



Agenda

Notice of a public meeting

of: Thirsk and Malton Area Constituency Committee

To: Councillors Caroline Goodrick (Chair), Keane Duncan (Vice-Chair), Val Arnold, Robert Baker, Lindsay Burr, Gareth Dadd, Caroline Patmore, Janet Sanderson, Peter Sowray, Helen Swiers, Roberta Swiers and Greg White.

Date: Friday 26th March 2021

Time: 2 pm

Venue: Remotely via TEAMS

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Business

1. **Welcome by the Chair - Introductions & Updates**
2. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 13 January 2021** **(Pages 3 - 8)**
3. **Apologies & Declarations of Interest**
4. **Public Questions or Statements**

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 - when the relevant Agenda item is being considered if they wish to speak on a matter which is on the Agenda for this meeting.

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5. **Attendance of MP Kevin Hollinrake**
Opportunity for the MP to share his views on issues affecting the constituency.
6. **Stronger Communities Update** **(Pages 9 - 14)**
This report provides 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 Thirsk and Malton Constituency area.
7. **Highways England Update** **(Pages 15 - 20)**
8. **Draft Work Programme 2021/22** **(Pages 21 - 24)**
9. **Other business which the Chairman agrees should be considered as a matter of urgency because of special circumstances.**

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18 March 2021

North Yorkshire County Council

Thirsk and Malton Area Constituency Committee

Minutes of the remote meeting held on Wednesday 13 January 2021 commencing at 10.00 am.

County Councillor Caroline Goodrick in the Chair. plus County Councillors Val Arnold, Robert Baker, Lindsay Burr, Gareth Dadd, Caroline Patmore, Janet Sanderson, Peter Sowray, Helen Swiers, Roberta Swiers and Greg White.

In attendance: County Councillors Carl Les, David Chance and Caroline Dickinson, and Suzanne Lamb (Harrogate & District Foundation Trust).

NYCC officers present: Gary Fielding, David Kirkpatrick, Louise Wallace, Victoria Ononeze, Melanie Carr & Ruth Gladstone.

Apologies: County Councillor Keane Duncan.

Copies of all documents considered are in the Minute Book

79 Welcome by the Chair - Introductions & Updates

Members of the Thirsk & Malton Area Constituency Committee introduced themselves, and County Councillor Caroline Goodrick (Chair) welcomed everyone to the meeting and confirmed there were no updates to provide.

80 Minutes of the Meeting held on 23 September 2020

Resolved –

That the Minutes of the previous meeting of the Thirsk and Malton Area Constituency Committee held on 23 September 2020, having been printed and circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

81 Apologies & Declarations of Interest

There were no apologies given, or declarations of interest made, at the meeting.

82 Public Questions or Statements

There were no public questions or statements.

83 County Council Budget Proposals 2021/22

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

- 2021/22 would be balanced mostly through one-off Government funding and Reserves – Gary Fielding provided a breakdown of where those reserves would come from, confirming that some reserves were financed e.g. insurance reserves. Members

noted the use of Reserves would allow the time to produce the necessary plans.

- No Spending Review was expected beyond 2021/22;
- It was not a sustainable option to balance 2022/23 through the use of Reserves, so a strong and credible plan was needed;
- Funding and Net Service Pressures;
- The legacy of Covid – a breakdown of the post Covid pressures;
- The latest forecast for the next 3 years was projecting a £82m cash shortfall at the end of the MTFs, with a recurring £30m shortfall thereafter;
- Whilst there was a great deal of uncertainty at this stage, the Local Government Review may deliver part of the solution;
- Council Tax consideration and Adult Social Care Precept Options – it was confirmed that the Council had the option of taking advantage of the 3% ASC precept now or retaining the flexibility of doing so in the future. Members noted that the ASC precept would be built in to the base budget;
- The proposed locality budget per annum for 2021/22 and 2022/23£ was 10k per member, at a total cost of £1,440k;

He went on to outline the Council's budget plan, which included the option of an intermediate Budget later in 2021, and the next steps in the Budget process.

