



Agenda

Notice of a public meeting of **Skipton and Ripon Area
Constituency Committee**

To: **Councillors Margaret Atkinson, Phillip Barrett, Mike Chambers MBE (Chairman), Michael Harrison, Robert Heseltine, David Ireton (Vice-Chairman), Stanley Lumley, Stuart Martin MBE, Patrick Mulligan, Gillian Quinn, Andy Solloway, David Staveley and Robert Windass.**

Date: **Thursday, 2nd September, 2021**

Time: **10.00 am**

Venue: **Remote meeting held using Microsoft Teams**

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Business

1. **Introductions and apologies for absence**
2. **Minutes of the committee meeting held on 27 May 2021** **(Pages 3 - 14)**
3. **Declarations of Interest**
4. **Public Questions or Statements**
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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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5. **Attendance of the RT Hon Julian Smith MP - an opportunity for the MP to share his views on main issues of local interest**
6. **Presentation by the Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner - Mr Philip Allott** (Pages 15 - 32)
7. **Executive Member update**
8. **NYCC Permit Scheme and Co-ordination of Works - Report of Karl Battersby, Corporate Director Business and Environmental Services, NYCC** (Pages 33 - 36)
9. **Youth Council update to committee - Report of Stuart Carlton, Corporate Director, Children and Young People's Services, NYCC**
10. **Committee work programme - Report of the Democratic Services and Scrutiny Manager** (Pages 37 - 40)
11. **Other business which the Chairman agrees should be considered as a matter of urgency because of special circumstances**

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Assistant Chief Executive
(Legal and Democratic Services)

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21 August 2021

North Yorkshire County Council

Skipton and Ripon Area Constituency Committee

Minutes of the remote meeting held on Thursday, 27th May, 2021 commencing at 10.00 am.

County Councillors Margaret Atkinson, Phillip Barrett, Michael Harrison, Robert Heseltine, David Ireton, Stanley Lumley, Stuart Martin, Patrick Mulligan, Gillian Quinn, Andy Solloway, David Staveley and Robert Windass.

In attendance: County Councillors David Chance, Gareth Dadd. Carl Les.

Officers present: Daniel Harry (Democratic Services and Scrutiny Manager), Matt O'Neill (Assistant Director Growth, Planning and Trading Standards, BES), Sarah Fawcett (Inclusive Education Service, CYPS), Jane Le Sage (Assistant Director Inclusion, CYPS), Cathy Knight (Integrated Passenger Transport, BES), and Chloe Thwaites (Youth Engagement Officer, CYPS).

Other Attendees: The Rt Hon Julian Smith MP, a representative of the Youth Council, and two public speakers.

Copies of all documents considered are in the Minute Book

107 Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence.

The committee Chairman, County Councillor Mike Chambers MBE, welcomed County Council David Staveley to the meeting as the newly elected county councillor for the Ribblesdale Division.

108 Minutes of the committee meeting held on 11 March 2021

Considered –

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 March 2021.

The committee Chairman read out the following statement regarding the status of and process for decision making at the committee.

Under his delegated decision making powers in the Officers' Delegation Scheme in the Council's Constitution, the Chief Executive Officer has power, in cases of emergency, to take any decision which could be taken by the Council, the Executive or a committee. Following on from the expiry of the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020, which allowed for committee meetings to be held remotely, the County Council resolved at its meeting on 5 May 2021 that, for the present time, in light of the continuing Covid-19 pandemic circumstances, remote live-broadcast committee meetings should continue, with any formal decisions required being taken by the Chief Executive Officer under his emergency decision making powers and after consultation with other Officers and Members as appropriate and after taking into account any views of the relevant Committee Members. This approach will be reviewed by full Council at its July meeting.

Resolved -

That the draft minutes were agreed by the committee as a correct record and the matter then referred to the Chief Executive Officer to consider, taking into account all relevant information exercising his emergency delegated powers.

109 Declarations of Interest

There were declarations of interest from the following in relation to the matters raised about the Public Question from David Robinson, Chairman of the Henry Jenkins Community Pub Ltd on the basis that they were also Harrogate Borough Councillors: County Councillors Mike Chambers MBE, Stanley Lumley and Stuart Martin MBE.

County Councillor Margaret Atkinson also declared an interest as the local councillor for the division in which the concerns were raised in both of the submitted Public Questions and Statements. She also declared that she knew both of the Public Speakers.

110 Public Questions or Statements

There were two public questions and statements.

1) David Robinson, Chairman, Henry Jenkins Community Pub Ltd – support for community pubs

I have lived in Kirkby Malzeard, a village in North Yorkshire since 1991 and feel I now qualify to speak as a Yorkshireman. For the past 4 years I've been the chairman of the Henry Jenkins Community Pub Ltd a community group trying to save a previously well-loved country pub from demolition and replacement by houses. Our Community Benefit Society has over 200 members, £236k pledged in Community Shares and recently, for the first time, the support of our Parish Council.

Our growing population with many new houses built and planned, demand that we stem the tide of lost facilities for residents and visitors too..

160 community pubs have been created and have survived the pandemic and not one has failed – what a record! Demonstrating how the whole country can stop the wanton destruction of local pubs and inject some revitalisation into rural communities.

Saving and redeveloping an ancient well-loved, pub will bring in more trade from tourism for all businesses in our local villages thus regenerating the local economy. It will provide jobs, provide choice & combat social isolation.

Kirkby can hugely capitalise on the huge explosion of sports tourism in North Yorkshire, walking, but especially cycling -as the Tour de Yorkshire has twice been routed up our main street . But it is undermined by a failure of local authorities to understand and support the desires of the local population.

I'd like to say here, that Kirkby is not alone in this situation. There are a large number of pubs in North Yorkshire suffering in the same way and I can provide details of these if requested,

What is completely dispiriting is the sense of being 'cast adrift' by our local authorities, both at borough and county level, who apparently have no policy to deal with this widespread and expanding dire situation.

