, visible role in delivering the wider ambitions for key locations across North Yorkshire.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The new Street Scene Policy Officer is a fixed term position for two years.

- 4.2 The service reset will be delivered within existing budgets, any fleet change, or invest to save requirements will go through the normal governance routes.
- 4.3 A key part of the service reset will be transforming how we deliver an effective service whilst delivering the £50k commitment in MTFS for 27/28.

5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no legal risks anticipated. Statutory duties under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 will continue to be met.

6.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The report seeks a decision to undertake a review of the service. The equalities implications of implementing any proposals, will be considered should a decision be sought to implement changes to policies and practices.

7.0 CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 The reset aims to reduce carbon emissions through more efficient routing, modern low emission equipment, and improved recycling of street-collected waste.

8.0 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 The proposed improvements will create a more efficient, modern, and community focused street cleansing service.

<p>9.0 RECOMMENDATIONS</p> <p>9.1 That members note the contents of this report.</p>

APPENDICES:

None

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:

None

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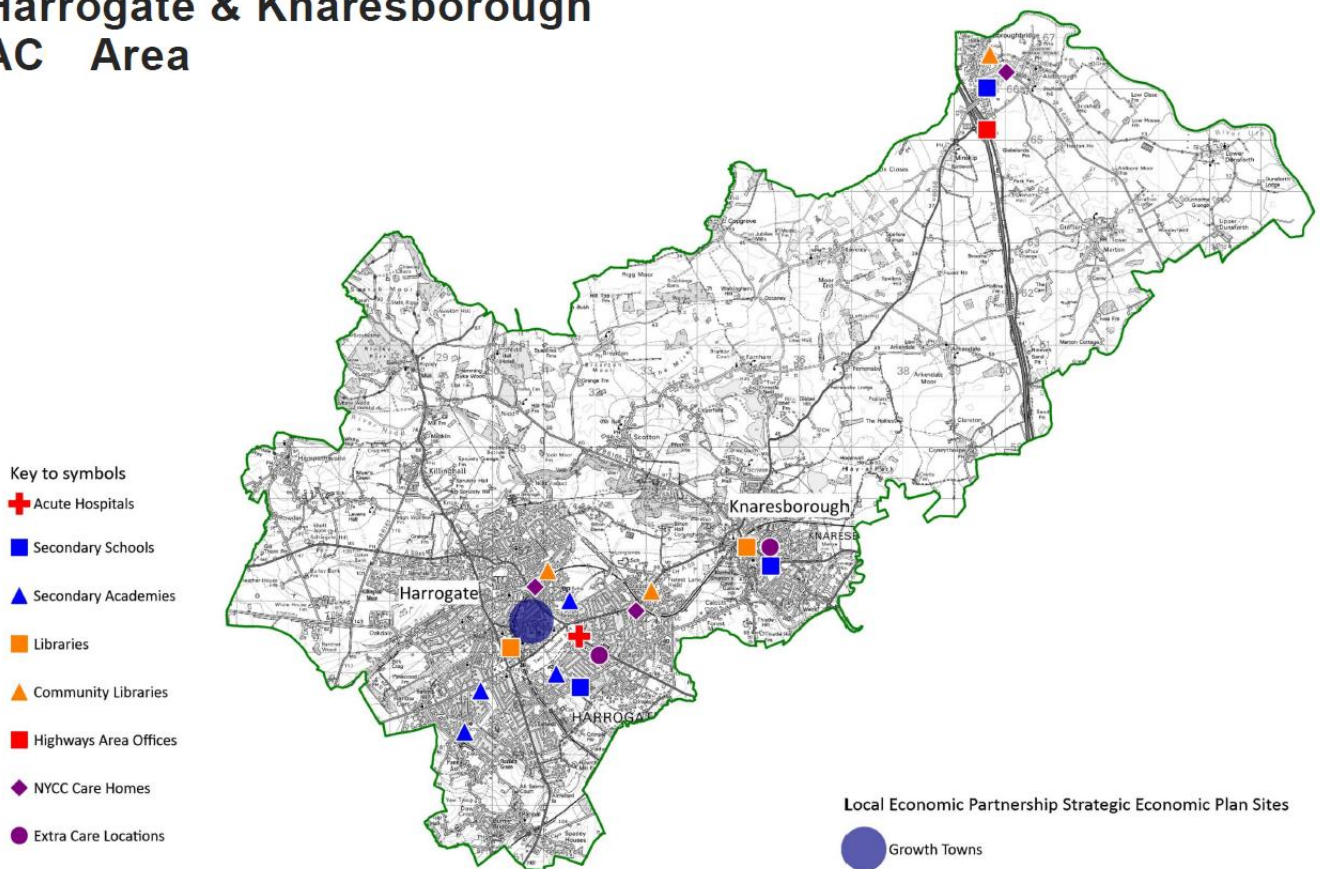
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4 June 2026

Membership

Councillors Andrew Timothy, Monika Slater, Chris Aldred, Philip Broadbank, Sam Gibbs, Hannah Gostlow (Vice-Chair), Michael Harrison, Paul Haslam, Peter Lacey (Chair), John Mann, Mike Schofield, Matt Walker and Robert Windass.

