



Agenda

Notice of a public meeting of

Selby and Ainsty Area Constituency Committee

- To:** Councillors Richard Musgrave (Chairman),
Andy Paraskos (Vice-Chair), Karl Arthur,
Stephanie Duckett, Mel Hobson, Mike Jordan,
Andrew Lee, Cliff Lunn, Don MacKay, John McCartney,
Chris Pearson, Cliff Trotter and (Co-opted Member)
Howard Ferguson.
- Date:** Friday, 9th April, 2021
- Time:** 10.00 am
- Venue:** Remote Meeting via Microsoft Teams

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Business

- 1. Welcome by the Chairman - Introductions, Apologies and Updates**
- 2. Minutes of the meeting held on 15th January 2021** (Pages 3 - 10)
- 3. Declarations of Interest**
- 4. Public Questions or Statements**
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- at this point in the meeting if their questions/statements relate to matters which are not otherwise on the Agenda (subject to an overall time limit of 30 minutes);
- when the relevant Agenda item is being considered if they wish to speak on a matter which is on the Agenda for this meeting.

5. Nigel Adams MP - Update and discussion

6. COVID 19 - Executive Update - Verbal update by the Leader of the Council and Executive Members

7. Stronger Communities: COVID19 Social Isolation and Approach (Pages 11 - 18) to Community Efforts - Report of the Head of Stronger Communities

Providing Members with an update on the Stronger Communities Programme contribution to the COVID19 Social Isolation and Approach to Community Efforts work stream, including an overview of progress made in the Selby and Ainsty Constituency area.

8. Development of Special Free School - Update - Report of the Corporate Director Children and Young Peoples Services (Pages 19 - 20)

To provide an update on the provision of a Special Free School in the Selby District.

9. A19 - Update - Verbal update by the Area Highways Manager

10. Work Programme - Report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services) (Pages 21 - 26)

To provide details of the work programme for the Area Constituency Committee to consider, develop and adopt.

11. Future Meetings

Next Meeting – The next meeting is scheduled to take place on **Friday 11th June 2021 at 10am.**

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

Barry Khan
Assistance Chief Executive
(Legal and Democratic Services)

County Hall
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30th March 2021

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North Yorkshire County Council

Selby and Ainsty Area Constituency Committee

Minutes of the meeting of the Selby and Ainsty Area Constituency Committee held virtually via Microsoft Teams on 15 January 2021 at 10 am.

Present:-

Members:-

County Councillors Richard Musgrave (Chairman), Karl Arthur, Stephanie Duckett, Mike Jordan, Andrew Lee, Cliff Lunn, John McCartney, Don Mackay, Andy Paraskos and Cliff Trotter; together with Co-opted Member, Howard Ferguson.

Invited Executive Members:-

County Councillors David Chance, Gareth Dadd, Caroline Dickinson and Carl Les.

Officers:-

Gary Fielding (Corporate Director – Strategic Resources), Sharon Fox (Area Highways), Steve Loach (Democratic Services), James Malcom (Area Highways Manager), Andrew Dixon (Strategic Planning Manager, Education and Skills); Julie Pattison (Principal Education Adviser); Chris Reynolds (Head of SEND Strategic Planning and Resources, Inclusion); Howard Emmett (Assistant Director, Strategic Resources); Sally Dunn (Head of Finance – Schools and Early Years)

Apologies were received from County Councillor Chris Pearson

Copies of all documents considered are in the Minute Book

76. Chairman's Introduction

The Chairman welcomed Members to the meeting including Members of the Executive that were in attendance. He noted that the meeting was being live broadcast and explained the protocols in relation to that.

77. Minutes

Resolved -

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 25 September 2020, having been printed and circulated, be taken as read and confirmed and would be signed by the Chairman as a correct record at the next available opportunity.

78. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest at this stage of the meeting.

79. Public Questions or Statements

There were no public questions or statements.

