



Agenda

- Meeting** Skipton and Ripon Area Committee
- To:** Councillors Robert Heseltine, Andy Solloway, Philip Barrett, Barbara Brodigan, Andy Brown, Nick Brown, Felicity Cunliffe-Lister, Richard Foster, Nathan Hull, David Ireton, Andrew Murday, Simon Myers, David Noland, David Staveley and Andrew Williams.
- Date:** Thursday, 4 June 2026
- Time:** 2.00 pm
- Venue:** Belle Vue Suite, 1 Belle Vue Square, Broughton Road, Skipton, BD23 1FJ

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Business

1. **Election of Chair**
To elect a Chair of the Committee for the 2026/27 year.
2. **Election of Vice-Chair**
To elect a Vice-Chair of the Committee for the 2026/27 year.
3. **Apologies for absence**
4. **Minutes of the meeting held on 5 March 2026** (Pages 5 - 14)
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 questions and statements**
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- 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. Update from RT Hon Julian Smith MP**
An opportunity for Members to discuss issues of key concern in the constituency.
- 8. Community Safety and CCTV Annual Report** (Pages 15 - 24)
- 9. Resilience and Emergencies Annual Report** (Pages 25 - 32)
- 10. Overview of Residential and Nursing Care and Extra Care Provision in the Skipton and Ripon Area** (Pages 33 - 38)
- 11. Youth Council update**
To receive a verbal update on the work of the Youth Council in the Committee area.
- 12. Area Committee Annual Report** (Pages 39 - 42)
- 13. Committee Work Programme** (Pages 43 - 48)
To invite Members to consider, amend and add to the Committee's work programme.
- 14. Any other Items**
Any other items which the Chair agrees should be considered as a matter of urgency because of special circumstances.
- 15. Date of next meeting**
Thursday, 1 October 2026 at 10.00am.

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North Yorkshire Council

Skipton and Ripon Area Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 5 March 2026 commencing at 10.00 am.

Present: Councillor Robert Heseltine in the Chair and Councillors Andy Solloway, Philip Barrett, Andy Brown, Nick Brown, Felicity Cunliffe-Lister, Richard Foster, David Ireton, Andrew Murday, Simon Myers, David Noland, David Staveley and Andrew Williams.

Present virtually: Councillor Nathan Hull.

In attendance: Rt Hon Julian Smith MP (virtual), Sophie Eveleigh, Contracts and Relationships Officer, York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority, Eleanor Nossiter, Airedale NHS Foundation Trust Head of Communications and Engagement and Freya Sledding, Airedale NHS Foundation Trust Clinical Director.

Officers present: Harriet Clarke, Senior Democratic Services Officer and David Smith, Senior Democratic Services Officer.

Officers present virtually: Jon Holden, Head of School Organisation and Transport, Keisha Moore, Senior Transport Planning Officer and Chris Reynolds, Head of SEND and Resources.

Copies of all documents considered are in the Minute Book

220 Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence.

221 Minutes of the meeting held on 4 December 2025

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting of the Skipton and Ripon Area Committee held on 4 December 2025 were confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

222 Declarations of interest

There were none.

223 Update from RT Hon Julian Smith MP

The Rt Hon Sir Julian Smith MP provided a verbal update on the work that is currently being undertaken in the Skipton and Ripon constituency and raised the following points:

- The impact of the current international crisis on the cost of living and driving up fuel prices which has raised questions about defence spending.
- The Government's recent White Paper proposing reform of the SEND system and funding.
- The local government funding settlement was deemed to be manageable overall but rural councils continue to face significant financial pressure, including loss of

- the Rural Services Grant.
- The Employment Rights Bill was expected to increase costs for businesses, due to the introduction of earlier employment rights, changes to unfair dismissal processes, and concerns about its impact on small businesses already under significant pressure.
- The Spring Statement highlighted the need to support the hospitality sector given rising unemployment for young people.

Members thanked the Rt Hon Sir Julian Smith MP for the verbal update and raised the following points in response:

- Concerns about rising household energy costs, particularly in rural areas. One Member reported that their heating oil bill had increased by £80 as a result of the current international crisis. The Rt Hon Sir Julian Smith MP acknowledged these concerns and endeavoured to continue raising the issue for residents of rural communities.
- Concerns were raised that the draft National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) would weaken the Council's new Local Plan by expanding permitted development rights in national parks, undermining their statutory duties to protect heritage and provide public access. It was confirmed that the Yorkshire Dales National Park planned to submit a response to the new NPPF guidelines. In response, The Rt Hon Sir Julian Smith MP agreed to look into the issue further.
- The upcoming ITV programme on the Angus Fire PFAS issue in High Bentham and concerns that tourism in the area may be negatively impacted. The Rt Hon Sir Julian Smith MP confirmed he had been actively engaged with the company and the Environment Agency, emphasising that a regulatory process is underway to investigate the issues and that Bentham remains open to visitors.
- One Member raised concerns that the draft NPPF weakened support for community led housing and that the Council's Local Plan contains no provision for it and also highlighted the lack of masts and poor mobile coverage in the Ripon area, with the Rt Hon Sir Julian Smith MP agreeing to follow up on both issues and seek further details on the perceived housing policy gap.
- On the matter of community led housing, the Executive Member for Culture, Arts and Housing reported that as a result of income gained from the second homes council tax premium, the Craven Community Land Trust would acquire two new homes in Settle. The Rt Hon Sir Julian Smith MP agreed to circulate a community energy projects document entitled 'Local Power Plan' from the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero.
- A request for an update from Arla on the closure of the Settle dairy factory to enable residents to better understand the site's future.

224 Public questions and statements

Two public questions were received that did not relate to an item on the agenda and were dealt with under this agenda item and are detailed below.

1. Public question from Edwin Rothwell

"Hello,

I just wanted to thank you for your support and encouragement from the last time I brought a question here. Your input and the resulting discussions outside of here were really useful.

To update you on my work, I've set up a charity to facilitate the Skipton Pride celebrations and we held our first event as a charity last August. The feedback has been incredible and

we are hoping to repeat that success again this summer.

My Community Interest Company has started trading as a Coffee Shop on Swadford Street, and this has already started building a great community of customers. I have used the space to spark discussions around the Town Investment Plan, and I've been lucky to hear lots of opinions, which I will collate and feed into the Plan.

Just a reminder that I spoke here previously about Regeneration in Skipton, and the desire for my Community Interest Company to eventually start a housing project.

I have noted on your work agenda that this Committee is interested in the vacant space above shops. Converting these to residential is not often commercially viable with extra obstacles like Listed status. It seems to be the case that conversion of these spaces does require an intervention to unlock the potential housing.

With that in mind, I am interested in how I can help with that, as a delivery partner, and I intend to apply to the Stage 1 Community Housing Fund, to set up a Skipton Community Benefit Society (SCBS), which will aim to provide housing with genuinely affordable rents, reserved for young people who can demonstrate that they want to stay in the area.

I anticipate that the SCBS will be able to build a membership, and gather sources of funding, such as from Homes England and the Combined Authority Brownfield Housing Fund, to bring disused space in Skipton Town Centre back to life - in a high-quality and energy efficient way.

My question to the committee is whether this is something that would be supported, what is the committee's interest in the space above shops, and what concerns would the committee have about this?

Thank you

Edwin Rothwell

CIC Manager,
Heart of Skipton CIC"

A joint response to this public question was received from the Community Housing Enabler and Regeneration Officer, as detailed below:

"Thank you for your question and for the continued engagement you have shown with the work of the Skipton and Ripon Area Committee. It is encouraging to hear about the progress you have made since you last update to the Committee.

