



Agenda

Notice of a public meeting of Harrogate and Knaresborough Area Constituency Committee (Informal)

To: Councillors John Mann (Chair), Philip Broadbank, Jim Clark, Richard Cooper, John Ennis, David Goode, Michael Harrison, Paul Haslam, Don Mackenzie, Zoe Metcalfe (Vice-Chair), Matt Scott, Cliff Trotter and Robert Windass.

Date: Thursday, 16th September, 2021

Time: 10.00 am

Venue: Remote meeting held via Microsoft Teams

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 21 July 2021 that, for the present time, in light of the continuing Covid-19 pandemic circumstances, remote live-broadcast committee meetings should continue (as informal meetings of the Committee Members), 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.

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Business

- 1. Welcome by the Chairman, introductions and apologies for absence**
- 2. Minutes of the Committee meeting held on 10th June 2021 (Pages 3 - 12)**
- 3. Declarations of Interest**

4. **Presentation by the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner -
Mr Philip Allott**

5. **Verbal Updates from Executive Members**

6. **Receipt of Petition "Remove the barriers blocking Beech Grove and Lancaster Road, Harrogate and stop this proposed LTN" (Pages 13 - 16)**

Report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services).

Purpose of the report: To advise of a petition and ask the Area Constituency Committee to respond.

7. **Public Questions or Statements**

Anyone who would like to ask a question or make a statement at the meeting should email notice of their wish to do so, including the full text of what they intend to say, to Ruth.Gladstone@northyorks.gov.uk as soon as possible, and **by midday on Monday 13 September** at the latest. Speakers are each asked not to exceed 3 minutes' speaking time and to read out only the statement/question of which they have submitted notice, without adding to or altering it. No person may submit more than one question or statement. No more than one question may be asked, or statement made, on behalf of one organisation. The overall time available for public questions or statements is 30 minutes.

If you are asking a question or making a statement at this meeting but do not wish to be recorded, please inform the Chairman who will instruct those taking a recording to cease whilst you speak.

8. **Committee Work Programme (Pages 17 - 22)**
Report of the Principal Democratic Services Officer

Barry Khan
Assistant Chief Executive
(Legal and Democratic Services)

County Hall
Northallerton

Wednesday, 8 September 2021

North Yorkshire County Council

Harrogate and Knaresborough Area Constituency Committee

Minutes of the remote meeting held on Thursday, 10th June, 2021 commencing at 10.00 am.

County Councillor John Mann in the Chair, plus County Councillors Philip Broadbank, Jim Clark, Richard Cooper, John Ennis, David Goode, Michael Harrison, Paul Haslam, Don Mackenzie, Zoe Metcalfe, Matt Scott, Cliff Trotter and Robert Windass.

Executive Members in attendance: County Councillors Carl Les and David Chance.

Officers present: Matt O'Neill (Assistant Director – Growth Planning and Trading Standards) and Ruth Gladstone (Principal Democratic Services Officer).

Other Attendees: Simon Cox (Director of Acute Commissioning, North Yorkshire Clinical Commissioning Groups) and Beth Barron (Operational Director for Elective Care, Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust).

Apologies: County Councillor Gareth Dadd and Caroline Dickinson (Executive Members).

Copies of all documents considered are in the Minute Book

92 Minutes of the Committee meeting held on 18th March 2021

Resolved –

That the following be proposed to the Chief Executive Officer for consideration under his emergency delegated powers - That the Minutes of the meeting of Harrogate and Knaresborough Area Constituency Committee held on 18 March 2021, having been printed and circulated, be signed as a correct record.

93 Declarations of Interest

County Councillor Philip Broadbank declared that his wife was a Nurse at Harrogate District Hospital, employed by the Harrogate and District Foundation Trust.

94 Public Questions or Statements

There were no questions or statements from members of the public.

95 Outcome of Changes to Stroke Services at Harrogate Hospital

Considered –

A presentation by Simon Cox (Director of Acute Commissioning, North Yorkshire Clinical Commissioning Groups) advising of the background to changes made to stroke services at Harrogate Hospital in 2019, the impact of Covid, future work, and future engagement with the Area Constituency Committee.

