



## Agenda

**Notice of a public meeting of Harrogate and Knaresborough Area Constituency Committee**

**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, 17th March, 2022**

**Time: 10.00 am**

**Venue: Remote informal meeting held via Microsoft Teams**

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### **Business**

- 1. Welcome by the Chairman, introductions and apologies for absence**
- 2. Minutes of the Informal Remote Meeting of the Committee held on 6 January 2022 (Pages 3 - 12)**
- 3. Declarations of Interest**

**4. Verbal Updates from Executive Members**

**5. Stronger Communities and Community Response to COVID19 Update (Pages 13 - 20)**

Report of the Head of Stronger Communities

Purpose: To provide an update on the Stronger Communities Programme and the support provided to and by local communities in response to the COVID19 pandemic, and an overview of progress made in the Harrogate and Knaresborough constituency area.

**6. Car Parking at Railway Stations (Pages 21 - 26)**

Report of the Corporate Director – Business and Environmental Services

Purpose: To follow up on the recommendation from the Rural Commission requesting that the County Council review car parking spaces at railway stations.

**7. Public Questions or Statements**

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**8. Committee Work Programme (Pages 27 - 32)**

Report of the Principal Democratic Services Officer

Purpose: To ask Members to consider the Committee's work programme.

Barry Khan  
Assistant Chief Executive  
(Legal and Democratic Services)

County Hall  
Northallerton

Wednesday, 9 March 2022

## North Yorkshire County Council

### Harrogate and Knaresborough Area Constituency Committee

Minutes of the remote meeting held on Thursday, 6th January, 2022 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, Matt Scott, Cliff Trotter and Robert Windass.

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

Officers present: Melisa Burnham, Andrew Dixon, Sally Dunn, Gary Fielding, Daniel Harry, Helen Ingle, Chris Reynolds, Ruth Stacey, Louise Wilson and Ruth Gladstone.

Other Attendees: Lucy Gardiner (petition organiser).

Apologies: County Councillor Zoe Metcalfe

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**Copies of all documents considered are in the Minute Book**

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#### **108 Chairmanship**

Considered -

County Councillor John Mann (Chairman) advised that he needed to leave this meeting at around 1pm, to attend a meeting of the Borough Council's Planning Committee. He also advised that County Councillor Zoe Metcalfe (Vice-Chairman) had tendered her apologies for absence for this Area Constituency Committee meeting. County Councillor John Mann reported that this Area Constituency Committee meeting was unlikely to conclude before the time when he had to leave and asked the Committee to elect a Member to serve as Chairman in the absence of himself and the Vice-Chairman.

County Councillors Jim Clark and Robert Windass reported that they also had to attend that afternoon's meeting of the Borough Council's Planning Committee and therefore would need to leave this Area Constituency Committee meeting before the end.

#### **Resolved –**

That County Councillor Michael Harrison be elected Chairman during the consideration of any business at this meeting when County Councillors John Mann and Zoe Metcalfe are absent.

#### **109 Minutes of the Informal Meeting of the Committee held on 16th September 2021**

#### **Resolved –**

That the Minutes of the informal meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2021, having been printed and circulated, be taken as read and be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

#### **110 Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of interest were made.

## 111 County Council Budget 2022/23

Considered -

Gary Fielding (Corporate Director - Strategic Resources) gave a presentation regarding the Council's budget and the Medium Term Financial Strategy forecast. The presentation also picked up Council Tax issues, risks, and some financial issues relating to the Harrogate and Knaresborough Constituency area.

In response to Members' questions, Gary Fielding provided the following further information:-

- Within reserves, a general working balance of £27million was available for emergencies, such as dealing with COVID and finding capacity to deal with local government reorganisation. Gary Fielding commented that such reserves were a sensible approach going forwards because they provided a buffer so that councils did not need to rush into knee jerk decisions, cutting services, to make ends meet. County Councillor Gareth Dadd (Deputy Leader of the Council) commented that the very difficult early decisions that Members had made, regarding raising Council Tax and cutting spending, had put the Council in a far better position than most other authorities in the country.
- An increase in inflation had been factored into the Council's budget figures. The broader inflation pressures applied to lots of areas. However, in some areas, eg gas prices, a 55.8% increase in gas prices had been factored in. An increase in inflation would have a positive impact in terms of the Council's investments. The Council had no capital debt on variable interest rates so an increase in inflation would have no impact on such debt.
- Transdev had been the only bus company to express an interest in being involved with the Council in a scheme to provide electric buses in the Harrogate and Knaresborough Constituency area.

Gary Fielding undertook to forward a copy of his presentation slides to Committee Members.

### **Resolved –**

That Gary Fielding be thanked for attending this meeting and for his presentation.

## 112 Verbal Updates from Executive Members

Considered –

Verbal updates of Executive Members on the issues identified below. Executive Members also responded to Members' questions regarding these issues.

County Councillor Carl Les (Leader of the Council):-

- Omicron and the huge pressure on the NHS and the care sector including staff shortages due to illness, and the need to encourage residents to have the vaccinations and booster. He also applauded volunteers who had kept vaccination

- stations open, including on Christmas Day.
- The “Make Care Matter” recruitment campaign to encourage people to consider the care sector as a good employment opportunity and career.
- Climate change and steps being taken to decarbonise the Council’s estate and the encouragement being given to others to follow that route too.
- Local Government Reform:- the positive progress which was being made, including the setting up of a number of workstreams with a view to achieving the smoothest possible transition from eight authorities to one single authority; and Devolution, in respect of which councillors were awaiting the opportunity to enter into talks with civil servants.
- Council Tax and the budget to be set by full Council in February 2022, to allow the Council to do the things it needed to do, especially for vulnerable people, and other things that needed to be done for everybody eg winter gritting of roads to keep the County moving. However, the Council also needed to be mindful of the ability of people to pay.