Our example reveals a widespread public perception, rightly or wrongly, that the stance of Harrogate Borough Council management and particularly their Democratic, Governance and Scrutiny office has been more sympathetic towards the site owner-developers than

towards our local community group to whom they have a duty of care. In a table of authorities applying ACVs they are close to the bottom and they are strongly opposed to receiving any request for a CPO, both of which are intended for community groups trying to protect threatened community assets.

Strangely, the HBC planners, steadfastly refuse to allow change of use stating quite adamantly that they still regard the whole site as a community asset. One feels obliged to ask – where is the consistency? Where is the hope?

What help can this committee provide to me, the Save the Henry Jenkins campaign and the many other campaigning groups in North Yorkshire that have the same problems? Can a working group be set up to establish a consistent policy to support community groups within the county? Otherwise, many more pubs will go to the wall and many other communities will wither.

And finally will Mr Smith not reconsider what he said when we last met, now that his party has settled in with such a large majority, that he doesn't feel he can become involved in this issue within the heart of his constituency?

In response, Matt O'Neill, Assistant Director Growth, Planning and Trading Standards, Business and Environmental Services said:

Thank you for your letter of 24 May in respect of your community's efforts to save the Henry Jenkins Pub in Kirkby Malzeard as a community asset. Your achievements in raising funding and setting up a community group are commendable. Community owned and run public houses can certainly be a valuable asset to a local community.

As a representative of the County Council, I am not able to comment on the specific Assets of Community Value or Planning issues you mention as both the legislation and powers are the responsibility of the District/Borough Councils within North Yorkshire.

I highly respect your fundraising efforts and would like to draw your attention to the Government's recent announcement of the Community Ownership Fund about to be launched this summer, which offers up to £250,000 of matched funding to help community groups buy or take over local community assets at risk of being lost. When the prospectus is launched I will ask one of my colleagues in our Stronger Communities Team to look at the fund and meet with you to discuss your aspirations for the Henry Jenkins Pub if this is appropriate.

North Yorkshire County Council's Stronger Communities service already works closely with local groups to support communities and has helped a number of community pubs over the years. Incorporating library services where none exists locally, promote a community space, community use PC, shop, meal delivery service to housebound people – all with a focus on meeting social needs in the local area. Where Stronger Communities has been unable to help it has encouraged pubs to seek help from Pub is the Hub <https://www.pubisthehub.org.uk/community-ownership/>.

The County Council is keen to support sound community and local business ventures to help themselves and create local solutions for service provision and we can certainly draw on colleagues expertise, both within the County Council and in partnership with local District Council's to explore further opportunities to support groups such as yours.

David Robinson made a supplementary statement, noting that he was aware of the Community Ownership Fund and would be looking further into it once it had been released.

2) Jane Aksut – Idling motor vehicle engines

I would like to raise the issue of car idling, cars running while the drivers wait, especially

outside schools.

I am surprised that this is still a problem when pollution is such a major topic of discussion everywhere.

But it is a problem.

It would be great if we could create a culture where traffic idling is unacceptable and people who still have retained the habit of sitting and waiting in their running car make a conscious effort to change.

I think two small actions could make a huge difference:

1. Could the council persuade schools to message parents that cars need to be switched off when parents wait outside schools? It would also be nice if buses waiting in the bus park could also switch off their engines.
2. Could the council commission an engaging poster, perhaps with some facts and figures about exhaust pollution, that could be posted on social media or in shop windows? This would be especially useful for cafes with tables outside (then their customers don't have to sit alongside a car pumping out fumes) and for take away restaurants for which customers wait outside.

It is amazing that so many local vehicle drivers have not got the message from the news or documentaries on TV. For this reason, it would be good if NYCC could give those vehicle drivers a nudge and change some drivers' habits for the better.

In response, Daniel Harry read out the following that had been prepared by Fiona Ancell, Road Safety Team Leader, Business and Environmental Services:

The County Council is committed to reducing pollution and improving air quality. We have implemented a number of initiatives to support this ambition:-

We are currently consulting on an air quality strategy, due to be adopted later this year. The Air Quality Strategy is a county wide policy with the aim of protecting and where necessary, improving air quality in North Yorkshire to help reduce the health and environmental impacts of air pollution and ensure the county remains a special place for everyone to live, work and visit.

To achieve the aims set out above we plan to adopt four key objectives:

- Raise the profile of improving air quality in the context of North Yorkshire
- Work in partnership with borough and district councils and other appropriate organisations to protect air quality and address location specific air quality issues
- Ensure that improving or maintaining good air quality is a key consideration when planning and delivering County Council services
- Support the use of Ultra Low Emission Vehicles (ULEVs) in North Yorkshire.

In addition:

- We are developing a climate change strategy, which will incorporate strategies to reduce vehicle pollution.
- We work with district council Environmental Health Teams to monitor pollution levels in key air quality assessment areas.
- During 2017 to 2020, our Road Safety and Active Travel Team, via the Department of Transport (DfT) Access Fund programme implemented a programme of active and sustainable travel initiatives in ~~Stilton~~, Harrogate and Scarborough. This included

- engagement with businesses, the public and schools.
- Through the DfT Travel Demand Management programme, we have engaged in an intensive social media campaign, encouraging more active and sustainable travel to and from schools, as they return to school post Covid19 closures.
- NYCC has applied for a grant from the DfT Local Authority Capability Fund to increase our capability to plan good active travel infrastructure, including building more expertise and undertaking more evidence-based planning. This replaces the Access Fund and supports our commitment to the Local Walking and Cycling Plan, together with support for the Bikeability Cycle Training scheme.
- The council is working with the Local Enterprise Partnership to further develop the York and North Yorkshire Routemap to Carbon-Negative to reduction pollution from transport and increase levels of active and sustainable travel.
- In relation to parents leaving their vehicles idling outside schools, colleagues in the Highways and Transportation Department and Children's and Young Peoples Service will consider a programme of messages from schools to parents on this issue.
- The council will explore potential opportunities to develop and promote a dedicated campaign related to vehicle pollution and idling.
- With regard to buses idling, where there is vehicular access to a school site, then the School should have a traffic management plan for the site. If the vehicle access to the site includes a "bus park" then the school would usually include a requirement for the buses to have their engines turned off when dropping off or picking up.