The Community Housing Team met with Mr. Rothwell on 24 February 2026 in Skipton and were supportive of his ambition to provide affordable housing in the area. Following that meeting, the team shared examples of completed community-led housing schemes and provided him with the blank grant application form for the community development set up fund. Our understanding was that he would take these materials away to review and to discuss with the wider community, to gauge interest and identify whether others might wish to join him in bringing forward affordable homes.

In relation to the Skipton Town Investment Plan (TIP), Mr Rothwell was invited to, and attended, the initial stakeholder engagement event on the 9 February 2026 representing Heart of Skipton Community Interest Company. We value his contribution to the discussions which will help shape the priorities of the TIP and we will ensure he continues to be invited to participate in future engagement opportunities."

2. Public Question from Margaret Nicholson

“What progress has been made by North Yorkshire Council in providing a safe footpath on Sutton Lane to Eastburn in Sutton on Craven, following the fatality which happened there over four years ago?”

A response to this public question was received from Richard Marr, Highways Area Manager, as detailed below:

“The project is one that needs input from both North Yorkshire Council and the City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council (CBMDC).

From North Yorkshire Council’s perspective, the scheme is agreed with the necessary landowners and the legal transfer of land should be completed before the end of the financial year. North Yorkshire Council is also assisting the CBMDC with their acquisitions and although progressing positively, the CBMDC are still at the early stages of negotiation.

The scheme itself is still being led by, and will be ordered by, the CBMDC, but work can only commence once the Legal acquisitions are complete.”

In response, Mrs Nicholson expressed long standing concerns about the dangerous road conditions in Sutton on Craven, noting that the issues had first been raised in October 2016 including inadequate street lighting, the absence of a pavement, the narrow road layout and heavy road traffic near the local school. A lack of confidence in CBMDC’s commitment to resolving the issue was also commented on.

225 Airedale Hospital Update

Eleanor Nossiter, Airedale NHS Foundation Trust Head of Communications and Engagement and Freya Sledding, Airedale NHS Foundation Trust Clinical Director provided a presentation which updated Members on the site preparation and design of the new Airedale Hospital and raised the below points:

- Work was underway to prepare the site, including a planning application for a new multi-storey car park and access road submitted before Christmas to ensure sufficient parking.
- Additional preparatory works included securing a new electricity supply, constructing a power substation, establishing a contractor compound for vehicles and equipment, and removing overhead power lines.
- All patient-facing services will remain on site during redevelopment whilst some administrative and support functions will relocate off site.
- A single-phase build is being explored in line with national RAAC guidance, with construction anticipated to begin in 2028/29 subject to an outline planning application being submitted this summer.
- The hospital design is progressing in line with the national Hospital 2.0 model, incorporating modular construction methods and standardised layouts.
- The new hospital will provide single en-suite rooms for all patients to improve experience, infection control and recovery.
- Engagement with the local community is informing hospital priorities and the development of community based services.
- Digital technology will be fully embedded in the hospital’s design to enhance wayfinding, equipment tracking, clinical workflows and overall care delivery.
- A clinical strategy has been developed to guide services across hospital and community settings, aligned with the Bradford District and Craven Health and Wellbeing Strategy.
- Plans include shifting some of our care into community settings by 2040,

such as outpatient appointments, imaging and radiology, diagnostic tests, mobile units and one-stop clinics.

- A Target Operating Model is being developed to describe how services will be delivered from 2030 onwards.
- Public engagement indicated strong preference for improved wayfinding, accessibility, natural light, green spaces and a welcoming, inclusive hospital environment.

Members welcomed the verbal update and raised the following points:

- The urgency of completing the hospital rebuild as quickly as possible was emphasised.
- One Member suggested revisiting previous work on Mid Craven healthcare provision, highlighting overcrowded healthcare facilities and proposing renewed collaboration across NHS services, council land assets, GP practices and other stakeholders, which the Airedale team welcomed and agreed to re-engage in these discussions.
- Concerns were raised about parking capacity and transport links, particularly access from the railway station.
- Members welcomed the focus on community based services and sought assurance regarding the future use and viability of Skipton Hospital and satellite sites.
- Questions were raised about the proposed footbridge across the bypass, challenges with patient transport access and the need for improved drop-off facilities.
- Concerns were noted regarding single occupancy rooms potentially reducing patient socialisation. The Airedale team outlined mitigations including dedicated ward social spaces and increased group rehabilitation activities.
- The team confirmed significant improvements to parking layout, overall capacity, accessible parking provision and electric vehicle charging points.
- In response to one query, it was confirmed that the programme is fully Government funded with no PFI involvement.
- It was confirmed that solar panels were included in the car park design, with wider energy strategy details to follow as the design progresses.
- Ongoing challenges were noted in ensuring patients are fit for discharge and improving pathways to support timely and effective discharges.

226 Wyvern Link Road, Skipton

A briefing note providing a progress update on Wyvern Link Road was presented to the Committee.

As the relevant officer was unavailable to deliver the update, the Senior Democratic Services Officer provided a short summary of the briefing note and included the following points:

- At the Skipton and Ripon Area Committee meeting on 4 December 2025, an additional recommendation was resolved by Members that officers submit a draft business case for consideration by the Executive within six months.
- That phase 1 was completed on time but had identified significant issues concerning flood resilience and operational performance of the scheme. Further internal work was now required to consider the issues raised.
- It had been reported that the scheme had not yet reached an appropriate stage to allow a draft business case to be prepared for consideration by the Executive.

In response to the update, Members raised the following issues:

- Members emphasised the urgency of progressing the long delayed scheme, highlighting flood resilience concerns, heavy goods vehicle movements, and the reliance of the waste depot on the new Link Road.
- Concerns were raised about delays attributed to the Environment Agency and LGR, and a report setting out the final scheme was requested by July 2026.
- Councillors highlighted the strong business case and the anticipated improvements to traffic flow.
- Members sought clearer detail on the timescales for the completion of phase 2.
- The Chair requested Executive Member involvement, including the Executive Member for Highways and Transportation and it was agreed that the two Executive Members of the Skipton and Ripon Area Committee would draft a constructive letter to the Executive regarding the Wyvern Link Road project.

At this point in the meeting, Members agreed to bring item 9 – Ripon Mobility Hub Update forward.

227 Ripon Mobility Hub Update

A report was submitted in the name of the Corporate Director of Environment which provided an update on the work undertaken to explore whether a mobility hub in Ripon would be a feasible option.

Keisha Moore, Senior Transport Planning Officer presented the report and raised the following points:

- The feasibility study formed the first stage of the business case process, assessing whether there was a clear need for intervention and identifying the potential benefits.
- The current transport challenges in Ripon, particularly issues relating to congestion, active travel provision, connectivity, and the constraints posed by limited rail access via Thirsk.
- The study demonstrated that a mobility hub could significantly improve sustainable travel choices through improved active travel provision and better public transport options. It would also contribute to wider Council objectives, including reducing carbon emissions, improving air quality and supporting economic growth.
- The work undertaken was more detailed than is typically required at this early stage, providing a strong foundation should Members wish to progress to the next phase of development.
- In summary, the feasibility study indicated that a Ripon Mobility Hub is a credible and deliverable option in principle, offering clear positive outcomes for connectivity, sustainability, and the economic vitality of the city.
- Table 1 outlined the four options summarised as follows:
 1. Do nothing
 2. Option A – do minimum
 3. Option B – do medium
 4. Option C – do maximum

Members noted the contents of the report and raised the following points:

- Members welcomed the progress made on the feasibility study for a Ripon Mobility Hub.

