



## Agenda

Notice of a public meeting of

### Richmond (Yorks) Area Contituency Committee

**To:** County Councillors Angus Thompson (Chairman), David Blades, Caroline Dickinson, Helen Grant, Bryn Griffiths, David Hugill, Carl Les, Heather Moorhouse, Stuart Parsons, Yvonne Peacock, Karin Sedgwick, John Weighell and Annabel Wilkinson.

**Co-opted Member – Malcolm Warne**

**Date:** Wednesday, 24th March, 2021

**Time:** 10.00 am

**Venue:** Remote Meeting

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### Business

1. **Chairman's welcome and introductions - including apologies for absence**
2. **Minutes of the meeting held on 8th January 2021** (Pages 3 - 8)
3. **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. COVID 19 - Executive Update - Verbal update by the Leader of the Council and Executive Members**

**6. Stronger Communities: COVID19 Social Isolation and Approach to Community Efforts - Report of the Head of Stronger Communities (Pages 9 - 14)**

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 Richmondshire Constituency area.

**7. Supplying schools, children and young people with digital devices during the pandemic - Report of the Corporate Director Children and Young Peoples Services (Pages 15 - 16)**

To inform Members of the work undertaken to provide schools, children and young people with digital devices during the pandemic.

**8. North Northallerton Bridge - update - Report of the Corporate Director, Business and Environmental Services (Pages 17 - 18)**

To keep Members informed of ongoing progress on the delivery of the Bridge at the North Northallerton Development.

**9. HGV overnight parking on NYCC Highway Network - update - Report of the Corporate Director, Business and Environmental Services (Pages 19 - 20)**

To provide Members with an update on how this issue is being addressed.

**10. Richmond (Yorks) Area Constituency Committee Work Programme - Report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services) (Pages 21 - 26)**

**11. Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled to take place Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> 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  
Assistant Chief Executive  
(Legal and Democratic Services)  
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16 March 2021

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## North Yorkshire County Council

### Richmond (Yorks) Area Constituency Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on 8 January 2021, commencing at 2pm – held remotely via Microsoft Teams.

**Present:-**

Members: County Councillors Angus Thompson (Chairman), David Blades, Caroline Dickinson, Helen Grant, Bryn Griffiths, David Hugill, Heather Moorhouse, Yvonne Peacock, Karin Sedgewick, John Weighell OBE, Annabel Wilkinson, and co-opted member Malcolm Warne.

Other Cllrs Present: County Councillor Gareth Dadd

Apologies: County Councillor Carl Les

NYCC Officers: Emily Mellalieu (Team Leader, Flood Risk Management), David Kirkpatrick (Team Leader – Traffic Engineering, Highways and Transportation) Gary Fielding (Corporate Director Strategic Resources), Andrew Clare (Senior Traffic Management and Parking Engineer), Steve Loach and Melanie Carr (Democratic Services Officers), David Edwardes (Technology and Change).

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

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**106. Chairman's Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**107. Minutes**

**Resolved -**

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 25 November 2020, having been printed and circulated, be taken as read and confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**108. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest to note.

**109. Public Questions and Statements**

There were no public questions or statements.

**110. Melsonby Flood Risks and Drainage Issues – Briefing**

Emily Mellalieu - Team Leader, Flood Risk Management, presented a briefing paper relating to a meeting in December 2020 involving the Corporate Director Business and Environmental Services, representatives from the Local Highway Office and the Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA) team, representatives of the Parish Council and residents of Melsonby and

representatives of Northumbrian Water, to discuss the concerns of residents regarding flood risks and drainage issues.

These related to the historic drainage system and its condition and the associated impact the development proposals would have on its finite capacity. Concerns were raised regarding a partially collapsed culvert and the general flooding and drainage issues in the village. It was explained that the riparian land-owner had been notified that repairs were required to the culvert and if this was not carried out Notice could be served. It was noted that some land owners were not always aware of their responsibilities, therefore, they would be contacted before any Notice was served.