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Introduction

Area Committees (ACs) are a forum for visible local democracy and accountability, where members of the public and local groups can raise specific issues which affect the local area. ACs can also act as consultees for the development of plans and policies which affect the area and monitor performance data to ensure services are being delivered effectively and efficiently. ACs can provide meaningful scrutiny of local issues within their area, complementing the strategic work undertaken by the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committees.

The Annual Report 2025/26 provides a summary of the committee's activity over the last year and an overview of what it has achieved.

Looking Back: 2025/26

There were four formal meetings of the committee in the 2025/26. The agendas, reports, and minutes of those meetings are available on the council website.

A summary of the key themes at each meeting are as follows:

5 June 2025

- Heard an update from Tom Gordon MP and conducted a Q&A.
- Considered the Community Safety Annual Report.
- Executive Member consulted the Committee on a forthcoming decision affecting their area.

25 September 2025

- Heard an update from David Skaith, Mayor of York and North Yorkshire and conducted a Q&A.
- Discussed a devolution pilot, where Knaresborough Town Council were to take on management and responsibility for the weekly charter market.
- Considered the Section 19 Investigation Report into the 6 May 2024 Knaresborough Flooding, making a series of recommendations to Yorkshire Water and the Flooding team.

27 November 2025

- Received an update on air quality management in the Harrogate area following the submission of the council's 2025 Air Quality Annual Status Report to DEFRA.
- Committee were updated on the progress of Active Travel schemes in the area, recommending to the Executive Member and Corporate Director that progress be expedited, and that Scrutiny consider delivery of the schemes.
- The Parish Liaison and Local Devolution Team explained how they were engaging with Town and Parish Councils in the area.
- Received a written update on missed bin collections in the area.

20 March 2025

- Committee were updated on the progress of Active Travel schemes in the area.
- Considered an update on the performance of schools in the area.
- Written updates:
 - On the referrals made following the Section 19 report in September 2025.
 - From Harrogate Youth Council on issues of concern to the local youth community.
 - On the progress of the Town Investment Plan for Harrogate.
 - Received a further written update on missed bin collections in the area.

In addition, there were 12 informal briefings and updates to the members (typically held remotely via MS Teams) which helped to inform the work of the committee by providing context and background on issues in the area. They also provided an opportunity for members to provide specific local feedback to council officers. These sessions included the following issues:

- Providing local feedback on the Council's Budget.
- Receiving regular updates on the delivery of the Harrogate Station Gateway scheme.
- Updates from Yorkshire Water on infrastructure works in the area.
- Progress on the delivery of active travel schemes in the area.
- Briefings from partner organisations and agencies.

Public Participation

A key element of the work of the committee is engagement with local people and organisations and listening to concerns raised. In 2025/26, there were 9 public questions and statements, an increase on 6 from the previous year. There was also one petition, considered under the Council's petition's scheme. The public raised issues of concern including:

- Road safety
- Active travel
- Local development
- Preservation of local heritage assets.

The meetings of the committees are recorded and either broadcast live, or a recording published after the meeting has taken place. 439 people accessed the meetings through these recordings, in addition to those who attended the meetings in person.

Recordings of the meetings are available here - [Live meetings | North Yorkshire Council](#)

Looking Forward: 2026/27

Work Programme

The committee's work programme is a document which sets out the topics and subjects it wants to consider over the course of the next civic year. It is a live document that is owned by the committee. Members can suggest items for inclusion, both as part of discussions and debate at meetings of the committee as well as in between meetings. Any item identified for inclusion with the work programme will be reviewed by the supporting officer and at the MCB to determine:

- 1) whether it is within the scope of the committee;
- 2) what the expected outcome of the debate and discussions would be;
- 3) whether it is being reviewed by another committee of the Council; and
- 4) whether it could be considered as part of an informal briefing as opposed to at a formal committee meeting.