Finally, Gary Fielding highlighted some specific financial issues affecting the Thirsk & Malton constituency area, which included:

- Projections for maintained schools, including that 115 LA maintained schools (49%) were projecting an in-year deficit in 2020/21;
- A breakdown for schools across the constituency e.g. the number of schools expected to be in deficit over the next 3 years and the value of that deficit, which was expected to rise to £18.3m by 2022/23. Members noted that the average deficit figures provided often masked some serious problems for some individual schools;
- The Thirsk & Malton constituency area covered a number of ASC budget areas i.e. Hambleton, and Scarborough, Whitby & Ryedale
- The expected HAS Directorate overspend for 2020/21 of £10.3m, made up of COVID-19 related budget pressures of £13.9m and non-COVID net underspends of £2.7m, related to business-as-usual activity;
- Detailed examples of reduced 'business-as-usual' activity, as a result of COVID e.g. a 30% reduction in Living Well referrals and a 25% reduction in reablement activity etc. Members raised concern about the likely impact of a growing backlog of need in those areas;
- In Scarborough, Whitby and Ryedale 38% of existing residential and nursing care contracts were being paid above NYCC rates, together with 30% in the Hambleton area;
- Overall, 94.7% of the new residential and nursing payments since April 2020 cost more than the Council's official rate;

Looking forward, it was confirmed that it might be possible for Area Constituency Committees to have more say on Highways maintenance budgets as part of the development of their role.

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

Resolved – That the presentation and data be noted.

84 Hambleton District Council Off-Street Parking Places Amendment Order

Considered –

A report detailing the proposed amendments to Hambleton District Council's operation of off-street car parks

Members noted the proposed amendments as detailed in the report presented by David Kirkpatrick (NYCC Highways Team Leader). In particular, County Councillors Gareth Dadd, Robert Baker and Caroline Patmore whose divisions would all be affected by the proposals, confirmed their support for the proposed amendments.

The Chair thanked the officer for attending and it was

Resolved:

That the Corporate Director for Business & Environmental Services be informed of the Committee's support for the proposals ahead of making a decision on the matter.

85 Healthy Child 0-19 Service Model Consultation Report & Survey

Considered -

A presentation by Louise Wallace (Director of Public Health, HAS), Victoria Ononeze (Public Health Consultant, HAS) and Suzanne Lamb (Harrogate & District Foundation Trust).

The key points from the presentation were:

- The Healthy Child Programme was a national scheme routed in Safeguarding. It would be delivered locally by Public Health, promoting health and support at an early stage for children, young people and their families;
- A public consultation on the proposed changes ran from 26 October 2020 to 4 January 2021, and working was now underway to analyse the feedback received;
- A report outlining the proposed changes to services and the feedback from the public, Area Constituency Committees and the Scrutiny of Health Committee was scheduled to go to the Executive on 26 January 2021;
- The proposed new service was scheduled to start in April 2021;
- Funding for the Healthy Child Programme was through the North Yorkshire Public Health Grant;
- The Public Health Grant was subject to an 8% reduction between the financial years 2017/18 - 2019/20, with an inflationary increase only for the financial year 2020-21. As a result savings of £657,000 in public health funded services needed to be found by 2024;
- The priority would be to children aged 0-5 and their families through 5 mandated contacts, maintaining the support necessary for their early development and to ensure that they were ready to learn. A key element of those five contacts would be promoting responsible parenting;
- Targeted support for 5-19 year olds would still be funded, albeit through a range of different programmes and services
- The Healthy Child 0-19 services would combine a mix of face-to-face, online, individual and group work services

- Vulnerable families would continue to be targeted for increased face-to-face support.
- The focus was upon prevention - it was anticipated there would be greater access to a broader range of services, following the proposed changes.

Victoria Ononeze outlined the consultation process undertaken, and confirmed that over 200 responses had been received, which was higher than would be the norm for one undertaken pre-pandemic.