- Concern was expressed that local Division Members had not been consulted on the four options set out in Table 1 prior to the report's publication. In response, Members were reassured that there would be opportunities to feed into the options as they move into the next stage of development.
- Several Members felt that a hybrid of options B and C would be most effective, with reduced emphasis on the satellite hubs and greater focus on the development of the bus station and alleviating pressure on car parking. This included exploring alternative parking locations for empty coaches so that the existing coach park could be utilised for car parking.
- Members acknowledged the cost constraints identified in the report and recognised that a hybrid option would require additional resources, so any chosen approach needed to remain feasible.
- The potential contribution of the Clotherholme development in funding transport improvements, which could support a hybrid of options B and C was highlighted, noting that this had not been referenced in the report. In response, it was clarified that this update was high level and that while recent housing development had been considered within the wider context, it had not been included in this particular report to the Area Committee.
- A query was raised regarding whether improvements to additional bus routes, beyond Ripon to Thirsk, would be explored. The Senior Transport Planning Officer confirmed that all major routes were recognised, but as only the Harrogate and Thirsk routes provide onward rail connections, these remained the focus for connectivity improvements.
- One Member emphasised the importance of developing a bus route to Clotherholme.

It was proposed by Councillor Simon Myers and seconded by Councillor Andrew Williams that when developing the full report officers engage with local Members and note that the Area Committee favours in principle the redevelopment of the Ripon bus station and that the report looks at possible sources of funding for this including the recent major housing developments in Ripon.

Resolved

- i. That Members of the Area Committee note the progress made on the Ripon Mobility Hub feasibility study, including the positive outcomes of the assessment and the identification of Option B as the most balanced and deliverable approach.
- ii. That Members acknowledge the next steps required to finalise the Strategic Outline Case and progress towards the Outline Business Case, including confirming the preferred delivery and operational model for the scheme.
- iii. An additional recommendation was added by the Committee that when developing the full report officers engage with local Members and note that the Area Committee favours in principle the redevelopment of the Ripon bus station and that the report looks at possible sources of funding for this including the recent major housing developments in Ripon.

Councillor Andrew Williams left the meeting at 11:45 am

SEND and Resources presented the Annual Schools Update report which sought to inform Members of the local educational landscape, educational achievement and the financial challenges which affect schools in the Skipton and Ripon committee area.

Jon presented the report and the following points were made by Members:

- In response to concerns about Forest Moor School in Darley, the Head of SEND and Resources confirmed that these issues would be taken forward with the Wellspring Academy Trust.
- Members raised concerns about the number of exclusions, particularly since academy conversions. Officers agreed that exclusion levels are too high but advised that there is no strong evidence linking increased exclusions to the number of academies.
- One Member questioned discrepancies between the report's pupil place data and feedback from local schools. Officers confirmed the figures were accurate as of 31 August 2025 and encouraged Members to raise any specific data queries directly with the team.
- Concerns were expressed about the financial impact of the revised home to school transport policy, particularly for Settle College, which has experienced reduced pupil numbers. The Head of School Organisation and Transport acknowledged these pressures and reminded Members that a post-implementation review included consideration of impacts on schools.
- Clarification was given that school capacity is calculated using a Department for Education formula, which is currently under review.

Resolved

That Members note the report on educational factors in the Skipton and Ripon committee area.

229 Rural Energy Policies and Local Fuel Pricing Update

Harriet Clarke, Senior Democratic Services Officer presented a report which provided an update on rural energy policies and local fuel pricing disparity across the Skipton and Ripon area.

The report included a Skipton and Ripon household energy fuel profile, as well as some of the factors that contribute to increased household energy costs. Some of the key rural energy policies affecting the constituency area were noted, including the Council's Choices4Energy programme. Paragraph 6.3 provided a summary of fuel prices across various locations in the Skipton and Ripon area.

Members noted the contents of the update and raised the following points:

- A request was made for further information on the energy schemes referenced in the report, including the Council's Choices4Energy programme.
- Members noted that residents in rural areas often pay higher fuel costs than those in urban settings, particularly households off-grid and reliant on heating oil.
- Members also highlighted fuel price variations between petrol stations, recognising that while this is frustrating for consumers, pricing decisions are made by private businesses operating within a free market. One Member commented that, aside from Government schemes to support remote communities, there is limited scope for further intervention.
- Members welcomed the Government's new Fuel Finder scheme, which provides retail fuel prices and forecourt information across the UK.
- One Member requested data on the uptake of the Council's Choices4Energy

scheme.

- In response to Councillor David Ireton's query regarding a resident's concern about fuel prices at ASDA in Ingleton compared with Settle, the Clerk reported that a response from ASDA was still awaited despite follow up contact. The Clerk confirmed that the resident had been updated directly and informed that the matter was being presented to the Committee today.

Resolved

That Members note the contents of the report.

230 Committee work programme

Members reviewed the work programme and suggested the following additions:

- A request was made to consider opportunities to explore new funding sources, noting emerging schemes such as community energy projects and a Combined Authority led sustainable transport scheme. The need to consider how new funding could be effectively utilised was emphasised.
- It was reported that the Ousewem modelling report had been completed which looked at the ways in which natural flood management can control flooding. It was suggested that this item could be presented to the Committee in due course.
- The Vice-Chair referred to the upcoming Community Safety and CCTV annual report scheduled for June, noting that a wider North Yorkshire review of CCTV provision is currently underway. Concerns were raised about coverage gaps, including at Skipton bus station where a temporary camera had proved effective and at locations such as Ripon bus station. The Executive Member for Corporate Services had been contacted to seek clarification on how urgent or short term issues can be fed into the broader NYC review.

231 Any other Items

There were no urgent items of business.

232 Date of next meeting

Thursday 4 June 2026 at 2.00 pm.

The meeting concluded at 12.26 pm.

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North Yorkshire Council

Skipton & Ripon Area 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 Skipton & Ripon 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:
- **Skipton Bus Station:** Ongoing issues with anti-social behaviour (ASB) resulted in some displacement to Neville House, Gargrave. This was subsequently resolved through the implementation of enforcement action. ASB cameras have also been deployed at Skipton Bus Station to act as a visible deterrent and provide ongoing monitoring.
 - **Targeted Support for Individuals:** Continued work has been undertaken with individuals involved in offending behaviour, providing support and guidance to help manage behaviours and reduce reoffending.

- **Youth Intervention Initiatives:** The Children and Young People Multi-Agency Problem Solving meetings and mirroring framework has been launched to address ASB among young people coming to notice and committing low level anti-social behaviour.
- **Environmental Improvements:** Enhancements have been completed in the Spa Quarter, Ripon, including the installation of additional lighting in Spa Gardens to improve safety for residents and visitors.
- **Youth Provision:** Ongoing youth provision for those aged 11+ continues at Spa Park in partnership with Ripon YMCA.
- **Temple Gardens Improvements:** Works have been completed to deter drug use and ASB, creating a safer and more welcoming environment for public use.
- **Business Crime Partnership:** A Business Crime Partnership has been established in Ripon in collaboration with Ripon BID. This includes 27 member businesses across the retail and nighttime economy sectors, all linked by radio to the Harrogate CCTV Control Room.

Key Campaigns and Engagement Activity

- Engagement with **566 young people** across one week at Crucial Crew event, delivering ASB education sessions to 25 primary schools.
- Participation in **16 Days of Action** focusing on domestic violence awareness, working in partnership with other agencies to highlight the impact of domestic abuse within communities.
- Collaborative education sessions with young people on the risks associated with **illegal vaping**, delivered alongside North Yorkshire Youth.
- **Christmas Campaign:** Partnership work with local businesses to provide crime prevention advice and target-hardening resources.
- Delivery of **Days of Action** in response to increased reports of retail crime and demand for service.