Transport providers are made aware of the school's traffic management plans, including switching off engines, at the beginning of the school year. The Council support schools with these messages by issuing reminders to transport providers throughout the year and undertaking checks on school sites.

111 Update from the RT Hon Julian Smith MP

Considered –

An update from the Rt Hon Julian Smith MP

The committee Chairman, County Councillor Mike Chambers MBE, invited the Rt Hon Julian Smith MP to give an overview to the committee of some of his areas of work, concerns and priorities. The key points are as summarised below:

- The vaccination programme has progressed well nationally and also in North Yorkshire
- There are low levels in Covid-19 infections in North Yorkshire but there is a need to monitor the impact of the Delta variant and any other variants that occur
- There has been lots of questions from constituents regarding travel restrictions and planning for summer holidays, which is understandable
- The hope is that the current restrictions can be relaxed as set out in the national roadmap
- There is a need to be mindful of how the transmission and infection rate could increase as people are less cautious and start missing more ahead of 21 June 2021.

There followed a discussion, during the course of which County Councillors made the following points:

- The mandatory vaccination of health and social care staff is a live issue and has significant implications for the human rights or all involved. The County Council has responded to the national consultation and awaits the Government's findings
- The success of the national and local vaccination programme has been down to the availability and commitment of volunteers. It is unclear how many times they can be drawn on to support additional vaccination drives
- The outcome of the Local Government Review will be announced in July.

County Councillor Mike Chambers MBE thanked the Rt Hon Julian Smith MP for attending the meeting and answering questions from the committee members.

The Rt Hon Julian Smith MP left the meeting at 10:25am.

112 The visitor economy in North Yorkshire and the impact of Covid-19 – update May 2021 - report of Karl Battersby, Corporate Director Business and Environmental Services, NYCC

Considered –

A presentation by Matt O'Neill, Assistant Director Growth, Planning and Trading Standards, Business and Environmental Services.

The key points from the presentation are summarised as follows:

- Previously provided an update at the 14 October 2020 meeting of the committee
- Tourism in North Yorkshire supports an estimated 41,200 jobs or 14% of all employment
- Total expenditure by domestic visitors is £1.536 billion per annum
- Total expenditure by international visitors is £168 million per annum
- Two thirds of food service and accommodation jobs in hospitality were furloughed at the peak of the pandemic
- There has been a big impact upon the performing arts and theatres and many music venues remain closed
- There has been a comprehensive package of financial support from Government and national and local support for the promotion of the tourist sector, including the 'Welcome to Yorkshire Recovery Plan'
- The aim is to attract new first time visitors and then convert these into habitual repeaters
- Historically, the basis of competition has been upon value. There is an opportunity to shift the focus to quality
- There are opportunities to build zero carbon tourism and to renew the focus upon an environmentally break in the countryside and national parks
- The traditional core industries in the county are food, manufacturing, creative and digital, manufacturing and agriculture.

There followed a discussion with the key points as summarised below:

- Good weather over the summer and autumn will help hugely with visitor numbers, in particular day visits
- Not clear whether it will be possible to convert day visitors into repeat visitors or people who book accommodation, once it is possible again to go overseas for a holiday
- There remains an issue with low wages and lack of career opportunities in the tourism sector. More support to the sector to develop long term career paths would be welcome
- More could be done to develop the out of season trade and create new attractions.

County Councillor Andy Solloway said that there was a need to encourage people to visit a range of different places, rather than a few 'honey-pots'. Otherwise, local communities and the local infrastructure will not be able to cope.

County Councillor Gareth Dadd stated that more could be done to generate greater profit and focus upon a high-end market that appreciates the local history and landscapes but expects the highest standards of accommodation and service.

County Councillor Mike Chambers MBE summed up and thanked officers for attending and answering the questions of the committee.

Resolved –

- a. The committee to keep a watching brief and so no further update required by the committee at this time. Matt O'Neill to keep Daniel Harry informed of progress with the recovery of tourism post pandemic.

113 Elective Home Education update - report of Stuart Carlton, Corporate Director, Children and Young People's Services, NYCC

Considered –

A presentation by Sarah Fawcett, Inclusive Education Service and Jane Le Sage, Assistant Director Inclusion from the Children's and Young People Service regarding elective home education.

The key points from the presentation are as summarised below:

- The numbers of children in elective home education has risen steadily over since 2017/18 and the pandemic and concerns about risk of transmission in schools has accelerated this rise
- There was a significant increase in notifications for elective home education during the Autumn term, which coincided with the return to school after a sustained period of home schooling nationally
- The experience of home education during successive lockdowns may have increased the number of parents and carers actively considering elective home education
- In many cases, the reasons for elective home education remain the same, despite the pandemic: bullying; anxiety; exclusions; and poor attendance
- It is anticipated that the numbers of children in elective home education will fall as the national vaccination programme progresses
- The Council has a duty to ensure all children in North Yorkshire are receiving an efficient, suitable full time education
- Where a parent/carer has stated that they want their child to be home educated, then the Council will meet with both the parent/carer and the school to discuss and go through the options available
- There are four Elective Home Education Advisors who work with families to support them and to ensure that the criteria of an efficient, suitable full time education is being met.

