



Agenda

Notice of a public meeting of Transport, Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee

To: Councillors Stanley Lumley (Chairman), Karl Arthur, David Goode, Paul Haslam, Robert Heseltine, David Jeffels, Don MacKay (Vice-Chair), Andy Paraskos, Caroline Patmore, Clive Pearson, Matt Scott, David Staveley and Roberta Swiers.

Date: Wednesday, 13th April, 2022

Time: 10.00 am

Venue: Remote Meeting held via Microsoft Teams

Under his delegated decision making powers in the Officers' Delegation Scheme in the Council's Constitution, the Chief Executive Officer has power, in cases of emergency, to take any decision which could be taken by the Council, the Executive or a committee. Following on from the expiry of the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020, which allowed for committee meetings to be held remotely, the County Council resolved at its meeting on 5 May 2021 that, for the present time, in light of the continuing Covid-19 pandemic circumstances, remote live-broadcast committee meetings should continue (as informal meetings of the Committee Members), with any formal decisions required being taken by the Chief Executive Officer under his emergency decision making powers and after consultation with other Officers and Members as appropriate and after taking into account any views of the relevant Committee Members. This approach will be reviewed by full Council at its May 2022 meeting.

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Business

- 1. Introductions and apologies for absence**
- 2. Minutes of the meeting held on 20 January 2022** (Pages 3 - 8)
- 3. Declarations of Interest**
- 4. Public Questions or Statements**
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- at this point in the meeting if their questions/statements relate to matters which are not otherwise on the Agenda (subject to an overall time limit of 30 minutes);
- when the relevant Agenda item is being considered if they wish to speak on a matter which is on the Agenda for this meeting.

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5. **North Yorkshire County Council Plan for Economic Growth - Report of the NYCC Corporate Director – Business and Environmental Services** (Pages 9 - 24)
6. **Waste Collection and Treatment in North Yorkshire - Report of the NYCC Corporate Director – Business and Environmental Services** (Pages 25 - 32)
7. **Committee Work Programme** (Pages 33 - 38)
8. **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)

County Hall
Northallerton

Tuesday, 5 April 2022

North Yorkshire County Council

Transport, Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Minutes of the remote meeting held on Thursday, 20th January, 2022 commencing at 10.00 am.

County Councillor Stanley Lumley in the Chair and County Councillors Karl Arthur, David Goode, Paul Haslam, Robert Heseltine, David Jeffels, Don MacKay, Andy Paraskos, Caroline Patmore, Clive Pearson, Matt Scott, David Staveley and Roberta Swiers.

In attendance: County Councillor Derek Bastiman.

Officers present: James Farrar (Chief Operating Officer of the York and North Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership), Daniel Harry (Democratic Services and Scrutiny Manager, North Yorkshire County Council), Emily Mellalieu (Development Management Team Leader, Business and Environmental Services, North Yorkshire County Council), Paul Mitchinson (Route Manager, Programme Development, Highways England), Matt O'Neill (Assistant Director, Growth, Planning and Trading Standards, Business and Environmental Services, North Yorkshire County Council), Vicky Perkin (Head of Planning Services, Business and Environmental Services, North Yorkshire County Council).

Copies of all documents considered are in the Minute Book

141 Introductions and apologies for absence

County Councillor Stanley Lumley welcomed everyone to the meeting and reminded the committee that the meeting was being held informally and that any formal decisions would need to be taken in consultation with the Chief Executive Officer using his emergency powers.

County Councillor Stanley Lumley read out the following statement:

You will have seen the statement on the Agenda front sheet about current decision-making arrangements within the Council, following the expiry of the legislation permitting remote committee meetings. I just want to remind everyone, for absolute clarity, that this is an informal meeting of the Committee Members. Any formal decisions required will be taken by the Chief Executive Officer under his emergency delegated decision-making powers after taking into account any views of the relevant Committee Members and all relevant information. This approach has been agreed by full Council and will be reviewed at its February meeting.

142 Minutes of the meeting held on 21 October 2021

The Minutes of the meeting held on 21 October 2021 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

143 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest to note.

144 Public Questions or Statements

No public questions or statements were received.

145 Highways England annual update on maintenance and improvement activity – Report of the Team leader, planning and development for Operations Yorkshire Humberside and the North East

Considered – A report by Paul Mitchinson, Route Manager, Programme Development, Highways England regarding key works underway and planned on roads managed by Highways England in the county.

The list of highways improvement schemes for 2022-23 were presented to the committee. Paul Mitchinson stressed that the timing and scope of the schemes may be subject to change.

There followed a discussion with the key points as summarised below:

- Concerns about the number of fatal accidents that had occurred on the A64 in recent months and the need for safety improvements to be made as a matter of urgency
- The economic impact of slow moving traffic and queues at peak times along the A64 between York and Malton was highlighted. There is a need to ensure good connectivity and ease of access or people will be deterred from going to York and Malton.
- Improvements to junction 47 on the A1 were being led by the Council's Highways service and not Highways England
- Concrete barriers between lanes are safer for motorcyclists than steel barriers or steel poles connected with steel wires. Steel tends to be used as it is cheaper and easier to maintain and can also help with the management of drifting snow across the highway.
- Regular meetings are held between Highways England and Transport for the North
- Overhead message boards on dual carriageways and motorways could be used for promoting carbon emission reduction from petrol and diesel vehicles, such as suggesting low emissions cruising speeds.

County Councillor David Jeffels asked what progress was being made with regard to improvements on the A64 between Hopgrove and the Jinnar Restaurant and the consideration of dualling stretches of the A64. He also asked about the Rillington by-pass and improvements at Golden Hill, Malton.

Paul Mitchinson said that the Highways England were aware of the concerns and that discussions were taking place at a senior level regarding long term improvements to the A64. Consideration was being given to additional safety improvements, such as the use of speed cameras, but major schemes were not yet on the drawing board.

Paul Mitchinson said that nothing was yet planned with regard to a by-pass at Rillington.

County Councillor Stanley Lumley queried the extent to which Highways England and the Highways service at the County Council worked together on the planning of road improvements.

Paul Mitchinson said that there were close links and that the current plan of works had been presented to senior officers in the Council's Highways service in October 2021.

County Councillor Paul Haslam asked what policies were in place to ensure that when roads are built, maintained and improved that waste is minimised and the associated carbon emissions reduced and/or mitigated.

In response, Paul Mitchinson said that a carbon reduction team is in place nationally at

Highways England and they are looking at ways of reducing and mitigating carbon emissions. One aspect is offsetting through planting of trees and hedges on road verges.

County Councillor Stanley Lumley summed up and thanked Paul Mitchinson for attending the meeting.

Resolved:

- 1) That Paul Mitchinson comes back to the committee in 12 months to provide a further update.

146 York and North Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership Annual Report - Report of the Chief Operating Officer

Considered – A report by James Farrar, Chief Operating Officer of the York and North Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) regarding performance against the LEP delivery plan.