80. COVID 19 - Update

Representatives of the Executive, County Councillors Carl Les, Caroline Dickinson and David Chance provided a verbal update on the latest position regarding the COVID 19 pandemic and the County Council's response. The following issues were outlined:-

- ◆ The Leader stated that regular communications on the current position were issued by the County Council, and responses to community needs continued to be delivered. He noted that there was a great deal of optimism in terms of dealing with the pandemic, in view of the success of the roll out of the vaccination programme, however, new virulent strains of COVID 19 were also creating concerns, and it was essential that the advice around lockdown controls continued to be heeded.
- ◆ The Leader highlighted the number of fixed penalty notices that had been issued by North Yorkshire Police to those breaking lockdown, in particular, those crossing the county boundary from other areas, which was prevalent when North Yorkshire was in Tier 2. Members noted that there appeared to be more people around than during the initial national lockdown, and it was asked what was being done to address the cross-border issue, as this was a major concern to local communities. The Leader stated that weekly meetings were being held with the County's MPs, and noted that should the position be necessary the current lockdown would be tightened to address those ignoring it.
- ◆ County Councillor David Chance provided an update in respect of the work being carried out by the Stronger Communities Team in assisting local communities during the pandemic. He noted that the Teams would continue to be funded for the foreseeable future to ensure the needs of local communities, particularly those that were vulnerable, continued to be met. Additional funding had been obtained to assist this service provision.
- ◆ It was noted that local schools were effectively providing school meals for those that required them through a successful voucher scheme, with only a very few people requiring the delivery of food parcels. It was noted that this would also be in place for the forthcoming half-term holiday.
- ◆ A Member highlighted the need to emphasise those that were complying with the rules of lockdown, around 96% of the population, rather than the over emphasis on those not complying.
- ◆ County Councillor Caroline Dickinson stated that the number of new cases of COVID had fluctuated in the Constituency area in recent weeks, but the general trend in North Yorkshire was downwards. She provided details of the Multi-Agency group that was meeting regularly to co-ordinate the response to the pandemic and address issues throughout North Yorkshire. This, in turn, received feedback from a number of satellite groups that met weekly, or in some cases, daily, allowing a fully integrated response. She stated that the group had co-ordinated pro-active work in local communities to ensure lockdown was being adhered to, but emphasised that, in the main, compliance was high. In terms of numbers of COVID cases in the Constituency area, she noted that this was down to 490 per 100k population on 10th January, but highlighted that this had been 99 at the beginning of September. In relation to the vaccination programme, she stated that this had commenced before Christmas and was being rolled out successfully. The various CCGs were providing support for each other with this, and contact with those eligible was being made through the NHS. Information on the vaccination programme for each area was available on the County Council's website alongside other

useful information relating to the response to the pandemic. Members discussed the current COVID rates in the area, noting that despite them still being high, there appeared to be a downward trend, and it was asked whether it was expected that this trend was set to continue. In response Councillor Dickinson noted that there had been fluctuations in levels recently but there appeared to be a slow downward trend, and hoped that would continue to be the case. She emphasised the need for everyone to continue to take care to ensure the downward trend continued.

Resolved –

That the Leader and Executive Members be thanked for their update the details of which be noted.

81. County Council Budget proposals – 2021/22

Gary Fielding (Corporate Director Strategic Resources) gave a presentation detailing the budget proposals for 2021/22 in respect of the overall County Council, and on a Constituency area basis, and invited Members comments. The presentation highlighted the following:-

a) NYCC Budget Headlines

£82m cash shortfall projected over next 3 years

£30m recurring shortfall at end of MTFS (BUT.....)

So many moving parts = big health warnings on all forecasts

No Spending Review beyond 2021/22 – further austerity to follow?

Covid duration and legacy?