County Councillor Gareth Dadd (Deputy Leader of the Council):-

- Council finances, in respect of which he or Gary Fielding would be happy to respond to any Member’s questions of fact (but not policy). He advised that he was disappointed at some recent media coverage about investments made by the County Council in the Harrogate area.

County Councillor David Chance (Executive Member for Stronger Communities):-

- The support, including a range of new services, which continued to be offered to communities during Covid through the 23 Community Support Organisations (CSOs). The Council was proposing to retain the support of the CSOs for a minimum of a further 12 months.

County Councillor Don Mackenzie (Executive Member for Access):-

- The Head of Highways had sent out an up-to-date report on the situation regarding winter gritting. In addition, a further ten weather stations and roadside cameras had now been put online on the County Council’s website.
- The frequency of trains between Harrogate and York doubled with effect from 12 December 2021 thanks to a £10million investment led by the County Council which improved track and signalling in the Cattal area.
- A Bus Services Improvement Plan had gone out to public consultation.
- Free public access WiFi had recently been launched in Knaresborough, in addition to Ripon, and would be made available in Harrogate later in 2022.

County Councillor Michael Harrison (Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Health Integration, including Health and Wellbeing Board and Extra Care):-

- Many of the challenges in the Health and Adult Services Directorate, and across social care, had been more widely, well communicated. Figures to add to Members’ understanding were:- NYCC staff absence for Covid related reasons was approximately 15% ie about 3 times more than it had been throughout the pandemic.
- Daily meetings with all care settings across the County had been reactivated to focus any support which might be needed as any crises unfolded.
- A number of care homes had “hot” Covid outbreaks and there were others for which confirmation of results was awaited following positive Lateral Flow Tests. The challenge was that, if a care home had an outbreak, it was prevented from accepting new admissions. This further reduced the amount of availability of care home beds across the county. The Council was opening up additional beds wherever it could. A challenge was that, if people needed to be discharged from hospital because they no longer needed to be there, but they could not go home without support, or if they needed to go into a care home bed, the restriction on care home admissions was impacting hospitals.

- The majority of the Council's Reablement Teams were being redirected to provide routine home care. In addition, hospital VCS services were being expanded to try to assist with discharges. One impact of diverting resources to address more critical need was that many Respite Services etc were being scaled down, which impacted on relatives and friends who relied on respite.

**Resolved –**

That Executive Members be thanked for attending this meeting and for their updates.

**113 Schools, Educational Achievement and Finance**

**Considered –**

The report of the Corporate Director – Children and Young People's Services which provided information on:-

- The number of schools across the Constituency area and their status.
- School standards, attainment and Ofsted judgements.
- The number of young people not in education, employment or training.
- The numbers of fixed-term exclusion incidents, and permanent exclusions.
- The reshaping of targeted mainstream SEN provision and SEN statistics.
- Elective home education.
- The number of schools in financial difficulty across North Yorkshire and in the Constituency area.
- The planning of school places.

The report was introduced by Andrew Dixon (Strategic Planning Manager, Children and Young People's Services) who, together with Chris Reynolds (Head of SEND Strategic Planning Resource), Sally Dunn (Head of Finance for Schools, Early Years and High Needs) and Louise Wilson (Principal Adviser Monitoring), responded to Members' questions.

In response to questions from Members, the following information was provided:-

- North Yorkshire secondary schools were placed 138 out of 150 local authorities in terms of receiving national funding. Such funding was calculated in accordance with a DfE funding formula and took into account a number of factors such as deprivation and prior attainment. The County Council, as Local Education Authority, continued to lobby, as far as secondary schools' funding position was concerned and, in particular, in relation to small rural secondary schools which were facing significant financial pressures. In response to a request from Members, Officers undertook to provide Members with background information about funding rates and DfE policy in case Members wished to raise the issue with Andrew Jones MP. County Councillor Carl Les (Leader of the County Council) undertook to raise the issue at one of his fortnightly meetings with all North Yorkshire MPs, but this would be additional to the Committee having a dialogue with Andrew Jones MP at a forthcoming Committee meeting.
- With regard to the reshaping of SEN provision, it was proposed that there would be six targeted mainstream provisions within the Constituency area and it was likely that such provision at Grove Road Community Primary School in Harrogate would expand beyond the current provision of 8 places. Covid had impacted on the development and implementation of targeted mainstream provision as school leaders and governors had concentrated on the various changes they had had to implement to make sure that education continued. Some Head teachers who might have been interested, Page 6 Covid times, might now start coming back to

‘the table’ for conversations about developing further provisions.

- Schools could become an Academy either by taking the decision themselves to progress a decision around academisation, or through a Directive Academy Order resulting from an Ofsted judgement of ‘inadquate’. The Council provided support to schools that needed to improve from either a ‘requires improvement’ or ‘inadequate’ judgement, or through the academisation process.
- Across North Yorkshire, schools which had the right ethos and the right skill set, were being encouraged to come forward to host a targeted mainstream provision to help meet demand for full time education provision for children and young people who were able to access mainstream education but with additional support for their special educational needs. Any such provision, once established, would receive additional support and finance from the Council. The Council had made plans, and had allocated resource, for 31 targeted mainstream provisions across the county. This was based on a forecast of demand. Currently seven of such provisions were operational and another three were going through the application process.
- School-level performance (league) tables, previously published annually, were likely to be reinstated during 2022.
- Regarding assessment and exam arrangements for the current year, the Government firmly intended to go ahead with public examinations. However, contingency arrangements were in place, which included adjustments to some course content both at GCSE and A level, and providing advanced information eg formula sheets for science and maths. All schools nationally had been asked to consider undertaking three key assessment points during the year to ensure that all schools had robust evidence to support teacher assessed grades should the Covid pandemic mean that it was necessary to move again to a context of teacher assessed grades.
- There had been a significant increase in the number of children taken out school to be home educated, reflecting both the regional and national situations. Members commented that they were unsurprised by this due to the Covid pandemic. This Council, in response to the situation, had put together a team of elective home education advisors to satisfy itself that both the safety and the education provision for the young person was right. In addition, at the time when a parent was considering elective home education, and the child was on a school roll, the opportunity was taken to see if there were any issues that could be resolved so that the parent could then look to maintain the child in mainstream school, or special school if that was the case. However, it was recognised that ultimately it was the right of the parent to make the elective home education decision.