Northumbrian Water had explained the work required in relation to the impact from the new development and the adequacy of the system. It was noted that the impact could not effectively be measured until the new development was in place, and it was emphasised that this would need to go through the various Planning phases with mitigating conditions likely to be put in place to address the concerns around flooding and drainage.

The situation would continue to be monitored.

In relation to the culverts every effort would be made to ensure that these were operating as they should and those that were responsible for their upkeep met their obligations.

It was emphasised that flooding events were becoming more prevalent, and the risk from flooding was on the increase, with investigations into flooding events becoming usual business.

Members discussed the details raised within the report and the following issues and points were highlighted:-

- A Member suggested that a flood group should be established for Melsonby to coordinate activities and action to address flooding, as similar groups, in other areas had been quite successful. In response it was noted that it assisted engagement with local communities where a local flood group was in place. The visit to Melsonby had provided an element of collaboration and it was hoped that a group may be established following those initial discussions. It was emphasised that whilst the formation of such groups would not necessarily reduce the risk of flooding, they did help to provide a co-ordinated response, and increase the resilience in those communities when flooding occurred.
- It was noted that a long standing issue relating to flooding on the B1365 at Stokesley appeared to have been addressed following the granting of Planning Permission in that area, however, the Member suggested that he would like to discuss the issue further with flooding officers outside of the Meeting.
- A Member emphasised that flooding issues were very likely to get worse going forward and local communities would need to become more resilient to dealing with these events.
- It was suggested that single contact points, when flooding occurred, would be of benefit to the flooding groups that had been established.
- In respect of landowners responsibility for culverts it was stated that it would be helpful to inform local Parish Councils of these, as the discussions around maintenance and flooding issues could be undertaken at a local level.
- A Member asked whether it was possible to have early warning systems for areas prone to flooding to assist communities with resilience to such events. In response it was stated that the Environment Agency currently operated an early warning system, and anything additional to this would create confusion. Details of the various responsibilities during flooding events were set out in the North Yorkshire Flood Risk Strategy and also in an Environment Agency document. Copies of these would be circulated to Members following the meeting.

- A Member emphasised that the majority of flooding events could no longer be solved locally, as local work could create flooding problems elsewhere, therefore, an integrated approach was required. There was a need to accept that some areas, that did not impact on properties, should be allowed to flood to prevent impact on buildings. It was recognised that this was a highly complex issue.

### **Resolved –**

That Emily Mellalieu be thanked for her briefing, the content of which be noted.

## **111. Hambleton District Council Off-Street Parking Places Amendment Order**

David Kirkpatrick (Team Leader – Traffic Engineering, Highways and Transportation) and Andrew Clare (Senior Traffic Management and Parking Engineer) presented the report, which provided details of Hambleton District Council's proposed amendments to its off-street parking arrangements, gave details of the County Council's highways officers' initial response, and sought the views of Members as part of that process. The report highlighted the following proposals:-

- Modify car park layout plans for legislative clarity to remove individual bays and replace with parking place described within a boundary demarcation.
- Provide payment for parking by cash, debit and credit cards, smartphone or mobile device at ticket machine.
- Provide extension of parking period in Northallerton Applegarth short stay, Northallerton Forum short stay, Thirsk Market Car Park, Thirsk Millgate Car Park and Stokesley Showfield Car Park.
- Provide clarification to permit a vehicle to occupy more than one parking bay within a car park on payment of appropriate charge.
- Provide Blue Badge parking bays with a maximum parking period of 3 hours.
- Provide clarity to permit blue badge holders to park within a standard parking bay 1 hour after the expiry of the charging period.
- Provide coach parking at Bridge Street car park Bedale.
- Provide electric vehicle charging point bays in Northallerton Applegarth long and short stay car parks, Northallerton Forum long and short stay car parks. Thirsk Market Place, Millgate and Nursery car parks. Bedale Auction Market and Bridge car parks. Stokesley Showfield car park
- Proposal to introduce a cashless payment system to all pay and display car parking in the Hambleton District.