The key points from the presentation are as summarised below:

- Overall delivery is on track, except for items which are dependent on issues outside the control of the LEP
- The LEP secured £15.4m from the Getting Building Fund of which £7.7m was spent in 2020/21 leaving a target for 21/22 of £7.7m. It is envisaged that all of the grant will be delivered by the end of the financial year
- A Labour Market Information toolkit has been completed and a Training Session delivered to Career Leaders in schools and colleges, with a focus upon Key Stage 3 and 4 students (11 to 16 years of age)
- Continue to work with local businesses and education providers so that the local economy is able to respond to economic shocks and labour shortages, such as recent shortage of HGV drivers
- There is a strong focus upon the development of a skilled, local workforce that can meet current needs but is also well placed to meet future demands
- There are opportunities to place North Yorkshire and York at the centre of the national de-carbonisation programme and it is one of the few areas within the UK which has the potential to go beyond net zero
- The LEP continue to play a role as an advocate for the area and encouraging investment inwards. Recently, this has included work around the possible re-location of the Great British Rail headquarters to York
- A national review of LEPs is underway by Government to set out the future role of LEPs. The review has been integrated into the Levelling Up White Paper, which is expected to be published in February. At present, there is a lack of clarity over access to future funding
- The LEP is involved in Local Government Re-organisation locally, in particular the economic regeneration work stream.

There followed a discussion, the key points of which are summarised as below:

- The LEP has been engaged in the work of the Rural Commission and its report and recommendations
- Part of the work around carbon reduction has involved mapping out the electric supply and generation infrastructure in the county, as part of understanding the impact of an increased demand as a result of the move from heating oil and gas and petrol and diesel vehicles to electric power
- The Convention of the North will be held in Liverpool on 8 February 2022
- The LEP is engaged in discussions about the development of the Olympia Park site in Selby

- Further work could be done to ensure that a framework is in place for the accurate measurement of progress with the de-carbonisation programme.

County Councillor David Staveley asked what regular and in-depth scrutiny was being done of the work of the LEP, over and above the annual reports to this committee.

James Farrar said that a scrutiny meeting was planned for February but acknowledged that the scrutiny arrangements may need to be reviewed.

County Councillor David Goode queried whether the outstanding £5m in grants not spent would actually be spent in this financial year.

James Farrar said that he was confident that all of the grant monies will be spent in year. There would also be an opportunity to do a capital switch with the Council, if needed.

County Councillor Stanley Lumley said that there was a need to develop skills locally so that local people saw the benefits of economic development and that skilled workers were not simply brought in from outside the county to fill vacancies.

James Farrar said that the LEP continued to work with local universities and colleges of further education to map current and future skills vacancies to existing training provision. He said that it was important that people were helped to meet their economic potential and that local people were supported to stay in the county and development their skills.

County Councillor Stanley Lumley summed up and thanked James Farrar for attending the meeting.

Resolved:

- 1) That James Farrar comes back to the committee in 12 months to provide a further update.

147 Update on the implementation of the North Yorkshire Local Flood Risk Management Strategy - Report of the NYCC Corporate Director – Business and Environmental Services

Considered – A report by Emily Mellalieu, Development Management Team Leader, Business and Environmental Services at the County Council regarding the implementation of the North Yorkshire Local Flood Risk Management Strategy.

The key points from the presentation of the report are as summarised below:

- An update was last brought to the committee in 2019. Since then, there have been two significant flood events (Upper Dales and Aire catchment) and the Section 19 reports arising has resulted in the diversion of a significant amount of resource from the team
- The flood risk programme continues to be delivered. Particular progress has been made with the delivery of the Malton, Norton and Old Malton flood management scheme, which is nearing completion
- A review of the North Yorkshire Local Flood Risk Strategy is presently underway. Public consultation on the revision is planned during 2022. The original strategy was published in 2015
- Community encouragement and the use of local knowledge is a key element of the management of flood risk
- The Resilience and Emergency Team work with communities to develop locally owned and implemented resilience plans, in the event of a flood
- The dispersed nature of flood risk in North Yorkshire has meant that the approach taken is one whereby flood protection measures are installed at an individual property level,

- using measures such as flood barriers, to prevent water ingress
- Robust advice on surface water drainage and flood risk during the planning process of new housing developments is provided and critical to ensuring that a new development does not heighten the flood risk
- Since 2011, the Council has undertaken flood investigation at over 200 sites
- A reactive budget is available for the delivery of low cost (below £10,000) works identified during flood risk investigations which would help reduce local flood risk.

There followed a discussion, the key points of which are summarised as below:

- There is a need to tackle complacency in local communities, key stakeholders and commercial developers
- Flood events can have a negative impact upon people's health and wellbeing, impact upon house prices and undermine the local economy and businesses
- Often work is needed upstream to prevent flooding incidences downstream. The costs may be carried by those upstream to the benefit of those downstream. This can create disincentives
- Climate change poses some increased risks as winters become warmer and wetter
- Ongoing concerns about housing developments on flood plains and areas that are known to have flooding and drainage issues
- There is a need for the drainage infrastructure to be improved so that it can cope with higher volumes of rainfall during extreme weather events and move water away from built up areas quickly and efficiently
- When flood mitigation is being considered, it would be helpful to also consider whether small scale hydro-electric power generation projects could be included.

County Councillor David Goode asked whether the planting of trees in upland areas would effectively increase the water holding capacity of the land upstream and so reduce the volume and rate of water released into water courses downstream.

Emily Mellalieu said that tree planting is part of an overall approach of natural flood management but was seen as being a complementary measure and not a key tool in flood risk mitigation.

County Councillor David Staveley said that more attention needed to be paid to local people and their understanding of the flood risk in a given area. Often, planning consent is given for a commercial housing development in an area where it is known to regularly flood but this local intelligence has not been captured or considered.

Emily Mellalieu said that community knowledge and intelligence could be taken into account as part of planning decisions but the national planning framework had to be followed. There has to be a formal flood risk assessment undertaken by the Lead Local Flood Authority, as opposed to a summary of local opinion on flood risk.

County Councillor Stanley Lumley summed up and thanked Emily Mellalieu for attending the meeting.

Resolved:

- 1) That Emily Mellalieu comes back to the committee once the new strategy has been signed off, for a further update on key issues arising around flood prevention and response.

148 Draft Planning Enforcement and Monitoring Policy - Report of the NYCC Corporate Director – Business and Environmental Services

Considered – A report by Vicky Perkin and Matt O'Neill, Business and Environmental Services, North Yorkshire County Council regarding the proposed Planning Enforcement and Monitoring Policy.

The key points from the presentation of the report are as summarised below:

- The Council had adopted its first Planning Enforcement Control Service Pledge in March 2000 and a revised version was adopted in 2005. As such, it is timely to complete a review and refresh
- The overview and scrutiny committee is asked to review the draft policy and comment ahead of it going to the meeting of the Executive on 22 March 2022 and then County Council on 18 May 2022 for adoption
- The draft Planning Enforcement and Monitoring Policy has been prepared to comply with paragraph 59 of the National Planning Policy Framework
- The approach to planning enforcement is not one of immediate prosecution. Instead, it is about working with all parties to find a solution.

County Councillor Paul Haslam said that there is a need to make people aware of the rules around planning and so avoid the excuse of people being unaware of the rules when they are found to have made an infringement.

County Councillor Stanley Lumley summed up and thanked Vicky Perkin and Matt O'Neill for attending the meeting.

Resolved:

- 1) That the draft Planning Enforcement and Monitoring Policy be reported to the Executive for approval and recommendation to County Council for approval and adoption.