Key issues within the presentation were:-

- Stroke services for the Harrogate area had been reconfigured in 2019. This had followed wide engagement and primary research which had identified the mortality

benefits of having Hyper Acute Stroke Units (HASUs) to provide specialist intervention during the first 48-72 hours of a stroke, and greater focus on providing therapy and rehabilitation to patients in their own homes. As part of the reconfiguration, Harrogate District Hospital had moved away from providing the hyper acute phase of stroke care and instead patients were transported directly to their nearest HASU which, for the majority of the Harrogate population, was at Leeds, and, for others, was at York. For the majority of patients, once the hyper acute phase was finished, they were transferred back to Harrogate District Hospital for rehabilitation.

- Simon Cox advised that, at this stage, two years on, ideally he would have wanted to provide a detailed analysis of figures and patient numbers. However, this was difficult because Covid issues had tended to skew some of the numbers. For example, nationally, during 2020, the numbers of patients presenting with stroke, had significantly reduced, which was worrying. (Consequently, the NHS was putting out the message that anyone having stroke-like symptoms must telephone 999 or go to hospital.) One of the other problems arising from Covid-19 was that hospitals had had to change how they organised themselves to make themselves Covid-safe, such as separate Wards for quarantining. This had made analysing some of the data around stroke in Harrogate difficult. Simon Cox suggested that, in a year's time, he should bring to Members a full set of data to look at the Stroke Admission Pathway. In the meantime, a lot of work was continuing about stroke care, both nationally and in North Yorkshire, including through the "Getting It Right First Time" (GIRFT) programme and the Sentinel Stroke National Audit Programme. Simon Cox advised that he wanted to continue to work with stakeholders to assess things like patient satisfaction, do surveys, and get patient experiences of the Stroke Admission Pathway, and to share that with communities to evaluate the changes. He was keen to engage with the Area Constituency Committee to obtain patient experience around changes to flex or support how NHS services were changed to make them better for patients.

Members asked Simon Cox questions and received responses. The issues which arose during discussion included the following:-

- It was confirmed that Harrogate patients would continue to be taken to either the Leeds HASU or the York HASU, and this would not be impacted by the changes to the Integrated Care Systems in 2022.
- Simon Cox undertook to obtain the latest breakdown figures showing the number of people from Harrogate who had gone to the Leeds HASU, and the number who had gone to the York HASU, and to send these to Ruth Gladstone for forwarding to Committee Members. Simon Cox emphasised that these figures would not be representative due to Covid.
- In response to expressions of disappointment from some Members that more data was not available today about the impact of the greater time spent travelling the longer distances to Leeds and York, Simon Cox offered to attend another meeting of the Committee later in 2021 to provide data regarding the previous 12 months, although such data would be heavily caveated because it was difficult to say, due to Covid, whether that data was a true reflection of the outcomes of changes which had been made to the Service.
- Regarding prevention measures, it was acknowledged that the promotion of good nutrition was one aspect in respect of which the NHS worked with partners, such as local authorities and schools. Simon Cox added that, similarly, a lot of work was being undertaken to tackle blood pressure, atrial fibrillation, obesity and smoking. However, it needed to be accepted that, in reality, some preventative measures eg

blood pressure, were age related and significant illness could be deferred, but not avoided completely. Simon Cox offered to arrange for a Dietitian colleague to attend a future meeting of the Committee to have a more detailed discussion about nutrition. County Councillor Paul Haslam expressed support for this suggestion because he felt that the NHS, in partnership with other organisations, could do more preventative work around nutrition.

- County Councillor Jim Clark advised that he had been, and continued to be, supportive of the Hyper Acute Stroke Units and that the reconfiguration of stroke services in Harrogate had been the correct thing to do. He added that Harrogate residents received tremendous service from Harrogate District Hospital and asked for his view to be placed on record.
- County Councillor Michael Harrison commented that he would prefer to be taken to the best place to deliver the best clinical outcome, regardless of where that was located. He also commented that, where the clinical outcome prediction demonstrated a best clinical outcome, it was the responsibility of elected Members to support Health partners when they wanted to make such changes.