3.6 Local Priorities for 2026–2027

The following priorities have been identified for 2026–2027:

- **Skipton Bus Station:** Continued monitoring following a reduction in ASB.
- **Displacement of ASB:** Ongoing work addressing displaced ASB at Cawder Ghyll, Skipton. Community Safety Hub (CSH) and Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) are working within the ASB Framework, including the use of early intervention and enforcement measures.
- **Partnership Enforcement Activity:** Joint work with Trading Standards and Licensing to address ASB linked to surrounding businesses and licensed premises.
- **Community Safety Working Group:** Ongoing attendance and support to Skipton Town Council and ensure a coordinated approach between agencies to tackling issues.
- **Safeguarding and Vulnerability:** Continued close working with Pinder House to safeguard vulnerable adults and address ASB and exploitation through multi-agency collaboration.
- **Criminal Behaviour Orders (CBOs):** Exploring the use of CBOs to address prolific offenders and reduce pressure on services, particularly in relation to shoplifting.

- **Night-Time Economy (NTE) Spiking Campaign:** Partnership working to reduce the risk of spiking incidents.
- **Community Engagement:** Establishment of Police, Partners and Community (PaPG) engagement sessions and CSH surgeries, with a focus on reaching rural communities.
- **Prevent:** continue to raise awareness and gather intelligence to support as a priority.
- **WRAP 4 Deliveries:** Multi-agency engagement sessions aimed at raising awareness and providing support to staff across partner organisations.
- **ASB Framework Implementation:** Embedding the new ASB Framework within the Community Safety Hub to ensure a consistent and robust approach to early intervention and prevention.
- **Community Multi-Agency Problem Solving (MAPS) meeting Development:** Development and launch of Community MAPS to identify ASB hotspot locations, particularly within the Yorkshire Dales where there are higher levels of reports from visitors.
- **Water Safety Partnership Work:** Continued collaboration with fire services on water safety initiatives and potential alignment with the Local Resilience Forum (LRF) water safety pilot in Richmond.
- **Ongoing Individual Support:** Continued work with individuals to provide guidance and manage offending behaviours.
- **Children and Young People MAPS Expansion:** Further development and expansion of the Children and Young People MAPS initiative and ensure model is embedded in our hub activity.

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 and Hambleton Community Safety Hubs undertake 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.

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- 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.
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- 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 provides a 24 / 365 surveillance service. This includes cameras in Ripon and has two temporary deployable CCTV cameras in Skipton. Town centre.
- 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.
- 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. The allows quick time provision of data and saves time for 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.
- 5.5 Further capital investment is planned to continue the upgrade of analogue to digital cameras in Ripon 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 Ripon. This includes working alongside Ripon Business Improvement Districts and shoplifting leads within North Yorkshire Police.

5.7 Appendix A provides a summary of CCTV performance during 2025-26.

6.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- i) Annual updates are presented to the Area Committee alongside colleagues from North Yorkshire Police.
- ii) 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 Skipton & Ripon

KNIFE BINS	Date Installed	Total No of deposits	No of deposits 2025-26
St. Marygate Car Park, Ripon	February 2025	132	132
Ashfield Car Park, 8 Kirkgate, Settle	Dec 2025	242	242
High Street Car Park, Jerrycroft, Skipton	Sept 2025	564	564

BLEED KIT LOCATIONS
UK Bleed Control Kit Map Register & Find Nearby Emergency Kits
High Street Car Park public conveniences, Skipton
Bus Station public conveniences, Skipton
Craven Leisure Centre, Gargrave Road, Skipton
Crosshills Police Station, Colne Road, Glusburn
Ripon Fire Station, Stonebridgegate, Ripon
The Crown Inn, Roecliffe, Boroughbridge

ASB Management, Tools & Powers	
Orcuma Cases – coordinated by the CSH	34
Orcuma Enquiries – referred into the CSH	100
Criminal Behaviour Orders (CBO's) (granted 2025/26)	2
Closure Order (LA or Police led) (granted 2025/26)	Partial = 0 Full = 1
Community Protection Warnings (CPW) Issued	1
Community Protection Notices (CPN) Issued	0
Acceptable Behaviour Contracts (ABC) Issued	8
Antisocial Behaviour Case Reviews (formally Community Trigger)	1

Public Open Space CCTV Cameras	Total number of cameras	Incidents Total	Top Types of Incidents (Ripon only) 2025 - 2026
Ripon	10	2021/22 - 270 2022/23 - 430 2023/24 - 430 2024/25 - 356 2025/26 - 282 2026 - 54	Traffic observations 82 Concern for welfare & missing persons 39 Suspect person / observations known offenders 21 ASB 26 Shoplifting 32 Assault violence 23
Skipton	2 (deployable)	Routine surveillance only	

CCTV Reviews for NYP	CCTV Evidence Produced NYP
6	2 hours 30mins

Business Crime Membership	Ripon
Retail	22
Night- Time Economy	3
Total Members	25

Note: Ripon BID Fund the Radios for the town

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North Yorkshire Council

Skipton and Ripon Area Committee

4 June 2026

Resilience and Emergencies Annual Update 2026

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report provides an update on progress and incidents impacting emergency planning and community resilience within the Area Constituency Committee and wider council area.

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Under the Civil Contingencies Act 2004 (CCA) North Yorkshire Council (NYC) is defined as a Category 1 organisation.

The CCA sets out how agencies prepare and plan for emergencies, working nationally, locally, and collaboratively to ensure civil protection in the UK.

The Act places a statutory duty on the NYC to:

- Assess the risk of emergencies occurring and use this to inform contingency planning
- Put in place emergency plans
- Put in place Business Continuity Management arrangements
- Put in place arrangements to make information available to the public about civil protection matters and maintain arrangements to warn, inform and advise the public in the event of an emergency
- Share information with other local responders to enhance co-ordination
- Co-operate with other local responders to enhance co-ordination and efficiency
- Provide advice and assistance to businesses and voluntary organisations about business continuity management (local authorities only)

Emergency Planning and Community Resilience should aim, where possible, to prevent emergencies from occurring. When they do occur, good planning should reduce, control, or mitigate their effects. It is a systematic and ongoing process that should evolve as lessons are learned and circumstances change.

3.0 INCIDENTS AFFECTING NORTH YORKSHIRE BETWEEN 2025-2026

- 3.1 Between April 2025 and the production of this report, NYC and its Local Resilience Forum (LRF) partner agencies have worked together to respond to and recover from the following incidents in the Skipton and Ripon areas:

Incident	Locality	Date
Airwaves radio outage	County wide	10/03/2025
Unexploded munition – River Ure	South of Ripon	25/03/2025
Drought escalation	County wide	19/06/2025

Incident	Locality	Date
Hydrochloric acid spill	Masham	10/09/2025
Increase in threat level	County Wide	01/05/2026

3.2 NYC and its LRF partner agencies have worked together to respond to and recover from the following incidents across the wider North Yorkshire area:

Incident	Locality	Date
Vessel collision in North Sea	East coast	11/03/2025
Unexploded munition	Malton	16/04/2025
Unexploded munition	Flaxton	13/05/2025
Potential chemical incident	Scarborough	03/06/2025
Langdale fire	Langdale	26/06/2025
Road traffic collision	Harrogate	18/07/2025
Langdale fire (Fylingdales)	Langdale (Fylingdales)	12/08/2025
Missing child	Richmond	16/08/2025
Residential fire	Spofforth, Harrogate	19/08/2025
Amber snow warning	East side of the County	19/11/2025
Fire in industrial unit	Northallerton	25/11/2025
Road traffic collision	Tadcaster	01/12/2025
Residential fire	Danby, Whitby	19/01/2026
Residential gas incident	Scarborough	08/05/2026