Members thanked the officers for their very detailed report and for providing full and clear replies to questions.

#### **Resolved –**

That the report, and the educational factors in the Harrogate and Knaresborough Constituency area, be noted.

## **114 Healthy Eating**

Considered –

The report of the Healthy Schools Programme Manager and Public Health's Health Improvement Manager which outlined :-

- The work being done to promote healthy eating; to target children from deprived backgrounds; and in the Harrogate and Knaresborough constituency area; and other work that the County Council could do.
- How local elected Members, as community leaders, could assist.

The report was introduced by Ruth Stacey (Healthy Schools Programme Manager) and Helen Ingle (Health Improvement Manager, Public Health). Ruth Stacey and Helen Ingle also responded to Members' questions.

In response to questions from Members, the following information was provided:-

- Officers considered it to be very helpful if Members could take with them, on their visits to schools, copies of the new Healthy Packed Lunch leaflet to discuss with teachers. It was agreed that, once the new leaflet was finalised, copies would be forwarded to elected Members.
- Very useful summary data was available, arising from the Growing Up in North Yorkshire survey, about the issues (eg healthy eating, physical activity, mental health) relevant to each school. Members might find such data helpful if visiting schools in their local areas. The Officers offered to share links to the reports.
- No change in trend regarding children's dental health had been picked up yet following changes in obesity levels. However, Helen Ingle undertook to question colleagues in Public Health about this and to inform County Councillor John Ennis of the outcome.
- No information was held about the reasons why a concerning number of pupils in years 8/10 had nothing to eat or drink for breakfast. The Officers advised they would consider this when preparing for the next survey in summer 2022.
- Members welcomed the idea of schools appointing a governor to oversee school food.
- Members expressed support for including nutrition in the curriculum.
- County Councillor Paul Haslam offered to send the Officers the link to a company called Pro Veg who were currently working with Leeds Education Council and could help to get more healthy and interesting diets into schools. He also highlighted that there were at least two national companies, Greggs and Kellogg's, which had breakfast in school trusts and he felt it would be very helpful to enter into partnership with such trusts. He also encouraged greater ambition in order to attract grants from other organisations, eg Public Health England, to improve education about diet and lifestyle. The Officers thanked County Councillor Paul Haslam for these suggestions.
- Herbie the carrot mascot was still used but had been decommissioned during the Covid pandemic because he attracted close contact between children.

The Chairman thanked County Councillor Paul Haslam for making the suggestion that this topic should be considered by the Committee.

**Resolved –**

- (a) That the report, which Members describe as "excellent", be welcomed.

- (b) That Ruth Stacey and Helen Ingle be thanked for attending this meeting.
- (c) That the suggested action which local elected Members can take, to assist the promotion of healthy eating and healthy weight, as set out in section (e) of the report, be noted.
- (d) That the relevant Executive Members be thanked, on behalf of this Committee, for all the work being done by the Public Health and Health Schools teams to improve nutrition and promote a healthy weight in children.

**115 Receipt of Petition "Stop The Station Gateway Project and the Pedestrianisation of Harrogate's Town Centre"**

Considered –

The petition entitled “STOP The Station Gateway Project and the Pedestrianisation of Harrogate’s Town Centre”. The petition included the various reasons why the petitioners wanted such action to be stopped. The petition was brought before the Committee in accordance with the County Council’s Petitions Scheme.

The petition was presented at the meeting by Anna McIntee of Harrogate Residents’ Association who spoke for 5 minutes.

A statement by Harrogate and District Cycle Action was read out at the meeting on their behalf. The statement advised that Harrogate and District Cycle Action strongly supported Harrogate Station Gateway Scheme.

A written report submitted to the meeting included the comments of Officers from the Business and Environmental Services Directorate concerning the content of the petition.

Members thanked Anna McIntee for her presentation and debated the petition. Points raised during Members’ debate were as follows:-

- The wording of petition was considered by Members to be unfair and biased. In addition, there were factual inaccuracies within the petition and the presentation by the petition organiser, namely:-
  - The Harrogate Congestion Study public engagement was not a survey about a bypass, as claimed by the petition organiser. It was a public engagement about curing the problem with congestion in Harrogate. A relief road, or “bypass”, was simply one of the options put forward. The overwhelming response, of the 15,500 persons who had responded at that time, was to call on North Yorkshire to introduce better facilities for walking and cycling and to boost public transport and that was exactly what the Harrogate Station Gateway Scheme sought to do. It represented an investment of some £11 million in a part of the Harrogate town centre which needed an uplift. The Scheme was not simply about highways changes, but included fundamental changes to improve the public realm and that area which most visitors to Harrogate, who arrived by bus and train, saw when they first stepped off their transport.
  - The petition said that the Gateway Scheme would “adversely affect everyone in Harrogate”. Members advised that they personally would not be adversely affected by the Scheme. Harrogate Cycle Action felt the same, as did contributors on social media who had reacted to stories about this subject.

Members described the phrase “adversely affect everyone in Harrogate” as “a grand sweeping statement which was demonstrably false”.

