



Agenda

Meeting: Scarborough and Whitby Area Constituency Committee

To: Councillors Joe Plant (Chair), Clive Pearson (Vice-Chair), Andrew Backhouse, Derek Bastiman, Eric Broadbent, David Chance, Liz Colling, David Jeffels, Janet Jefferson, Andrew Jenkinson, Tony Randerson, Roberta Swiers and Callum Walsh.

Date: Wednesday, 16th March 2022

Time: 10.30 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 5 May 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. This approach will be reviewed in May 2022.

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Business

1. **Introductions & Apologies for Absence**
2. **Minutes of the meeting held on 19 January 2022** (Pages 3 - 6)
3. **Declarations of Interest**
4. **Public Questions & Statements**
Members of the public may ask questions or make statements at this meeting if they have given notice and provided the text to Melanie Carr of Democratic Services (*contact details below*) no later than midday on Friday 11 March 2022. Each speaker should limit themselves to 3 minutes on any item. Members of the public who have given notice will be invited to speak:

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

If you are exercising your right to speak 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.

- 5. Yorkshire Water Presentation on Bathing Waters & Environmental Performance** (Pages 7 - 18)
- 6. North Yorkshire Town Deal Fund** (Pages 19 - 38)
Purpose of Report: To provide an overview of the Business Cases for the North Yorkshire Town Deal Fund
- 7. Stronger Communities Annual Update** (Pages 39 - 44)
- 8. Other business which the Chairman agrees should be considered as a matter of urgency because of special circumstances.**

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8 March 2022

North Yorkshire County Council

Scarborough and Whitby Area Constituency Committee

Minutes of the remote meeting held on Wednesday, 19th January 2022 commencing at 10.30 am.

County Councillor Clive Pearson in the Chair, plus County Councillors Clive Pearson, Derek Bastiman, Eric Broadbent, David Chance, Liz Colling, Janet Jefferson, Tony Randerson and Roberta Swiers.

In attendance: County Councillors Carl Les and Gareth Dadd.

Officers present: Gary Fielding and Louise Heaps and Melanie Carr.

Apologies: County Councillors Joe Plant, David Jeffels and Andrew Jenkinson.

Copies of all documents considered are in the Minute Book

111 Introductions & Apologies for Absence

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and Members introduced themselves.

Apologies were received from County Councillors Joe Plant, Andrew Jenkinson and David Jeffels.

112 Minutes of the meeting held on 3 December 2021

Resolved –

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 3 December 2021, having been printed and circulated, be taken as read and confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

113 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

114 Public Questions & Statements

There were no public questions or statements.

115 County Council Budget Proposals 2022/23

Gary Fielding, Corporate Director for Strategic Resources gave a presentation on NYCC's latest Budget & Mid Term Financial Strategy Forecasts, and Council Tax considerations, together with the associated risks and issues, which highlighted:

- The provisional Local Government finance settlement
- The extra funding made available since the last budget alongside new/additional pressures
- The options for increasing the Council Tax base and Adult Social Care Precept

Options – it was confirmed that the Council had the option of setting an overall increase of up to 4.49%

- The year on year position based on the Council Tax options and associated cash shortfalls
- The impact of Covid, the demand for services and price pressures
- Market distress/collapse especially in adult social care
- Inflation and pay pressures
- The impact of LGR on workload
- The lack of visibility post March 2023 and possible future austerity
- The impact of future ASC funding reform
- The need to provide a good start for the new Unitary Council
- The next steps in the Budget process.

Gary Fielding also highlighted some specific financial issues affecting the Scarborough & Whitby constituency area, which included:

- School projections based on May 2021/22 Start budgets, including the number of schools in deficit and the value of those deficits;
- The increase in the number of schools in financial difficulty across the constituency area – it was noted primary schools were particularly affected due to a drop in pupil numbers;
- A 12% rise in HAS contacts and a 13% rise in HAS referrals;
- A year on year decrease of 6% in reablement;
- A 42% increase in Living Well referrals between April and November 2021;
- The nature of the care market and the cost of care across the constituency area – it was noted that 54% of all placements were above the Authority's rate, and that there was insufficient choice and capacity;
- The ongoing/planned highways and transport schemes across the constituency area – maps were provided showing the coverage of the free wifi available in Scarborough & Whitby;