The following issues were raised by Members during a discussion of the report:-

- A Member sought clarification that providing permits to accommodate larger vehicles through the use of additional bays would not be detrimental to the availability of parking spaces, particularly at busy times, and that care with the placement of these bays would be undertaken so as not to encroach onto the highway. In response it was stated that the concerns raised would be taken account of, as it was in the interests of the District council to maximise the revenue from their car parks, and highways' legislation would ensure there was no encroachment, although it would be expected that the over-sized bays would be located away from the highway to prevent that issue from arising.
- Members emphasised the need to ensure that all payment options, including cash were available at all car parks. It was stated that this would be the case.
- An explanation was provided as to how the "Smart Parking App" operated, and of its previous use in the Harrogate Area.
- It was asked whether the parking proposals would affect Stokesley Parish Council's plans in respect of parking in Stokesley. In response it was emphasised that there

would be no effect on those plans as this related to the flexibility of operations in car parks in the District.

- A Member suggested that it should be ensured that the Electric Vehicle Charging Points were the most efficient otherwise parking spaces would be occupied for lengthy periods by vehicles on charge. In response it was stated that it was expected that the most efficient and effective charging points currently available would be provided, but as technology advanced these would be replaced to provide the speediest charging points available. It was also likely that as electric powered vehicles became more prevalent, specialist charging facilities would also increase, freeing up the spaces designated for this in car parks.
- It was stated that NYCC had adopted a strategic approach to the proposals from Hambleton District Council and would work closely with them to ensure there was a consistent approach to their implementation. The comments provided by Members would be fed into the consultation process.

### **Resolved –**

That the report, and updates provided, be noted and Members comments be fed back into the process.

## **112. 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:-

### **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 asked whether savings proposals were still being developed despite the financial impact of the pandemic. In response it was stated that potential savings continued to be identified where possible, and despite those being limited due to the pandemic, there were still savings detailed within the presentation. It was noted that, going forward, savings targets would still be required, and the position would be made more difficult should LGR not happen. Members noted that the pandemic had seen



new ways of working introduced, many of which could continue in the future, leading to less office space being required and it was asked whether consideration had been given to possible savings being generated through that factor. In response it was stated that this was to be taken account of in terms of how the Council would develop going forward, and it was recognised that there would be a further need to rationalise property, which was likely to generate savings.

### **Richmond Constituency Area – Financial Issues**

School Projections based on May 2020/21 start budgets  
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 asked whether details in relation to the potential budgetary impact on schools beyond 2022/23 were available. In response it was stated that the details were not available for the meeting, however, the budgetary plan for schools did extend beyond that time-frame and every effort was being made to address the situation appropriately. It was noted that the sustainability of schools was intrinsically linked to the funding formula, which in turn related to the number of children going into schools. Numbers were increasing in some instances which provided some reassurance around sustainability, however, great care would still be required to ensure schools remained sustainable. It was stated that the budgetary figures for local Academies were not currently available. A Member stated that it would be useful for the Committee to see those figures.
- A member highlighted the particular difficulties facing smaller schools in remaining sustainable, as additional requirements from schools required increased costs, many of which could not be sustained due to the smaller nature of the school. It was emphasised that this issue was particularly difficult for smaller Secondary Schools in terms of the delivery of a wider curriculum and the areas that they covered, for a relatively small number of pupils. It was considered that, following the return after the pandemic, there was likely to be an enhanced element of remote learning introduced. Although that also had issues that would need to be addressed.

### **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.

### **113. Work Programme**

Considered -

The report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services) providing a Work Programme for Members to consider, develop and adapt.

Information regarding the current Scrutiny Work Programme was also provided for Members to consider in terms of developing the Committee's Work Programme overall.

It was noted that Members were invited to identify issues for inclusion in the Work Programme outside of the meeting and inform the Clerk accordingly.

The following issues were requested for consideration at the next meeting:-

- An update on lorry driver parking in local areas and how that was being addressed;
- Broadband roll out with particular consideration given to remote learning for schools

**Resolved -**

That the Work Programme be noted and updated to reflect the additional items requested for the next meeting, as detailed above.

**114. Next Meeting**

**Resolved -**

That the next scheduled meeting of the Area Constituency Committee would take place on Wednesday 24 March 2021 at 10am to be held remotely via Microsoft TEAMS.