Key Themes for 2026/27

Some of the key areas of investigation currently included in the draft work programme for 2026/27 are:

Core place & public realm

- Street scene, parks and open spaces focus (cleanliness, visitor readiness, maintenance)
- Tree lighting and public realm assets (Stray, memorial/seasonal lighting issues)
- Regular engagement with MP and Combined Authority Mayor

Transport, highways & movement

- Traffic management and roadworks scrutiny
- Parking strategy and enforcement (incl. major 2026 consultation)
- Active travel / cycling schemes rollout
- Wider public transport coordination with Combined Authority

Infrastructure, resilience & environment

- Winter weather response (gritting performance lessons)
- Flood response scrutiny (Knaresborough 2024 event follow-up)
- Emergency planning and resilience arrangements
- Climate change and water infrastructure discussions

Growth, regeneration & investment

- Harrogate Town Investment Plan (ongoing delivery oversight, including of Knaresborough TIP as it comes forward)
- Care and Support Hub development
- Neighbourhood planning and local development frameworks

Community safety & local services

- Community safety and CCTV performance (with Police input)
- Localities service delivery and community engagement
- Planning enforcement monitoring

People, communities & outcomes

- Youth council engagement and democratic participation
- Annual schools update
- Housing liaison activity (via working group)

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HARROGATE AND KNARESBOROUGH AREA COMMITTEE

2026–27 WORK PROGRAMME

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Updates to the work programme since the last ordinary meeting are shown in italics.

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1. Progress on Issues Raised and Actions from Previous Meetings

Subject and Minute No.	Raised	Notes	Status
Communication with Elected Members During Emergency Events	Raised at Thursday 30 April Mid Cycle Briefing	Members queried the communications protocol that meant Silver Command contact number to the NYC elected member only, and asked whether this could be extended to parish councillors and community groups on an exceptional and discretionary basis – e.g. when an event affected multiple areas in a single division.	Written briefing note circulated to members.
Parking Services Update	Raised at Thursday 28 October 2025 Mid Cycle Briefing	Harrogate and Knaresborough Local Area Action Planning is scheduled to begin in summer 2026, and will include the member consultation phase. Area Committee will be fully engaged in the process during that period.	Post-consultation report planned for late 2026.
Street Scene in Harrogate and Knaresborough	Requested by Chair and Vice Chair	To explore how effectively are Street Scene services planning and delivering work in Harrogate and Knaresborough ahead of the forthcoming tourist season, and what improvements or prioritisation are needed to ensure the area is clean, welcoming and well maintained.	Agenda item for 4 June 2026 meeting.
Traffic Management and Roadworks	Raised at Thursday 28 October 2025 Mid Cycle Briefing	To consider the processes in place for managing and administering traffic management in Harrogate and Knaresborough and seek feedback from AC.	Agenda item for 24 September 2026 meeting.
Winter Weather Response	Raised at Thursday 28 October 2025 Mid Cycle Briefing	To address concerns about gritting performance in the area, and specific plans relating to the Harrogate and Knaresborough Area which was affected in January 2025.	Agenda item for 24 September 2026 meeting.

2. Items for Forthcoming Committee Meetings

(*Denotes an annual update)

Thursday 4 June March 2026, 10:00, Harrogate Civic Centre.
Mid Cycle Briefing: Thursday 30 April 2026

Item	Contact Officer	Notes
Election of a Chair and Vice Chair	Edward Maxwell (Senior Democratic Services Officer)	To elect a Chair and Vice-Chair for the 2026-27 Civic Year.
<i>Receipt of Petition “Save Knaresborough Castle”</i>	<i>TBC</i>	<i>Receipt of a petition entitled “Save Knaresborough Castle”.</i>
Community Safety Annual Report	Julia Stack (Community Safety & CCTV Manager)	Update on community safety in the area. Joint update with representatives from North Yorkshire Police.
Harrogate Town Investment Plan	Marcin Szczech (Principal Regeneration Officer)	Update on development and implementation of the Harrogate Town Investment Plan. Postponed from March 2026.
Street Scene in Harrogate and Knaresborough	Harry Briggs (Head of Waste Operations and Street Scene)	To explore how effectively are Street Scene services planning and delivering work in Harrogate and Knaresborough.
Area Committee Annual Report	Edward Maxwell (Senior Democratic Services Officer)	To hear the annual report summarising the work of the Area Committee in the 2025-26 Civic Year.