149 Committee Work Programme - Report of the Democratic Services and Scrutiny Manager, NYCC

Considered -

The report of Daniel Harry, Democratic Services and Scrutiny Manager, North Yorkshire County Council regarding committee work programme schedule.

Daniel Harry introduced the report. Committee members reviewed and commented upon it.

Resolved:

- 1) That the Work Programme be noted.

The meeting concluded at 12.10 pm.



Transport, Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee

13 April 2022

Report of the Corporate Director Business and Environmental Services

North Yorkshire County Council – A Plan for Economic Growth

1.0 Purpose of Report

1.1 To outline the delivery of the Council's Plan for Economic Growth in 2021/22

2.0 Executive Summary

2.1 This paper reports the performance of the national and local economy over the past 12 months and outlines the work undertaken by the Council during that time to monitor and support the economy of North Yorkshire.

2.2 The 2022/23 financial year will be the final year of the Council's Plan for Economic Growth and therefore this report outlines some of the broader economic impacts and points to future considerations for the economy and well-being of North Yorkshire.

2.3 Key issues which have emerged and could be considered are:

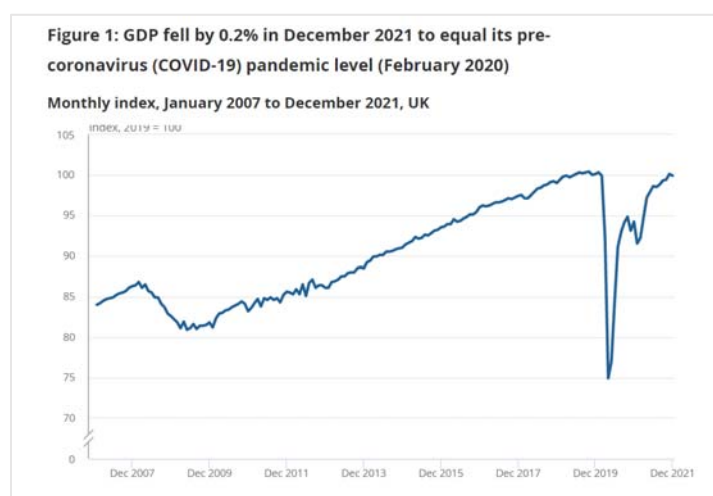
- The economy overall is returning to pre-lockdown levels of productivity and service industries in North Yorkshire, particularly hospitality have proven to be resilient and have recovered strongly from the effects of the Covid pandemic.
- The rates of unemployment and claimant count in North Yorkshire remain significantly below regional and national averages where there is a high proportion of jobs relative to resident workforce.
- At the height of the pandemic, the number of furloughed workers in the County was 88,200 (32%) among the highest in the North of England, however towards the end of the furlough scheme this had reduced to below national averages.
- Constrained labour supply will be a limiting factor on future growth opportunities nationally but particularly in North Yorkshire. Work is currently being undertaken in partnership with the University of York to understand the implications of this.
- There remain long-standing wage discrepancies between different parts of the County and between the wages of residents and of workers.
- The Government's business support programmes have proven successful in protecting jobs and businesses although it will be some months before the final impact is known.
- An emerging effect of the pandemic and now the Ukraine / Russia conflict coupled with the rise of the cost of living has resulted in inflation sharply rising. Inflation currently stands at 5.5% but is forecast to reach 8%. This will have direct implications for production and labour costs as well as interest rates and borrowing.
- Increasing energy prices and a developing cost of living crisis will have direct impacts on the county's lowest paid residents and workers in the coming months.

2.4 Since the outbreak of Covid 19, approximately 24 months, the economy of North Yorkshire has shown resilience and a strong recovery appears to have begun however, it will some time before the full economic impact will be fully understood.

3.0 The economy in the UK and in North Yorkshire

3.1 Productivity

The Office for National Statistics (ONS) reports that the level of quarterly GDP in Quarter 4 2021 is now 0.4% below its pre-coronavirus level (Quarter 4 2019) and Monthly estimates published in February 2022 show that GDP fell by 0.2% in December 2021 but is at its pre-coronavirus level (February 2020). GDP increased by an estimated 7.5% in 2021, following a 9.4% fall in 2020. This data reflects a significant recovery from a low in April 2020, when economic output fell by roughly 25%, the largest reduction in domestic output in more than 300 years. Following that moment the economy recovered strongly until the advent of the second period of lockdown between October 2020 and January 2021 when monthly output fell back to 91.7% of pre pandemic levels and then subsequently recovered further to the most recent level, 99.4% of pre-pandemic output which is illustrated by the graph.



3.1.1 The ONS data shows that consumer facing services were the most severely affected by the impacts of lockdown with production output less severely affected and subsequently has recovered more quickly and immediately, once restrictions were better understood. Sectors which saw the greatest reduction in output through the course of the last year and a half have been accommodation and food, and arts and entertainment. The impact on manufacturing was less acute however, it should be noted that the manufacturing sector remains 2.3% behind pre-pandemic levels of productivity and consumer facing services are 5% behind despite a strong rally in accommodation and food through the summer of 2021.

3.1.2 The available data suggests that although in productivity terms North Yorkshire has experienced a greater % reduction than the UK as a whole, the recovery has been stronger and the resilience of the County's hospitality sector particularly has been a key factor.

3.1.3 In recent months, national Manufacturing output for Quarter 4 (Oct to Dec) 2021 remained unchanged compared with Quarter 3 (July to Sept) 2021; the most notable increase was a rise of 12.5% in manufacturing of basic pharmaceutical products and pharmaceutical preparations, which was partially offset by a fall of 8.0% in manufacturing of machinery and equipment N.E.C.

3.1.4 Transport and agriculture have been more affected by global problems linked to exporting goods and supply chain interruption and labour shortages, particularly among HGV drivers and more recently, the rise in fuel costs have had an impact on

transport with the average cost of a litre of diesel reaching 167.4p and 159.6p for petrol.

3.2 Employment

Employment levels in North Yorkshire are generally strong when compared to the Country as a whole. In the year to September 2021 unemployment in North Yorkshire stood at 3.5% as a proportion of economically active, compared with 4.9% in Yorkshire and Humber and 4.8% nationally. In North Yorkshire Scarborough has the highest rate of unemployment at 4.4%. Scarborough is also the most deprived area in North Yorkshire in relation to the Indices of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) with 71 total Lower Layer Super Output Areas (LSOA) and 30% of them being in the lower 5th decile.

3.2.1 Jobs density is also high in North Yorkshire. Measured as a ratio of jobs to population aged 16-64, North Yorkshire has 0.89 jobs per person compared with a national average of 0.84 and a regional average of 0.79 where only Leeds has a higher ratio 0.97 and the lowest level is Barnsley at 0.60.

3.2.2 At the beginning of the pandemic the Chancellor introduced the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (Furlough) which paid up to 80% of the wages of employees who were unable to work due to the Government imposed Covid-19 restrictions. At the height of lockdown in North Yorkshire, up to 40% of the workforce in Scarborough were furloughed – among the highest rate of any part of the North of England.