3.3 Areas of good practice that will support continuous improvement across the County:

- The co-ordinated response and recovery to the Fylingdales moor incident, which included:
 - Support to Fire and Rescue resources through North Yorkshire Highways
 - Evacuation and shelter planning for affected area
 - Ongoing community engagement and support
- Delivered the National Exercise Pegasus program across North Yorkshire and York
- Ready for Anything Volunteer Conference held at the UK Resilience Academy:
 - Our RFA conference theme this year was 'coastal challenges', with HM Coastguard being our key guest speaker, Lincolnshire LRF speaking about adopting the RFA scheme and Operation Poetry: Collision of two ships in the North Sea and the impacts on the east coast with LRFs/volunteers working together
- Continual development of the Major Incident Response Team volunteer group who support individuals and organisations affected by critical and major incidents:
 - 85 referrals = supporting 94 individuals and we have provided staff support for seven teams, six within NYC and one for North Yorkshire Police

3.4 If Elected Members have any views or recommendations on any of these incidents, please send them through to emergency@northyorks.gov.uk.

4.0 NYC'S CORPORATE EMERGENCY PLANNING GROUP AND SCARBOROUGH WHITBY INTEGRATED EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT GROUP WORK PLAN AND PROGRESS 2024/25

4.1 The following is set out within the NYC Resilience and Emergencies Policy:

- The organisation has appointed the Assistant Chief Executive – Local Engagement as the Accountable Emergency Officer responsible for Resilience and Emergencies.
- The resilience cycle is co-ordinated for the Council by the Head of Resilience and Emergencies and the Resilience and Emergencies Team.

- The Assistant Chief Executive – Local Engagement chairs the Corporate Resilience and Emergencies Group (CREG). The CREG is made up of a number of Senior Managers within NYC who have a role to play in ensuring CCA Duties. The CREG hold responsibility for setting and delivering an annual work plan.

4.2 The Skipton and Ripon Integrated Emergency Management Group is a multi-agency forum for emergency service officers. The group meets quarterly to anticipate, assess, prevent and prepare for emergencies and major incidents.

Currently the group is focusing on:

- **Blea Moor Tunnel** – multi-agency work resumed following changes in personnel; discussion with partners regarding format for arrangements going forward (full plan vs shared site-specific response information)
- **Sinkhole Action Card** – due for review, with assistance from British Geological Survey
- **Community Resilience** – summer session inviting Community Anchor Organisations representatives from parish and town councils who have launched successful community emergency plans to speak to multi-agency partners and to tour NYLRF's Tactical Co-ordination Centre.

5.0 INCREASE OF THREAT LEVEL

The Joint Terrorism Analysis Centre (JTAC) on the 30 April 2026 raised the UK National Threat Level from SUBSTANTIAL, meaning an attack is likely, to SEVERE, meaning an attack is highly likely.

The increase in threat came about following the stabbing in Golders Green in North London, but it is not solely a result of that attack. The terrorist threat level in the UK has been rising for some time, driven by an increase in the broader Islamist and Extreme Right Wing terrorist threat from individuals and small groups based in the UK.

While the UK National Threat Level set independently by JTAC reflects the terrorist threat in the UK, it comes against a backdrop of increased state-linked physical threats which is encouraging acts of violence, including against the Jewish community. This is an independent, systematic, and rigorous process, based on the very latest intelligence and analysis of internal and external factors which drive the threat.

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5.2 NYC is a core member of the North Yorkshire LRF. Under the CCA, it has a duty to develop an understanding of local risks, including malicious threats. The [National Risk Register](#) sets out the reasonable worst-case scenarios, including those relating to terrorism. Under the Act, local partners are required to develop appropriate plans, against which officers are then trained and exercised.

5.3 Cyber Security Response to Terrorist Threat (Severe)

From a cyber security and information governance perspective, the Council recognises that cyber-attack is an increasingly credible vector for terrorism, particularly under the current UK threat level of 'Severe', where an attack is considered highly likely.

The Council is currently accredited to ISO/IEC 27001:2022 – Information Security Management Systems, ISO/IEC 20000:2018 – IT Service Management, and Cyber Essentials, and is working towards the Government's Cyber Assessment Framework (CAF).

The Council maintains a proactive and structured approach to cyber resilience aligned to the 'Defend' and 'Respond' pillars of the UK Government's CONTEST strategy:

Defend

The Council operates a layered cyber defence capability designed to protect critical services, sensitive data, and supporting infrastructure from malicious disruption. This includes:

A dedicated, in-house Cyber Security Operations (SOC) capability providing continuous monitoring, detection, and response to emerging threats.

The maintenance and regular testing of a Cyber Incident Response Plan (CIRP), supported by detailed Cyber Security Incident Playbooks covering a range of scenarios including ransomware, system compromise, and data exfiltration.

Ongoing collaboration with trusted partners for threat intelligence and coordinated defence, including:

- National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC)
- Yorkshire & Humber Warning, Advice and Reporting Point (WARP)
- Yorkshire & Humber Local Resilience Forum (LRF)

Implementation of technical controls and governance measures aligned with national best practice (e.g. NCSC guidance, Cyber Assessment Framework principles), ensuring the protection of systems that support critical public services.

Respond

In the event of a suspected or confirmed cyber incident linked to terrorist activity or intent, the Council will:

Activate its CIRP, ensuring a rapid, coordinated, and controlled response.

Integrate cyber incident management with the Council's wider major incident and emergency response structures, ensuring alignment with Gold/Silver/Bronze command arrangements where appropriate.

Work closely with law enforcement, NCSC, and regional resilience partners to share intelligence, assess impact, and support a coordinated multi-agency response.

Prioritise the protection of critical services to residents, including safeguarding sensitive data and maintaining operational continuity.

Ensure clear and timely communication with stakeholders, including internal leadership, partners, and, where appropriate, the public.

Continuous Improvement and Assurance

The Council regularly reviews and tests its cyber preparedness through exercises and real-world incident learning, ensuring that both plans and controls remain effective against evolving threats, including those associated with terrorism.

6.0 ELECTED MEMBERS ROLE IN INTEGRATED EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

6.1 Each Area Constituency Committee is allocated a Resilience and Emergencies Officer. They will work with Elected Members to ensure:

- Elected Members training
- that local risks are identified within your locality
- that community resilience has been developed
- that resources and capability gaps are identified, as well as difficulties in communicating these risks to specific groups within your electoral division are co-ordinated

6.2 Elected Members are then asked to provide ongoing support to develop Integrated Emergency Management within their electoral divisions. This will include:

- Supporting the communication of community risks
- Provide leadership in developing community resilience
- Work with the locality Resilience and Emergencies Officers to identify opportunities for funding resource gaps

- Support training and exercises for community groups

6.3 If Elected Members wish to discuss any of these roles and responsibilities with their allocated Resilience and Emergencies Officer, please contact emergency@northyorks.gov.uk.

7.0 COMMUNITY RESILIENCE WORK PLAN AND PROGRESS 2023/24

7.1 For decades the RET have worked with Parish and Town Councils alongside local businesses to encourage them to develop Community Emergency Plans.

7.2 Following the community support during the Covid pandemic, Resilience and Emergencies has been working with the Council's Local Engagement Teams and the Community Anchor Organisations (CAO) to further develop its Community Resilience Policy.

The role out and engagement on the policy was delivered through three Community Resilience workshops which occurred in April 2025.