- The petition stated that the Harrogate Station Gateway Scheme would pedestrianize James Street and this was untrue. Under the Scheme, there would be a partial pedestrianisation at the top portion of James Street. When asked by the Bid, 2/3rds of businesses on James Street supported partial pedestrianisation.
- The petition said that 60%-70% of visitors arrived by car. However, no one was suggesting stopping them, and statistics showed there was ample car parking in car parks to make up for the small number of spaces lost.
- The petition said that businesses would not be able to receive deliveries. Members described this as “a scare story” because only a small amount of pedestrianisation was proposed. For example, Marks and Spencer had pedestrian areas both front and back, deliveries had not been a problem, and delivery areas were marked out on the plans in the Station Gateway Scheme.
- The petition referred to the “wholesale introduction of cycle lanes”. Members described this as “a great misrepresentation”. Under the Gateway Scheme, there would be more and better cycle lanes. Members acknowledged that, assuming nobody stopped using their car, motorists might have to wait a few more seconds to get through town in order that buses could connect more quickly at the bus station. However, they felt that the assumption that nobody would stop using their cars was unrealistic. The Harrogate Station Gateway Scheme was about ensuring that those who wished to use a mode of transport other than the private car had an opportunity to do so. The Scheme was not about banning cars or replacing roads wholesale with cycle lanes.
- This was the second petition from the Harrogate Resident’s Association to be considered by this Committee. The action requested in the first petition, which had been rejected by the Committee, had aimed to stop a Low Traffic Neighbourhood Scheme on Beech Grove. The petitioners had also opposed the Council’s Active Travel Fund scheme on Oatlands Drive. As such, the petition organisers had a history of opposing any schemes which the Council brought forward which aimed to encourage people out of their motor cars and to use sustainable means of transport or to use public transport.
- 10% of the signatories to this petition lived outside North Yorkshire.
- The Harrogate Station Gateway Scheme was due to be considered by the Council’s Executive on 25 January 2022 when a final decision would be made on whether to take the Scheme forward.

County Councillor Michael Harrison advised that, as a member of the Executive, he would find it very useful to know if any Harrogate Member, or any political group, was not supportive of proceeding with the Harrogate Station Gateway Scheme. In response, County Councillors Richard Cooper, Paul Haslam, Jim Clark, Cliff Trotter and John Mann each expressed full support for the Scheme. County Councillor Philip Broadbank advised that he broadly welcomed the Gateway Scheme, although there were other things that he would have liked to have been looked at eg an option of having a two-way scheme on West Park. County Councillor Richard Cooper advised that he believed that a two-way scheme on West Park was outside the parameters of what could be funded through the Transforming Cities Fund so therefore could not be part of this Scheme.

**Resolved –**

That the action requested by the petition be not taken for the reasons put forward during the debate, but this Committee requests that the petition be taken into consideration as part of the analysis of the results of the second round of consultation on the Harrogate Station Gateway proposals and before a decision is taken on implementation of the Scheme.

*Note: Immediately following consideration of this item of business, County Councillor John Mann left the meeting to attend another commitment. County Councillor Michael Harrison took the chair, having been so elected at the beginning of this meeting.*

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**County Councillor Michael Harrison in the Chair**

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**116 Public Questions or Statements**

There were no questions or statements from members of the public, with the exception of a statement from Harrogate and District Cycle Action which had been put to the meeting during consideration of the previous item of business.

**117 Footway and Lighting - Kingsley Road/Bogs Lane**

Considered –

The verbal request from County Councillor Philip Broadbank in which he asked the Committee to commission a report from Highways Officers, to include a proposal for speedy action to provide a footpath and street lighting, and how traffic signals could be realigned to improve safety, at Kingsley Road/Bogs Lane because the current situation was dangerous and needed to be resolved as a matter of urgency.

County Councillor Philip Broadbank explained that the location was within his Division and adjoined the Central Division. Over the previous three years, major developments had started around the railway bridge and many of the homes in those developments were now occupied and consequently there was an urgent need to get the footpath and highway lighting in place. He reported that Officers were aware of the issue, and there was a Section 278 agreement in place to construct a footway at the location. Some works had been undertaken, and more were due to be undertaken in the near future. However, a comprehensive approach was now needed as a matter of urgency. Over the previous few years, councillors had had discussions, meetings, and exchanged correspondence with Highway Officers. Whilst some work was planned, there was a lot to do to make this area safe for the increasing number of residents to use for walking and cycling.

Melisa Burnham (Area 6 Highways Manager) reported that the County Council had received, and responded to, correspondence from residents, councillors and the Constituency MP throughout 2021 regarding the lack of footway link on Kingsley Road. There was a planning obligation on one of the developers to design and deliver the said footway link between the Barratts development site and the railway bridge as part of a Section 278 agreement. Unfortunately, a review of the footway design had identified that the proposal put forward was not deliverable due to site constraints. North Yorkshire Highways team had reviewed alternative design options and identified that the solution required third-party land. Land negotiations had taken place and continued. In addition, Highways Officers were seeking further traffic modelling in relation to the footpath and

signals and had recently commissioned a transport consultant to undertake this task. In conclusion, the County Council's Highways could offer reassurances that progress was being made to bring about a satisfactory solution, but the process is very much time constrained by processes which were not directly in the control of the County Council, mainly to do with the third-party land requirements. Therefore a commencement date for the works could not be given at this meeting.

County Councillor Richard Cooper advised that he shared County Councillor Philip Broadbank's concerns and that the bridge was partly located in his Ward.

Members discussed how the Committee might proceed in relation to this matter and thanked County Councillor Philip Broadbank for bringing this "log-jam" to the Committee's attention. It was agreed that the matter should be referred for urgent discussions between the Area 6 Highways Manager and the County Councillors and Borough Councillors representing the Kingsley Road/Bogs Lane area.

**Resolved –**

That the actions required to provide a footpath and street lighting at Kingsley Road/Bogs Lane be referred for urgent discussions between the Area 6 Highways Manager and the County Councillors and Borough Councillors representing the Kingsley Road/Bogs Lane area.

**118 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.

**Resolved –**

That the Work Programme, as set out in the Appendix to the report, be approved.

The meeting concluded at 1.15 pm.

**NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL  
HARROGATE & KNARESBOROUGH AREA CONSTITUENCY COMMITTEE –  
17<sup>th</sup> March 2022  
Stronger Communities and Community Response to COVID19 Update**

## **1.0 Purpose of Report**

To provide Members with an update on the Stronger Communities Programme and the support provided to and by local communities in response to the COVID19 (Coronavirus) pandemic, and an overview of progress made in the Harrogate & Knaresborough Constituency area.

## **2.0 Background**

- 2.1 In March 2020, the Stronger Communities Team were tasked with developing and mobilising community support infrastructure in response to the COVID19 (Coronavirus) pandemic. With a national lockdown imminent and those classified as clinically extremely vulnerable being advised to shield, it was imperative that a 'safety net' of community based support and assistance was in place for people who did not have friends, family or neighbours to call upon.
- 2.2 Working with 23 key trusted voluntary sector partners across the County and drawing upon the existing, sound working relationships in place, the community support infrastructure was mobilised in four days. The 23 Community Support Organisations (CSOs) were requested to act as the single point of contact within a locality, and in conjunction with local networks, commenced coordination of a variety of volunteer led support services. This included the collection and delivery of shopping and prescriptions, caring for pets, offering regular social contact by telephone, and acting as a local agent for the COVID-19 Self-Isolation Grant. The CSO also provided support to local networks and action groups (for example Mutual Aid Groups) that had come together to assist in their communities, providing information, advice and guidance to ensure that all activity was delivered as safely as possible for both the volunteer and the beneficiary.
- 2.3 In addition to this, North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) extended opening hours to include weekends and public holidays to ensure that support was in place 7 days per week between 8.00am and 5.30pm. This has been primarily delivered by the Customer Service Centre and Stronger Communities, in conjunction with Team North Yorkshire Volunteers and NHS Responder Volunteers where appropriate.
- 2.4 Alongside intensive support from their local Delivery Manager, funding has also been provided to all CSOs, using national Covid outbreak management grants, which has enabled them to continue to operate and has ensured that support has been available to residents throughout the pandemic. Although the generic support offer is universally available across the County, the model of delivery varies dependent on local need and community assets available. A number of CSOs have evolved their delivery model;

either reconfiguring their services, or developing new ways of working in order to continue to provide support within the varying levels of restrictions we have seen over the last two years.

- 2.5 Despite the ever-changing landscape, community support infrastructure through the CSO network has remained in place since March 2020. Following the national lifting of restrictions on 24 February regarding self-isolation requirements discussions are in place with the CSOs regarding either winding down or scaling back their pandemic response activities. This may see some CSOs winding down their pandemic services in a managed way however a majority are interested in building on the successful model and developing it further as an effective place based 'hub' that contributes to health and well-being services and pressures. Provision is in place to continue to work with the network of CSOs over this coming months to support them through this transition.

### **3.0 Community Support Organisation Performance (2021/22)**

- 3.1 Since the mobilisation of the community support model in March 2020, the following activity has been recorded via the 23 CSOs across North Yorkshire to date, primarily facilitated by approximately 203,272 volunteer hours:

- 23,301 prescriptions delivered;
- 36,288 shopping deliveries made;
- 61,319 befriending calls and 33,990 phone check ins made;
- 17,311 transport requests fulfilled; and
- 48,923 meals delivered and 11,281 food parcels distributed.

- 3.2 As part of the community support offer, CSOs administer the Covid19 North Yorkshire Local Assistance Fund (NYLAF) grant; this was set up as a way of addressing emergency food and utility support needs for individuals and households isolating or shielding across North Yorkshire during the Covid-19 pandemic.

This financial year, the scheme has received 391 applications, and has approved 375 of these (96%), totalling £42,615 of expenditure.

- 3.3 In addition to this, Stronger Communities have distributed £119,599 in Covid19 Community Grants (to date in 2021/22). This investment has allowed communities and charities to respond to the needs of their communities during periods of heightened restrictions; examples of which have included support services to help people to self-isolate, have access to food and supplies, and stay connected to people through technology. Grants have also been used to support groups to re-open some services and activities where they were able to confidently operate in a Covid-safe and compliant way, helping people to regain confidence and independence, and to re-engage in their communities.

## 4.0 Covid19 Related Work

### 4.1 Sustainable Food Support

In 2020/21, the County Council was awarded £532,000 via the Defra Local Authority Emergency Assistance Grant for Food and Essential supplies to support those facing financial hardship because of the pandemic. 48 grants (investment of £277,000) were made available over two funding rounds, to further support and expand the direct provision of food for people experiencing financial hardship. Additional capacity was also put in to Citizens Advice Mid North Yorkshire's Money and Benefits Advice Service and North Yorkshire Local Assistance Fund (NYLAF).

In summer 2021, additional funding was secured to deliver the Food for the Future programme, which aims to embed local sustainable food support options, which also support beneficiaries to build their levels of confidence and independence. An additional 19 awards were made to voluntary and community sector partners across the County through this programme.

In order to better understand the food insecurity landscape in the region, Stronger Communities are currently scoping a joint piece of insight work with City of York Council. Initial discussions on this with Joseph Rowntree Foundation (JRF) and Hartlepower (a Hartlepool based organisation currently developing and delivering a similar piece of research) have taken place and further work will commence shortly.

### 4.2 Holiday Activities and Food Programme

Stronger Communities continue to lead on the delivery of this programme, which was launched with the branding of FEAST (Food, Entertainment, Arts & Sport Together) in partnership with Children and Young People's Service (CYPS) and the voluntary and community sector. Coordination of the programme has been undertaken by North Yorkshire Together who in conjunction with a network of locally placed clubs and community organisations, deliver a range of enriching activities over holiday periods. This is alongside a host of online resources being made available for families to enjoy. Over the festive break, 2221 children benefitted from activities delivered through the Programme.