3.2.3 Across North Yorkshire a cumulative total of 106,900 jobs were furloughed under the Job Retention Scheme. Once the restrictions on the hospitality industry were lifted the County largely returned to levels of furloughed staff roughly consistent with the UK as a whole. Figures to the end of July show North Yorkshire in line with Yorkshire and the Humber and England as a whole at 5% with only Scarborough Borough above this level at 6%.

3.3 Wages and prosperity

In 2021 average gross weekly earnings of full time workers by residence in North Yorkshire stand at £584.60 ahead of a regional figure of £568.50 and below a national figure of £613.10.

3.3.1 Average weekly earnings by workplace in the County are £555.70 – below the regional average of £564 and the national (GB) average of £612.80.

3.3.2 Average gross weekly wages by district:

District	Residence £	Workplace £
Craven	525.30	557.00
Hambleton	572.60	567.00
Harrogate	650.90	560.40
Richmondshire	515.80	562.30
Ryedale	504.30	502.30
Scarborough	547.00	503.40
Selby	610.00	596.00

3.3.3 By residence Harrogate has the highest wage levels in the region; by workplace Ryedale has the lowest. In Harrogate district the difference in wage levels between residents and employees is £90 a week or £4,784 a year. The difference between the highest wages by residence in the County, Harrogate, and the lowest, Ryedale, is £146 per week or £7,500 per year. It should be noted that Ryedale has high numbers of self-employed people who often pay themselves via dividends rather than wages.

3.3.4 Claimant count figures by district:
Claimant count as a proportion of population aged 16-64 January 2022

District	Claimant count as a %
North Yorkshire	2.5
Craven	2.0
Hambleton	2.1
Harrogate	2.3
Richmondshire	1.8
Ryedale	2.2
Scarborough	3.9
Selby	2.6
Great Britain	4.4
Yorkshire and Humber	4.7

3.3.5 North Yorkshire has a claimant count of 2.5% compared with 4.7% in the region and 4.4% in the Country as a whole. Richmondshire has the lowest percentage claimant count on the UK mainland. Only the Orkney Islands and the Isle of Scilly have a lower rate.

3.3.6 To ensure that everyone has access to employment, efforts to support good mental and physical health are increasingly important. Equally supporting those people who might otherwise be excluded from employment opportunities, to access work, can help to address issues of inequality and broaden the supply of available labour for local businesses. A drive to ensure everyone has equal access to services has also influenced the county council's plans for equal opportunities.

3.4 Businesses

Officers continue to monitor the impacts of the coronavirus pandemic on the economy of North Yorkshire and the UK as a whole. During this time business registration statistics show that there were over 9000 new business registrations in North Yorkshire in the last twelve months. At the same time business failure rates have reached a historic low however this may be in part due to Government support measures which may have kept some zombie businesses on life support.

3.4.1 The most significant issue for businesses in North Yorkshire during this period is a labour shortage and work is being undertaken in partnership with the York and North Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership (YNY LEP) and District Councils to promote recruitment and employment opportunities in the County.

4.0 A Plan for Economic Growth

4.1 The Council's Plan for Economic Growth is managed through a Growth Plan Steering Group comprising Assistant Directors responsible for each of the Plan's seven enablers and monitoring the associated action plan. The Growth Plan Steering Group oversees the work of a number of sub-groups including liaison meetings with each of the District Councils to ensure appropriate support is given to key projects such as Scarborough and Whitby Towns Fund projects, Selby District Local Plan and Harrogate Transforming Cities Fund. An Infrastructure Working Group focuses on the implications for Council services of larger planning applications. The Steering Group meets quarterly.

4.1.1 The announcement of the Levelling Up Fund has also been welcomed as a contribution to economic growth within the county. The Future High Streets Fund

(FHSF) has announced over £830m funding to 72 locations across the UK. £96m has been allocated to Yorkshire and the Humber with Northallerton being one of the successful high streets which will benefit from the FHSF investment.

4.2 EN1 - Create high quality places, increased housing and delivering infrastructure.

4.2.1 The Council is participating in and delivering a number of programmes across North Yorkshire aimed at regenerating town centres and improving local access to transport.

4.2.2 Transforming Cities Fund

A total of £31.2m is being invested in railway stations and their localities in Selby, Skipton and Harrogate. This work includes improving the travellers experience and the public realm in key town centre locations. All three Outline Business Cases are now completed and with the West Yorkshire Combined Authority (WYCA) for review. All projects have been approved by WYCA for commencement to full business case with development costs approved in principle.

4.2.3 Towns Fund

Towns Fund programmes in Scarborough and Whitby are continuing to the next stage of approval. Final business cases are being submitted to central Government for final approval. Projects include the development of a new Maritime Training Hub in Whitby and Scarborough Harbour and West Pier regeneration. Scarborough was allocated £20m and Whitby £17m.

4.2.4 Transport improvements

Contained within EN2 and outlined below the County Council continues to deliver transport infrastructure to unlock growth including delivering improvements at junction 47 on the M1 at Flaxby which will support significant new levels of new development. In March 2022 Planning permission was granted for Harrogate 7, a new commercial development which will create 2000 jobs and 60,000 m2 of employment space.

4.2.5 A Cultural Framework for North Yorkshire

A partnership between Districts, National Parks and NYCC with support from Arts Council England has produced a Cultural Framework for North Yorkshire which focuses on the role of culture in regeneration, public health, skills and community cohesion. During the coronavirus pandemic Arts Council England gave 52 grants totalling just under £6m to cultural organisations in North Yorkshire through its Cultural Recovery Fund.

4.3 EN2 - Deliver a modern integrated transport network

4.3.1 Highways Services continue to deliver high levels of improvement and maintenance throughout the network. An update of major work packages delivered by the Council is listed here:

- Repair work to Middleham Bridge, a grade II listed structure in Richmondshire was completed ahead of schedule.
- Consultation showed good public support for the £7.8m Skipton Gateway project.
- The tendering process for the realignment of the A59 at Kex Gill is under way. Work could start in autumn, with construction taking up to 18 months.
- Annual maintenance to Sutton Bank on the A170 between Helmsley and Thirsk
- Invested almost £2.2m in new road gritters to replace 18 of the 80 strong fleet.
- Highways improvement schemes in Sherburn in Elmet and Scarborough
- Local Cycling and Walking infrastructure improvements in Scarborough and Harrogate
- The 4th component of £38m Scarborough junctions improvements programme.