It was noted that in response to the pandemic, two national lockdowns and various local restrictions, a whole range of public, private and third sector organisations had adopted new ways of working. Typically, this had involved remote meetings/appointments/assessments and an increased use of internet-based services.

It was acknowledged that for many this had been liberating, but for some there was a risk of exclusion from the services they needed. Face-to-face and telephone-based access to services would therefore be maintained for those most vulnerable or for those unable to use/access technology. Suzanne Lambert confirmed that the experience of running services during the pandemic had delivered key lessons on the Healthy Child Programme service design.

County Councillor Lindsay Burr raised two issues - children and young people's mental health, which had suffered during the pandemic during extended periods away from school and social support networks, and increased safeguarding concerns. She suggested the impact of the pandemic needed to be taken into account as the proposed changes to services were being finalised.

In response, it was acknowledged that in the past 9 months of the pandemic and social restrictions there had been a decline in children and young people's mental health. Officers confirmed work would continue to ensure the Healthy Child Programme could support children and young people with mental health problems and/or those where safeguarding concerns were identified. It was also confirmed that resources to supplement that response were being moved into place. In addition, Victoria Ononeze confirmed other Mental Health Services outside of the Healthy Child Programme offer were also available for young people and their families to access.

Finally, the Chair queried the need for improved integrated IT services for the service providers and it was confirmed that whilst it would not be possible to open up access to the IT systems of individual providers, there were already good processes in place to ensure the appropriate sharing of data.

The Chair thanked officers for their attendance, and it was

Resolved –

- To support the proposed changes, as outlined in the consultation document
- To forward the views of the committee, as outlined in the previous section, to the Scrutiny of Health Committee for their meeting of 18 December 2020.

86 Work Programme

Members considered a report by the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services) which contained the Committee's current work programme for the remainder of the municipal year (2020/21).

Members requested that the meeting scheduled for March 2021 be moved to a Friday so that the MP could attend. The following additions to the future work programme were also proposed:

- Presentation on the future plans for Thirsk Hospital
- Local Government Reorganisation Update
- Highways England Update

Resolved – That the work programme for the remainder of 2020/21 be amended as above.

The meeting concluded at 12pm.

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NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

THIRSK AND MALTON AREA CONSTITUENCY COMMITTEE

26 March 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 Thirsk and Malton 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.

4.2 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.

- 4.3 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).
- 4.4 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.
- 4.5 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.
- 4.6 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.
- 4.7 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.
- 4.8 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.

5.4 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 Ryedale

Ryedale CSO is a partnership between Ryedale Carers Support and Scarborough and Ryedale Carers Resource. This context has ensured they are in a solid position both to meet the needs of the residents of Ryedale impacted by the pandemic, but also to ensure provision is aligned with traditional in-house services looking to the future. These include the carers sitting service, wellbeing and prevention services, home from hospital and a range of carers' services.

