



Agenda

**Notice of a public meeting of the: Skipton and Ripon Area
Constituency Committee**

**To: Councillors Phillip Barrett, Barbara Brodigan,
Andy Brown, Nick Brown, Richard Foster (Chairman),
Robert Heseltine, Nathan Hull, David Ireton,
Andrew Murday, Simon Myers, David Noland,
Andy Solloway (Vice-Chair), David Staveley,
Andrew Williams and Robert Windass.**

Date: Thursday, 15th December, 2022

Time: 10.00 am

**Venue: Belle Vue Suite, Belle Vue Square, 1 Broughton Road,
Skipton, BD23 1FJ**

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Business

1. **Apologies for absence**
2. **Minutes of the committee meeting held on 1 September 2022** (Pages 5 - 12)
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. Update from RT Hon Julian Smith MP

6. Youth Council - verbal update - Report of the Corporate Director, Children and Young People's Services, NYCC

7. Notice of Motion - Area Committees

This Area Committee believes that real devolution can only be achieved if it is enabled to make serious decisions that impact on the lives of local people. In future its powers need to include planning decisions that were formerly the responsibility of District Council, local economic development and local transport issues. It calls on the Executive to ensure that such powers are firmly embedded in any plans submitted for devolution.

It further believes that Local Area Committees should serve logical geographical units and it should not be assumed that these will be the same as Parliamentary Constituencies. It must be for the elected members in the locality to decide on the logical geographical coverage of their Local Area Committees. The Local Area Committee for Skipton and Ripon is not convinced that it represents a coherent area of an appropriate physical size for local planning.

Proposer – County Councillor Andy Brown
Seconder – County Councillor David Noland

8. Notice of Motion - 20mph speed limit pilot

The Executive be advised that the Skipton & Ripon Area Constituency Committee wishes a 20mph speed limit to be piloted throughout the area towns and villages in the constituency where a benefit has been identified and that the Transport, Environment, Overview Scrutiny Committee when it considers the County Council's 20mph speed limit and zone policy on 19th January 2023 to consider appropriate amendments to the existing policy to enable the pilot to be introduced.

Proposer County Councillor David Noland
Seconder County Councillor Andy Brown

9. Petition referred to the committee for consideration - Report of the Corporate Director, Business and Environmental Services, NYCC (Pages 13 - 16)

To consider the petition 'Restoration of the original bus service between Ingleton and Lancaster - previously the No80 service provided by Stagecoach'.

10. Annual Education Report - Report of the Corporate Director, Children and Young People Services, NYCC (Pages 17 - 32)

11. Appointments to Outside Bodies - Report of Democratic Services and Scrutiny Manager, NYCC (Pages 33 - 34)

12. Committee work programme - Report of Democratic Services and Scrutiny Manager, NYCC (Pages 35 - 40)

13. 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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North Yorkshire County Council

Skipton and Ripon Area Constituency Committee

Minutes of the remote meeting held on Thursday, 1st September, 2022 commencing at 10.00 am.

County Councillor Richard Foster in the Chair and County Councillors Margaret Atkinson, Barbara Brodigan, Andy Brown, Nick Brown, Robert Heseltine, Nathan Hull, David Ireton, Andrew Murday, Simon Myers, David Noland, David Staveley and Andrew Williams.

In attendance: County Councillor Carl Les; Rt Hon Julian Smith MP.

Officers present: Daniel Harry, Democratic Services and Scrutiny Manager, NYCC; David Smurthwaite, Strategic Manager, Planning and Regeneration, Craven District Council; Victoria Turner and Dan Atkinson, Public Health, North Yorkshire County Council; Emma Pemberton and Andrew Clarke of Business and Environmental Services, North Yorkshire County Council; Chloe Thwaites, Youth Voice and Creative Engagement Officer, Children and Young People's Services, North Yorkshire County Council.

Apologies: Phillip Barrett and Andy Solloway.

Copies of all documents considered are in the Minute Book

14 Welcome and introductions and apologies for absence

The committee Chair, County Councillor Richard Foster, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies were recorded from County Councillors Philip Barrett and Andy Solloway.

15 Minutes of the committee meeting held on 7 June 2022

Considered –

The minutes of the meeting of the Skipton and Ripon Area Constituency Committee held on 7 June 2022.

Resolved -

- a) That the Minutes of the meeting of the Skipton and Ripon Area Constituency Committee held on 7 June 2022, having been printed and circulated, be taken as read and confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

16 Declarations of Interest

There were none.

17 Public Questions or Statements

There were none.

18 Update from RT Hon Julian Smith MP - verbal update

Considered –

An update from the Rt Hon Julian Smith MP, provided remotely using MS Teams.