- £7.7m of junction improvements at J47 of the A1 at Flaxby
- 4.4 EN3 - Increase skills levels and ensure the workforce meets the needs of the County
- 4.4.1 The YNY LEP has been able to secure £38m of European Social Fund investment over the past seven years.
- Workforce skills £19.3m
 - Social inclusion programmes £17.2m
 - Connecting young people with education, employment and training £1.5m
 - York and North Yorkshire Careers Hub £1m
 - Skills capital £13.5m
- 4.4.2 This has resulted in more than 17,000 individuals supported by existing projects with a target of 20,880 by Dec 2023 and almost 2000 businesses supported to review their training needs.
- 4.4.3 The YNY LEP has identified a focus on the skills needed for the transition to zero carbon including those needed within the electric vehicle market and retro fitting of homes and buildings.
- 4.4.4 North Yorkshire County Council continues to develop and improve its Adult Learning and Skills service, is supporting apprenticeships within the Council and is expanding its graduate trainee programme. A new skills strategy has been drafted which seeks to support individuals to access better quality and more fulfilling employment and to support the needs of businesses and key growth sectors.
- 4.4.5 Work with York University is being developed to focus on future skills needs in the county to reflect social, economic and technological changes which have been accelerated by the covid-19 pandemic.
- 4.5 EN4 - Live Well
- 4.5.1 Work is ongoing to embed the principles of good health in town centre development and regeneration programmes. This includes development of design guide for new development, town centre master planning and design activity.
- 4.5.2 As covid-19 pressures begin to ease, the Workplace Wellbeing Charter is being revitalised and work is commencing to sign up additional businesses and other employers to participate in the scheme. This programme is delivered through public health.
- 4.5.3 Trading Standards have seconded seven members of staff to Public Health to support the locality hubs and Head of Outbreak.
- 4.6 EN5 - Creating the right conditions for business growth and investment
- 4.6.1 The County Council has been engaged in monitoring business sentiment and the impacts of covid-19 continue through direct contacts with businesses and through agencies such as the Federation of Small Businesses and Chamber of Commerce. Work to deliver a 'Protect and Respect' campaign aimed at promoting responsible behaviour in commercial premises and public spaces has been well received by local businesses with some 20 businesses signing up to participate in promotional activity.
- 4.6.2 The Council has also delivered its 'Buy Local' campaign aimed at encouraging residents to use local retail and service providers and better enabling both business to businesses interaction and business to consumer. The Buy Local scheme has

engaged with almost 1000 local traders and businesses in the course of the last 20 months.

- 4.6.3 As well as encouraging others to buy local, the authority is leading by example:
- i. North Yorkshire has joined forces with other authorities in the region to support and guide local small businesses in securing work in the public sector. The County Council, alongside City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council, Calderdale Metropolitan Borough Council and Barnsley Council, is working with local organisation Go4Growth to develop the business marketplace and support for the voluntary sector. The authorities are committed to helping smaller organisations to enter or grow their market share in the public sector. They recognise the need to provide more support and guidance for these organisations that can find securing work in the public sector disproportionately harder than their larger competitors
 - ii. North Yorkshire County Council spent £215m with local businesses last year, highlighting its contribution to the county's economy during the coronavirus pandemic. It supports nearly 2,100 companies based in North Yorkshire and the City of York through its procurement activities and has increased its spend with local SMEs each year since 2015." (Yorkshire Reporter 05/07/21) This approach has included providing instant payment for micro / small businesses during the pandemic.
 - iii. In summer 2021, following an extensive engagement and development process the Council submitted a shortlist of projects to the Government's Community Renewal Fund. One project was successful in being awarded £760,000 of funding towards feasibility work to, "Deliver a Zero Carbon Energy System in North Yorkshire."
 - iv. Through the Covid pandemic the Council's Trading Standards services have continued to provide businesses with free advice and have been closely engaged with primary authority businesses to support their ongoing operation in a safe and secure way. The Better business for all programme has been halted although aspirations remain to better join up regulatory and development services and provides a 'one stop shop' or no wrong door approach for business engagement.

4.7 EN6 - Enhancing the environment, developing tourism and the green economy

4.7.1 The Government has awarded £3.7m for the White Rose Forest in North and West Yorkshire. The Council supported the launch of the White Rose Forest Action Plan on 2021- 2025 which highlights the opportunity to increase tree canopy from 11% - 19% and sequester 50% of residual carbon by 2050, The Great Northern Bog is a programme of peatland restoration which includes large areas of the North York Moors and Yorkshire Dales National Parks.

4.7.2 The Council administered the UK Government's Community Renewal Fund programme which awarded £769,000 to the YNY LEP towards the 'Delivering a Carbon Negative Energy System in North Yorkshire' project. The project will explore opportunities to decarbonise buildings and transport in rural communities in the County.

4.7.3 Work is being developed in partnership with the University of York to better understand the future of the low carbon economy and the opportunities and challenges being faced by businesses.

- 4.7.4 Work to address the Council's property and transport use is ongoing and measures to ensure that carbon reduction is not simply being displaced, are being addressed linked to the Council's Beyond Carbon programme. Consideration is also being given to green energy generation using existing Council assets.
- 4.7.5 The Council has committed to the development of a new electric vehicle charging strategy. Infrastructure for electric vehicle charging continues in development to identify the opportunities and challenges this presents in North Yorkshire and is a key element of the Council's aspirations to deliver sustainable Growth.
- 4.7.6 NYCC is also engaged with key National Significant Infrastructure Planning projects aiming to deliver large scale carbon capture and storage alongside renewable energy generation.
- 4.7.7 Changes to Land Management and the future of farm subsidies will create new challenges for farmers and landowners in North Yorkshire. The Council is exploring the farming sectors awareness and preparedness for these changes including the introduction of the Environmental Land Management Scheme (ELMS) and the impact they may have with a view to supporting this transition where possible.
- 4.7.8 A bid for £1.5 million was submitted to the third round of the active travel projects. Including activity such as the feasibility work for building a cycleway between Kirkbymoorside and Helmsley, the development of sustainable travel corridors in the west of Ripon, and feasibility work for a footpath and cycleway between Knaresborough and Flaxby Green Park.
- 4.8 EN7 - Deliver a modern communications network
- 4.8.1 A number of high profile projects are delivering improved connectivity for residents, visitors and businesses:
- 4.8.2 Mobile Access North Yorkshire
The Mobile Access North Yorkshire (MANY) project is part funded by the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) via its 5G Testbed and Trial programme and has been successfully working on delivering 5 G connectivity in hard to reach rural areas. Issues linked to the availability of microchips have led to technological challenges and the programme continues to seek to overcome the constraints of providing significant uplift in mobile bandwidth over an increased area up to 20 kilometres. The latest trial has provided 5G coverage in Coverdale with further work ongoing to provide coverage in Arkengarthdale.
- 4.8.3 Public Wi-Fi
This programme has and will provide seventeen towns in the County with free Wi-Fi working in partnership with NYNET and is predominantly LEP funded with an added funding contribution from Harrogate Borough Council for Harrogate, Knaresborough and Ripon. The Wi-Fi project is aimed to draw people back into towns following the Covid19 pandemic. The Wi-Fi also gives access to a secure connection to access Council drives whilst on the go via Govroam”
- 4.8.4 Public Wi-Fi has now been delivered in Northallerton, Scarborough, Leyburn, Ripon, Skipton, Richmond, Malton, Easingwold, Whitby, Knaresborough, Stokesley, Selby and Pickering.
- 4.8.5 Four further towns will be complete in 2022 (Harrogate, Tadcaster, Thirsk, and Settle) bringing the total number of towns to 17 at the end of the project which:
- Up to 4,954 unique devices have connected, per week, across the network
 - On average 33% of users are students on the Eduroam platform, supporting educational needs around the county

- Since May 2021 over 30,000 unique devices have connected to the public wi-fi network

4.8.6 Alongside the delivery of Public Wi-Fi, installation of a Long Range Wide Area Network (LoRaWAN) is ongoing. Thirteen 'Gateways' have been installed around the County to date to support the collection of data for a number of case studies by the Council. The data generated by these systems can be a powerful tool in policy development and service delivery going forward.