In December, the Department of Education confirmed funding for the continuation of the Holiday Activity and Food Programme (FEAST) until March 2025 and plans are underway with Children and Young People's Early Help team to deliver the programme over the next three years.

### 4.3 Household Support Fund

The Household Support Fund administered by The Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) aims to assist households who may need support with food, energy and essential living costs whilst the economy recovers from the pandemic. NYCC was allocated £3.54 million to provide support over the winter period (from October 2021 to March 2022), which is structured in to four main areas of provision in North Yorkshire:

- E-Voucher Direct Award – a total investment of £2.68million to make a £275 shopping voucher available to all households in receipt of means tested Council Tax Relief (CTR) with a child under 19.
- Food Bank Winter Support Fund – an investment of £145,000 to 14 organisations across the County to increase the capacity of food supply to those in need.
- Warm and Well – an additional £220,000 for Warm and Well to provide energy top up vouchers / direct supplier payments to those in need.
- North Yorkshire Local Assistance Fund (NYLAF) – increasing the NYLAF budget by £250,000 in order to uplift the number of applications to a maximum of four until the end of March 2022.

Interim monitoring undertaken in January 2022 showed that 12,083 households have benefitted from the various support strands of the Household Support Fund so far.

#### 4.4 Digital Inclusion

Work on Reboot North Yorkshire continues to progress with a particular focus on enlisting the support of our local communities and voluntary sector groups as Community Partners to allow a network of community Reboot projects to grow and develop across the county. Working with internal colleagues and external partners, 415 devices have been gifted to socially isolated individuals to date, with an additional 200 devices distributed to school children.

Reboot North Yorkshire continues to work closely with Citizens Online (CO) and their Digital Champion Coordinator for North Yorkshire. The partnership with CO continues to grow and has been extended for another 12 months until Feb 2023.

### 5.0 **Wider Stronger Communities Programme Work**

#### 5.1 Children and Young People

The Stronger Communities programme, in conjunction with Children and Young People Service (CYPS), continue to lead and coordinate the school readiness pilot 'Grow and Learn' in Ryedale and Scarborough, with 50 small scale grants awarded to date this year.

The team also continues to work with the Early Help team from CYPS to develop and deliver a project that seeks to grow community capacity by working alongside and with our communities to stimulate, support and develop activities that enable children, young people and their families to be happy, healthy and achieving. In autumn 2021, Stronger Communities supported the launch of CYPS' Get Going Grant, seeking expressions of interest from community-based groups to deliver activities for young people, or families with young children.

#### 5.2 Health and Wellbeing

Stronger Communities continues to strengthen its relationships with NHS partners and has administered a range of NHS mental health grants for the last two years, including grass roots suicide prevention, a self-harm co-design project and postvention support. The Suicide Prevention Grants Programmes for the Humber, Coast and Vale Integrated Health Care System, and Harrogate and Craven were launched by the team last year; 43 grants were awarded in early 2022, 32 of which are in North Yorkshire. The programme is also supporting the transformation of Community Mental Health programme in partnership with North Yorkshire and Vale of York CCGs.

Stronger Communities also continues to develop strong working relationships with social care colleagues, with sustained involvement in the Health and Adult Services (HAS) Transformation Programme.

### 5.3 Capacity Building

In parallel to COVID-19 community response work, the Stronger Communities Programme has continued to strengthen local community assets and infrastructure; this has included continuing to encourage relationships and collaborations between voluntary and community sector organisations as well as stabilising, and / or building capacity within them if required. Since March 2020, the Programme has provided specialist support to assist 14 VCSEs with work areas such as restructuring their organisations, re-modelling their services and providing additional capacity for fundraising; all of which have been crucial in trying to ensure their future sustainability, in one of the most challenging times for the sector in recent years.

## 6.0 **Planning for 2022/23**

### 6.1 Independent Evaluation

The Stronger Communities Programme is subject to a 5-year independent evaluation, conducted by Skyblue Research. Evaluation of the CSOs has now been encompassed within this, alongside continuing to develop our ten-year strategy, People, Place and Power. Discussions on a strand of this Strategy, building on existing infrastructure and the creation of 'Community Anchor Organisations' in localities has been accelerated by the needs presented by Covid19 and the mobilisation of the CSOs; the fourth phase of evaluation with CSO volunteers commenced in late 2021, with some dedicated volunteer focus groups anticipated to take place in summer 2022.

## 7.0 **Local Area Information**

### 7.1 Harrogate, Knaresborough & Boroughbridge CSO areas

The CSO's are:

- Harrogate and District Community Action
- Knaresborough Connectors
- Boroughbridge Community Care

These organisations have worked collaboratively across their local areas other voluntary organisations and community groups sharing information and utilising local assets to meet local need.

The data below captures the work of the Community Support Organisations;

In 21/22

- 664 people were provided with advice and guidance
- 838 individuals were provided with practical and emotional support
- 2,859 befriending calls were made
- 1,456 food shops
- 304 prescriptions were delivered
- 2,972 people had help with transport
- 104 people had help with pet care / dog walking
- 460 food parcels were delivered and 788 meals delivered
- 1,182 volunteers provided 8,862 volunteer hours including volunteer support to vaccination clinics across the Harrogate District.

More recently, the CSO's have been supporting people to regain their confidence and independence.

Numbers of volunteers have remained consistent, some have returned to work whilst new volunteers have subsequently volunteered to support the vaccination clinics.

- Key areas of note; achievements, challenges, areas of focus.

Since January 2022 the CSO's have collaborated to work in partnership with the Yorkshire Health Network to supply volunteers to all the vaccination clinics across the district. This has involved a considerable commitment from the organisations and their volunteers who have covered vaccination in Harrogate and Knaresborough. The organisations are proud to have supported the national vaccination programme.