The committee Chair invited the Rt Hon Julian Smith MP to give an overview to the committee of some of his areas of work, concerns and priorities. The key points are as summarised below:

- Recognition that the local authorities in North Yorkshire are all working well together to deliver on the new unitary authority and the devolution deal
- Looking forward to the next iteration of the Area Constituency Committees and how they will work to support local delivery and accountability
- The local support provided to Ukrainian refugees has been extremely well organised and has made huge difference to some very vulnerable people
- Nationally and for the government, the key concern is the Cost of Living Crisis. A great deal of work is underway to develop a response to this and so policy statements will follow the appointment of the new Prime Minister
- The increase in energy prices will have a significant impact upon Small and Medium Enterprises, many of which have suffered economically during the pandemic
- The Cost of Living Crisis poses a greater financial and economic challenge to the government than the pandemic
- It would help if members could provide details of the impact of the rising energy costs upon their constituents. This granular information would assist with raising awareness at Westminster of the specific issues faced in more rural areas, like the Dales
- Pleased to see that an update on elective home schooling is on the agenda. Concerns have been raised at Westminster regarding the need to understand where children are, what education they are receiving and how they are being supported and cared for.

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

- The formation of the new unitary North Yorkshire Council will mean that some local authority offices are vacated. These could then be used by government departments that move out of London
- There is a need for government to take into account the impact of increasing energy prices upon local authority provided and commissioned services, including schools. Also, the impact of inflation generally and in particular in the construction industry and the impact that this is having upon large capital projects, such as the A59 re-alignment at Kex Gill.

Resolved -

The committee Chair thanked the Rt Hon Julian Smith MP for attending the meeting and providing an update for members.

19 North Yorkshire Cultural Framework - Report of the Corporate Director Business and Environmental Services, NYCC

Considered -

A report by Mark Kibblewhite, Senior Policy Officer, Business and Environmental Services, North Yorkshire County Council regarding the North Yorkshire Cultural Framework.

Mark Kibblewhite was unable to attend the meeting and so David Smurthwaite, Strategic Manager, Planning and Regeneration, Craven District Council presented the report.

Some of the key points highlighted in the report are as summarised below:

- The Cultural Framework for North Yorkshire has been developed by a partnership

working group made up of the District Councils and North Yorkshire County Council, with support from Arts Council England and Cultural Stakeholders in the County

- The framework was taken to the meeting of the Executive in March 2022, at which meeting the Area Constituency Committees were asked to review the document and identify any key cultural assets that may have been overlooked
- The framework seeks to draw out the role that culture can play in regeneration and place shaping; developing skills and supporting creative industries; individual health and wellbeing; and supporting community development and quality of life
- The framework will be a catalyst for the beginning of an ongoing cultural conversation in North Yorkshire
- Key themes in the framework are: innovation; use of new technology to open up access and expand reach within the County and beyond; using our creativity and voice to alert communities to the challenges we face around climate change and help catalyse action
- The pandemic had a significant and negative impact upon large parts of the cultural sector and so part of the framework is about sustained recovery
- Members were referred to the audit of cultural assets in the county at Appendix F to the main report.

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

- There is often a lack of leadership which means that opportunities for local cultural organisations to work with each other and complement one another are missed. Often provision is dis-jointed and the links with economic development and tourism missed or not fully realised
- National funding tends to go to those organisations that have built a strong local reputation for the delivery of high quality cultural events. It is much harder for smaller, developing groups to access such funding
- Query raised about the lack of analysis in the report and framework document of the threats to cultural activity in the area, such as the loss of music venues
- The framework is a statement of what there is at the moment. What about the plan for what happens next and some clearly stated steps for the development of cultural activity and how this can support the local economy and growth
- There is a need to target a number of areas of the county
- Cultural activity can sometimes feel exclusive and not for everyone. Further work needs to be done to encourage people of all ages and from all backgrounds to engage in culture
- More work could be done to host larger cultural events in the county
- Query regarding the quality of some of the cultural events in the county and how events planners could be supported in their work
- The creation of a new unitary council for North Yorkshire will create opportunities for the development of a more coherent and sophisticated cultural offer for the county
- It would be helpful to consider as part of the framework how cultural events and assets could be used to encourage young families into the area
- More could be done to link culture and leisure to education.

The committee chair summed up and thanked David Smurthwaite for attending the meeting.

Resolved –

- a) That the committee notes the report
- b) That members forward any queries regarding the cultural framework to David Smurthwaite.

20 Local economic development - Report of the Corporate Director Business and Environmental Services, NYCC

Considered -

A report by David Smurthwaite, Strategic Manager, Planning and Regeneration, Craven District Council.