4.8.7 These case studies include: Identifying when public bins are full, capturing live data on air quality, looking at how the Internet of Things (IoT) can support Social Care in rural areas, and monitoring traffic flow across the County.

5.0 Conclusion

5.1 The Council's Plan for Economic Growth has sought to identify where the work of North Yorkshire County Council contributes to the prosperity of the people of North Yorkshire. It applies a strategic rationale to developing infrastructure and supporting health and well-being, supporting and engaging businesses, recognising the importance of skills and seeking to engage with place shaping activity and environmental improvement.

5.2 Through the next 12 months and the establishment of the new unitary authority in North Yorkshire there will be an opportunity to consider how to bring together the role of the District Councils as local agencies of development and planning authorities alongside the upper tier role of the County Council to support greater wellbeing and prosperity. A North Yorkshire Council workstream sub-group has been tasked with developing a new Economic Growth Plan for North Yorkshire and this work is ongoing.

5.3 A key outcome of the Covid 19 pandemic has been the change in workplace practices to more flexibility and the development of a working from home economy. This has the ability to transform our rural economy, as there is less need to commute to a physical place of work for many people. The council's support of digital connectivity has been invaluable in supporting North Yorkshire as a future place to live an excellent quality of life while being able to access a range of different work possibilities.

6.0 Equalities

6.1 There are no equalities implications arising from this report

7.0 Finance

7.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report

8.0 Legal

8.1 There are no legal implications arising from this report

9.0 Climate Change

9.1 The Plan for Economic Growth includes the enabler; 'Enhancing the environment, improving tourism and the green economy' and seeks to support the Councils aspirations to reduce carbon emissions and the LEPs aspiration to become the UKs first carbon neutral region

10. Recommendation

10.1 That the report is noted

11.0 Reasons for Recommendations

11.1 To inform members of Overview and Scrutiny of progress in respect of the County Council’s contribution to economic growth.

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Background papers relied upon in the preparation of this report:-

North Yorkshire County Council – A Plan for Economic Growth 2021-2023
For further information contact the author of the report

12.0 Key Implications

Local Member (mandatory) none

All

Financial none

Human Resources none

Legal none

Equalities none

Performance

This report reflects the performance minoring process of the Council Plan and will for part of the Quarterly Reporting Procedure for Council and the Executive.

Environmental Impacts/Benefits including Climate Change Impact Assessment: no impact ‘A Climate Change Impact Assessment has been completed. It is anticipated that there will not be a negative or positive impact upon any key environmental indicators, such green-house gas emissions and carbon dioxide emissions.’ For the Climate Change Assessment Impact please go to: <http://nyccintranet/content/climate-change>)

A Plan for Economic Growth - review

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A plan to deliver economic recovery and growth **2021 - 2024**

Key issues which emerged over 2020/21:

- The economy overall is returning to pre-lockdown levels of productivity. Hospitality has proven to be resilient and is recovering strongly.
- The rate of unemployment and claimant count in North Yorkshire remains significantly below regional and national averages.
- At the height of the pandemic the number of furloughed workers in the County was among the highest in the North of England however towards the end of the furlough scheme this had reduced to below national averages.
- Constrained labour supply will be a limiting factor on future growth opportunities.
- There remain long standing wage discrepancies between different parts of the County and between the wages of residents and of workers.
- The Government's business support programmes have so far been successful in protecting jobs and businesses
- An emerging effect of the pandemic is that of sharply rising inflation which, exacerbated by war in Ukraine, is forecast to reach up to 8%.

Wages and Prosperity

Claimant count as a proportion of population aged 16+ March 2022

District	Claimant count as a %
North Yorkshire	2.6
Craven	1.8
Hambleton	1.9
Harrogate	2.0
Richmondshire	1.7
Ryedale	2.0
Scarborough	3.8
Selby	2.6
Great Britain	4.8
Yorkshire and Humber	5.1

ONS Claimant Count March 2022

Average gross weekly wages by district: 2021

District	Residence £	Workplace £
Craven	525.30	557.00
Hambleton	572.60	567.00
Harrogate	650.90	560.40
Richmondshire	515.80	562.30
Ryedale	504.30	502.30
Scarborough	547.00	503.40
Selby	610.50	596.00
Great Britain	613.10	612.80

ONS Annual survey of hours and earnings - 2021



Economic Growth and Recovery 2020/21

EN1 Places;

A1 J47 - £7.7m- supports Harrogate 47 Commercial site in Flaxby
Transforming Cities Fund, Towns Fund programmes in Whitby and Scarborough,
A Cultural Framework for North Yorkshire

EN2 Transport;

Kex Gill A59 improvements,
Cycling and walking infrastructure Scarborough and Harrogate

EN3 Skills;

17,000 individuals supported over 7 years through LEP skills programmes,
work to explore the future of skills with University of York

EN4 Wellbeing;

revitalised Workplace Wellbeing Charter,
Trading Standards support for Public Health

EN5 Businesses;

Buy Local business support,
£215m spent with local businesses by NYCC

EN6 Environment;

White Rose Forest, EV charging; future of farming ELMS

EN7 Communications;

MANY 5G pilot, Town Centre and Business wifi and NYNET Broadband

North Yorkshire Council

North Yorkshire Council; Economic Development Workstream – led by Mike Greene, Scarborough Borough Council

Economic Development Strategy – led by Trevor Watson, Harrogate Borough Council.

Four main areas of work:

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- Review of existing economic data
- Review of current strategies and policies
- Commission of consultancy to develop a new Economic Growth Strategy for North Yorkshire.
- Oversight of the upcoming Shared Prosperity Fund

Any Questions

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Waste Collection and Treatment in North Yorkshire

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Comingled

Comingled in 3 WCAs

- Scarborough & Craven - 83,000 hh, RCVs
- 1 wheeled bin
- 24-26% dry recycling rate (20/21)

- Selby variant (37,000 hh, RCVs – garden waste FOC)
- 2 wheeled bins (fibre and cans, glass, plastic), alternate fortnightly
- 20% recycling rate (20/21)

Comments

- Easy to use, flexible vehicle deployment, Selby variant protects paper quality, cost effective. Currently outsourced.