In response to Members' questions, Gary Fielding confirmed:

- Primary School population needed to be considered on an area by area basis – it was noted that the Pupil Allocation Numbers for Scarborough Schools were due to be changed to improve the balance of numbers across the town;
- Small rural school were likely to be more affected which in turn may lead to more of them closing in coming years;
- All options for addressing the cost of care to the Authority were being explored, including whether the Authority should consider becoming a direct provider again;
- The rates of pay and availability of ASC workers remained an ongoing concern and the steps being taken to aid staff retention e.g. the provision of a one-off payment of £300 to both NYCC care staff and to the staff of external providers;

The Chair thanked Gary Fielding for his informative presentation and it was

Resolved – That the presentation and update be noted.

116 Scarborough & Whitby Area Constituency Committee Work Programme 2020/21

Considered -

The report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services) asking Members to review the Work Programme into account the outcome of discussions

on previous agenda items and any other developments taking place across the area.

It was agreed that the Business Cases for the North Yorkshire Town Deal Fund be added to the work programme for the next meeting in March 2022.

It was also agreed that a standing item be added to future agenda to allow the Executive Members present the opportunity to provide a verbal update on their portfolio areas.

Finally, County Councillors Carl Les, Gareth Dadd and David Chance provided brief verbal updates on their Executive member portfolios.

Resolved - That the Democracy Officer update the work programme to reflect the decisions made during the meeting.

The meeting concluded at 11.50 am.

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Yorkshire's Bathing Waters

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March 2022

Geraldine Sewell

Agenda Item 5

Overview

- Bathing Water Directive
- Influences on Bathing Water Quality
- Roles and Responsibilities
- Yorkshire Coastal Partnership
- Our Investment

Bathing Water Directive

The Bathing Water Directive sets out the requirements for:

- Monitoring and classifying bathing water quality
- Managing bathing water quality
- Providing information to the public on bathing water quality

Under the Directive, bathing waters are classified annually into the following categories:



Excellent bathing water quality



Good bathing water quality



Sufficient bathing water quality



Poor bathing water quality



Advice against bathing

Influences on Bathing Water Quality

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Roles and Responsibilities

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Defra

Designate
bathing waters

Publish
classifications

Environment Agency

Regulatory
sampling

Assess BW
compliance

Local Authority

Apply for
designation/de-
designation

Display bathing
water advice

Water Companies

Responsible for
sewerage
infrastructure

Partnership
working

Yorkshire Coastal Bathing Water Partnership

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Partnership Board
(Twice Yearly)

Attendees:

- Yorkshire Water (CHAIR) – Lee Pitcher
- Environment Agency – Mike Dugher/Martin Christmas
- East Riding Yorkshire Council – Alan Menzies
- Scarborough Borough Council – Nick Edwards
- TAG Link/Tech Sec – Geraldine Sewell

Technical Action Group
(Bi-Monthly)

Attendees:

- Environment Agency (CHAIR)
- Yorkshire Water
- East Riding Yorkshire Council
- Scarborough Borough Council
- SBC Harbour Commissioner
- ER Harbour Commissioner

By Exception:

- Yorkshire Wildlife Trust
- University of Hull
- Other organisations to give specific updates

Stakeholder
Forum
(As required)

Communication
Group
(As required)

Our Vision:

To support the development of a thriving and prosperous coastline in Yorkshire by unlocking the benefits of excellent bathing water quality on the coast.

Our Objective:

To achieve excellent bathing water status at all of Yorkshire's designated bathing waters.