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Thursday 24 September 2026, 10:00, Harrogate Civic Centre.
Mid Cycle Briefing: Thursday 30 July 2026

Item	Contact Officer	Notes
<i>Receipt of Petition “Save Knaresborough Viaduct”</i>	<i>TBC</i>	<i>Receipt of a petition entitled “Save Knaresborough Viaduct”.</i>

Mayor David Skaith (Mayor, York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority)	Edward Maxwell (Senior Democratic Services Officer)	Mayor Skaith to attend to discuss the role of the MCA, economic development, and projects in the Harrogate and Knaresborough area
Localities Service Update	Adele Wilson-Hope (Communities Area Manager (East))	Update on the activities of the Localities service in the Harrogate and Knaresborough area.
Parking Services Update	Steve Brown (Head of Parking Services)	To hear an update on parking services and enforcement issues within the area.
Winter Weather Response	Nigel Smith (Head of Highways Operations)	To address concerns about gritting performance in the area, and specific plans relating to the Harrogate and Knaresborough Area which was affected in January 2025.

Thursday 26 November 2026, 10:00, Harrogate Civic Centre.

Mid Cycle Briefing: Thursday 22 October 2026

Item	Contact Officer	Notes
Attendance of Tom Gordon MP	Tom Gordon MP	Update from the MP on activities and projects that affect the area, and opportunity for Members to raise issues of concern.

Thursday 25 March 2027, 10:00, Harrogate Civic Centre.

Mid Cycle Briefing: Thursday 11 February 2027

Item	Contact Officer	Notes
Schools Performance Update 2026/27	Jon Holden (Strategic Planning Manager)	Annual update on educational landscape, achievement and financial challenges.
Harrogate and Knaresborough Youth Councils* (TBC)	TBC	<i>Depending on availability of Youth Council members. Opportunity to raise issues of concern for young people in Harrogate and Knaresborough.</i>

3. Future Items of Work

(*Denotes an annual update)

Item	Contact Officer	Notes	Proposed Activity	Proposed Date
Maintenance of Tree Lighting in the Stray Area	Neil Jackson (Electrical Engineering Manager)	<i>For members to be kept informed of the ongoing review of lightning failures for memorial and seasonal lighting on Otley Road.</i>	<i>Written updates to members.</i>	<i>Throughout 2026 as review progresses.</i>
Active Travel and Cycle Schemes	Melisa Burnham (Highways Area Manager)	To review the delivery of active travel schemes in the Harrogate and Knaresborough area.	Area Committee agenda item or member briefing	<i>Ongoing updates. Team attendance at AC once team established in 2026.</i>
Community Safety and CCTV Update*	Paul Romans (Community Safety CCTV Manager)	Update on community safety in the area. Joint update with representatives from North Yorkshire Police.	Area Committee agenda item (last update June 2025)	June 2026*
Town Investment Plan	Marcin Szczech (Principal Regeneration Officer)	Update on development and implementation of the Harrogate Town Investment Plan.	Ongoing updates.	<i>June 2026. Written update circulated April 2026.</i>
Resilience and Emergencies Briefing*	Matt Robinson (Head of Resilience and Emergencies)	To receive an update on measures taken to prepare for, and respond to, emergencies in the Harrogate and Knaresborough area.	Area Committee agenda item (last update March 2025)	<i>Answers to written questions circulated May 2025. Future update to be arranged as required.</i>
Localities Service Update*	Adele Wilson-Hope (Communities Area Manager (East))	Annual update on the work of the localities service.	Area Committee agenda item (last update June 2025)	September 2026*
Update from Mayor David Skaith, YNYCA	Mayor David Skaith	Update from the Mayor on activities and projects that affect the area.	Area Committee agenda (last update September 2025)	September 2026*
Traffic Management and Roadworks	Nigel Smith	To consider the processes in place for managing and administering traffic management in Harrogate and Knaresborough and seek feedback from AC.	Area Committee agenda item	<i>September 2026</i>
Winter Weather Response	Raised at Thursday 28 October 2025 Mid Cycle Briefing	To address concerns about gritting performance in the area, and specific plans relating to the	Area Committee agenda item	<i>September 2026</i>