- 6.2 During the pandemic the CSO has built on the existing foundation to work with existing voluntary sector organisations, local community organisations, 34 mutual aid groups and local authority; exemplifying the partnership approaches often highlighted as one of the positives of the Covid response. This in turn has led to new projects delivered by and / or in partnership with the CSO including for example:
- Winter Volunteering Project managing volunteers for Malton Hospital;
 - Targeted food and advice hamper project in conjunction with NYCCs Children and Young People's service for families most in need in the area; and
 - A food support collaboration for Ryedale identifying, distributing and supplying food to existing and new projects to provide food and engagement for people isolated and in need.
- 6.3 Looking forward, the Ryedale CSO is working closely with Stronger Communities and local partners to continue to provide both individual and community organisation support across Ryedale. Supporting residents of Ryedale in a transition from the isolation and shielding of the pandemic is a key priority. Coupled with support for wider projects and initiatives such as the emerging roll out of the CSO promoting and engaging individuals with volunteer opportunities and projects, and sustaining the inspiring momentum driven by the pandemic challenge.
- 6.4 Hambleton
A proportion of Hambleton is encompassed with the Thirsk and Malton Area Constituency boundary, and is covered by two CSOs: Community Works in Thirsk, and Easingwold & District Community Care (EDCCA). Both CSOs are established direct delivery organisations in their area, providing a range of primarily volunteer led services in order to support the needs of their local communities.
- 6.5 Working with local networks, partners and emerging community response groups, both CSOs have provided 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. Examples include:
- Expansion of the Meals on Wheels service in Easingwold and creation of a Foodshare project in conjunction with local businesses and local voluntary sector partners;
 - Supporting the NHS vaccination programme in Easingwold;
 - Re-designing of support services in Thirsk (for example, counselling, support and learning groups) to allow them to continue throughout the varying levels of restrictions in place;
 - Partnership with Thirsk & District Community Minibus to ensure that a Covid safe, local community transport offer is in place for the community to access.
- 6.6 As we tentatively move towards recovery, the CSOs are working with Stronger Communities to consider how they deliver transition activity in order to help build people's confidence to re-engage in their communities, particularly if they have been self-isolating and / or shielding.
- 6.7 Scarborough
Scarborough South CSO is a partnership between Scarborough and District Age UK, Scarborough, Whitby and Ryedale Mind and Scarborough YMCA. This partnership has provided a robust response to the challenges that have faced Scarborough and Filey's residents. They were quick to recruit new volunteers to add to their existing combined

network and with them, were able to support the high demand for shopping, telephone befriending and advice. Their awareness of emergent concerns, such as fuel poverty, has meant that they have been able to highlight new issues at an early stage to allow for timely solutions. Their partnership has provided flexible support when needed, particularly around mental health support and identification of financial hardship leading to health inequalities.

6.8 During the pandemic, the CSO has built on its existing network of formal and informal partnerships for effective utilisation of resources. It works with a network of other organisations such as Gallows Close, the Rainbow Centre, Filey Free Fridge as well as Citizens Advice and local social housing providers. This partnership approach has meant that they have been able to secure a number of additional external grants as well as their work featured in the Carnegie UK report 'COVID-19 and Communities Listening Project: A Shared Response'. New projects delivered by and / or in partnership with the CSO include for example:

- A cooked meal service for those in financial hardship and health issues;
- Counselling over zoom;
- Chair based exercise over zoom; and
- Veterans support work.

6.9 Looking forward, the Scarborough South CSO is working closely with Stronger Communities to provide relevant support for residents in a number of areas including; support for those who need to increase their confidence after shielding before re-engaging with their communities and to look at working to reduce the health inequalities that have become so apparent during the pandemic.

7.0 Recommendations

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

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15 March 2021



Thirsk and Malton Area Committee

HIGHWAYS ENGLAND UPDATE ON MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT ACTIVITY

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Introduction

The purpose of this report is to update members on Highways England work in the Thirsk and Malton area and in nearby areas that might be of wider interest to members.

The report provides a general forward look of current and planned work, as well as other activity.

Scheme Delivery

(Please note that delivery dates and traffic management arrangements can be subject to change)

A64

We have carried out some significant repairs between Sherburn and Staxton recently, and the work will be completed with some overnight closures for the next few weeks. We have been digging down 300mm to repair the foundation of the road before introducing a new high friction surface to boost safety. There are also new road markings and reflective road studs.

We have introduced or extended speed limits in a number of locations as part of our A64 Village Gateway scheme. We have not changed speed limits on the local highway network.

Other schemes completed or due to complete by end of March on the A64:

- Brambling Fields Resurfacing – resurfacing of the carriageway at the eastern end of the Malton bypass
- East Heslerton Carriageway Reconstruction – substantial reconstruction of the carriageway surface between West and East Heslerton. Completed under two weekend closures of the A64.
- Ganton to Staxton Pavement Patching – patching of the carriageway between Ganton and Staxton.
- A64 Seamer Station Bridge Beam Repair – repairs to bridge beam damaged when it was struck by a vehicle.
- Sherburn Village Drainage Renewal – comprehensive renewal and improvement of the drainage around the Sherburn crossroads to remove a long standing drainage problem.
- Sherburn to Ganton Drainage Renewal Phase 2 – ongoing renewal of the drainage to the east of Sherburn.
- A64 Road Studs Renewal – Route wide road stud renewal at various locations along the A64.