LGR

2021/22 balanced mostly through one-off Government funding and Reserves

Council Tax consideration

2022/23 can be balanced through Reserves should that be required but not sustainable so will need STRONG & CREDIBLE PLAN

- Latest Forecast
- Funding
- Net Service Pressures
- Investments
- Council Tax
- Adult Social Care Precept options
- Band D Council Tax Increase Illustration – 2021/22
- Risk/Issues (County Council's Plan)
- Next Steps

Members raised the following issues in relation to the initial part of the presentation:-

- A Member referred to the Government's "Levelling Up Fund" and asked whether the budget would be enhanced by that. In response The Corporate Director stated that a number of projects were being identified, with the LEP involved, to ensure that the funding could be readily utilised when that funding was made available, to take full advantage of the opportunities provided.

b) Selby and Ainsty Constituency Area – Financial Issues

Schools in financial difficulty – Constituency area

HAS budget issues

HAS referrals
Care Market
Other Market issues
Highways and transport schemes

Members raised the following issues in relation to this part of the presentation:-

- A Member suggested that any available funding should be utilised to improve the roundabout at the Junction of the M62/A19 at Whitley, as it was currently not fit for purpose, and improvements would lead to attracting better quality employment opportunities to the area. A Member, whilst supporting the suggestion, noted that the issue was a matter for Highways England, and a strong business case would need to be presented to them to get funding for this.

Resolved –

That Gary Fielding be thanked for his presentation and updates in respect of the budget position 2021/22, the contents of which be noted.

82. Schools educational achievement, finance and sustainability

Considered –

The report of the Corporate Director Children and Young People's Services updating Members on the local educational landscape, educational achievement and the financial challenges which affect schools in the Selby and Ainsty Constituency Committee area. Andrew Dixon (Strategic Planning Manager, Education and Skills); Julie Pattison (Principal Education Adviser); Chris Reynolds (Head of SEND Strategic Planning and Resources, Inclusion); Howard Emmett (Assistant Director, Strategic Resources); Sally Dunn (Head of Finance – Schools and Early Years) attended the Meeting to assist Members with their consideration of this item. The report detailed the following:-

School Finance

Schools in Financial Difficulty – the countywide position

School Projections - Based on May 2020/21 Start budgets

Funding

Schools in Financial Difficulty – Selby and Ainsty

Local educational landscape

Summary of schools' status – October 2020

School standards

School Ofsted judgements

Attainment overall

Early Years Foundation Stage Profile

Key Stage 2
Key Stage 4
Key Stage 5

Not in education, employment or training

Fixed-term and Permanent Exclusions

Fixed-term exclusion incidents

Permanent exclusions

Special Education Needs and Disabilities

Reshaping of SEN Provision in Richmond over the 2019/20 Academic Year

Targeted Mainstream Provision

SEN Statistics for Constituency Area

Planning school places

School sustainability

Collaborative working

Pupil rolls – current and future

Planning Areas and forecast surplus/shortfall school places

The following issues and points were raised during a discussion of the report:-

- A Member raised the issue of additional costs for schools in trying to provide pupils with appropriate hardware to access on-line classes during the lockdown, and the potential financial impact of that. In response it was noted that the DfE were operating a scheme which was directly attempting to address this matter. Locally Drax Power were also donating laptops for use by local children. The co-opted Member highlighted that the BBC were also operating a scheme and Hands of Hope, Selby were also providing laptops for local schoolchildren to use, therefore, there were both local and national schemes in operation. It was suggested that those with spare laptops consider providing these to one of the schemes highlighted.
- A Member asked when the three new classrooms required at Barlby School were to be provided. In response it was stated that the provision of the classrooms had been held up in respect of the school being a PFI, but every effort was being made to address this, and it was hoped that a solution would be provided in the short term.

Resolved –

That the officers be thanked for their report, the contents of which be noted, together with the issues raised during the discussion.

83. A19 Rebuild and Repair – Update

James Malcolm (Area Highways Manager) and Sharon Fox (Area Highways) provided an update regarding the current situation in relation to the rebuild and repair of the A19 following extensive damage to the road resulting from flooding earlier in the year. The following issues were highlighted:-

- The project had now moved into the contractor phases.
- Material has been brought in to try and protect the lower levels from further flooding while the rebuilding work is taking place.
- The embankment is also being built up and extra protection added to try and prevent further flooding.
- Details of the recent work that had taken place were outlined and it was stated that progress was good with no major loss of time to date.
- The contractor expected to increase the amount of work being undertaken on the project as daylight hours increased. The estimated date of completion remained June but it was hoped that this would be brought forward should progress continue as of present.
- Details of the community work and involvement of the contractor, in the area of work, to assist relationships with the local community, were outlined.
- Further updates would be provided to Members as these details emerged.