Resolved –

- (a) That Simon Cox be thanked for attending this meeting and his excellent presentation.
- (b) That the following arrangements be made with Simon Cox:-
 - (i) Simon Cox to provide a copy of the slides used during his presentation to Ruth Gladstone (Principal Democratic Services Officer) for forwarding to Committee Members.
 - (ii) Simon Cox to obtain the latest breakdown figures showing the number of people from Harrogate who have gone to the Leeds HASU, and the number who have gone to the York HASU, and send these to Ruth Gladstone (Principal Democratic Services Officer) for forwarding to Committee Members, recognising that these figures will not be representative due to Covid.
 - (iii) Simon Cox to attend another meeting of the Committee later in 2021 to provide the previous 12 months' data regarding the impact of the greater time spent travelling the longer distances to Leeds and York, recognising that this data will be heavily caveated because it is difficult to say, due to Covid, whether that data is a true reflection of the outcomes of changes which have been made to the Stroke Service.
 - (iv) Simon Cox to bring to elected Members, in a year's time, a full set of data to look at the Stroke Admission Pathway.
 - (v) Simon Cox to arrange for a Dietitian colleague to attend a future meeting of the Committee to have a more detailed discussion about nutrition.

96 Length of Waiting Times for Operations etc at Harrogate Hospital

Considered –

The verbal report of Beth Barron (Operational Director for Elective Care, Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust) concerning waiting times for clinical procedures at Harrogate District Hospital as a consequence of the impacts of Covid, and advising of the

actions being taken to address the situation.

Key issues within Beth Barron's report were as follows:-

- Harrogate District Hospital had prioritised waiting lists into 6 priority categories:- P1 was coded for emergency patients; P2 to P4 related to a period of time in which it was clinically appropriate for patients to wait before having their procedure; and P5 and P6 related to patients who wished to delay their procedures. P2 patients should wait no longer than 1 month; P3 patients should wait no longer than 3 months; and P4 patients were the least urgent and could wait over 3 months for their procedure.
- The Hospital was currently prioritising treatment for P2 patients. It had agreed to forecast the P2 waiting list to a standard of under 28 days. As such, patients who were not able to be treated within time should not wait longer than 28 days passed that date for treatment. At Harrogate District Hospital, currently 16% of P2 patients (approximately 59 patients) waited longer than 4 weeks. There might be clinical reasons why such patients waited longer, eg they might be awaiting other procedures. However, such patients, during this time, were under constant clinical review by Consultants.
- P4 patients continued to be reviewed to ensure that, since being added to the waiting list, there was no change regarding their clinical care. Approximately 2,000 to 3,000 patients were coded as P4 on elective waiting lists, the majority awaiting an Orthopaedic procedure. The Hospital was doing a lot to talk to those patients clinically, eg conducting virtual or telephone clinical reviews with those patients and, where necessary, ensuring they had access to other Services if they needed them eg Physiotherapy. The Hospital continued to look at its 18 week RTT waiting list and currently there were approximately 1,000 patients who were waiting longer than 52 weeks, most being P4 patients.
- The actions being taken by Harrogate District Hospital to address the situation included the following:-
 - Collaborative working with other Trusts across Humber, Coast and Vale, and West Yorkshire. For example, Harrogate District Hospital was offering, and accessing, mutual aid where capacity had been identified eg Harrogate District Hospital had Endoscopy capacity which was being offered to patients from York and Leeds.
 - Harrogate District Hospital was working very closely with the Independent Sector eg with BMI Duchy Hospital to transfer some P4 patients to them with the consent of the patient to transfer.
 - The Hospital was reviewing how it could work differently with Humber, Coast and Vale eg there was joined-up working to look at an elective Orthopedic centre in Bridlington which would potentially be staffed jointly.
 - Within West Yorkshire, an elective co-ordination group had been set up, with each organisation leading on a specific Speciality. Harrogate was leading on Ophthalmology. These groups were not to lead on the treatment of the patient but instead were working through models of shared staffing to see how capacity could be maximised across the West Yorkshire patch. The priority was to treat patients at place first. However, if a Hospital did not have the patients to treat at place, it would open-up that capacity to long-waiting patients from surrounding Trusts. Hospitals were engaging with patients to ascertain which patients were willing to travel.
- There were risks in trying to work through the elective backlogs, such as the resilience of the workforce, and Covid measures as set out in IPC guidelines.

Protecting against such risks inevitably restricted the number of patients who could be brought through Hospital services.