There followed a discussion with the key points as summarised below:

- The Council has a role to play in keeping in touch with those children who are not in school and ensure that they are safe and continuing to receive a suitable education. The EHE Advisor is key to this
- Some concerns were expressed about the lack of social contact experienced by a child being home educated compared to a child in school. It was felt that this key part of a child's overall education could be missing in many cases
- It is not possible to compel parents and carers to engage with the Council concerning the home education of their children. The EHE Advisors work hard to ensure that they build a strong relationship with parents and carers
- The limits upon our powers of intervention is frustrating and fresh Government guidance that gives the local authority greater leeway to intervene would be welcomed.

County Councillor Gillian Quinn asked whether the delays to the assessment of children with autism had contributed to the rise in elective home education over time.

In response, Jane Le Sage said that there may be a link but that every effort was made to engage with parents and carers at the discussion stage and to look at what options are

available.

Sarah Fawcett said that there was a need to take into account the views of children and the life that they want to lead after school and then use that to inform the decisions made.

County Councillor Mike Chambers MBE summed up and thanked officers for an interesting and informative presentation and for taking the time to attend and answer the questions of the committee.

Resolved –

- a. An update to be provided in 12 months, with a focus upon the number of children who are in elective home education and the work being done by the EHE Advisors with those families that have chosen to home educate.

114 Digital Demand Responsive Bus Service - report of Karl Battersby, Corporate Director Business and Environmental Services, NYCC

Considered –

A report on a demand responsive bus pilot by Cathy Knight, Integrated Passenger Transport, Business and Environmental Services.

Cathy Knight gave an overview of the report, the key elements of which are as summarised below:

- The pilot will be for 12 months from 1 July 2021
- It is a flexible transport service and buses vary their routes based on demand rather than using a fixed route or timetable
- The area around Ripon, Masham and Bedale is covered in the pilot
- Passengers will be able to book and pay for a journey using an 'app' or by telephone
- Drivers receive their routes based on advance or real-time bookings
- The fares charged will be similar to local bus fares
- There will be a marketing campaign which will target passengers in the pilot area.

County Councillor David Ireton asked what the impact of the pandemic had been upon commercial and subsidised bus services.

In response, Cathy Knight said that the use of buses was severely affected by the pandemic and lockdown restrictions. At its worst, the levels were 7% of the pre-pandemic level. It is anticipated that there will be a full recovery of the levels of bus use over the next three years.

County Councillor Stanley Lumley queried what financial support was in place for commercial and subsidised bus services.

Cathy Knight said that the Council had kept to all contractual agreements and payments throughout the pandemic and that additional financial support had been available from the Department for Transport (DfT). The DfT funding is in place until March 2022.

County Councillor Mike Chambers MBE thanked Cathy Knight for attending and answering the questions of the committee.

Resolved –

- a. Cathy Knight to come back to the committee in 12 months' time with an assessment of the pilot and details of any planned roll out of the scheme across the county.

115 The Youth Council and engagement with the work of the Area Constituency Committee - verbal update - report of Stuart Carlton, Corporate Director, Children and Young People's Services, NYCC

Considered –

A verbal update on the work of the Youth Council by Chloe Thwaites, Youth Engagement Officer, Children and Young Peoples' Services and a member of the Youth Council.

Daniel Harry introduced the item, noting that this was an opportunity for the committee to engage with young people and take into account some of the issues that face when considering the matters on the work programme.

Chloe Thwaites gave an overview of the work of the Youth Council and then the member of the local Youth Council outlined some of the key concerns for young people in the area. Of particular concern was mental health and wellbeing and the environment and climate change.

There followed a discussion. Committee members recognised that more could be done to engage with young people in the area and take into account their views, concerns and hopes.

County Councillor David Staveley asked how the Youth Council engaged with children and young people in the more remote, rural areas of the county, particularly during the pandemic.

In response, the member of the Youth Council said that remote access using zoom and other platforms as well as social media had helped maintain and expand contact and engagement.

Chloe Thwaites said that there were also strong links with schools, young farmers and other well established groups.

County Councillor Mike Chambers thanked Chloe Thwaites and the member of the Youth Council for attending. He thanked the member of the Youth Council for their insightful presentation to the committee and expressed his hopes that the committee and the Youth Council would be able to work together in the future.

Resolved –

- a. That the Youth Council be invited to future meetings of the committee and liaise with Daniel Harry in relation to any issues that need to be brought to the attention of the committee.

116 Appointments to committee and outside bodies (extension of existing appointments) - report of Democratic Services and Scrutiny Manager, NYCC

Considered –

A report by Daniel Harry, Democratic Services and Scrutiny Manager regarding appointments to Local Bodies.

Daniel Harry introduced the report and said that there were two separate matters to consider:

- 1) The extension of existing appointments to Local Bodies in the Skipton and Ripon Area Constituency Committee (ACC) area, previously made by the Craven and Harrogate Area

Committees, to be extended through to the AGM in 2022; and
2) To make an appointment to the vacant seat on the Forest of Bowland AONB Joint Advisory Committee.

Daniel Harry said that the extension of all existing appointments to Local Bodies was needed as the deferment of the County Council elections from May 2021 to May 2022 meant that the term of the Council has been extended. Previously, appointments had been made on the basis of the Council term ending in May 2021.

Daniel Harry said that the vacancy on the Forest of Bowland AONB Joint Advisory Committee had arisen with the sad and untimely death of County Councillor Richard Welch.

A vote was taken on the extension of existing appointment to Local Bodies and the committee were unanimously in favour.

County Councillor David Ireton was nominated and seconded for the position on the Forest of Bowland AONB Joint Advisory Committee. An uncontested vote was held and County Councillor David Ireton unanimously elected to the position.