Following the initial update the following issues and points were raised during a discussion with Members:-

- A Member expressed his disappointment, and that of the local community, of the expected completion date. He stated that promises had been made that extra work would be carried out on the site to move the completion date forward but this had not happened. He noted that there had been a shut-down of the site over Christmas and felt that work could have continued for some of that period. He noted that the river levels by the site were continuing to rise and considered that further flooding in that area would push back the completion date, therefore, all the available time should be utilised. He emphasised the importance of the road, not only to the surrounding local communities, but as a strategic route in and out of the County. The importance of having the route open as quickly as possible was emphasised by other Members of the Committee.

The Area Highways Manager stated, in response, that he acknowledged the issues raised and the importance of the route, and every effort was being made to increase working opportunities on the site. He noted that supply issues had prevented additional week-end work from taking place. In terms of Christmas, he noted that there had been an agreement with the contractor that a holiday period would be provided.

Members emphasised the need for the route to be opened as soon as possible and urged that every effort be made to expand the working hours on the site.

Resolved-

That the Area Highways Manager be thanked for the update, the contents of which be noted, and updates on the project continue to be fed back to Members directly and via the various communication channels available.

84. Work Programme

Considered -

The report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services) providing details of the Work Programme for the Area Constituency Committee to consider, develop and adopt.

It was noted that the Work Programme had altered significantly due to the COVID 19 pandemic and Members were asked to provide details of any issues that they may wish to be added to the Work Programme, going forward, and were advised that they could also provide details of issues they wished to consider outside of the meeting. It was expected that issues related to the pandemic would feature in forthcoming meetings.

It was confirmed that Nigel Adams MP was expected to attend the next meeting of the Committee.

It was suggested that updates on the situation regarding COVID be made a standing item on the agenda until further notice.

Resolved -

- (i) That the development of the Work Programme be undertaken;
- (ii) That an update on the COVID situation be included on agendas until further notice
- (ii) That the contents of the report be noted.

85. Future Meetings

Resolved -

That the next meeting of the Committee be held on Friday 9th April 2021 at 10am. It was likely that this would be a virtual meeting held on the Microsoft Teams platform.

The meeting concluded at 11.15am.

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**NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
SELBY AND AINSTY AREA CONSTITUENCY COMMITTEE – 9th APRIL 2021
Stronger Communities: COVID19 Social Isolation and Approach to Community Efforts**

1.0 Purpose of Report

To provide Members with an update on the Stronger Communities Programme contribution to the COVID19 Social Isolation and Approach to Community Efforts workstream, including an overview of progress made in the Selby and Ainsty 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 support was also made available for the CSOs; this will total approximately £950K over a 12-month period. 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.

2.5 Despite the ever-changing landscape, community support infrastructure through the CSO network has remained in place throughout the last 12-month period, and will continue to be in place until at least September 2021.

3.0 Community Support Organisation Performance (2020/21)

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, primarily facilitated by approximately 95,000 volunteer hours:

- Approximately 82,000 contacts;
- 17,214 prescriptions delivered;
- 24,724 shopping deliveries made;
- 32,559 befriending calls and 22,083 phone check ins made;
- Administered and allocated 1,132 Covid19 Self Isolation Grants totalling £108,775;
- 4,402 transport requests fulfilled; and
- 31,876 meals delivered.

3.2 There have been complementary services developed to support the CSOs and community support infrastructure; this was demonstrated when CSOs started to receive an increasing number of requests for transport to hospital and medical appointments in summer 2020; particularly for those who did not have support within their own household and who were not eligible for patient transport services. A solution was developed in conjunction with Integrated Passenger Transport (IPT), utilising NYCC Fleet capacity should no other local option be viable. This referral pathway remains in place, and has recently been broadened to support vaccination appointments (as outlined in Section 4.2).