The meeting concluded at 3:25pm.  
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**NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL  
RICHMONDSHIRE AREA CONSTITUENCY COMMITTEE – 24 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 Richmondshire 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 Richmondshire

Richmondshire is covered by four CSOs: The Bridge (covering Colburn, Catterick, Richmond and North Richmondshire), Leyburn Arts and Community Centre, The Upper Dales Community Partnership and Reeth and District Community Transport.

All four CSOs have successfully harnessed significant levels of volunteer support from the community by working with a combination of mutual aid and parish support groups. It is clear to see that this, in turn, has created a cultural shift, where neighbourliness and individuals' ability to ask for support, is becoming ever more commonplace.

Effective partnership working and signposting to both the wider voluntary and community sector, as well as into Local Authority services, has ensured that local volunteer capacity has been available for the most urgent food and prescription requests. In addition to this, the CSOs have expanded their telephone befriending offers to support those who are experiencing loneliness and isolation resulting from a lack of social interaction.

All CSOs have designed and adapted services in line with the needs of the local community. For example, in Swaledale it became apparent in the sub-zero weather conditions that some elderly members of the community were struggling to safely fill and carry coal buckets inside; volunteers have therefore started to offer this service, along with a range of other household chores which might otherwise be difficult or unsafe for the resident to carry out.



Due to the rural nature of the district, requests for transport to hospital and vaccination appointments have been constant. Suitable and affordable solutions have been found in all cases.

Transitional activities are now being planned, ensuring that confidence is built as we move towards recovery.

## 6.2 Hambleton

A proportion of Hambleton is encompassed with the Richmondshire Constituency boundary, and is covered by two CSOs: Hambleton Community Action (covering Northallerton and Bedale) and Stokesley & District Community Care Association (SDCCA). 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.

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:

- Re-designing of support services at both CSOs (for example, respite, support and learning groups and community transport) to allow them to continue throughout the varying levels of restrictions in place;
- Partnership with local business LabMan in Stokesley to ensure that transport for those attending Covid vaccinations is fully subsidised.

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.

## **Recommendations**

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

**Marie-Ann Jackson**  
**Head of Stronger Communities**  
**North Yorkshire County Council**  
**(15 March 2021)**



## Richmondshire Area Constituency Committee – 24 March 2021

### Supplying schools, children and young people with digital devices during the pandemic

#### **1.0 Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1 To inform Members of the work undertaken to provide schools, children and young people with digital devices during the pandemic.

#### **2.0 Work undertaken**

- 2.1 North Yorkshire County Council was allocated 989 digital devices and 238 wireless routers by the Department for Education in 2020 to distribute to eligible vulnerable or disadvantaged children and young people across the County. A child or young person needed to have a social worker or be a Year 10 student in receipt of free school meals to be eligible.
- 2.2 Devices were distributed according to requests from schools for these eligible students. 108 devices and 8 routers were distributed to schools in the Richmondshire district. More devices and routers have been allocated to children and young people in the district as looked-after children and care leavers were also eligible – this information has not been analysed at a district-level.
- 2.3 The DfE announced that schools would order any additional devices and routers directly from their supplier from the beginning of Autumn term 2020 onwards, with no ongoing involvement of the local authority in the process. However, we have supported schools to identify their allocation of devices and to order these through the DfE portal. We have focussed on this after a number of schools reported that they were unable to order devices and that this was a barrier to remote learning.
- 2.4 The DfE allocated each school a number of devices and routers based on their assessment of need. As of 9th March 2021, 4,134 devices (laptops and tablets) in total have been delivered or dispatched to North Yorkshire since the start of the scheme - this includes the 989 delivered directly to NYCC, with the rest to maintained schools. This does not include devices delivered to academy trusts. This information is provided for the County and it is not possible to say how many of these have been sent to schools in the the Richmondshire district. 1,250,738 digital devices have been distributed across England since the beginning of the scheme.
- 2.5 However, we are aware that there continue to be a significant number of children and young people who do not have access to a device. In response to this, Reboot North Yorkshire (<https://rebootny.co.uk/>) was launched to support individuals and organisations to donate IT equipment to be recycled and given to people in the county that currently lack access to these facilities. Devices will go to students, as well as other groups that may be socially isolated or do not have digital access.