County Councillor Mike Chambers MBE reminded the committee that as these were both formal decisions, the views of the committee would be referred to the Chief Executive Officer for him to make a decision. Daniel Harry will progress this on the committee's behalf.

Resolved –

- a. The all appointments to Local Bodies be extended through to the end of the current Council in May 2022
- b. That County Councillor David Ireton be the Council's representative on the Forest of Bowland AONB Joint Advisory Committee.

117 Executive member update

Considered –

Updates from Executive Members present at the meeting.

The update provided by County Councillor Carl Les is as summarised below:

- Welcome County Councillor David Staveley to the meeting
- Good to see the engagement with the Youth Council
- Pleased to see the positive engagement with the Rt Hon Julian Smith MP
- The new Police and Fire Commissioner will be attending the meetings of the Area Constituency Committees once he has settled into his new role
- Transport remains a key issue for the county. Support will be needed to enable the network to recover from the impact of the pandemic and investment will be needed in road and rail to ensure long term prosperity for the county
- The Council is planning for a third wave of Covid-19. We hope that this does not happen but have to plan for all eventualities.

The update provided by County Councillor Michael Harrison is as summarised below:

- The levels of Covid-19 infection remains low, as does the number of people requiring hospital treatment
- At present, there are no Covid19 outbreaks in the 235 care homes in the county
- The Health and Adult Services Directorate is under-going a restructure to enable it to adopt cover 7 days a week in some areas

- The overall savings programme has been re-profiled to take into account the impact of the pandemic.

The update provided by County Councillor David Chance is as summarised below:

- Welcome the ongoing engagement with the local MP through the committee. It provides an excellent opportunity to make him more aware of grass roots issues and the impact of national policy at a local level
- The Community Support Organisations are now focussed upon building self-reliance, independence and enabling people to get back out into the community
- Befriending is a key issue as some more vulnerable and/or frail people need support to enable them to build their strength and confidence.

The update provided by County Councillor Gareth Dadd is as summarised below:

- The financial position has improved from Q3 to Q4 2020/21
- The ongoing savings programme will be adhered to
- There was some misunderstanding at a recent meeting of the Shareholder Committee about the financial position of the Brierley Group. This will be addressed at a Member Seminar.

The update provided by County Councillor Patrick Mulligan is as summarised below:

- The response of schools to the pandemic has been exemplary
- School funding and in particular that for small rural schools remains an issue due to the way in which the national funding formula is constructed. The Council continues to lobby the Department for Education. It would be a huge cost to the Government to provide much needed additional funding
- There will be a consultation about the future of the Bewerley Park Outdoor Education Centre.

County Councillor Mike Chambers MBE thanked the Executive members for their updates and for taking the time to attend the meeting.

118 Committee work programme - report of the Democratic Services and Scrutiny Manager

Considered -

A report by Daniel Harry, Democratic Services and Scrutiny Manager, outlining the committee work programme.

Daniel Harry introduced the report and asked that Members review the committee's work programme, taking into account the outcome of discussions on previous agenda items and any other developments taking place across the area.

Resolved –

- a. That the committee work programme be reviewed by members.

119 Other business which the Chairman agrees should be considered as a matter of urgency because of special circumstances

There was none.

Meeting end: 12:35pm

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Priorities and Plans

Philip Allott

Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner



The first 3 months...



Briefings and site visits



Getting out and about with NYFRS.....



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Getting out and about with NYP.....



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Initial priorities



Tackle Neighbourhood Crime

Clamp down on drugs

Deal with County Lines and pervasive recreational drugs.

A new approach to Anti-Social Behaviour

Reinvigorate partnership work to solve the root causes.

Counter cross-border crime

Protect our borderlands from travelling criminals.

Reduce reoffending

Reform offending behaviour to reduce persistent criminality.

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Protect the vulnerable and victims

Prevent harm before it happens

Instil a prevention first culture in both Services.

Promote the Victim's Code

Ensure victims get a rigorous, timely and empathetic service.

Enhance safety for women and girls

Counter domestic and public violence and prevent offending behaviour.

Tackle hate crime

Help build an inclusive society

Develop a Public Safety Service

Work to prevent vulnerability collaboratively.



Enhance rural services

Fair funding

To meet the challenges of serving the largest county in England.

On Call Fire Service

Reform the Service to recognise their commitment and improve availability.

Stop speeding

Deal decisively with road safety on rural roads and in villages.

Rural and wildlife crime

Proper recognition of the impact of crime in rural areas.

Dog theft

Criminalise the offence and improve the response.



Services that are fit for the future

Properly equipped

Ensure Services have the technology to keep them at the cutting edge.

Make sure estate, fleet and equipment is up to date and meets the need.

Customer focused

Improve 101 response times

Enhance collaboration

Foster new cross-border agreements to protect our area.

Work closer with local partners to improve prevention.

Pool resources to co-fund and co-commission

Save to re-invest

Maximise efficiency to release funds to re-invest in frontline services.



Force Control Room

Currently experiencing significant demand

- 999 – June daily demand equivalent to New Years Eve – 300 calls per day.
 - May – 8203; June 8723 – Highest call volume on record. June 2020 was 4295.
- 101 – current daily average 761 – 100 more than usual daily average in June

Staffing to demand

- Changing shift timings to ensure maximum cover at peak demand
- Recruited an additional 8 staff and temporarily increasing by 6 FTE

Digital channels

- Single Online Home – digital contact and transactions
- Publish peak times and live call waiting / call volumes