3.3 In addition to this, Stronger Communities have distributed £55,982 in Community Response Grants (March – September 2020), and £99,242 in Covid19 Community Grants (September 2020 onwards). This investment has allowed communities and charities to respond to the needs of their communities during lockdowns and 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. Over the summer period, grants were also 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. As Stronger Communities tentatively look towards recovery, the Programme will continue to offer small grants to help groups adapt existing and / or start new activities that help people regain confidence and independence in a safe and covid compliant way.

4.0 Covid19 Related Work

4.1 Defra's Local Authority Emergency Assistance Fund for Food and Essential Supplies

The Government made provision for an emergency fund of £63 million to be distributed

to local authorities in England to help those who were facing financial hardship and as a result were struggling to afford food and other essentials due to COVID-19. The funding was a one-off contribution for the 2020-21 financial year, and was intended to help local authorities to continue to support those people and families facing hardship over the coming months due to COVID-19.

The County Council was awarded £532,000 via the fund. In September 2020, NYCC, in consultation with the seven district councils, allocated £177,000 via 24 grant awards to further support and expand the direct provision of food for those people and families experiencing financial hardship. A second round of funding was made available in December 2020 for food banks and other food supply schemes (for example community kitchens and fridges, or meals on wheels) to support voluntary and community sector efforts over the winter months; a further 24 grants totalling £100,000 were awarded and distributed before Christmas.

In addition, £105,000 has been awarded to Citizens Advice North Yorkshire (comprising Citizens Advice Mid North Yorkshire, Citizens Advice Craven & Harrogate Districts and Citizens Advice Scarborough & District) to expand their Money and Benefits Advice Service across the County. This was in direct response to evidenced increased demand between April and July 2020, particularly from a new cohort of individuals who are presenting to services for the first time. The remaining funding has been used to extend the reach of the North Yorkshire Local Assistance Fund (NYLAF).

This investment was to complement the £1.4million that was also awarded to NYCC via the Covid19 Winter Grant, to support families and children who have been affected by the pandemic, as well as existing resources in place through the NYLAF General Financial Hardship and the aforementioned Covid19 Self-Isolation grants.

4.2 Support for the NHS Covid19 Vaccination Programme

CSOs in Ryedale, Harrogate, Hambleton and Richmondshire were approached to support the NHS Covid19 Vaccination Programme. Volunteers have been offered in the short term while longer-term arrangements are discussed; in collaboration with Community First Yorkshire, information, advice and guidance has been offered to the voluntary and community sector to ensure that key areas of consideration such as insurance were explored. Strategic conversations continue to take place at North Yorkshire and York Local Resilience Forum (NYLRF) level to establish the support requirements, and the LRF continue to review options to ensure that this can be maintained in the longer term.

Since the inception of the NHS Covid19 Vaccination Programme, there has been an increased level of requests for transport to vaccination appointments. In order to support this logistical work area, NYCC has broadened the access/transport to medical appointments referral pathway to include vaccination appointments, with the key triaging point being in locally based CSOs. Should there be no locally based solution available; CSOs can request support from NYCC Integrated Passenger Transport (IPT) should capacity permit. Details of the CSOs have been circulated via

the Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) and Primary Care Networks (PCNs) so GPs are aware of the support that is available in relation to vaccination transport.

4.3 North Yorkshire Together Activity Packs

Approximately 3,500 North Yorkshire Together Activity Packs have been distributed through Stronger Communities, CSOs, and partners to families and adults across the County over the three phases of the project in 2020/21. The packs contained a range of equipment to encourage people to remain active and increase mobility, alongside a range of resources aimed at increasing wellbeing.

4.4 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 10 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.

5.0 Planning for 2021/22

5.1 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 have been accelerated by the needs presented by Covid19 and the mobilisation of the CSOs; the third phase of evaluation with CSOs is taking place in March 2021, in conjunction with colleagues in NYCC Health & Adult Services Service Development team.