Partnership History

First projections under rBWD for Yorkshire



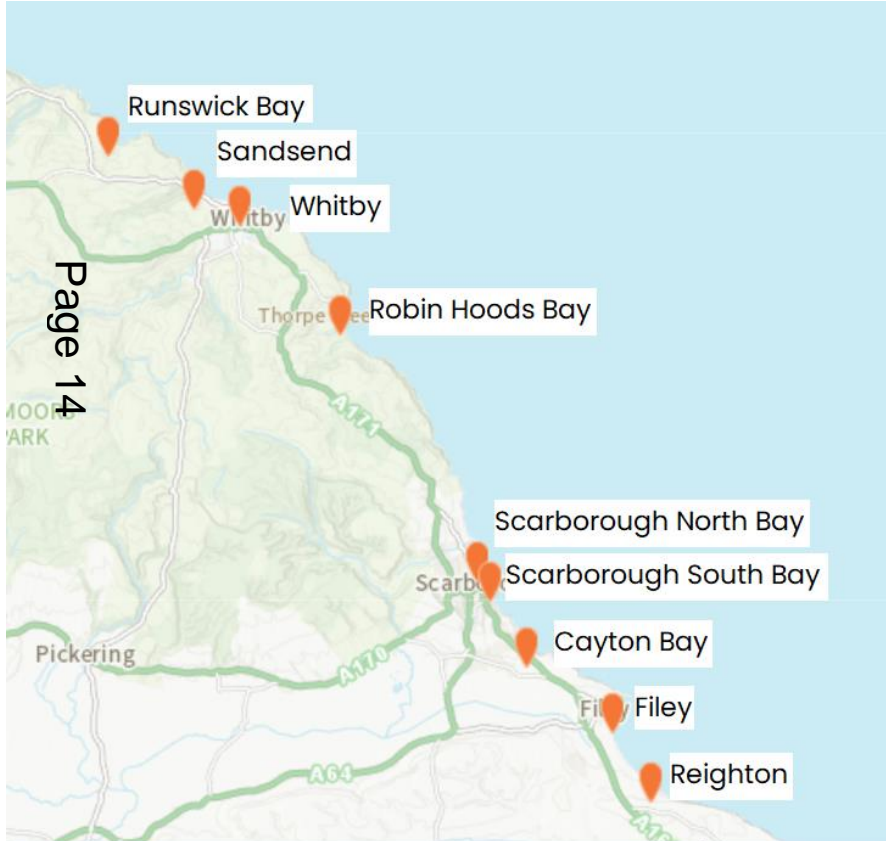
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Latest classifications for Yorkshire



Tunstall is 'unassessed' due to lack of safe access.

Scarborough and Whitby Area Bathing Waters



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Excellent bathing water quality
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- Runswick Bay
- Whitby
- Scarborough North
- Cayton Bay
- Reighton



Good bathing water quality
 ★ ★
 ★ ★ ★
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- Sandsend
- Robin Hoods Bay
- Filey



Sufficient bathing water quality
 ★ ★ ★
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- Scarborough South



Our Investment

Between 2010 and 2015, we invested over £110 million in improving Yorkshire's beaches. In Scarborough, this included over £50 million to:

- Increase our storm water capacity
- Reduce storm discharges to sea
- Increase our pumping capacity

This included upgrades at:

- Wheatcroft
- Toll House
- Scalby Mills
- Scarborough Sewage Treatment Works



Our Investment

In 2020, we invested £1 million (across Scarborough and Bridlington) to develop prediction models, to further enhance our understanding of what impacts bathing water quality.

We also launched our 'Do Your Bit' campaign in 2019 in Scarborough, to encourage responsible beach use and plastic recycling with the installation of Fin the Fish.



Future Plans

- Currently undertaking pre-season walkovers & agreeing partnership action plans
- Ongoing investment at Endeavour Wharf to improve station reliability
- Ongoing investment at Scalby Mills to improve screenings handling
- Pathway to Excellence Project



Any Questions?



Scarborough and Whitby Towns Deal

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Alex Richards and Helen Jackson



Agenda Item 6

Programme Outline

Key dates	Activity
Nov 2019	Government establishes £3.9bn Towns Fund for 101 towns
Jan 2020	Town Deal Boards Established
Oct 2020	TIPs submitted for Scarborough & Whitby
Mar 2021	Heads of Terms for Scarborough & Whitby Town Deal £20.2m for Scarborough £17.1m for Whitby
May 2021	Project confirmation and business case development activity
Mar 2022	Deadline for submission of Business Case Summary Documents
Mar 2026	End of Programme