Forward look



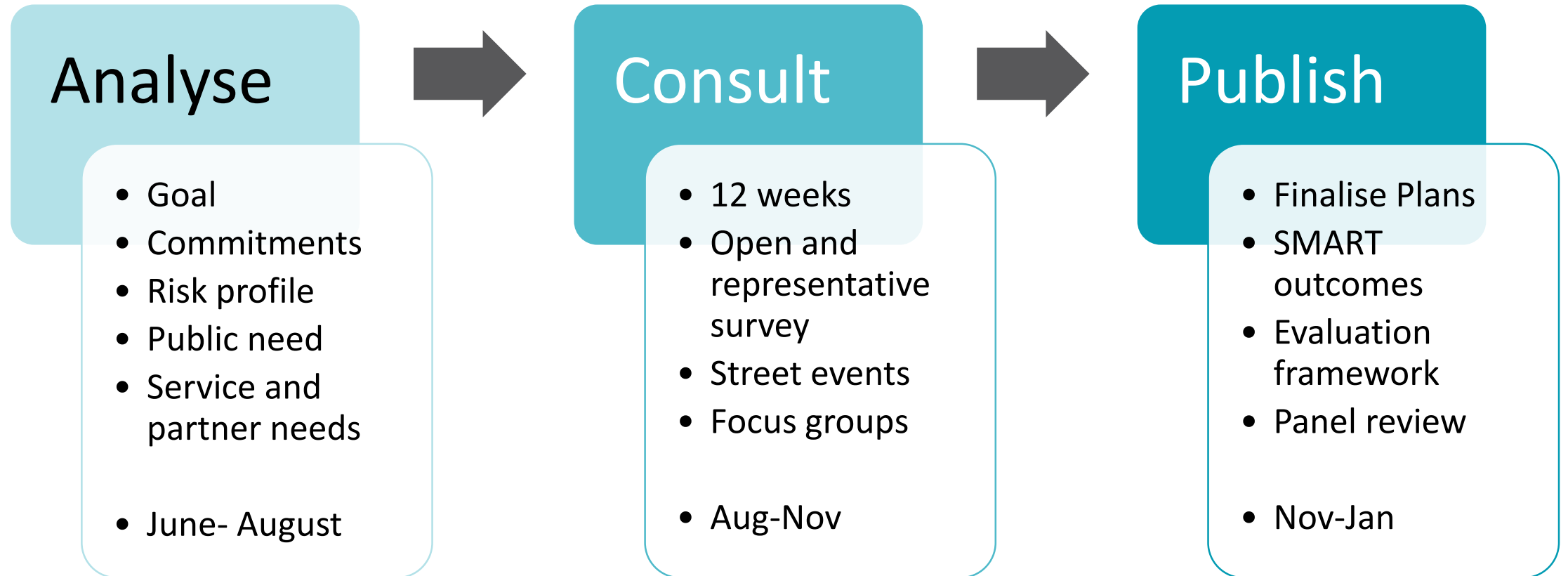
Governance

- Intend to maintain current governance arrangements
- Home Office PCC Review part 1 requires a resilience plan be in place
 - Deputy may be mandated, but decided not to appoint and to review in 12 months
- Areas for Investment in the OPFCC – and for Chief Executive to deliver – to provide resilience and equally importantly enhance Service Delivery for North Yorkshire and the City of York
 - Establish permanent and resilient leadership, management and organisational development model as part of an overall Business Development Strategy
 - Put in place a Delivery and Governance Plan to ensure delivery of the PCP and FRP – and enhance good governance of policing and fire.
 - Communications, Digital Engagement
 - Education Sector and Youth Engagement
 - Ensuring our Customer Service model is enhanced and resilient



Plans and Consultations

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Consultation on Police and Crime and Fire and Rescue Plans

- Consultation Questionnaire live on-line 16 August
- Town centre public consultations start 23 August (in Selby)
 - Skipton 17 Sep and 10 Oct
- Telephone interviews with selected residents to meet demographic profile
- Telephone interviews with businesses
- Local councils to be asked for input



Commissioning priorities

- Recommissioning of Sexual Assault Referral Centre and Child Sexual Assault Assessment Service ahead of UKAS accreditation
- Renewed Victim Needs Assessment
- Implementation and evaluation of new Diversion Services
- Implementation of new Young people in Domestic Abuse households service
- Recommissioning of Independent Victim Adviser service and Youth Commission
- Review of Child Sexual/Criminal Exploitation and CSCE Parent Liaison services



Working in Partnership

- Reinvigorate relationships across local government and wider partnership landscape
- Looking to work closely with partners on issues and joint priorities
- Keen to engage broadly and welcome support to gather public views and understand local concerns



Any Questions?





**North Yorkshire County Council
Skipton and Ripon ACC – 2 September 2021
NYCC Permit Scheme and Co-ordination of Works**

1.0 Purpose of the report

- 1.1 This report provides an update for Members following a comprehensive report that was provided to the March 2021 Area Constituency Committee meeting and a short update on the planned introduction of flexi permits by Department for Transport is also included.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 Officers presented a report to the ACC on 11 March 2021 regarding the NYCC permit scheme, with particular reference made to:
- An Overview of the Purpose of the NYCC Permit Scheme;
 - Operation of the Permit Scheme;
 - Inspections;
 - Immediate/Emergency Works;
 - Co-ordination;
 - Fibre Schemes; and the
 - Impact of COVID-19
- 2.2 At the meeting, Members expressed a particular interest in the following:
- Communication of Works;
 - Co-ordination of Works;
 - Damage to Other Services Caused by Works; and
 - Quality of Reinstatement.

3.0 Communication of Works

- 3.1 One of the objectives of the North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) Permit Scheme is for statutory undertakers (utility companies) to manage proactively their activities on the highway. This includes giving advanced warning of their works and providing the Council's Street Works team with details of their proposed works, including traffic management and expected start and finish dates. This information is then uploaded onto a website called One Network, which is discussed later in this report.
- 3.2 Each permit request is checked by a member of the Street Works team and these are then either granted, refused or modifications requested. The utilities are then only able to commence works once they have obtained a granted permit from the authority.
- 3.3 The quarterly coordination schedule (considered further in Section 4) provides the Street Works team with forward visibility on proposed works, enabling the team to spot potential clashes and to highlight any major upcoming schemes, or works that have the potential to cause significant disruption to business and the local community.