5.2 Holiday Activities and Food Programme

Stronger Communities are working with colleagues in Children and Young Peoples Service (CYPS) and voluntary sector partners to support the delivery of the Holiday Activities and Food Programme (funded from Department for Education grant). Acknowledging that holidays can be a pressure point for families due to increased cost, and that some children will experience 'unhealthy holidays' both nutritionally and physically, a programme to deliver nourishing food, nutritional advice and a range of enriching activities is being developed for Easter, Summer and Christmas school holidays. The programme – FEAST (Food, Entertainment, Arts & Sports Together) - is being delivered in partnership with a communities and voluntary sector groups and is be coordinated by a consortia of North Yorkshire Youth, North Yorkshire Sport and

Rural Arts working as North Yorkshire Together. This not only ensures that a breadth of provision can be made across the county, but it also enables the funding to be invested directly into communities and local assets. Due to restrictions the Easter programme will be delivered remotely providing vouchers, a range of digital resources, and distribution of age appropriate holiday activity packs. Summer provision will - it is hoped – be delivered face to face across the county and North Yorkshire Together partners will work with local groups and clubs to build their capacity, and develop new groups, if required, to meet gaps in activity provision.

5.3 Reboot North Yorkshire

Working with colleagues in Technology and Change, Stronger Communities have been supporting the development of Reboot North Yorkshire. The movement is bringing together a wide range of partners and community organisations across the County, including businesses, libraries, schools, local charities and volunteers – to help provide people across North Yorkshire with IT equipment and access to the internet so they can stay connected.

Initially prioritising children and young people who need access to digital resources to support remote learning, it is anticipated that Reboot North Yorkshire will also seek to support older and vulnerable people to get online to tackle social isolation and improve their mental health and wellbeing in further phases.

6.0 **Local Area Information**

6.1 Local Community Support Organisations

Five Community Support Organisations are active across the constituency. Boroughbridge Community Care and Harrogate and District Community Action support residents in the Ainsty area. Sherburn in Elmet Community Trust support residents of Sherburn and surrounding villages in the west of Selby district, Tadcaster Volunteer Cars and Services Association support those in Tadcaster and surrounds, whilst Selby District Association for Voluntary Services covers Selby town, Barlby, Brayton, Thorpe Willoughby and the rural areas in the east and south of the district.

6.2 Spontaneous Local Activity Underpinning the Response

Whilst the Community Support Organisations have all provided much direct support to residents and continue to do so they also link to pre-existing or new local structures which manage additional local volunteers. Examples of these organisations include Parish Councils; Churches and emergency responders such as Tadcaster Community Action Group, which developed out of the Tadcaster Flood Action Group.

6.3 Additional VCSE Resources

Inevitably, some residents have experienced financial impacts from covid-19 and, as already referenced, Community Support Organisations have been able to access

covid related North Yorkshire Local Assistance Fund support in such cases. However, we have been keen to ensure that residents do not become dependent on covid support but receive assistance to address any underlying financial or other welfare issues surfacing through the pandemic so Community Support Organisations refer residents into the original NYLAF scheme and / or support from Citizens Advice where this is deemed appropriate. Residents are also directed towards long standing VCSE support such as that provided by Selby District Foodbank and Harrogate and Knaresborough Foodbank. A range of new food related offers have been established. Resurrected Bites in Ainsty have changed their café offer to home deliveries; BRIGHT, Barby Region Independent Group Helpers Trust, a new charity, is working with a local pub to provide hot meals to people and Community House in Selby is hosting a new community fridge. Food providers In Ainsty (Harrogate and Knaresborough Foodbank, Boroughbridge Community Care and Resurrected Bites) are producing joint communications setting out their respective offers and 'donation needs' and circulating this information locally and to partner agencies so that residents can get help from or donate to the most appropriate group.