#### **3.0 Recommendation**

- 3.1 The contents of the report are noted.

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**Richmondshire Area Constituency Committee – 24 March 2021**  
**North Northallerton Bridge - update**

**1.0 Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1 To keep Members informed of ongoing progress on the delivery of the Bridge at the North Northallerton Development.

**2.0 Update**

- 2.1 Both of the embankments have reached the 12 week hold point, needed to ensure the ground below the embankment is compacted before the work continues. Consequently it will appear as if works have paused on site. This is part of the design to address the underlying ground conditions and ensure stability of the finished structure.
- 2.2 The contractor's attention is now focussing on the works that will follow this 12 week hold for delivering the bridge. They are working closely with Network Rail to ensure all approvals and permission are in place including the 'Possessions' when the railway is closed to allow installing the bridge sections over the railway.
- 2.3 Members have asked for an update on how the flooding on Stokesley Road is being addressed. This work is outside the bridge construction contract but is related to the overall North Northallerton development.
- 2.4 The recent increased flooding of the area has been identified as a result of the removal of the outfall of a drainage connection which transfers water under the A684 Stokesley Road carriageway, to a receiving downstream watercourse. A solution to this issue is being rapidly developed by NYCC in its capacity as local highway authority with developer Taylor Wimpey and Hambleton District Council, in its capacity as Local Planning Authority.
- 2.5 The current program for the completion of the works is 17 January 2022.

**3.0 Recommendation**

- 3.1 The contents of the report are noted.

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## Richmond Area Constituency Committee – 24 March 2021

### HGV overnight parking on NYCC Highway Network - update

#### **1.0 Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1 To provide Members with a brief update on how this issue is being addressed.

#### **2.0 Update**

- 2.1 The County Council's Traffic Engineering and Area Highways Teams continue to deal with any concerns raised about HGV parking on its highway network and where required work with other Highway Authorities, District Councils and stakeholders to take local and strategic decisions in response.
- 2.2 The most significant measure introduced to manage the detrimental impact of overnight and long term HGV parking is the introduction of a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) at Leeming Bar Industrial Estate, brought into effect by Hambleton District Council with NYCC agreement. Performance monitoring of the PSPO shows that it is working well with a reduction in the number of lorry drivers using the area to sleep overnight. This has been measured through number of leaflets advising of the PSPO, issued to drivers per patrol which has reduced from a combined average of 4.1 in 2019/20 to 1.3 in 2020/21. The PSPO is to be reviewed next year which may result in its extension.
- 2.3 Due to the variations and transient nature of HGV parking on the network, it is typically necessary to take a flexible local approach to ensure each case is considered on its merits and that the response is measured and does not displace such parking to other parts of the network. Any concerns about HGV parking can be raised direct with the relevant Area Team for local matters and/or with the Traffic Engineering Team for countywide strategic matters and will be dealt with as appropriate.

#### **3.0 Recommendation**

- 3.1 The contents of the report are noted.

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## North Yorkshire County Council

### Richmond (Yorks) Area Constituency Committee

24<sup>th</sup> March 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. The items in the future Work Programme could be considered during 2021/22 and Members can prioritise these for consideration at future meetings.

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, in response to the situation created by the pandemic, with additional, relevant items identified by Members added to the Work Programme.

#### 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.

The scheduled meeting dates for 2021/22 meetings are as follows:-

- 10am on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2021
- 10am on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2021
- 10am on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2021
- 10am on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2022

#### **Recommendation**

(i) Members are asked to consider and develop the Committee's Work Programme;  
and

(ii) Note the date and time of scheduled meetings for 2021/22 as detailed.