Demand for Community Transport has increased throughout the last year, enabling access to vaccination clinics and health appointments. There was a significant increase in requests for this service between; Dec 21 – Feb 22 because of reduced capacity in the Passenger Transport services provided by the Yorkshire Ambulance Service coupled with high levels of self-isolation, there was at this time a significant strain put on providers. These capacity issues eased when army resources were deployed within the Yorkshire Ambulance service. Demand for community transport services remains high.

The Stronger Communities programme has awarded £6,794 in Small Grants to support recovery activities as lockdown measures have eased, the national shielding programme came to an end and voluntary sector organisations and community groups restarted their services in a safe way. These have enabled people to feel confident, to re-connect with their communities, and to start to regain their independence.

**Recommendations**

It is recommended that Members note the content of this report.

**Marie-Ann Jackson**  
**Head of Stronger Communities**  
**North Yorkshire County Council**  
**1<sup>st</sup> March 2022**

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**North Yorkshire County Council  
Harrogate and Knaresborough Constituency Committee – 17 March 2022  
Car Parking at Railway Stations**

**1.0 Purpose of the Report**

1.1 To allow members to follow up on the recommendation from the Rural Commission requesting that the County Council review car parking spaces at railway stations.

**2.0 Update**

2.1 Car parking at railway stations is an issue across the rail network across the County but for the purposes of this report the focus is on the car parking at Pannal, Hornbeam Park, Harrogate, Starbeck, Knaresborough, Weeton and Cattal rail stations

2.2 The Harrogate Line has seen significant improvements in frequency (including recently York – Harrogate), modern rolling stock, station improvements and the introduction of the LNER services to/from London all potentially increasing demand for rail travel. Pre-Pandemic most of the car parks on the Harrogate line were full, the pandemic has changed this with currently more people working from home.

2.3 The current car park facilities are set out in the table below:

<b>Station</b>	<b>Number of Spaces</b>	<b>Daily Charge</b>
Weeton	0*	-
Pannal	40	£3.00
Hornbeam Park	10*	-
Harrogate	117*	£4.00
Starbeck	0**	-
Knaresborough	0**	-
Cattal	0**	-

\* Harrogate Borough Council run the car park or a car park close by.

\*\* Roadside or alternative car parks where available

2.4 The rail industry have looked at each station to identify any land available for car parking close to stations and whilst some land has been identified the cost to purchase, access to/from the site and the poor business cases have meant that these were not developed further. Many stations on the line are close to the communities they serve and active travel options, with station facilities that encourage this and the use of public transport is a viable alternative to use of the car.

- 2.5 Any car park developments coming forward would be expected to help deliver the York and North Yorkshire Routemap to Carbon Negative.

<b>Station</b>	<b>Activity</b>
Weeton	No work planned.
Pannal	Provision for a park and rail car park was included as part of the redevelopment of the Dunlopillo site in Pannal. The site is currently under construction and as yet, this has not been provided.
Hornbeam Park	Any changes to car park provision at this station would need to include any potential impact on the local highway.
Harrogate	The multi-storey car park (owned by HBC) adjacent to the station provides extra station car parking capacity.
Starbeck	No work planned.
Knaresborough	No work planned.
Cattal	HBC and NYCC are working closely with the site promoters in connection with the new settlement proposals in the Cattal area. The new settlement will be focused around Cattal railway station and will comprise of enhancements to the rail station including provision of additional car parking. HBC is currently developing a Development Plan Document to guide the development of the new settlement.

### **3.0 Equalities**

- 3.1 See Appendix A

### **4.0 Climate**

- 4.1 See Appendix B

### **5.0 Recommendation**

- 5.1 That members note the content of this report

Author: Graham North, Strategic Support Service  
 Business and Environmental Services  
 Date: 1 March 2022

<b>Initial equality impact assessment screening form</b>			
<b>This form records an equality screening process to determine the relevance of equality to a proposal, and a decision whether or not a full EIA would be appropriate or proportionate.</b>			
<b>Directorate</b>	Business and Environmental Services		
<b>Service area</b>	Transport Planning		
<b>Proposal being screened</b>	To update on work undertaken to review car parking spaces at the railway stations at Pannal, Hornbeam Park, Harrogate, Starbeck, Knaresborough, Weeton and Cattal		
<b>Officer(s) carrying out screening</b>	<b>Graham North</b>		
<b>What are you proposing to do?</b>	For members of the Harrogate & Knaresborough Constituency Committee to note the report		
<b>Why are you proposing this? What are the desired outcomes?</b>	To continue to work with the rail industry on any car park proposals if they were to come forward.		
<b>Does the proposal involve a significant commitment or removal of resources?</b> Please give details.	No		
<b>Impact on people with any of the following protected characteristics as defined by the Equality Act 2010, or NYCC's additional agreed characteristics</b>			
As part of this assessment, please consider the following questions:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To what extent is this service used by particular groups of people with protected characteristics?</li> <li>Does the proposal relate to functions that previous consultation has identified as important?</li> <li>Do different groups have different needs or experiences in the area the proposal relates to?</li> </ul>			
<b>If for any characteristic it is considered that there is likely to be an adverse impact or you have ticked 'Don't know/no info available', then a full EIA should be carried out where this is proportionate. You are advised to speak to your <a href="#">Equality rep</a> for advice if you are in any doubt.</b>			
Protected characteristic	Potential for adverse impact		Don't know/No info available
	No	Yes	
Age	X		
Disability	X		
Sex	X		
Race	X		
Sexual orientation	X		
Gender reassignment	X		
Religion or belief	X		
Pregnancy or maternity	X		
Marriage or civil partnership	X		
<b>NYCC additional characteristics</b>			
People in rural areas	X		
People on a low income	X		
Carer (unpaid family or friend)	X		
<b>Does the proposal relate to an area where there are known</b>	The report is an update on car parks and accessibility to stations needs to be considered		