It is encouraging to witness new initiatives but the pandemic does provide some unique challenges to giving new or developing organisations the best guidance and assistance around governance and other issues to enable them to secure a long term future if that is what they want. Stronger Communities Delivery Managers try to contact new groups directly and encourage groups to access free support from Community First Yorkshire to support their development. However, it can be difficult for groups with a strong focus on delivery during these difficult times to prioritise this engagement, particularly when funding for covid-related activity has been relatively easy to access. Obviously, the Stronger Communities programme is a resource for the VCSE across North Yorkshire but our role is not to seek to control or impede the independent flourishing of the sector merely to support as best we can when invited. That said, the programme does have a role in helping the VCSE to maximise benefit to local communities, particularly in the spaces where funding has become more challenging for us eg in adult social care so we are keen to encourage new groups which could play a long term role in the count.

6.4 The current situation

Covid infections and rates are generally falling across the constituency although Selby district persists at the top end of the County statistics. That said, the calls upon the Community Support Organisations to access food and prescriptions have fallen to very low levels. We know that local volunteers are continuing to provide longer-term assistance for some individuals which tends to reflect a need for befriending. Interestingly, Age UK Selby District Selby District have indicated that part of their reason for closing (from September 2021) is due to a reduced demand for their services which they see in part as relating to the local support being accessed because of covid-19.

Selby District AVS, in particular, is providing a lot of phone contact for individuals requiring low-level mental health support and guidance for other local groups about re-opening etc. This reflects their pre-covid work and in a similar way both they and

Tadcaster Volunteer Cars and Services Association are increasing their community transport activity getting people to hospital, GP, vaccination appointments etc. Sherburn in Elmet Community Trust have developed a very strong relationship with the Sherburn Visiting Scheme who have expanded their Meals on Wheels Service and are also community transport providers.

Some local groups, such as the Tadcaster Community Action Group, are gradually standing down as volunteers return to work and demand reduces. The Community Support Organisations have retained links with local groups and are encouraging them to identify any individuals in need of longer term support who may require referral into the County Council via the Customer Service Centre or who require the Community Support Organisation to pick up support for a short period whilst society, we hope, opens up again.

6.5 Moving forward

Stronger Communities Delivery Managers have been in conversation with their Community Support Organisations and new agreements to take us to the end of September are being signed. The Phase 4 agreements have an added emphasis on supporting residents, particularly those who have been shielding, to re-engage in their communities as this becomes possible as well as identifying local need to help plan recovery support.

The impending closure of Age UK Selby District is clearly part of the conversation in the Selby part of the constituency. Both Sherburn Visiting Scheme and Tadcaster Volunteer Cars and Services Association are well placed to meet any additional local need whilst Selby District AVS also has the experience and skills to provide support directly within Selby town and by stimulating and supporting the revival of local groups in the rural east and south of the district. Community First Yorkshire's network for those running community buildings will also provide a platform for responding to this opportunity to respond to local need.

The needs of young people will also be significant. The Barn in Tadcaster, working with the Bridge Youth Project and others, has been very active in meeting those needs through covid and will continue to do so. A number of initiatives are underway to support young people's mental health with Brighter Futures and the Big Community-tea looking at this area. Young people are also set to benefit from the Kickstart programme with opportunities to gain work experience being made available by Selby District AVS, Selby Big Local and Tadcaster Community Library.

The Selby Health Matters Programme has benefitted from much stronger links to the Vale of York CCG and mental health is likely to be a particular focus for this group.

Right across the constituency the general desire for people to help their local communities during Covid 19 has led to a substantial increase in volunteers coming forward. A significant focus for 21/22 is to build on this opportunity and to encourage new volunteers in particular to move to into long-term, sustained volunteer activity in their community where possible. Alongside this it would be good to see the local

VCSE providing short-term or one-off volunteering options for those people who cannot commit long-term but are still keen to be involved where they can.

Recommendations

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

Marie-Ann Jackson
Head of Stronger Communities
North Yorkshire County Council

30th March 2021



North Yorkshire County Council

Selby and Ainsty Area Constituency Committee

9 April 2021

Development of Special Free School - Update

Purpose of Report

To provide an update on the provision of a Special Free School in the Selby District.