Whitby Town Investment Plan

“An exciting group of investment projects that both individually and collectively take advantage of Whitby’s strengths and address its challenges by raising aspiration, opportunity and prosperity for all”

Broomfields Carbon Neutral Village

An exemplar project creating 60 carbon neutral affordable home

- Towns Fund contribution £2,600,000

Page 22 • Business Case complete

• Lead: Keyland Developments in partnership with Sanctuary and Keepmoat



Eastside Community Hub

Providing wellbeing and training opportunities for local people

- Towns Fund contribution £823,051
- Business Case complete
- DLUHC Check complete
- Planning application submitted
- Start date: March 2022
- Lead: Eastside Community Centre and Whitby Boxing Club

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Whitby Maritime Training Hub

Establishing a centre of excellence for the Maritime industry



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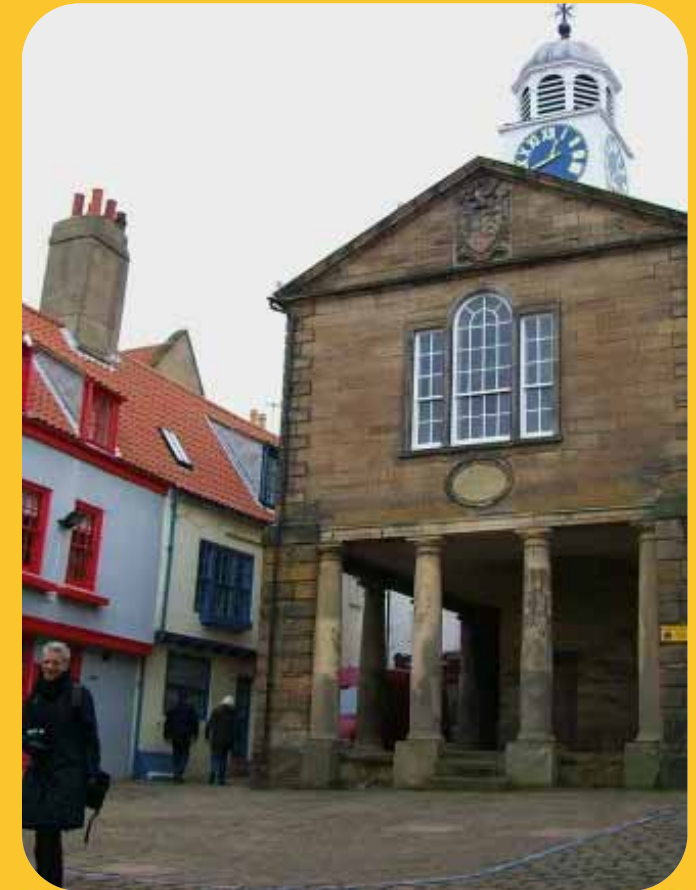
- Towns Fund contribution
£10,000,000
- Business Case complete
- Commercial and feasibility study
complete
- Lead: Scarborough Borough Council

Old Town Hall and Market Place

Protecting and enhancing Whitby's heritage

- Towns Fund contribution £1,000,000
- Spatial Designs complete
- Business Case complete
- Lead: Scarborough Borough Council in partnership with Whitby Town Council

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Wayfinding and Gamification

Promoting Whitby to the modern visitor

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- Towns Fund contribution £237,000
- Business Case complete
- DLUHC Check complete
- Start date: April 2022
- Lead: Scarborough Borough Council

Harbourside Public Realm: Pedestrianisation of Whitby Bridge

Improving public safety and creating better connections

- Towns Fund contribution £2,300,000

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- Business Case complete
- Trial scheme complete
- Lead: North Yorkshire County Council



Scarborough Town Investment Plan

“An abundance of opportunity whereby Scarborough can build on its existing strengths to become an attractive town for residents, business and visitors of all Ages”

Scarborough Cricket Club

Improving a national sporting venue

- Towns Fund contribution £250,000
- Business Case complete
- DLUHC approved
- Work started
- Lead: Scarborough Cricket Club

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Scarborough Station Gateway

Providing an exceptional arrival experience to the region



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- Towns Fund contribution £6,680,000
- Business Case complete
- Development Designs complete
- Lead: Scarborough Borough Council