Steve Loach  
Democratic Services

March 2021



**Richmond (Yorks) Area Constituency Committee  
Work Programme 2020/21**

**10.00 a.m. on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Description</b>
Highways Issues	To provide an update on issues raised at recent informal meetings of the ACC
North Northallerton Infrastructure and Development project	To provide an update on the project
Update on work of Community Support Officers	To provide an update on the work of the Community Support Officers in the Constituency area during the COVID 19 outbreak
Return to Schools	An update on the return of pupils to schools in the Constituency area, following the recent closure in relation to COVID19
Work Programme	To consider the Committee's Work Programme

**10.00 a.m. on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Description</b>
County Council's Petition Scheme – Gilling West Cycleway and Footpath	Janette Povey of Gilling West will be provided with 5 minutes to present a case for the provision of a footpath and cycleway at Gilling West, in line with the County Council's petition scheme. Members will then be provided with 15 minutes to debate the issue and provide a decision in line with the scheme.
Devolution and Local Government Reorganisation – Implications for ACC	The Leader of the Council will provide a verbal update in respect of proposals for Devolution and Local Government Reorganisation in North Yorkshire and will lead Members in a discussion on the implications for the ACC

Schools Educational Achievement and Finance	To update Members on the local educational landscape, educational achievement and the financial challenges which affect schools in the Richmond Constituency Committee area
Healthy Child Programme - Consultation	The Committee will be invited to comment on this consultation.
North Northallerton Infrastructure and Development project	An update report will be provided on this issue
Work Programme	To consider the Committee's Work Programme

### 2pm on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Subject	Description
Melsonby Flooding and Drainage Issues	To provide a briefing on this matter following a meeting between local representatives and Northumbrian Water.
Hambleton District Council Off-Street Parking Places Amendment Order	To advise the committee of proposals submitted by Hambleton District Council regarding off-street parking places and seeking its views and comments on them.
County Council Budget 2021/2022	To provide Members with an opportunity to comment on proposals for the County Council's Budget for 2021/22
Work Programme	To consider the Committee's Work Programme

### 10.00 a.m. on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Subject	Description
COVID 19 – Executive Member Update	To provide an update on the County Council's response to the pandemic.
Stronger Communities	To provide details of the team's response to COVID19 Social Isolation and Approach to Community Efforts

North Northallerton Infrastructure and Development project	An update report will be provided on this issue
Lorry Driver parking in the area - update	An update report will be provided on this issue
Digital support for children, young people and schools during the pandemic	To provide details of the support given to date.
Work Programme	To consider the Committee's Work Programme
<b>10am on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2021</b>	
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Description</b>
COVID 19 - Update	To provide an update on the County Council's response to the pandemic.
North Northallerton Infrastructure and Development project	An update report will be provided on this issue
Work Programme	To consider the Committee's Work Programme
<b>Issues identified for future work programme</b>	
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Description</b>
Discussion of issues with Local MP	Rishi Sunak will be attending to discuss topical issues – dependent upon commitments
Supported Living	Update on implementation of review
Lorry Driver parking	Follow up to consider how issue is being addressed following earlier consideration
Schools educational achievement and finance	To receive an annual update on these issues
Small Schools	Review of educational outcomes at small schools – linked to the Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Delayed Transfers of Care	Further review of work by Health and Social Care to reduce Delayed Transfers of Care following consultation – linked to the Care and Independence Overview and Scrutiny Committee
The expansion of Catterick Garrison	To further consider the impact of such a large confluence of people who are not local to the area and how this might be mitigated (following on from 29 August 2018).
Friary and Friarage Hospitals	To consider updates on these facilities.
Provision of a Northallerton Relief Road	To consider any progress on the provision of a Relief Road.
Healthy Child Programme	An update on the position regarding the Healthy Child Programme following the end of the current contract and the development of a new provision.
Health Issues relating to e-cigarettes	To consider further national guidance in relation to health concerns in relation to the use of e-cigarettes
Safety on the Constituency Area's roads	A Joint report by Highways and Public Health to consider data relating to incidents that have occurred on the Constituency Area's roads and the work being carried out to address these.
Mental Health	A report on how mental health issues are being addressed in the area.

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Scheduled meeting dates for 2021/22

9<sup>th</sup> June 2021  
 25<sup>th</sup> August 2021  
 24<sup>th</sup> November 2021  
 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2022

All Meetings are on Wednesday at 10am.