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- Jinnah Restaurant Pedestrian and Cycling improvements – improvement facilities around the Jinnah Restaurant, including new bus layby and pedestrian refuge.
 - Knapton Junctions Improvements – safety improvement to a number of junctions around Knapton, with new islands, right turn lanes and improvement junction alignments.
 - Sherburn Crossroads pedestrian and cycling improvements – improvements to the traffic signals to provide additional pedestrian phases on the two side roads.
 - Askham Bryan Loop Safety Improvement – safety improvement to alter the layout of the slip road with banned right turn into side road and improved signing.
 - Whitwell Duals Barrier Improvement - installation of new verge safety barriers to reduce the severity of loss of control incidents between Barton Hill and Welburn.
 - Welburn and Crambeck Safety Improvement – safety improvement aimed at improving the facilities for pedestrians with new refuge islands and improved bus laybys, and improvements to the right turn lanes.
 - A64 Village Gateways – safety improvement introducing/extending speed limits through a number of villages between Welburn and Staxton, with a standardised sign layout for each location. Works at Crambeck to Malton, Rillington, West and East Heslerton, Sherburn, Potter Brompton, Ganton and Staxton.
 - York Bypass Park & Ride (P&R) Signing Improvements – improvements to signing on the A64 to reduce sign clutter and improve the signing for the P&R sites around York.

Schemes due to be carried out on the A64 in 2021/22 financial year (subject to funding and other approvals):

- Sherburn to Ganton Drainage Renewal Phases 3, 4 and 5 – ongoing renewal of the drainage between Sherburn and Ganton, currently planned to continue through the summer to late Autumn.
- Rillington Village Drainage Renewal – localised repairs to drainage in and around Rillington targeting specific defects.
- Stockton on the Forest to Sand Hutton Drainage Renewal – localised repairs to drainage targeting specific defects.
- Malton Bypass Safety Barrier Renewal – renewal of sections of safety barriers along Malton Bypass.
- Rillington East side Pavement Renewal – resurfacing/reconstruction of surfacing to eastern side of Rillington.

- Barr Lane to Claxton Pavement Renewal – resurfacing/reconstruction of surfacing around Hazelbush Crossroads and towards Claxton.
- Musley Bank Westbound entry slip resurfacing – resurfacing of the slip road onto the A64 from Malton.
- Headley Bar Westbound entry slip resurfacing – resurfacing of the slip road onto the A64 from Tadcaster.
- Askham Bar Eastbound entry slip resurfacing – resurfacing of the slip road onto the A64 from York at Askham Bar.
- Askham Bryan Junction Improvement – junction improvement to improve capacity and reduce the risk of queueing onto the A64
- Harton Bus Stops and Junction Improvement – safety and accessibility improvement.
- Old Malton Junction Improvement – safety improvement.

A19

Mount Grace Priory – We expect the Mount Grace improvement scheme will be complete by the end of March – surfacing , lining and studs are planned to be undertaken next week.

Gap closures - link studies are being taking forward this coming financial year:

A172 to Trenholme Lane – Detailed Design

A684 to Knayton – Preliminary Design

In the **Thirsk area of the A19/A168** planned works are:

- Resurfacing from Topcliffe to B1448 (Sowerby) Northbound in June
- Resurfacing from Knayton to Nether Silton Southbound in July

Safety scheme feedback

We carry out road safety audits 12 months after implementation of schemes, to provide a check on their performance.

The Barton Hill audit will be carried out shortly, once we have the most recent collision data from North Yorkshire Police

The A64 Scotchman Lane audit is complete and does not highlight any issues for further treatment. The collision rate remained the same and the casualty rate decreased

when comparing the pre-construction and post-opening periods, based upon low collision numbers.

Future safety work

The A64 average speed camera scheme will have its preliminary design completed in the upcoming year. We are currently reviewing the programme for the rest of RIS2 (our current five-year investment period) to see where implementation might be funded.