Beth Barron responded to Members' questions, which included the following:-

- County Councillor John Ennis sought information about what was involved in the diagnostic process ie when patients were waiting to get onto a waiting list. Beth Barron undertook to obtain information from the Directorate for Diagnostics. She emphasised however that patients who were waiting were being assessed.
- With regard to recent media reports which suggested a huge variation across the country in waiting times for Orthopedics, Beth Barron advised that Harrogate District Hospital compared well at getting P2 Orthopaedic patients in within the national standard of 4 weeks. Harrogate had smaller waiting lists due to good Pathways and because Harrogate Orthopaedic Consultants were very engaged with the ICSs across Humber, Coast and Vale, and West Yorkshire. She added that P4 patients requiring treatment for hips and knees were being talked to and, where possible, were being transferred to the BMI Duchy Hospital and the Nuffield Hospital in York.
- With regard to managing patients who were awaiting elective surgery, Beth Barron advised that there was an outpatient transformation group which worked with the CCGs and GPs. A lot of work was being undertaken with the CCG looking at the criteria for referral, and harmonising the criteria across North Yorkshire.
- Compared to pre-Covid times, Harrogate District Hospital now had some newer machines and increased capacity to support the numbers of patients who required a diagnostic.

Resolved –

- (a) That Beth Barron be thanked for her detailed and reassuring report.
- (b) That the report be noted.
- (c) That it be noted that Beth Barron has undertaken to provide information about what is involved in the diagnostic process through which patients wait to get onto the waiting list.

97 Initial Approach to Economic Recovery Following the Pandemic

Considered –

The report of Matt O'Neill (Assistant Director – Growth Planning and Trading Standards) providing an update on the initial approach to economic recovery following the pandemic.

Matt O'Neill introduced his report and gave a slide presentation to provide:- a brief recap on some of the economic issues and analysis which had been undertaken; an overview of the actions being taken to assist economic recovery from the pandemic by the LEP, the County Council, Harrogate Borough Council and Public Health; and information which looked forwards into the future in terms of business growth and new opportunities as the country came out of the pandemic.

Key issues from the presentation were as follows:-

- In Harrogate and Knaresborough, the business sector which was most at risk due to the pandemic was the accommodation and food sector, which consequently was particularly susceptible to downward contraction.

- Harrogate district had 23,500 people on furlough in July 2020, which reflected the nature of the district's economy. That number had decreased to just over 11,000 at the start of March 2021.
- For those in employment in Harrogate district, there was a differential in terms of gross weekly pay between those employed in retail, leisure and hospitality and other low paid jobs, verses those who lived in Harrogate and Knaresborough and typically worked outside the district either in part or in full.
- To support businesses through the pandemic, work had included:- working with businesses to stop outbreaks; giving advice to help businesses understand new measures to ensure they could operate in a Covid compliant way; promoting access to finance and fiscal measures; and influencing Government and lobbying where appropriate.
- Strategic infrastructure work was being undertaken to benefit the economy eg:- improving digital connectivity by rolling out Superfast Broadband through NYnet; taking part in a national Test Bedded Trail programme looking at 5G superfast connectivity across North Yorkshire; investing in strategic infrastructure such as the rail network and the strategic road network; encouraging private investment and working with private sector partners; and a programme of improvements across market towns to provide free WiFi for residents and businesses.
- During the pandemic, businesses across a broad sector in the economy had been tremendously resilient in terms of how they had adapted, accessed funding and maintained continuation to generate profit for themselves and maintain delivery. Of the companies who had adapted during the pandemic, examples were cited of various businesses located in the Harrogate and Knaresborough area.
- In terms of the future:- the focus was on enabling a Green future; there were massive pent-up savings which could be spent within the local economy; there was huge up-take in staycations; there was major private sector confidence and investment in the A1 corridor; the outsourcing of Government departments, such as the Bank of England campus in Leeds, would provide financial jobs and opportunities tied into the Harrogate district; there were ambitious levelling-up opportunities for town centres, eg the County Council was submitting a bid, including over £430k worth of projects earmarked for the Harrogate district, to the Government's Community Renewal Fund; and local government reorganisation offered the opportunity to get a Devolution Deal to accelerate plans and progress investment into key employment areas across North Yorkshire.

Matt O'Neill responded to Members' questions, during which the following information was provided:-

- Matt O'Neill advised that, for him, internet and mobile connectivity was the number one priority to increasing economic growth and helping the economy. He cited the example of people from London and the South East, who were enquiring about locating to North Yorkshire, and asked firstly about the speed of Broadband connectivity. He advised that connectivity provided a different landscape in terms of labour markets, with people being able to live in Grassington and work, for example, for Google, travelling into London and beyond a couple of days a week. He highlighted that the a contract had just been let for Superfast North Yorkshire for a further £20M of investment which would lead to an increase in coverage, across the county, to 97%. However, the aim has for 100% coverage and was included in the Devolution Deal. Similarly for mobile connectivity, there should be 95% coverage of 4G across the county by 2025.