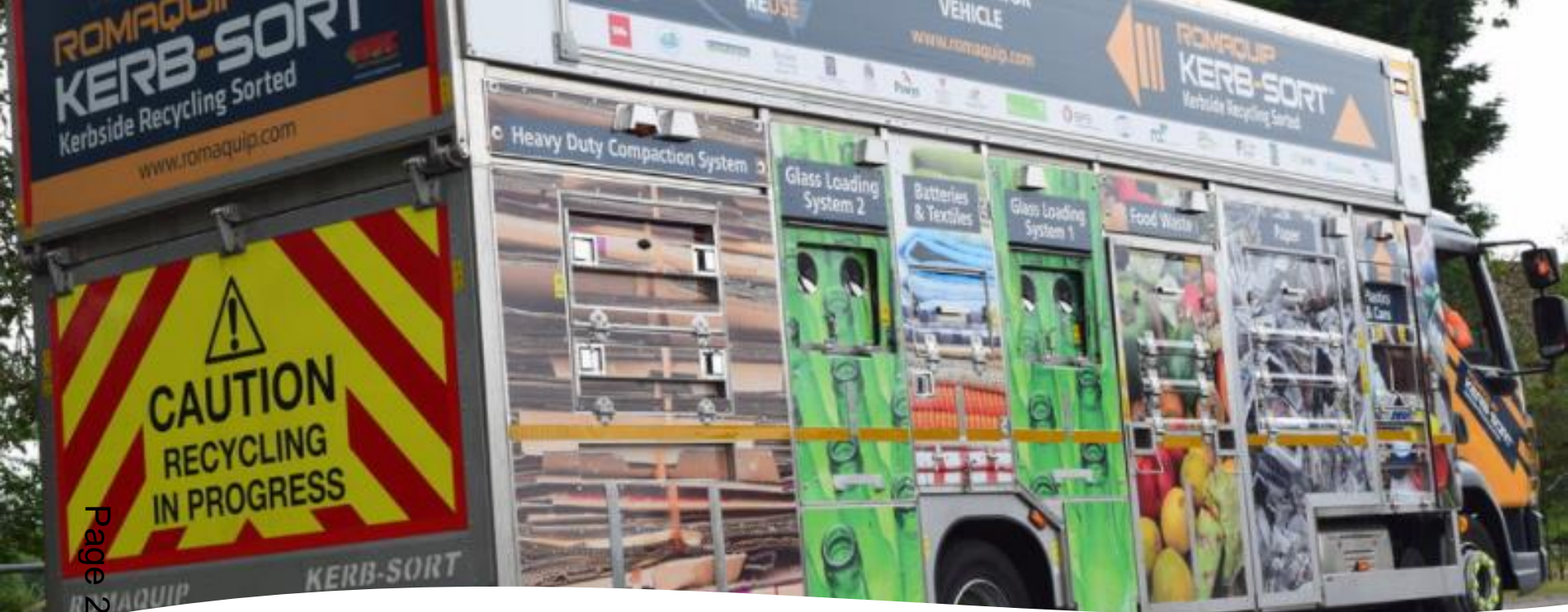
Twin stream

Twin stream in 3 WCAs

- Harrogate & Hambleton - 111,000 hh, twin stream (70:30) RCVs
- Harrogate – fibre out (2 x 60ltr bags), comingled (2 x 55 ltr boxes), rolling out bins
- Hambleton – glass out (insert), comingled (wheeled bin)
- York variant (71,000hh, 7 twin pack & pod), 3 x 40 ltr boxes, fibre out plus some comingled
- 23-25% dry recycling rate (20/21)

Comments

- Fixed vehicle utilization & capacity (70:30), boxes & bags limit capacity, litter/ replacement boxes on windy days, manual handling/ aging workforce re glass insert.



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Multi stream

Multi stream in 2 WCAs

- Richmondshire & Ryedale - 48,000 hh, multi compartment vehicles
- Boxes and bags
- 22-23% dry recycling rate (20/21)

Comments

- Fixed vehicle utilization, boxes & bags limit capacity, litter/ replacement boxes on windy days, manual handling/aging workforce. Source segregation improves quality.

(1) Drivers for Change – Environment Act ‘21

- Recyclable household waste must be collected separately from other household waste → Impacts AWRP organic and dry recycling operation
- Recyclable household waste (glass, metal, plastic, paper and card, food waste, garden waste) must be collected for recycling or composting.
- Recyclable household waste in each recyclable waste stream must be collected separately, unless:
 - (a) it is not technically or economically practicable to do so, or
 - (b) collecting recyclable household waste in those recyclable waste streams separately has no significant environmental benefit
- Food waste must be collected at least once a week.

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(2) Drivers for Change - LGR

- Single Service to residents – avoids post code lottery
- Consistent/clear communication to residents
- Economies of Scale – vehicles & bins
- Route optimisation efficiencies
- Consolidate processing of collected material
- Reduced support from back office

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Conclusion

- EA & net carbon zero - drives food waste collection
- LGR & consistent collections - drives single dry recycling service
- R&WS - lack of clarity; new burdens funding, EPR payments to LAs, impacts on kerbside from DRS

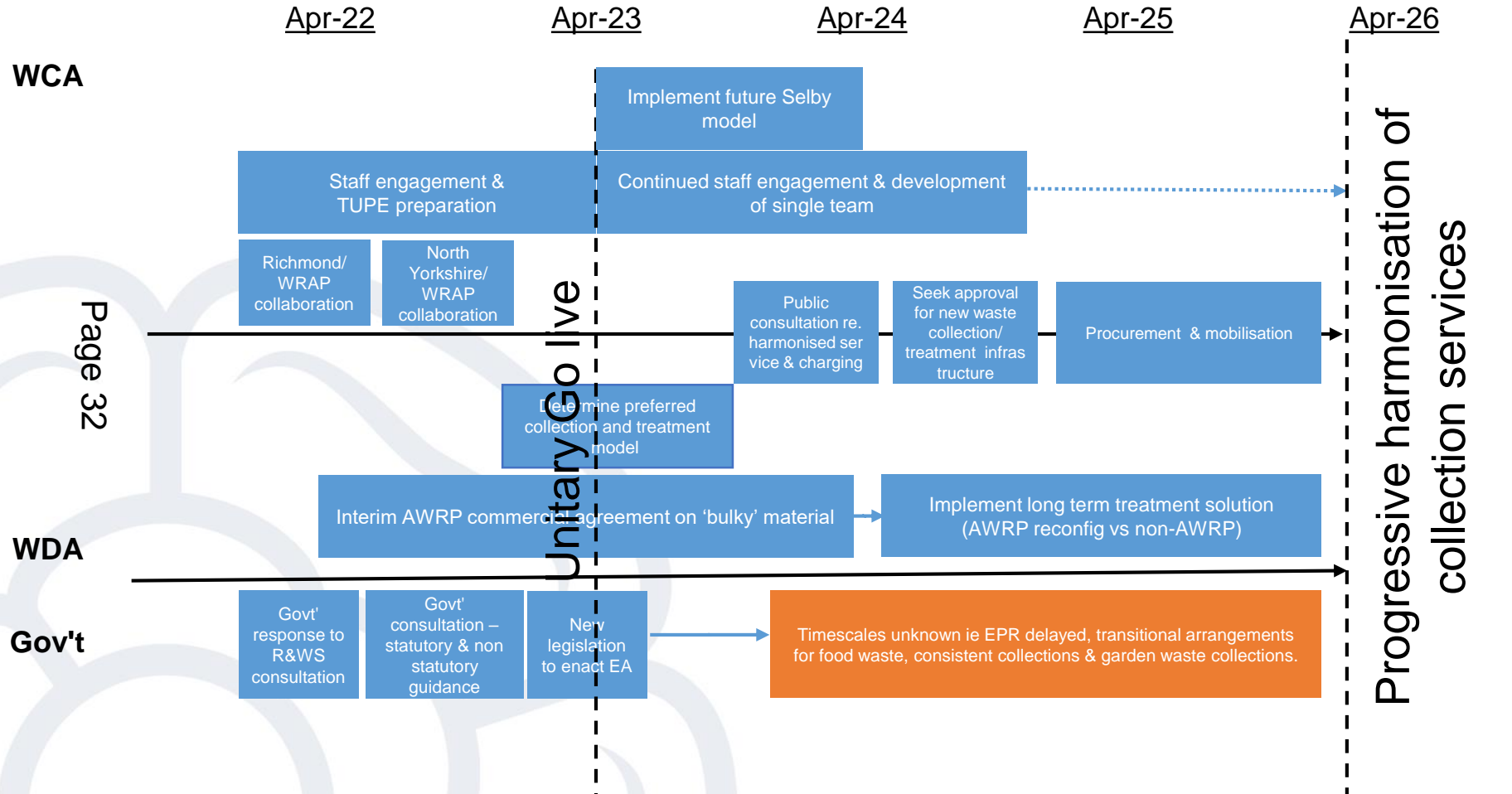
Treatment

3 treatment approaches to consider:

1. AWRP - reconfigure existing mechanical treatment and/ or anaerobic digestion technology
2. Merchant facilities
 - AD facilities – increased demand, potential shortfall in capacity/ increased gate fees
 - MrF facilities - Harewood Whin regional MrF or third party facilities
 - Short term (5-10 year) contracts compared with AWRP options
3. Procure facilities - significant risks (development, operational and market)

Legal & technical review of AWRP contract is underway to determine likely costs arising from the 3 options.

Indicative Timescales



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Work Programme

1.0 Purpose of Report

1.1 This report asks the Committee to:

- a. Note the information in this report.
- b. Confirm, amend or add to the areas of work shown in the work programme schedule (**Appendix 1**).

2.0 Background

2.1 The scope of this Committee is defined as:

- Transport and communications infrastructure of all kinds, however owned or provided, and how the transport needs of the community are met
- Supporting business, helping people develop their skills, including lifelong learning
- Sustainable development, climate change strategy, countryside management, waste management, environmental conservation and enhancement flooding and cultural issues.

3.0 Recommendation

3.1 That the committee members note the report and amend or add to the areas of work shown in the work programme schedule (**Appendix 1**).

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Background documents:

North Yorkshire County Council Forward Plan
<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/council-forward-plan>

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Transport Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Committee work programme
Dated 5 April 2022

Meeting dates

- Scheduled Committee Meetings: 10am on 21 October 2021; 10am on 20 January 2022; 10am on 13 April 2022; 10am on 11 July 2022, 10am on 20 October 2022; 10am on 19 January 2023; 10am on 12 April 2023
- Scheduled Mid Cycle Briefings (Attended by Group Spokespersons only): 10am on 9 December 2021; 10am on 24 February 2022; 10am on 31 May 2022; 10am on 8 September 2022; 10am on 8 December 2022; and 10am on 23 February 2023.

Meeting	Subject	Aims/Terms of Reference
21 October 2021	Carbon reduction plan	To receive an update on the progress of North Yorkshire County Council's Carbon Reduction Plan - Neil Irving, CS, NYCC.
	Single-use plastics	To receive an update on North Yorkshire County Council's progress of implementing the Committee's recommendations in respect of its review of single-use plastics - Michael Leah, BES, NYCC.
	Allerton Waste Recovery Park	To receive an update on the performance of Allerton Waste Recovery Park - Michael Leah/Peter Jeffreys, BES, NYCC.
	Rural Commission - local energy generation in rural communities	Follow up to the Rural Commission Report – initial discussion to understand the issues associated with small scale, community-based hydro-electric power generation in rural areas – Daniel Harry, LDS, NYCC.
20 January 2022	York and North Yorkshire LEP	Annual update on the work of the York and North Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership and the impacts of Brexit on the local economy now that UK has left the EU - James Farrar, LEP.
	Local Flood Risk Management Strategy	Update on the implementation of the Local Flood Risk Management Strategy including flood risk/coastal erosion alleviation measures put in place/scheduled to be put in place; funding; issues - Flooding Officer, NYCC.

	Highways England	Regular annual update on maintenance and improvement activity on Highways England's roads in North Yorkshire (A1 (M), M62, A65, A66, A64 and A19).
	Planning	Draft Planning Enforcement and Monitoring Policy – outline of policy ahead of going to the Executive on 25 January 2022 - TBC.
13 April 2022 (this meeting will be in the pre-election period)	Waste Management - TBC	To provide an overview of the national changes to kerbside waste collection and domestic and commercial waste processing and what this will mean locally (link with the implementation of a new unitary authority for North Yorkshire as of 1 April 2023) – Michael Leah, BES, NYCC - TBC
	North Yorkshire County Council's Plan for Economic Growth	To receive an annual update on progress - Matt O'Neill, BES, NYCC.
11 July 2022	Single-use plastics	To receive an update on North Yorkshire County Council's progress of implementing the Committee's recommendations in respect of its review of single-use plastics – Michael Leah, BES, NYCC.
	NY Highways	To receive an annual report on the progress and performance of NY Highways (first 12 months of the new service) – Barrie Mason, BES, NYCC.
	Major schemes development	To provide an overview of large scale infrastructure development, including A59 Kex Gill re-alignment, the Transforming Cities Fund and the Levelling up agenda – Barrie Mason and Michael Leah, BES, NYCC.
	Demand Responsive Bus Service	Update on the Demand Responsive Bus Service in the Ripon area - Cathy Knight, BES, NYCC.
	Rail update	Update report on rail developments in the region – Michael Leah, BES, NYCC.
	Civil Parking Enforcement	To provide an update on countywide Civil Parking Enforcement in the county – Barrie Mason, BES, NYCC.

	Bus service improvement plan	Overview of the national bus service improvement plan and what this means locally – Michael Leah, BES, NYCC.
20 October 2022	Carbon reduction plan	To receive an update on the progress of North Yorkshire County Council's Carbon Reduction Plan – Neil Irving, CS, NYCC.
	Electric vehicle charging	Overview of electric vehicle charging infrastructure, Council commercial fleet and commercial buses – Michael Leah.
	Allerton Waste Recovery Park	To receive an update on the performance of Allerton Waste Recovery Park - Michael Leah/Peter Jeffreys, BES, NYCC.
	Road casualties	To advise Members of the 2020 road casualty figures in North Yorkshire and initiatives undertaken by the Road Safety Partnership – Fiona Ancell, BES, NYCC.
	Rural Commission - local energy generation in rural communities	Taking forward a feasibility study for small scale, community-based hydro-electric power generation in rural areas - Daniel Harry, LDS, NYCC.
	Flood prevention – gully clearance and maintenance	Update members on the progress with gully clearance and maintenance – Barry Mason, BES, NYCC
19 January 2023	York and North Yorkshire LEP	Annual update on the work of the York and North Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership and the impacts of Brexit on the local economy now that UK has left the EU - James Farrar, LEP.
12 April 2023		
Items where dates have yet to	Tourism in North Yorkshire	Overview of the work and plans of Welcome to Yorkshire – Matt O'Neill, BES, NYCC.

be confirmed	Countryside access	Overview of the County Council's countryside service and priorities (including unclassified roads, prioritisation of the public rights of way network and improving the definitive map processes) – Michael Leah, BES, NYCC.
	Rural Commission – lines of enquiry	Access to social and cheap, rentable housing in rural communities – TBC.
	Rural Commission – lines of enquiry	Access to digital technology and infrastructure in rural communities – TBC.
	Levelling Up White Paper	Overview of the Levelling Up White Paper and what this means for North Yorkshire – Will Baines, LDS, NYCC.