We are working with the police to look at some targeted commercial vehicle activity, some of which may be on the A64 and we are looking at where we can support further operation with the police in the future.

A64 Hopgrove

We know there's a lot of interest in this route. We are developing plans for upgrading the Hopgrove junction, as well as the A64 between Hopgrove and Barton-le-Willows. With this scheme, which is part of our 2020-25 Delivery Plan, we aim to cut congestion, create safer and smoother journeys and support the local economy.

This project is one of 32 identified for development and will be considered by government for delivery in future Road Investment Strategies.

We plan to identify options for the A64 Hopgrove project by the end of 2022-23, which will help us provide a range of options to Government.

Development control

A1(M) - Catterick Motorway Service Area

Planning Application submitted for a Motorway Service Area (MSA) on land east of junction 52 A1(M) at Catterick for Roadchef Motorways Ltd. Following considerable work with the applicant we were able to lift our holding recommendation and recommend conditions to the local planning authority on 15 March 2021.

Proposed crematorium in land near Sand Hutton. We are currently in the assessment cycle for this application. We provided the applicant pre-application advice. Since the planning application has come in we have provided the developer technical comments on their transport assessments. We are currently reviewing their response to our comments.

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**North Yorkshire County Council
Thirsk & Malton Area Constituency Committee
26 March 2021 at 10am**

Draft Work Programme for 2021/2022

1.0 Purpose of Report

1.1 The report asks Members to consider the Committee's work programme for 2020/2021 shown at Annex A, and propose topics for future consideration.

2.0 Committee Remit

2.1 The Area Constituency Committees:

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

3.0 Work Programme

3.1 The draft work programme for the 2021/2022 municipal year is attached at Annex A for the Committee's consideration.

4.0 Scheduled Committee Dates

4.1 This is the final committee date for this municipal year. The meetings dates for the coming municipal year are shown in Annex A. For the time being these meetings are scheduled to be held remotely via Microsoft TEAMS, but this may be subject to change.

5.0 Recommendation

5.1 Members are asked to consider, amend and adopt the Committee's draft work programme for 2021/2022 shown at Annex A.

Melanie Carr
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Annex A – 2021/2022 Work Programme

Thirsk and Malton Area Constituency Committee Draft Work Programme 2021/22	
10am on Friday 4 June 2021 – to held remotely via TEAMS	
Subject	Description
Attendance of local MP	Opportunity for MP Kevin Hollinrake to share his views on issues affecting the constituency area
Work Programme	Review of future topics relevant to the Constituency area
10am on Friday 1 October 2021	
Subject	Description
Rural Policing Update	Presentation from the NYP Rural Taskforce Unit – Matt Hagen (Head of Taskforce)
Schools, Educational Achievement & Finance	Annual overview of the local educational landscape, educational achievement and the financial challenges affecting schools in the Thirsk & Malton constituency area.
Work Programme	Review of work undertaken to date and future topic proposals
2:30pm on Friday 3 December 2021	
Attendance of local MP	Opportunity for MP Kevin Hollinrake to share his views on issues affecting the constituency area
Highways England Update	Attendance of Highways England Representative
Work Programme	Review of future topics relevant to the Constituency area
Subject	
Description	
Budget 2021-2022 Briefing	Consideration of annual budget proposals – Gary Fielding
Work Programme	Review of future topics relevant to the Constituency area
10am on Friday 25 March 2022	
Subject	Description
Public Health Area Profile	Overview of Life Expectancy across the Constituency area – Louise Wallace
Work Programme	Review of future topics relevant to the Constituency area

Areas of work identified but not scheduled:

1. North Yorkshire Police Update - Presentation on crime data for the constituency area
2. Supported Living - review of supported living provision and links to future development of the NYCC services
3. Heritage and Natural Environment - Tourism and the promotion of local heritage and natural environment
4. Mobile phone coverage – black spots – proposals for improvements
5. Unpaid Carers (young and old)
6. Fracking