7.3 The Resilience and Emergencies locality officer has recently been working with the following communities:

- **Settle Town Council** – workshop held with emergency plan working party, following which a plan has been devised for a larger-scale community event in the summer (to be hosted by Settle Town Council and attended by NYC RET) to bring together local parishes in creating a co-ordinated network of community emergency plans.
- **Masham Parish Council** – community emergency plan completed and representatives invited to summer Integrated Emergency Management Group meeting.
- **Gargrave Parish Council** – community emergency plan completed.
- **Bentham Parish Council** – community emergency plan completed.
- **Grewelthorpe Parish Council** – correspondence ongoing regarding community emergency plan; intention to complete village survey prior to further progress.

7.4 Elected Members – Community Resilience Profile

Since the creation of NYC, Elected Members were provided with the opportunity of accessing their own Community Resilience Profile.

These are owned and reviewed by the RET and Elected Members can access their profile, as well as discuss their developments, via their allocated Resilience and Emergencies Officer.

8.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

8.1 There are no financial implications arising directly from this report as it provides information only.

9.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

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10.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

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11.0 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS/BENEFITS INCLUDING CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACT ASSESSMENT

11.1 There are no equalities implications arising directly from this report as it provides information only.

12.0 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

12.1 The recommendations contained below are to engage with and invite comments from Members on the content of this report, which follows the agreement with Members to provide an annual update.

13.0 RECOMMENDATION

13.1 Committee Members are requested to note the information within the report and offer comments.

Background Documents: None

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North Yorkshire Council

Skipton and Ripon Area Committee

4 June 2026

Overview of Residential and Nursing Care and Extra Care provision in the Skipton and Ripon Area

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To provide an update, as requested, on the Residential and Nursing Homes within the Skipton and Ripon Committee Area.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to note the information regarding the current availability of residential and nursing care in the Skipton and Ripon area and the contribution made by our in-house care provider service.

3.0 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 In the Skipton and Ripon Committee Area there are 19 care homes on the North Yorkshire Council Approved Provider List (APL) providing residential and nursing care to people aged over 65. This includes dementia care. In addition to this, there are 9 care homes providing residential care to working aged adults with a primary need of Learning Disabilities, Mental Health and Physical Disabilities (LD, MH and PD).

- As outlined in Appendix A there are 18 care homes in the Skipton area and 10 in the Ripon area.
- Across these homes there are currently 1045 registered beds (680 in the Skipton area and 365 in the Ripon area).
- There are 359 people currently resident in these homes whose placements are partially or fully funded by NYC (220 in Craven and 139 in Ripon).
- At 06/05/2026 there were a total of 47 vacancies across these care homes (37 in Skipton and 10 in Ripon). In Skipton there were no vacancies in care homes specialising in providing care and support for people with Learning Disabilities or Mental Health needs. In Ripon there were no nursing home vacancies.
- On the same date, 14 of the 28 care homes within the Area Committee Boundaries had reached maximum capacity.
- Over half of all new care home placements in quarter four of 2025/26 were for people with dementia, which is a trend we have seen across the county as well as in the Skipton and Ripon areas.
- One care home in the Skipton area is currently closed due to a fire. Residents were moved to other care homes in the area. There is not currently a confirmed date for reopening.
- There is one application to the APL pending approval for a care home in Thorton-in-Craven. This is an existing care home that closed for a period of time and has been bought and refurbished by a new provider.

4.0 FINANCE INFORMATION

- 4.1 Of the 28 care homes, 19 provide residential and nursing care for older people, including dementia care. North Yorkshire Council has an Actual Cost of Care; 2026/27 rates are detailed below. 12 of the 19 care homes offer care at Actual Cost of Care rates.

Residential Care	£1,001
Residential Dementia Care	£1,057
Nursing Care	£1,113
Nursing Dementia Care	£1,120

- 4.2 The maximum rates charged by the remaining seven care homes range from £1250 to £1604 per week.
- 4.3 Care homes for working age adults (people with primary needs of LD, MH and PD) are not eligible for Actual Cost of Care rates. Maximum rates charged at these care homes range from £1118 to £2423 per week.

5.0 QUALITY

- 5.1 There are 2 care homes currently fully suspended from North Yorkshire Council's APL. In Skipton there are 3 homes with a CQC registration of Requires Improvement, and two not yet inspected. All 10 care homes in Ripon are rated with CQC as Good.

6.0 EXTRA CARE MARKET

- 6.1 The following extra care schemes fall within the constituency boundaries.
- *Sunnyfield Lodge, Ripon*
This is a site with 40 units and North Yorkshire Council provide onsite care.
 - *Woodlands, Skipton*
This is a site with 31 units and Abbeyfield Society provider onsite care.
 - *Eller Beck Court, Skipton*
This is a site with 58 units and Catholic Care provide onsite support.
- 6.2 There may be other care agencies providing care for people living in these schemes, as residents have a choice of care provider.
- 6.3 North Yorkshire Council hold progress lists for the extra care schemes, with a robust allocation process to support the provider to allocate the flats.

7.0 NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCIL IN-HOUSE PROVIDER SERVICES

- 7.1 There is only one North Yorkshire Council owned and run care home in the Skipton & Ripon area, Ashfield in Skipton. Ashfield is a 24 bedded care home with CQC registration for people from the age of 18. It currently provides long term residential care for 10 older people, 9 short term beds and 5 beds offering Intermediate Care.
- 7.2 The Care Quality Commission last inspected Ashfield in January 2021 and awarded it an overall rating of "good", a review was conducted in July 2023, and the rating remained as good. While the CQC is the regulator and awards a rating based on 5 key areas, it is expected these are maintained and consistently achieved in day-to-day practice. In order to assess, monitor and drive continuous improvement in the quality and safety of our care provider services a Quality Assurance Framework is in place. This includes a variety of tools and is designed to identify any areas for improvement, highlight good practice and share learning with other services. The Registered Manager completes regular spot

checks, audits and reviews, and maintains a continuous service improvement plan which is reviewed, as part of the Governance process, by the Service Manager. In addition to this Service Managers complete mock inspections and targeted audits across the services, the outcomes are then shared at regular Governance meetings. These are held with the Head of Service, Nominated Individual and Assistant Director. Actions from this meeting informs the Care Provider Service Work Plan in conjunction with the Managers' Governance Meeting, Skills Network and Senior/Team Leader Skills Sessions and Provider Managers Forum.

- 7.3 The team at Ashfield have worked with the Improvement Academy to establish Safety Huddles, these are short, structured meetings held daily for 5-10 minutes, include all team members and are an opportunity to have open communication, identify potential problems early on and reduce the risk of harm. These are generally focused on falls risks as this is one of the main causes of injury and admission to hospital.
- 7.4 Ashfield also uses Immedicare which is a digitally enabled NHS service providing support 24 hours a day. The team at Ashfield use Immedicare as a first step when they have a concern about a resident who does not need a 999 response. The staff member is able to speak to a clinician; the clinician can also see and speak to the resident via a video conferencing platform and then provides clinical advice to support the resident. This helps to improve the quality of care for residents by reducing the need for referrals to other healthcare professionals, ambulance conveyance and hospital admissions. In the last 12 months Ashfield have made regular calls to Immedicare with only 2 resulting in a visit to hospital and readmission to Ashfield after being checked in the hospital's emergency department.
- 7.5 Feedback is regularly sought from people using the service, family members, and other professionals in order to support continual learning and improve the quality of support provided. In the last 12 months there have been a number of compliments, positive comments and feedback, with only 1 complaint. The complaint was investigated by a manager not connected to the service and was partially upheld. Recommendations were made which were implemented and learning shared with the team.
- 7.6 This is a comment received from a couple whilst the husband was staying in the intermediate care unit. During the stay it was their 68th Wedding Anniversary and the staff decorated a lounge, laid the table restaurant style and the kitchen provided a special meal for them including their favourite foods.
- 7.7 Their compliment read *"M & J would like to thank you for the excellent meal and arranging the time for us to spend together on our special day. Also, a huge thank you for your care and attention that you are giving to M."*
- 7.8 This second compliment is from the daughter who was the main carer for her mum who lives with dementia. The daughter had some short-term health issues, so mum came into Ashfield for a stay to give her daughter the respite she needed to recover.
- 7.9 *"I just want to say a huge thank you to you and your team for all the care and kindness shown to my mum during her stay at Ashfield. Every member of staff was so patient and compassionate, no matter how challenging her behaviour. Please pass on my thanks to all your team who were so lovely when I visited and always had time to update me on mum's care when I visited, no matter when it was. You have a fantastic team! Thank you once again.... "*