- Matt O'Neill confirmed that free WiFi would be available in Knaresborough town centre by the target date of 31 December 2021, subject to contractual vagaries and any delivery issues relating to attaching infrastructure onto lampposts and street furniture. He added that the delivery programme was currently on-track in terms of scheduled dates and therefore he felt the end of 2021 was eminently achievable and realisable. County Councillor David Goode asked that local Members be updated if there were any change of dates.
- Matt O'Neill provided more detail about blue and green infrastructure, which related to flood alleviation land management measures such as forestry planting in the Dales to benefit other locations downstream. He added that, as part of the 5G project, sensor monitoring would be provided to give real-time information for when floods occurred, allowing a quicker response in dealing with flooding.
- Matt O'Neill confirmed that the free WiFi for town centres focussed on core centres and would also link into business parks where appropriate.
- County Councillor Paul Haslam suggested that the new 5G facility might incorporate sensors for monitoring air quality outside schools and in town centres. Matt O'Neill undertook to send information to County Councillor Paul Haslam following this meeting, regarding the current 5G Test Bed and Trials programme, although that programme related to areas that had no connectivity whatsoever in North Yorkshire. Matt O'Neill added that this was a trial and, as such, learning would come back for feeding back to DCMS who might then look to expanding the uses of real time monitoring to include such issues as air quality.

Resolved –

- (a) That Matt O'Neill be thanked for a very detailed and informative presentation.
- (b) That it be noted that Matt O'Neill will provide, to County Councillor Paul Haslam following this meeting, further information in respect of the current 5G Test Bed and Trials programme.

98 Verbal Updates from Executive Members

Considered –

Verbal updates of Executive Members on the issues identified below:-

- County Councillor Carl Les (Leader of the Council):-
 - Covid, including the recent increase in the Delta variant, the progress made with vaccinations, and the excellent support provided in North Yorkshire throughout the pandemic.
 - Helen Simpson who had been appointed as the new Chair of the York and North Yorkshire LEP.
 - The Government's Levelling-Up Fund and the development of a cross-county transport proposal to go to the next round of that Fund.
 - The Government's Community Renewal Fund, to which the Executive had agreed to submit over 20 bids.
 - The Rural Commission which was scheduled to publish its report in July 2021 and would include recommendations which were likely to be challenging for NYCC and partners.
 - His fortnightly meetings with the six MPs representing North Yorkshire and their now broadened meeting agenda which included the national Bus Back Better Strategy, Grant Shapps' Plan for Rail, and Freeports.
 - Remote meetings, and the NYCC response to the Government consultation.

- His thanks to Councillor Richard Cooper and Harrogate Borough Council for their very rapid response to the Afghan Locally Employed Staff Relocation Scheme. Councillor Richard Cooper responded.
- County Councillor David Chance (Executive Member for Stronger Communities):-
 - NYCC's agreement to participate in the Afghan Locally Employed Staff Relocation Scheme, through which between 30 and 50 people would be relocated to North Yorkshire from July 2021.
 - Community Support Organisations' work was now focussing on helping people gain their mobility and confidence to leave their homes.
- County Councillor Michael Harrison (Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Health Integration, including Health and Wellbeing Board and Extra Care):-
 - Covid, in respect of which the situation in North Yorkshire Care Homes had significantly improved compared to earlier in the year, reflecting the success and high take-up rate of the vaccination programme.
 - North Yorkshire Health Sector's response to a Government consultation about mandatory vaccination, the response supporting mandatory vaccination but making the point that mandatory vaccination should be sector-wide, and that any mandatory vaccination should be limited to this pandemic.
- County Councillor Don Mackenzie (Executive Member for Access):-
 - NY Highways' commencement of operations as contractor for highways maintenance in the County.
 - The summer highways repair programme was underway, having commenced in Harrogate with resurfacing works during evenings on Leeds Road.
 - Junction 47 works continued on the A59, Flaxby.
 - Sustainable travel and three current initiatives:- (i) the introduction of Active Travel Fund schemes at the A59 out of Knaresborough towards Starbeck, and at Victoria Avenue; (ii) the £8M upgrade for sustainable travel in Station Parade aka the "Harrogate Gateway Project", and (iii) the NPIF Otley Road improvements.
 - Public transport (rail) – the rail improvement scheme at Cattal had been completed under budget and on-schedule and it was hoped that Northern Rail would introduce double frequency, two trains per hour in each direction, between York and Harrogate with effect from December 2021.
 - Public transport (buses) – a demand responsive service was starting in Ripon on 1 July 2021.
 - Public Wifi was being introduced into Harrogate, Knaresborough and Ripon, backed-up by NYCC's local full-fibre network.