Fablab+

Securing a pivotal role in digital and cyber security industries



- Towns Fund contribution £1,400,000
- Development Designs complete
- Business Case complete
- Lead: Scarborough Borough Council

Green Construction Skills Village

Providing skills for a greener future

- Towns Fund contribution £535,313
- Planning permission approved
- Business Case complete
- DLUHC checks complete
- Start date March 2022
- Lead: SOHOCO

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Scarborough Harbour West Pier

A transformational scheme to regenerate Scarborough's West Pier and support the fishing industry

- Towns Fund contribution £5,000,000
- Business Case complete
- Development Designs complete
- Start date: Early 2023
- Lead: Scarborough Borough Council



Scarborough Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure

Promoting sustainable transport infrastructure

- Towns Fund contribution £3,090,000
- Business Case complete
- Spatial designs complete
- Lead: North Yorkshire County Council

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Wildeye

Creating a connection to nature through art and experiences

- Towns Fund contribution £1,399,038
- Business Case complete
- Partners in place
- Accelerate programme complete in March 2022
- Lead: Yorkshire Wildlife Trust in partnership with Invisible Dust

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Scarborough Fair

Providing a year round cultural programme



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- Towns Fund contribution £1,500,000
- Business Case complete
- Scarborough Borough Council

Next Steps

- Government decision June 2022 (for the remaining 10 projects).
- Ongoing detailed development (RIBA stages 3-5) including stakeholder consultation—
March 2022 onward.
- Development of operational detail and business plans, securing of match funding where required.
- Implementation – 2022 - 2026

Thanks for listening

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

SCARBOROUGH & WHITBY AREA CONSTITUENCY COMMITTEE – 16 March 2022

Stronger Communities and Community Response to COVID19 Update

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 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 Scarborough & Whitby 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.
- 3.3 This financial year, the scheme has received 391 applications, and has approved 375 of these (96%), totalling £42,615 of expenditure.
- 3.4 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).
- 4.2 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.

4.3 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.

4.4 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.

4.5 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.

4.6 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.

4.7 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 The Scarborough and Whitby Constituency area is covered by three Community Support Organisations (CSOs); Age UK Scarborough & District and SWR Mind covering the southern area of the district, Coast and Vale Community Action (CaVCA) covering Whitby, and Revival North Yorkshire covering Esk Valley and villages such as Sleights and Staithes. There are currently 120 active volunteers supporting the CSOs in the area.

- 7.2 Working with local networks, partners and community response groups, CSOs have continued to provide a core offer of community support, including shopping and prescription delivery and befriending. A number of their existing services have been expanded, or new services have been developed, in order to respond to the needs that have emerged within their localities. The CSOs have also worked with partners to explore needs in their communities, for example Scarborough South CSO have been involved in winter pressure discussions, working alongside NYCC and health colleagues.
- 7.3 The CSOs continue to work with Stronger Communities to develop and deliver transition activity in order to help build people's confidence and independence, and to support them to re-engage in their communities, particularly if they have been subject to periods of self-isolation over the last 12 months. Examples of this in the Scarborough and Whitby area include:
- Development of an activity programme comprising outdoor activities and indoor crafts, wellbeing and social activities in Scarborough South.
 - CaVCA has undertaken some wider work in the area with families, using their links with Grow and Learn (Section 5.2) and Hungry Little Minds, to help isolated new parents link into social activity and create a peer group support.
 - Revival North Yorkshire have delivered a variety of activities including arts and crafts, and hosted the North York Moors online group walks, and Zoom exercise classes in order to support older residents within the community.
- 7.4 £39,331 has been awarded in Covid19 Community Grants across the Scarborough district area to date this year, to support communities as they continue to respond to and recover from the pandemic, whilst adapting their activities accordingly.
- 7.5 Particular challenges as we emerge from the pandemic, including financial hardship and mental health support, will be key areas of focus for the CSOs moving forward. However, there are new emerging and exciting opportunities for greater levels of collaboration and cross sector working for the CSOs, for example through the SeeCHANGE project, which aims to improve the health and wellbeing of people living in Scarborough.

8.0 Recommendations

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

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North Yorkshire County Council
8 March 2022

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