8.0 RECOMMENDATION

8.1 Committee to note the content of the report.

Appendices:

- Appendix A – Overview of Residential and Nursing Care provision in Skipton and Ripon Committee Area

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Appendix A

Appendix A: Overview of Residential and Nursing Care and Extra Care provision in Skipton and Ripon Constituency Committee Area							
Key: Working age adults care homes							
	Town	Care Home provider	No. of beds	Vacancies at 13/05/2026	NYC funded at 31/03/2025	CQC rating	NYC Suspension
SKIPTON	Skipton	Anley Hall Nursing Home	54	0	15	Good	No
	Skipton	Ashfield House (Skipton)	29	2	19	Good	No
	Glusburn, Keighley	Beanlands Nursing Home	45	0	0	Not yet inspected (prev. Requires improvement)	Currently closed after fire
	Skipton	Carleton Court Residential Home Limited	24	3	11	Good	No
	Grassington, Skipton	Gills Top	27	0	14	Good	No
	Ingleton	Ingleborough Nursing Home	55	3	9	Requires improvement	No
	Gargrave	Milton House Nursing and Residential Home	22	0	7	Good	No
	Sutton in Craven	Sutton Hall & Lodge	60	18	28	Requires improvement	No
	Skipton	The Craven Nursing Home	68	0	20	Good	No
	Draughton	The Dales	56	2	21	Good	No
	Skipton	The Mill House	102	8	5	Not yet inspected (prev. Good)	No
	Skipton	Threshfield Court	61	1	31	Good	No
	Crosshills, Keighley	Townend Close	39	0	14	Good	No
	Skipton	Crag Mere	4	0	4	Good	No
	Skipton	Daleholme	5	0	4	Good	No
	Skipton	Jenkin Lodge	5	0	5	Good	No
Glusburn, Keighley	Malsis Hall	19	0	8	Requires improvement	No	
Skipton	Jubilee Lodge	5	0	5	Good	No	
RIPON	Ripon	Borrage House	40	1	17	Good	No
	Ripon	The Coach House Nursing Home	42	0	10	Good	Fully suspended
	Ripon	Lister House	76	4	14	Good	No
	Ripon	Long Meadow Care Home	43	1	24	Good	No
	Ripon	Moors Care Centre	70	0	29	Good	No
	Ripon	Sycamore Hall	62	1	26	Good	No
	Ripon	Caxton Lodge (Homes Together)	10	1	4	Good	No
	Ripon	Doublegates Green (United Response)	5	0	4	Good	No
	Ripon	Elershaw House	12	1	7	Good	Fully suspended
Ripon	Greenacres (St Anne's)	5	1	4	Good	No	

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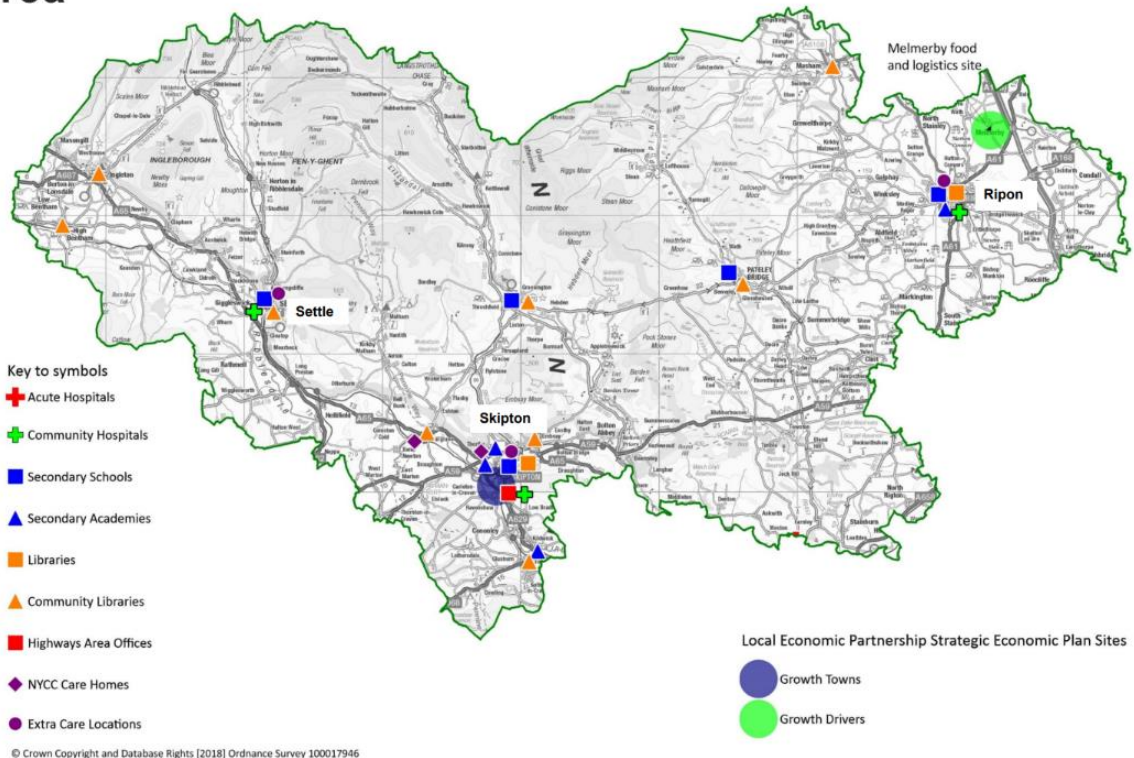


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Membership

Councillors Robert Heseltine (Chair), Andy Solloway (Vice-Chair), Philip Barrett, Barbara Brodigan, Andy Brown, Nick Brown, Felicity Cunliffe-Lister, Richard Foster, Nathan Hull, David Ireton, Andrew Murday, Simon Myers, David Noland, David Staveley and Andrew Williams.

Skipton & Ripon AC Area



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 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 has been achieved.

The work of the Committee

There were four formal meetings of the Committee in 2025/26. The agendas, reports and minutes of those meetings are available on the Council's website.