Resolved -

- (a) That Executive Members be thanked for their updates.
- (b) That the updates be noted.

99 Appointments to Local Bodies (Extension of Existing Appointments)

Considered –

A report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services) which:-

- recommended the extension, in light of the deferment of the planned County Council elections to May 2022, appointments to Local Bodies in the Harrogate and Knaresborough Area Constituency Committee area; and
- sought Members' recommendation on whether the vacant NYCC position on the

Richard Taylor Educational Foundation, which had arisen on the death of County Councillor Geoff Webber, should be filled.

Ruth Gladstone (Principal Democratic Services Officer) introduced the report. In response to questions, Ruth Gladstone clarified that the Richard Taylor Educational Foundation was listed, in the County Council's Constitution, as a Category 3 Local Body and, as such, it was for the local Members to make a nomination to the Area Constituency Committee. The Chairman moved the nomination of the local Members for the Bilton and Nidd Gorge Division, (ie to nominate County Councillor Matt Scott to the vacant NYCC position on the Foundation). The Vice-Chairman seconded that motion. No Member voted against the motion.

Resolved –

That, the following be proposed to the Chief Executive Officer for consideration under his emergency delegated powers:-

(a) That the current appointments to the Category 2 outside bodies, as listed at paragraph 3.2 of the report and duplicated below, be extended to the end of the current Council in May 2022:-

- Craven and Harrogate Districts Citizens Advice Bureau – County Councillor Cliff Trotter
- Harrogate and District Community Safety Local Delivery Team – County Councillor Cliff Trotter
- Knaresborough Community Centre Committee – County Councillor Zoe Metcalfe
- Nidderdale AONB Joint Advisory Committee – Substitute: County Councillor Paul Haslam
- Renaissance Knaresborough Management Committee – County Councillor Zoe Metcalfe

(b) That County Councillor Matt Scott be nominated to the vacant NYCC position on the Richard Taylor Educational Foundation.

100 Committee Work Programme

Considered –

The report of the Principal Democratic Services Officer which invited Members to consider, amend and add to the Committee's Work Programme.

Ruth Gladstone (Principal Democratic Services Officer) introduced the report and advised that Mr Philip Allott (the newly elected Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner) was available to attend the beginning of the Committee's meeting on 16 September 2021.

Resolved –

(a) That the Work Programme be noted.

(b) That Members contact the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman or the Principal Democratic Services Officer with any suggested business for future meetings.

The meeting concluded at 12.55 pm.

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North Yorkshire County Council

Harrogate and Knaresborough Area Constituency Committee

16 September 2021

Receipt of Petition “Remove the barriers blocking Beech Grove & Lancaster Road, Harrogate and stop this proposed LTN”

1.0 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To advise of a petition containing more than 500 signatures.
- 1.2 To ask the Area Constituency Committee to consider a response.

2.0 The Petition

- 2.1 An email has been received by the County Council which provides a link to an online petition. The link advises that there were in excess of 700 signatures to the petition at the time of writing this report.
- 2.2 The wording of the petition is set out below:-

“Remove the barriers blocking Beech Grove & Lancaster Road, Harrogate and stop this proposed LTN

Please remove the barriers on Beech Grove & Lancaster Road because:-

1. There has been no consultation with the residents about the LTN.
2. Very little notice before the barriers were put up.
3. Inconvenient for residents to access their own homes.
4. Traffic is forced to use the surrounding roads such as Otley Road and Cold Bath Road, both of which have schools on.
5. Inconvenient for those with difficulty with mobility, who rely upon their cars.
6. Harder access for emergency services.
7. Harder access for deliveries.
8. Harder access for refuse collection.
9. Longer car journeys due to longer route around the barriers.
10. More congestion caused by channelling traffic into already busy congested roads, particularly in rush hour. Rather than easing the traffic flow.
11. Longer time in the car, which is pumping out fumes, due to the congestion and delays.
12. Dangerous now that cars are diverting round the back of the Beech grove properties down a narrower, double parked road.
13. Trial set up during a pandemic.
14. No evidence of data being taken, despite asking NYCC which company they are using to gather the data.
15. No evidence of many cyclists actually using the road at all.