<b>inequalities/probable impacts</b> (e.g. disabled people's access to public transport)? Please give details.	if new car parks or changes to existing car parks were to come forward.			
<b>Will the proposal have a significant effect on how other organisations operate?</b> (e.g. partners, funding criteria, etc.). <b>Do any of these organisations support people with protected characteristics?</b> Please explain why you have reached this conclusion.	<b>No</b>			
<b>Decision (Please tick one option)</b>	EIA not relevant or proportionate:	X	Continue to full EIA:	
<b>Reason for decision</b>	The report produced is for members of the Harrogate & Knaresborough Constituency Committee to note.			
<b>Signed (Assistant Director or equivalent)</b>	Barrie Mason			
<b>Date</b>	04/03/22			

**Initial Climate Change Impact Assessment (Form created August 2021)**

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

If you have any additional queries, which are not covered by the guidance please email [beyond.carbon@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:beyond.carbon@northyorks.gov.uk)

<b>Title of proposal</b>	Report to Harrogate Constituency Committee – 17 <sup>th</sup> March 2022
<b>Brief description of proposal</b>	To update on work undertaken to review car parking spaces at the railway stations at Pannal, Hornbeam Park, Harrogate, Starbeck, Knaresborough, Weeton and Cattal
<b>Directorate</b>	BES
<b>Service area</b>	Transport Planning
<b>Lead officer</b>	Graham North
<b>Names and roles of other people involved in carrying out the impact assessment</b>	

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

Remember to think about the following;

- Travel
- Construction
- Data storage
- Use of buildings
- Change of land use
- Opportunities for recycling and reuse
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Environmental factor to consider	For the county council	For the county	Overall
Greenhouse gas emissions	Choose an item.	Choose an item.	Choose an item.
Waste	Choose an item.	Choose an item.	Choose an item.
Water use	Choose an item.	Choose an item.	Choose an item.
Pollution (air, land, water, noise, light)	Choose an item.	Choose an item.	Choose an item.
Resilience to adverse weather/climate events (flooding, drought etc.)	Choose an item.	Choose an item.	Choose an item.
Ecological effects (biodiversity, loss of habitat etc.)	Choose an item.	Choose an item.	Choose an item.
Heritage and landscape	Choose an item.	Choose an item.	Choose an item.

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

<b>Decision (Please tick one option)</b>	Full CCIA not relevant or proportionate:	X	Continue to full CCIA:	
<b>Reason for decision</b>	This is a report for information to the Committee			
<b>Signed (Assistant Director or equivalent)</b>	Barrie Mason			
<b>Date</b>	04/03/22			



**North Yorkshire County Council  
Harrogate and Knaresborough Area Constituency Committee  
17 March 2022  
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:- [E \(northyorks.gov.uk\)](http://northyorks.gov.uk)

### **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

<b>Thursday 10 June 2021, 10.00am, Live broadcast remote informal meeting</b>	
Economic Recovery following the Pandemic – Initial Approach	To consider a report and presentation from Matt O'Neill (Assistant Director – Growth, Planning and Trading Standards).
Stroke Services - Outcome of recent changes made to Stroke Services at Harrogate District Hospital	To consider a presentation from Simon Cox (NHS North Yorkshire Clinical Commissioning Group).
Hospital Operation Waiting Times – Situation at Harrogate District Hospital	To consider a presentation from Beth Barron (Operational Director for Elective Care, HDFT).
Appointments to Outside Bodies	To consider extending, until May 2022, the appointments made to local bodies by the former Harrogate Area Committee in June 2017.
<b>Thursday 16 September 2021, 10.00am, Live broadcast remote informal meeting</b>	
North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner – His Initial Priorities following Election	To receive a presentation from Mr Philip Allott (Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner).
Receipt of Petition “Remove the barriers blocking Beech Grove and Lancaster Road, Harrogate and stop this proposed LTN”	To receive and respond to this petition.
<b>Thursday 6 January 2022, 10.00am, Live broadcast remote informal meeting</b>	
County Council Budget 2022/23	To receive a presentation and discuss the County Council's budget and its implications for the area covered by the Committee ahead of the meeting of the County Council on 16 February 2022.
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.
Healthy Eating	To consider the work of the Public Health and Healthy Schools teams in the County Council to improve nutrition and promote a healthy weight in children, young people and families, and encourage healthy eating in schools and early years settings.

Petition "Stop the Station Gateway Project and the Pedestrianisation of Harrogate's Town Centre"	To receive and respond to this petition.
Footway and Lighting – Kingsley Road/Bogs Lane	To consider appropriate action in view of Members' concerns about dangers arising from delays in the provision of this footway and lighting.
<b>Thursday 17 March 2022, 10.00am, Live broadcast remote informal meeting</b>	
Stronger Communities and Community Response to COVID19 Update	To provide an update on the Stronger Communities programme and the support provided to and by local communities in response to the COVID19 pandemic, and an overview of progress made in the Harrogate and Knaresborough constituency area.
Car parking at Railway Stations	To follow up on the recommendation from the Rural Commission requesting that the County Council review car parking spaces at railway stations.
<b>County Council Elections 5 May 2022</b>	
<b>Thursday 9 June 2022, 10.00am</b>	
Election of ACC Chairman and Vice-Chairman	
Appointments to Outside Bodies	To appoint the County Council's representatives on various local bodies in the Harrogate and Knaresborough constituency area. (Written report to be produced by Legal and Democratic Services.)
Update from Andrew Jones MP (subject to Parliamentary business)	To receive an update from Andrew Jones MP.
<b>Thursday 15 September 2022, 10.00am</b>	
<i>No business has been identified yet for this meeting</i>	
<b>Thursday 24 November 2022, 10.00am</b>	
Possible item – Follow-up report on the various recommendations of the Rural Commission	
<b>Thursday 12 January 2023, 2.00pm</b>	
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

**Thursday 16 March 2023, 10.00am**

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

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Background documents: None

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