- 3.4 Where potential for significant disruption on key routes exists, for works of more than ten days, we will request that advanced warning is provided on site and encourage, unfortunately we cannot stipulate, the utility companies to display signage on site prior to the works being undertaken. We may also ask for advertising these works in the media via radio, websites and newspapers and holding 'drop in sessions' where members of the public can discuss the works directly with the statutory undertaker. Utility companies may also be asked to contact the relevant parish and district and county councillors. As a minimum, statutory undertakers should ensure that all affected residents and businesses receive letters advising of the works.
- 3.5 For immediate/emergency works, it is not always possible to give advanced warning. As a result, we ask that utility companies contact us directly in cases where urgent works are taking place in potentially disruptive areas. This allows us to contact the relevant stakeholders so that this information can be circulated and disruption minimised.
- 3.6 All permits are submitted via electronic communication. This information is then displayed upon an open website called 'One Network'. This web page contains information about all current and proposed works, including details of the company undertaking the work, their contact details, the traffic management that is to be used and the proposed dates of the works. It also allows road users and members of the public to search for specific streets and dates. A recent addition to this website is the inclusion of information being sent to all major Sat Nav providers.

4.0 Co-ordination of Works

- 4.1 Through the Permit Scheme, where it is considered necessary, we are able to apply certain restrictions on utility companies by challenging works durations, dates, suitability of the traffic management as well as specifying times in which work can take place in an attempt to minimise the disruption. In this way, we have a greater level of control than has previously been the case under the previous noticing regime, which has in turn, helped to minimise clashes of works and assist with coordination of the network.
- 4.2 In addition, we send out a quarterly co-ordination schedule to all statutory undertakers in order for them to populate any major works they have coming up in the next 3-6 months that may not yet be in the system. The basis of this is to provide a very early indication of any potential clashes that may take place either between other statutory undertakers, NYCC's own schemes or any public events, in order that we can be proactive in coordinating these effectively.
- 4.3 The coordination schedule will also highlight where works associated with development activity are due to take place. Where there is multiple demand for road space, we seek to encourage collaborative working. This mitigates the risk of the highway being dug up by different companies in a short time period. There is an incentive for utilities to work collaboratively, as a discount is applied upon their permit fee.
- 4.4 Whilst the coordination schedule is a useful tool, it has limitations in that it does not account for short duration works. In instances where the utility is carrying out standard or minor works (ten days or less), in line with the notice periods of the scheme, they are only required to serve a notice period of either 10 or 3 working days. It is in these instances where there is a greater risk of works clashing.
- 4.5 Collaborative working can be difficult to encourage in these situations, as we may have little awareness of the level of interest in the same road space. In an effort to address this, we hold regular meetings with the major utilities in order to discuss any upcoming works in an attempt to co-ordinate works more efficiently.

4.6 Further, we hold regular internal meetings to ensure that we are as joined up as we can be in relation to sharing information on known upcoming utility and highway works.

5.0 Damage to Other Services Caused by Works

5.1 Any utility company working on the network has a statutory obligation to ensure that their works should not cause damage to other services. If damage or loss is suffered, they are required to compensate where apparatus has been damaged.

5.2 In certain circumstances, NYCC may become directly involved. Such instances though are not frequent, as we encourage proactive discussion between the relevant parties to reach an agreement. Nevertheless, if specific concerns are brought to our attention, these will be investigated.

6.0 Quality of Reinstatement

6.1 For all statutory undertakers working in the highway, reinstatements must be compliant with the Specification for the Reinstatement of Openings in the Highway (SROH). This code of practice prescribes materials that may be used and the expected standards of workmanship and performance standards to be complied with at both interim and permanent reinstatement stages.

6.2 During the lifecycle of the works, inspections are undertaken at different frequencies, to ensure that works are compliant. This includes inspections after works are completed and the excavation has been backfilled and reinstated. Reinstatements that do not comply with the SROH are divided into two types, each of which requires a specific action. These are Reinstatement Defects Causing Danger and Non-Dangerous Reinstatement Defects.

6.3 For Reinstatement Defects Causing Danger, the utility will be made aware immediately and the site must be made safe within two hours, by either providing signing, lighting and guarding of the defective area, by carrying out an interim reinstatement or by commencing urgent works to undertake a permanent reinstatement.

6.4 For Non- Dangerous Reinstatement Defects, we follow the process highlighted in the New Roads and Street Works Act - Code of Practice for Inspections. The details of the non-compliant reinstatement are passed to the utility and a site meeting is arranged. At the meeting, once acceptance of the defect has been confirmed, the appropriate method for the works to be undertaken will be agreed. A permit to undertake the remedial works will then be submitted, which will be checked in line with the NYCC Permit Scheme. Once a granted permit is obtained, the utility can then undertake remedial works to rectify the failed reinstatement. A further inspection is undertaken once the works have been completed to ensure that the reinstatement is now compliant with SROH.

6.5 In certain circumstances, a utility might reinstate their site using a temporary interim reinstatement. Although this should be agreed in advance, it is not always possible. Examples of this are when it may be necessary to undertake a temporary reinstatement in order to clear traffic management due to an upcoming event or if there is an issue with sourcing correct reinstatement for reactive works. Legislation requires that interim sites should be made permanent within six months of the initial works being undertaken.