		Harrogate and Knaresborough Area which was affected in January 2025.		
Parking Services Update	Steve Brown	<i>Harrogate and Knaresborough Local Area Action Planning is scheduled to begin in summer 2026, and will include the member consultation phase. Area Committee will be fully engaged in the process during that period.</i>	Area Committee agenda item summarising post consultation phase	Late 2026
Update from Tom Gordon MP	Tom Gordon MP	Update from the MP on activities and projects that affect the area.	Area Committee agenda (last update June 2025)	November 2026*
Parks and Open Spaces Update	Jon Clubb (Head of Parks and Grounds)	Update on activities and plans in the Harrogate and Knaresborough area.	Area Committee agenda item	Late 2026
Development of the Harrogate Care and Support Hub	Executive Member	Member briefings currently being arranged throughout the course of the project – dates to follow. (report to Executive, 7 January 2025)	Member briefings	Late 2026
Section 19 Investigation Report on the 6 May 2024 Flood Event in Knaresborough	Referred to TEEE OSC	<i>Scrutiny referral to investigate process and response to May 2024 flood event in Knaresborough.</i>	<i>Written updates following next committee meeting in July 2026.</i>	Late 2026
Harrogate and Knaresborough Youth Councils*	Daniel Thomas (Youth Voice Creative Engagement Officer)	Update on activities, with the opportunity to put down a motion for debate by members.	Area Committee agenda item or written update, depending on Member availability. (last update March 2026)	March 2027*
Annual School Update Report*	Jon Holden (Strategic Planning Manager)	Educational landscape, achievement and financial challenges,	Area Committee agenda item (last update March 2026)	March 2027*
Cycling UK 150th Anniversary	<i>Edward Maxwell (Senior Democratic Services Officer)</i>	<i>Engagement in plans to commemorate 150th anniversary of Cycling UK on 28 August 2028.</i>	<i>Ongoing consultation and written updates.</i>	<i>Up to anniversary event on 28 August 2028.</i>

CIL and s106 Funding		<i>Comment on the allocation of Community Infrastructure Levy funding and Section 106 monies, in accordance with the delegated powers set out in the Constitution.</i>	TBC	<i>To be discussed at Constitution Working Group as part of "Supporting Area Committee Decision Making" Notice of Motion.</i>
Public Transport Functions		Discussion on co-operation between NYC and YNYCA on delivering local transport functions in Harrogate and Knaresborough.	Ongoing monitoring	Draft Local Transport Plan scheduled for consideration by CA in June 2026, followed by public consultation.
Planning Enforcement	Chris Kedde (Senior Planning Enforcement Officer)	Monitor and comment on Planning Enforcement matters of significance to the Harrogate and Knaresborough area.	Ongoing monitoring	<i>Responses to public enquiries circulated to local members for information, May 2026.</i>
Update on Beyond Carbon		A briefing on how this impacts the Harrogate and Knaresborough constituency area.	Member briefing	<i>Planned for June 2026 – dates TBC.</i>

4. Working Group Activity

Harrogate Station Gateway Working Group	
<p>Membership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Cllr Chris Aldred (Working Group Chair) b) Cllr Hannah Gostlow c) Cllr Sam Gibbs d) Cllr Paul Haslam e) Cllr Robert Windass 	<p>Working Group Meetings <i>(future meetings in italics)</i></p> <p>Meetings to be arranged as required to update Members on progress of the scheme.</p>

Housing Liaison Working Group	
<p>Membership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Cllr Matt Walker (Working Group Chair) b) Cllr Sam Gibbs c) Cllr Chris Aldred d) Cllr Peter Lacey e) Cllr Mike Schofield 	<p>Working Group Meetings <i>(future meetings in italics)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 29 May 2026

Climate Change Working Group	
<p>Membership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Cllr Paul Haslam (Working Group Chair) b) Cllr Hannah Gostlow c) Cllr Andrew Timothy d) Cllr Phillip Broadbank e) Cllr Mike Schofield 	<p>Working Group Meetings <i>(future meetings in italics)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>June/July 2026 – Zero Carbon Harrogate (date TBC)</i> • <i>August 2026 – Yorkshire Water Scheme Update (date TBC)</i>

5. Record of Informal and Virtual Area Committee Sessions *(future sessions in italics)*

- a) 22 May 2026 – Highways Area Network Co-ordination Briefing

b) 15 January 2027 – Budget Session

6. Forward Plan (Harrogate and Knaresborough)

The forward plan is published weekly and is a list of the Council's key decisions that will be made over the next one to four months. These decisions will be made by either the Executive or by officers who have been delegated authority by the Executive. Below is a short summary of decisions which affect the Harrogate and Knaresborough areas. The list is not exhaustive; to see the complete Forward Plan please see the Council's [Forward Plan page](#).

Item	Notice of proposed decision first published	Decision due	Lead member (s)	Lead director
Knaresborough Neighbourhood Development Plan: Report of Independent Examination	16 Feb 2026	8 July 2026 Executive Member for Open to Business	Executive Member for Open to Business	Corporate Director of Community Development

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