Background

In 2019 NYCC was successful in its application to DfE to establish a special free school in the Selby area. The school will be a 100 place 3-19 years school for children and young people with the following complex needs:

- communication and interaction needs (including Autism and speech, language and communication needs); and / or
- cognition and learning needs (MLD/SLD)
- Some children and young people may have related social, emotional and mental health needs

In July 2020 Wellspring Multi-Academy Trust was formally announced as the successful sponsor for the school. The local authority has worked closely with both DfE and Wellspring to develop designs for school on the proposed site in Osgodby. This design work is continuing to progress and will be subject to planning application processes following the conclusion of this work.

Current Position

Representatives from NYCC, DfE and Wellspring are continuing to work towards the goal of delivering the new special school for children and families in the district. We will be seeking to finalise timelines and will release more information as and when it is available.

Recommendation

That the update be noted.

Chris Reynolds
Head of SEND Strategic Planning and Resources
Children and Young Peoples Service
North Yorkshire County Council

March 2021



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9 April 2021

Work Programme

Purpose of Report

That Members review the Committee's work programme, taking into account the outcome of discussions on previous agenda items and any other developments taking place across the area.

Work Programme

The most recent work Programme is attached at **Appendix 1** and takes account of the areas of work identified at previous meetings and by the previous Area Committee.

Given the situation in 2020 with the COVID 19 pandemic it is recommended that the Committee revisits the Work Programme to review areas that could be covered in forthcoming meetings, and in response to the situations created by the pandemic.

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.

Scheduled Committee dates for 2021/22

2021/22

- 10am on Friday 11th June 2021
- 10am on Friday 24th September 2021
- 10am on Friday 14th January 2022
- 10am on Friday 8th April 2022

Recommendation

Members are asked to consider and develop the Committee's work programme in view of the COVID 19 pandemic and suggest relevant items for forthcoming meetings and note the dates of future meetings.

Steve Loach
Democratic Services

March 2021

**Selby and Ainsty Area Constituency Committee
Work Programme 2020/21**

10am on 15 January 2021

Subject	Description
COVID 19 – Executive update	Update on the County Council's response to the pandemic from Executive Members
Annual Review of the County Council's Budget	To review the budget and make recommendations to Executive
A19 - Update	To provide an update on the project taking place to repair/rebuild the A19
Schools, Educational achievement and sustainability	To provide an update on these issues.
Work Programme	To consider appropriate topics for consideration at forthcoming meetings taking account of the COVID 19 pandemic and the issues that have arisen.

10am on 9 April 2021

Subject	Description
Discussion of issues with Local MP	Discussion of issues of relevance with the Local MP, Nigel Adams.
COVID 19 – Executive update	Update on the County Council's response to the pandemic from Executive Members
Stronger Communities	Update on work during pandemic
A19 - Update	To provide an update on the project taking place to repair/rebuild the A19
Update on the proposed special needs school at Osgodby	To provide an update on the proposal
Work Programme	To consider appropriate topics for consideration at forthcoming meetings

10am on 11 June 2021	
Subject	Description
COVID 19 and LGR – Executive update	Update on the County Council’s response to the pandemic and on the current position regarding LGR from Executive Members
Economic recovery from the pandemic	To provide an insight as to how the Constituency area is recovering, economically, from the COVID 19 pandemic.
Flooding issues in the Constituency area	To discuss issues arising from flooding in the area.
Selby Place and Movement Study	To provide details of the findings of the study undertaken in conjunction with the District Council
Work Programme	To consider appropriate topics for consideration at forthcoming meetings

Scheduled Meeting dates for 2021/22 – all Fridays at 10am:-

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2021/22

11th June 2021

24th September 2021

14th January 2022

8th April 2022

Areas of work previously identified for Inclusion in the Work Programme:

1. Economic Development Strategies
2. Road Safety in the Selby District
3. The “Better Together” Initiative
4. Local enterprise and future investment - LEPs
5. Traffic management and traffic congestion
6. The development of appropriate skills for emerging employment opportunities
7. Fairer Funding
8. Tourism
9. Policing and Crime Statistics
10. New Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner
11. North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service - update

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