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

[29 May 2025](#)

- The Rt Hon Sir Julian Smith MP provided an update on the work undertaken in the constituency which included plans to follow up on the Sutton Lane footpath, challenges around SEND provision and funding as well as the need for social care reform.
- Updates on:
 - Localities Service
 - Community Safety and CCTV Service
 - Impact of tourism in the Craven area
 - Countryside Access Service
 - Natural England

[11 September 2025](#)

- The Rt Hon Sir Julian Smith MP provided an update on the work undertaken in the constituency which included the potential for mixed development at the Summerbridge Sawmill site, funding challenges and a possible ministerial visit to Nidderdale National Landscape, and efforts to address job losses following the closure of the Kerry factory in Birstwith.
- Considered a report on the Nidderdale National Landscape Management Plan review, including the current public consultation and the process for adoption by North Yorkshire Council, before adoption by Full Council.
- Updates on:
 - The work of Skipton Youth Council
 - Strategic parking principles
 - Destination Management Plan

[4 December 2025](#)

- The Rt Hon Sir Julian Smith MP provided an update on the work undertaken in the constituency which included endorsing the execution of the Kex Gill bypass and adult social care performance, highlighting priorities such as farming challenges, an update on Ripon hospital, and concerns about the impact of the Government's budget on the hospitality industry and small businesses.
- Considered a report on developing town investment plans and endorsed the proposed schemes to enhance a section of the canal towpath in Skipton and improve the marketplace in Ripon. The Committee requested that NYC Highways explore the pedestrianisation of Ripon city centre.
- A progress update on the proposed Wyvern Link Road in Skipton. Members requested that officers submit a draft business case for consideration by the Executive within 6 months.
- Updates on:
 - Housing need, provision and strategy
 - The work of Skipton Youth Council

5 March 2026

- The Rt Hon Sir Julian Smith MP provided an update on the work undertaken in the constituency which included highlighting pressures from the cost of living crisis and international instability, alongside concerns about SEND reform, local government and rural funding, and the financial impact of proposed employment and economic changes on businesses and the hospitality sector.
- A presentation from the Airedale NHS Foundation Trust on the Airedale Hospital rebuild.
- Considered an update on the performance of schools in the area.
- Considered an options appraisal of the feasibility of a Ripon Mobility Hub.
- Updates on:
 - Rural energy policies and local fuel pricing disparity in the area
 - Wyvern Link Road progress update

In addition, there were two informal briefings which helped to inform the work of the Committee by providing context and background on issues in the area. This included:

- Economic development briefing, covering sector growth opportunities in health, pharmaceutical and life sciences, an update on work undertaken to consider the feasibility of a mobility hub for Ripon and an update on the development of the Langcliffe Quarry project.
- Budget briefing

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 7 public questions and statements. These covered issues including:

- Concerns around the Home to School Transport policy
- Ripon Town Investment Plan
- Issues relating to road safety during winter
- Concerns affecting rural bus services

- Progress on the Nidderdale Greenway Extension
- Opportunities to reuse vacant space above shops in Skipton
- A request to progress the provision of a safe pedestrian pathway in Sutton on Craven

The Committee meetings are recorded and broadcast. Recordings on the Council's website and YouTube channel have had 564 views, an average of 141 per meeting.

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

Engagement with the local MP

The Rt Hon Sir Julian Smith MP has attended all Committee meetings of the 2025/26 year remotely. This process ensures that the Committee receives briefings on Westminster developments that may affect the area, while also providing an opportunity for Members to raise local concerns for the MPs to address at Westminster.

Work Programme for 2026/27

The Committee work programme is a live document that is owned by the Committee. Members are able to suggest items for inclusion in the work programme, 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. The work programme can be seen at the end of every agenda.

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

- Attendance by the MP for Skipton and Ripon
- Attendance by the Mayor of the York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority
- Opportunities to explore new funding sources
- Regular updates on Council services operating in the area
- Updates from the Youth Councils

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North Yorkshire Council
Skipton and Ripon Area Committee

4 June 2026

Work Programme

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To invite Members to consider, amend and add to the Committee's work programme.

2.0 BACKGROUND

2.1 The intention is for the Committee to develop a work programme that:

- a) is owned by the Committee,
- b) has items on it that are important locally but relevant at a strategic level,
- c) evolves over time and is not static.

2.2 The Committee Chair, Vice-Chair and the Democratic Services Officer will keep the work programme updated. They will also determine which items need to be considered at a committee meeting and if any could be dealt with by an informal working group.

2.3 The work programme is considered at every meeting and is an opportunity for Members to request additions to the programme of work.

3.0 FUTURE ITEMS OF WORK

3.1 Democratic Services maintains a live version of the work programme, which is available for any committee member on request. A current version is always included in the papers for each committee meeting.

3.2 The work programme is attached at Appendix A.

4.0 RECOMMENDATION

4.1 Members are asked to consider, amend and add to the Committee's work programme.

Scheduled meeting dates

- 1 October 2026
- 3 December 2026
- 28 January 2027 – Informal Budget Session
- 4 March 2027

Appendices:

- Appendix A – Work Programme

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Skipton and Ripon Area Committee Work Programme		
Thursday 4 June 2026 at 2.00 pm		
Item	Description	Contact
Election of a Chair and Vice Chair	To elect a Chair and Vice-Chair for the 2026-27 Civic Year.	Harriet Clarke (Senior Democratic Services Officer)
Update from Rt Hon Sir Julian Smith MP	An opportunity for Members to discuss issues of key concern in the constituency.	Rt Hon Sir Julian Smith MP
Community Safety & CCTV Annual report*	To consider the annual review of Community Safety and CCTV provision in the Area Committee area.	Julia Stack (Community Safety and CCTV Manager)
Resilience and Emergencies Annual Report*	To receive an update on measures taken to prepare for, and respond to, emergencies in the Skipton and Ripon area.	Matt Robinson (Head of Resilience and Emergencies)
Overview of Residential and Nursing Care and Extra Care provision in the Skipton and Ripon Area	To receive a report on the residential and nursing homes within the Skipton and Ripon area.	Chris Watson (Assistant Director Adults Social Care), Joshua Lamb (Head of Intermediate Care) & Mike Rudd (Assistant Director Service Development)
Youth Council update	Update on issues raised at previous meeting	Noah Garbutt (Skipton Youth Council Chair)
Area Committee Annual Report*	To consider the Annual Report of the work of the Area Committee.	Harriet Clarke (Senior Democratic Services Officer)
1 st October 2026 – Formal Meeting		
Potential items to be confirmed		
Update from Rt Hon Sir Julian Smith MP	An opportunity for Members to discuss issues of key concern in the constituency.	Rt Hon Sir Julian Smith MP
Annual update from Mayor David Skaith, YNYCA* TBC	A verbal update from the Mayor on activities and projects that affect the area.	Annual update from Mayor David Skaith, YNYCA*
Localities Annual Report*	Annual update on the work of the Localities service.	Adele Wilson-Hope (Communities Area Manager - East)

Ousewem Modelling report update TBC	Present an update on the Ousewem Modelling report.	Meirion Jones (Lead Local Flood Authority Team Leader)
Funding sources TBC	Consider opportunities to explore new funding sources, noting emerging schemes such as community energy projects and a Combined Authority led sustainable transport scheme.	TBC

** refers to an annual update*

Suggested items:

- Economic Development, Regeneration, Tourism and Skills.
- Climate Change and the environment.
- Highways and road safety.
- Stronger communities including community networks – combine with item on local voluntary and charity groups
- Housing including housing allocation and targets – following publication of new targets.
- Culture and leisure.
- Education.
- Transport.
- Community safety.
- Healthcare incl. North Yorkshire care homes – what care costs in the Skipton and Ripon area
- Community resilience.
- Hellifield and South Craven masterplans.
- Sutton Lane update – an update on the development of a footpath on Sutton Lane, Sutton in Craven.
- Consideration of how Area Committees in neighbouring authorities operate including level of public participation.
- High street accommodation – use of empty rooms above shops.
- Economic Growth Strategy.
- Transport around Airedale Hospital
- Level Crossing at Cross Hills

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