** Also please note we've just been informed they are intending to prohibit vehicles from entering Otley Road from Victoria Road as part of the Otley Road cycle route changes.”

2.2 A copy of the petition has been requested from its organisers, to enable the Council to ascertain the location of the people who have signed it. At the time of writing this report, the copy of the petition has not been received.

2.3 The petition organisers have been invited to join today's meeting to present their petition, or to nominate someone else to present it on their behalf. At the time of writing this report, the petition organisers have not responded to that question, although they have emailed saying that "(they) think it is very important that this is investigated properly and that the petition is presented at the meeting".

3.0 The County Council's Arrangements for Receiving and Responding to Petitions

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

- Receipt of the petition is published on the County Council's website (which has been done in the case of this petition).
- If a petition contains 500 or more signatures (but less than 30,130 signatories), it will be scheduled for debate at the next meeting of the appropriate Area Constituency Committee.
- At the meeting, the petition organiser will be given five minutes to present the petition. Subsequently the petition will be discussed by County Councillors for a maximum of 15 minutes.
- The petition organiser is offered the opportunity to speak for five minutes to present his/her petition at the meeting. (If the petition organiser would like the local County Councillor, or someone else, to present the petition on their behalf, contact should be made with Democratic Services on 01609 532591 at least ten working days before the meeting and the process will be explained.)
- At the meeting, after the petition organiser has presented his/her petition, the petition will be discussed by County Councillors for a maximum of 15 minutes and a decision will be made on how to respond to the petition.
- Possible responses by the County Council to petitions are:-
 - (a) to take the action the petition requests;
 - (b) not to take the action requested for reasons put forward in the debate;
 - (c) to commission further investigation into the matter, for example by a relevant committee; or
 - (d) where the issue is one on which the county council executive are required to make the final decision, the county council will decide whether to make recommendations to inform that decision.
- The petition organiser will receive written confirmation of this decision. This confirmation will also be published on the website.

4.0 Recommendations

4.1 That the Committee notes the petition and considers a response.

Barry Khan
Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services)
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Northallerton

Author of report: Ruth Gladstone (Principal Democratic Services Officer)

Background Document: North Yorkshire County Council's petitions information and advice, a copy of which is on the County Council's website at <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/petitions-information-and-advice>

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**North Yorkshire County Council
Harrogate and Knaresborough Area Constituency Committee
16 September 2021
Committee Work Programme**

Purpose of Report

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

Work Programme

The Committee's work programme is at Appendix 1.

Remit of the Committee

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 being addressed by the committee.

Work Programme Items

The intention is for the Committee to develop a work programme that: is owned by the Committee; has items on it that are important locally but relevant at a strategic, county level; evolves over time and is not static.

The Committee Chairman, Vice-Chairman and the Democratic Services Officer will keep the work programme up to date and determine which items need to be considered at a public committee meeting and which could be picked up elsewhere.

Alternative ways of dealing with issues that come to the Committee could include:

- Referral to an officer at the County Council and/or District Council for a response;
- Referral to the Democratic Services Officer to conduct further research to ascertain whether it was appropriate for the committee to review;
- Referral to County Council and/or District Council Overview and Scrutiny;
- Referral to the Chairman and Vice-Chairman to consider, outside of a formal committee meeting;
- Referral to the appropriate Executive Member to consider.

The County Council's Forward Plan

The County Council publishes a Forward Plan which gives 28 days' notice of key decisions due to be taken. The Forward Plan is published at least once a month and includes:- a description of each matter; details of the decision to be made; consultees; and contact details. Below is a link to the relevant page on the County Council's website, from which the Forward Plan can be viewed. This is provided in case Committee Members wish to refer to the Forward Plan in identifying possible issues for inclusion in this Committee's work programme:-

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Recommendation

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

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Harrogate and Knaresborough Area Constituency Committee Work Programme

Informal meetings of the Committee were held on the follow dates during the Covid-19 pandemic when formal meetings of the Council for most committees were postponed

In 2020:- 2 April, 23 April, 14 May, 4 June, 24 June, 23 July, 20 August, 24 September and 16 October

Thursday 12 November 2020, 9.30am, Live broadcast remote meeting

Subject	Description
Schools, Educational Achievement and Finance	To consider an annual report about schools, educational achievement and finance, to include attainment data, the landscape regarding organisational status/school places, school finances, and the position in relation to exclusions
North Yorkshire Healthy Child Programme	To comment on a consultation regarding Service changes