- 6.6 We do encourage the utility to complete works with a first time permanent reinstatement, thereby mitigating the need for them to return and cause more disruption. We may also request that interim reinstatements within high visibility areas, such as tourist destinations and prior to major events like the Tour de Yorkshire, are made permanent prior to the advised six months.
- 6.7 Part of the inspection regime that we undertake once reinstatement is completed is through a coring scheme. The purpose of the coring process is to check that undertakers' reinstatements comply with the SROH and to drive improvement in reinstatement compliance in a way that will meet the legislative requirements and to protect the integrity of the local highway network.
- 6.8 Here, a 100mm diameter core is removed from a reinstatement and a visual inspection is undertaken for air void failures. Core samples can also be sent to an independent laboratory for the bituminous material to be tested for compliance to current standards.
- 6.9 It should be noted that due to COVID regulations and other operational priorities, such as the roll out of various fibre schemes throughout the county, the coring programme has been on hold for a period of time. We are though looking to reinvigorate this programme within the near future.

7.0 Flexi Permits

- 7.1 There has recently been a consultation document circulated from the Department for Transport (DfT) regarding the proposed introduction of "super permits" or "flexi permits". This new type of permit will mean that the statutory undertakers will no longer be required to submit a permit for every street they want to work on and instead allow them to blanket an area for a proposed duration of four weeks. This approach favours the utilities and risks weakening the Council's control gained through permitting, e.g. the efficient coordination of works, as the street authority will not know where the utility with the flexi permit will be on any particular day.
- 7.2 NYCC submitted a response to the DfT consultation on 23 July, expressing concern over the introduction of flexi permits. The outcome of this consultation is awaited.

8.0 Recommendation
8.1 It is recommended that Members note the content of the report.

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 16 August 2021

North Yorkshire County Council Skipton and Ripon Area Constituency Committee 10am on 2 September 2021

Committee work programme

1.0 Purpose of the Report
1.1 Members are asked to consider, amend and add to the Committee's draft work programme (see Appendix 1), as required.

2.0 Remit of the committee

2.1 The Area Constituency Committees:

- Act as a forum for Members to bring forward issues affecting their local Electoral Divisions
- Hear and respond to questions and statements from members of the public relating to anything affecting the community within the constituency area
- Agree a Work Programme which lists items of business which the Committee wishes to consider at future meetings
- Undertake meaningful scrutiny of local health issues within their constituency area, complementing the strategic work undertaken by the Scrutiny of Health Committee
- Undertake meaningful scrutiny of local transport issues within their constituency area, complementing the strategic work undertaken by Transport, Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- Act as consultees in major decisions that affect their constituency area (including responding to consultations)
- Make recommendations on the application of Innovation funding (supported by the Stronger Communities Team)
- Develop a working relationship with the local MP, sharing updates and information on relevant local issues.

3.0 Scheduled committee dates

3.1 Forthcoming committee dates are:

- 10am on 16 December 2021
- 10am on 10 March 2022.

4.0 Recommendations
4.1 That Members consider, amend and add to the Committee's draft work programme (see Appendix 1), as required.

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**Skipton and Ripon Area Constituency Committee
Work Programme 2020 – dated 17 August 2021**

Informal meetings of the committee held during the peak of the pandemic when formal meetings of the Council for most committees were postponed

2 April 2020, 23 April 2020, 14 May 2020, 4 June 2020, 16 July 2020, 3 September 2020

10am on 7 January 2021 – live broadcast remote meeting

Committee discussion with local MP	An opportunity for committee members to discuss issues of key concern in the constituency
Annual Council Budget Review	Additional meeting to review the annual Council budget and make recommendations to Executive – Head of Finance, NYCC
Transport and access	Harrogate Transport Improvement Programme - Business and Environment Services, NYCC

10am on 11 March 2021 – live broadcast remote meeting

Committee discussion with local MP	An opportunity for committee members to discuss issues of key concern in the constituency
Castleberg Community Hospital, Giggleswick	Final update from Airedale Wharfedale and Craven CCG, NHS Property Services and Airedale NHS Foundation Trust
Highways	Operation of the permit scheme for highways works and the quality of work undertaken by utilities companies - Business and Environment Services, NYCC
Stronger Communities	Stronger Communities update - Stronger Communities Programme, NYCC

10am on 27 May 2021 – live broadcast remote meeting

Committee discussion with local MP	An opportunity for committee members to discuss issues of key concern in the constituency
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Tourism and economic development	Tourism and the promotion of local heritage and natural environment (6 month update) - Business and Environment Services, NYCC
Schools	Regulation of and support for home schooling – Children and Young People Services, NYCC
Transport	Digital Demand Responsive Bus Service – Business and Environment Services, NYCC
Youth Council	Presentation on the work of the Youth Council and how it can engage with the ACCs – Children and Young People Services, NYCC
Governance	Appointments to committees and outside bodies – Legal and Democratic Services, NYCC
10am on 2 September 2021 – live broadcast remote meeting	
Committee discussion with local MP	An opportunity for committee members to discuss issues of key concern in the constituency
Executive Member update	An opportunity for committee members to discuss issues of key concern in the constituency committee area
Highways	Operation of the permit scheme for highways works and the quality of work undertaken by utilities companies – six month update – Business and Environment Services, NYCC
Community safety	Overview by the Police Fire and Crime Commissioner – Philip Allott
Youth Council	An opportunity for a member of the Youth Council to engage with the committee on key issues for young people in the area
10am on 16 December 2021 – live broadcast remote meeting	
Committee discussion with local MP	An opportunity for committee members to discuss issues of key concern in the constituency
Executive Member update	An opportunity for committee members to discuss issues of key concern in the constituency committee area
Sustainable schools	Annual Education Report – Children and Young People Services, NYCC

Youth Council	An opportunity for a member of the Youth Council to engage with the committee on key issues for young people in the area
10am on 10 March 2022	
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Matters of interest to the committee that have yet to be scheduled:

- River Wharfe - water cleanliness – scrutiny review by Leeds City Council. This will be a joint piece of work the Transport Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- Police crime data briefing, neighbourhood policing and the new Target Operating Model.