Some of the key points highlighted in the report are as summarised below:

- There is low productivity across the committee area
- Wages tend to be lower
- There are low rates of economic activity due to an ageing population and increasing numbers of people retiring early (linked to the pandemic)
- House prices are relatively high and this can impact upon the number of younger people and young families moving into the county and staying in the county
- There is an overreliance on the micro-economy and very small, independent businesses
- Tourism growth and development is limited by the reliance upon day trips
- There are high levels of educational attainment and low levels of unemployment
- Good access to the A1 and the large urban centre of West Yorkshire
- There are a large number of assets, with attractive towns and villages and extensive heritage, such as Ripon Cathedral, Fountains Abbey and Bolton Abbey
- The challenge is to attract and retain younger, well educated people and re-vitalise towns and villages.

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

- It is important that skilled staff in the districts and boroughs are not lost as the new unitary council is formed
- The economic challenges vary across the area covered by the committee. Ripon has different issues to those of Skipton or Settle
- A range of economic development projects need to be worked up and held ready so that opportunities for government grant funding can be seized. This recognises that often government grants are released at very short notice
- The agricultural and food processing sector is important but faces huge challenges with climate change, inflation and shortages in key resources
- Concerns raised that the economic development of Ripon and particularly the promotion of the city as a tourist destination had been overlooked by the Borough Council, which had a policy of investing in Harrogate as the main engine for economic growth in the area. It would be helpful to have a better understanding of what is in the 'Ripon Master Plan'
- There is a need to work with businesses and understand what support they need
- There is a lack of work, housing and higher education opportunities in the area
- The Area Constituency Committees in the new unitary council are likely to play a lead role in economic development.

The committee Chair summed up and thanked David Smurthwaite for the presentation and report.

Resolved –

- a) That the committee notes the report
- b) That an overview of the of the economic development plan for Ripon (the Ripon Master Plan) is brought to a meeting of the committee and that meeting to be held in Ripon with the option of a tour of the area, where possible.

21 Fuel poverty - Report of the Director of Public Health, NYCC

Considered –

A report by Victoria Turner, Public Health Consultant, North Yorkshire County Council on fuel poverty in the committee area.

Dan Atkinson from Public Health gave a presentation (remotely using MS Teams), the key points of which are as summarised below:

- Public Health is involved in work around fuel poverty due to the link with excess winter deaths. The more vulnerable people are those who have long term conditions, who are older and who have breathing problems
- Someone is defined as being in fuel poverty if they are living in a property with a fuel poverty energy efficiency rating of band D or below and when they spend the required amount to heat their home, they are left with a residual income below the official poverty line
- Three factors affect fuel poverty: household income; household energy efficiency; and fuel prices
- Scarborough Borough has the highest proportion of households in fuel poverty in North Yorkshire (18.7%)
- Only Selby and Harrogate districts have a lower rate of fuel poverty than the national average (13.2%)
- Craven, Ryedale, Richmondshire and Scarborough all have a higher proportion of households in fuel poverty than the North Yorkshire average (15.1%)
- The seasonal health strategy for North Yorkshire sets out a five-year plan from 2021 to improve the health and wellbeing of North Yorkshire residents during cold and hot weather, with a particular focus on reducing excess winter deaths.

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

- Retrofitting properties with high levels of modern insulation would help increase the energy efficiency of houses, reducing the demand for heating fuels
- What more can be done to improve the energy efficiency of schools and other public buildings
- There is an opportunity to fit solar panels to public building in the county and also use publicly owned land for energy generation
- It can be difficult to gain planning permission for larger green energy schemes, such as wind farms, hydro-electric and solar
- Demand management is key
- Solar panels should be a standard requirement for all new house built
- Concerns raised that we are currently allowing houses to be built that will need to be retrofitted in 10 years' time to meet anticipated regulations and standards. This will be far more expensive and inconvenient than making sure that they are of the required standard when built.

The chair thanked Victoria and Dan for attending the meeting and answering questions.

Resolved –

- a) To note the report.

The committee Chair adjourned the meeting for 10 minutes at 12:35pm.

22 Digital Demand Responsive Bus Service - Report of the Corporate Director Business and Environmental Services, NYCC

Considered -

A report by Emma Pemberton and Andrew Clarke of Business and Environmental Services, North Yorkshire County Council.

Andrew Clarke presented the report and some of the key points are as summarised below. Emma Pemberton attended remotely using MS Teams.