Friday 8 January 2021, 9.30am, Live broadcast remote meeting

Annual Council Budget Review	To review the annual Council budget and make recommendations to the Executive Member
Highway Transport Improvement Programme	To hear about the outcomes of the Programme study and the recommended next steps in the Programme development work streams

Thursday 18 March 2021, 10.00am, Live broadcast remote meeting

Update from Andrew Jones MP	To receive an update from Andrew Jones MP
Covid-19 Pandemic in North Yorkshire - Update	To receive an update from County Councillor Michael Harrison (Executive Member for Adult Services and Health Integration and Chair of North Yorkshire Health and Wellbeing Board)
Stronger Communities – Covid-19 Social Isolation and Approach to Community Efforts	To consider an annual report about Stronger Communities initiatives
Active Travel Schemes in Harrogate and Knaresborough – Progress Report	To receive updates on progress on the Active Travel Fund schemes, Beech Grove Low Traffic Neighbourhood and Otley Road cycle scheme
Forthcoming Public Consultation on Detailed Design for a Cycle Facility on Oatlands Drive, Harrogate	To receive information about this forthcoming Public Consultation
Harrogate Transforming Cities Fund Update	To receive an update on the Transforming Cities Fund proposals for Harrogate
Significant Investment Schemes by NYCC	To receive updates on the Harrogate York railway project, A59 Kex Gill and Junction 47 major schemes

Thursday 10 June 2021, 10.00am, Live broadcast remote meeting.

Due to the expiration of Government Regulations, this is an informal meeting, held in public and managed as through it is a formal meeting open to the public.

Initial Approach to Economic Recovery Following the Pandemic	To receive a report and presentation from Matt O'Neill (Assistant Director – Growth Planning and Trading Standards)
Outcome of Changes to Stroke Services at Harrogate Hospital	To consider, from Simon Cox of NHS North Yorkshire Clinical Commissioning Group the effects of recent changes made to Stroke Services at Harrogate Hospital
Harrogate Hospital - Waiting times for operations etc	To consider, from Beth Barron (Operational Director for Elective Care) HDFT, the situation regarding waiting times for operations etc at Harrogate Hospital
Appointments to Local Bodies – Extension of appointments made in 2017	To consider extending, until May 2022, the appointments made to local bodies by the former Harrogate Area Committee in June 2017

Thursday 16 September 2021, 10.00am, Live broadcast remote meeting.

Due to the expiration of Government Regulations, this is an informal meeting, held in public and managed as through it is a formal meeting open to the public.

North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner – Introduction and discussion	The new North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner, Philip Allott, will attend to introduce himself to Members and undertake a discussion on relative issues with the Committee
Receipt of Petition “Remove the barriers blocking Beech Grove and Lancaster Road, Harrogate and stop this proposed LTN”	To advice of a petition and ask the Committee to respond

Thursday 25 November 2021, 10.00am, Live broadcast remote meeting

Schools, Educational Achievement and Finance	To consider an annual report about schools, educational achievement and finance, to include attainment data, the landscape regarding organisational status/school places, school finances, and the position in relation to exclusions
Rural Commission – Findings and Recommendations	To discuss the findings and recommendations of the Rural Commission
Stroke Services - The impact of the greater time spent travelling the longer distances to Leeds and York (subject to the availability of Simon Cox of NHS North Yorkshire Clinical Commissioning Group)	To consider and discuss data regarding the impact of the greater time spent travelling the longer distances to Leeds and York. Item identified by ACC at its meeting on 10 June 2021
Promotion of good nutrition and what more could be done to improve such promotion	To consider and discuss the promotion of good nutrition and what more could be done to improve such promotion. Item identified by ACC at its meeting on 10 June 2021. Possible attendance of a NHS Dietitian.

Possible additional meeting in early January 2022, Live broadcast remote meeting	
Annual Council Budget Review	Possible additional meeting to review the annual Council budget and make recommendations to the Executive Member
Thursday 17 March 2022, 10.00am, Live broadcast remote meeting	
Update from Andrew Jones MP (subject to Parliamentary business)	To receive an update from Andrew Jones MP
Stronger Communities	To consider an annual report about Stronger Communities initiatives
June 2022, 10.00am, Live broadcast remote meeting	
Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman	
Stroke Admission Pathway	Simon Cox of NHS North Yorkshire Clinical Commissioning Group

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Background documents: None

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