- YorBus is a flexible, on-demand bus service connecting Ripon, Masham, Bedale and surrounding villages
- The service started in July 2021, initially as a 12 month pilot project, and has recently been extended for a further year up to 30 June 2023
- The service is run with two 14 seater, wheelchair accessible buses using NYCC “in house” fleet vehicles and staff resource; operating from 06:55 to 18:00 Monday to Friday, and 09:00 to 18:00 on Saturdays
- Customers book journeys on the bus via the dedicated YorBus app or through the NYCC Customer Service Centre
- Fares were increased from the start of August with a single journey costing £2:00 for adults, £1:00 for a child, with under-fives travelling for free
- Customers with a concessionary bus pass may use their bus pass to travel for free within concessionary bus pass hours
- From 1 July 2021 to 31 July 2022, YorBus has seen more than 850 active riders complete over 13,000 passenger journeys
- The net cost of running the service for 2022/23 is budgeted as £229,000
- The average cost per passenger is currently twice that of other subsidised bus services but the fares have recently been increased and the number of passengers is steadily increasing, which then means that the cost per head is coming down
- It is to be expected that there would be increased costs associated with such a flexible bus service
- Further funding to support the extended pilot was applied for through the Bus Service Improvement Plan but the bid was unsuccessful
- A pre-booking element has been introduced that enables people to plan more complex journeys, such as timing a YorBus journey to enable them to catch a specific train
- The service has generated new bus users and so does not appear to be in competition with existing bus services. The objective is to be complementary and not in competition.

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

- The service appears to be expensive, accepting that it is still in a pilot phase. The increased costs associated with providing such a flexible service need to be balanced against the access that this gives people to transport in a rural area with relatively few bus services
- The report indicates that each journey costs around £16 to £17 per person. There are questions to ask as to whether this is sustainable and whether it provides value for money. The funding could be used on other travel schemes to greater effect
- There is clearly a need to drive down costs, as the average costs per person for a subsidised bus services is around £5, with more rural, fixed timetable services running at around £8 to £12 per person
- Not everyone who lives in a rural area has access to a car and so it is important that this pilot and others are pursued and properly evaluated to see what options there are for sustainable rural bus services
- The funding for the pilot could be used to support existing timetabled services in rural areas
- The pilot is innovative but concerns expressed that it was not practicable
- Could more effort be put into promoting car sharing the supporting villages in setting up care share schemes
- Concerns that the service may be undermining some of the existing bus services.

The Chair summed up and thanked Andrew and Emma for attending and answering questions. He noted that the pilot was innovative and it was the right thing to do to continue

with it and fully test the operating model. He hoped, however, that the costs could be driven down further over time.

Resolved –

- a) A further update to be provided in 12 months' time.

23 Youth Council - verbal update - Report of the Corporate Director, Children and Young People's Services, NYCC

Considered -

A verbal update by Chloe Thwaites, Youth Voice and Creative Engagement Officer, Children and Young People's Services, North Yorkshire County Council.

Chloe Thwaites was joined by a representative of the Youth Council. Both joined the meeting remotely using MS Teams.

Some of the key points from the update and subsequent discussion are as summarised below:

- Mental health and wellbeing remains a key issue of concern for the Youth Council. There is interest in understanding what support is available in schools and whether this is sufficient to meet needs
- Would like to see greater diversity of books in libraries and include titles that reflect the experiences of young people today
- The Youth Council is focussed upon finding solutions, rather than simply flagging issues or concerns
- It is important that young people are actively engaged in their local community and that they help shape the services and provision that they use
- There is an interest amongst young people in discussing politics at school but often there is not space on the curriculum to do so
- The Youth Council is looking to develop separate North Craven and Skipton Youth Councils, in recognition that the Youth Council in Craven has tended to be dominated by issues relevant to Skipton residents
- The lack of public transport remains an issue of concern for many young people as they cannot easily access school or work or engage in social activities without relying on someone who has access to a car.

The Chair thanked Chloe Thwaites and the representative from the Youth Council for attending the meeting.

Resolved –

- a) That the Youth Council be invited to the next meeting of the committee and that their item be moved up the agenda.

24 Notice of Motion - County Councillor Andy Brown

Considered -

A motion that had been proposed by County Councillor Andy Brown and seconded by County Councillor David Noland.

County Councillor Andy Brown requested that, in view of the time, that the Motion be deferred to the next meeting of the committee.

Resolved -

There was unanimous agreement that this be done.

25 Committee work programme - Report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services)

Considered -

A report by Daniel Harry, Democratic Services and Scrutiny Manager, outlining the committee work programme.

Daniel Harry introduced the report and asked 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.

Resolved –

a) That members raise any issues that could be included in the committee work programme with Daniel Harry.

26 Regulation of and support for home schooling - briefing note for information only - Corporate Director, Children and Young People's Services, NYCC

This briefing note was for information only and so not discussed at the meeting.

27 Traffic safety and calming measures on Sutton Lane - briefing note for information only - Corporate Director Business and Environmental Services, NYCC

This briefing note was for information only and so not discussed at the meeting.

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

There was none.

The meeting concluded at 1.45 pm.

North Yorkshire County Council

Skipton and Ripon Area Constituency Committee

15 December 2022

Receipt of Petition 'Restoration of the original bus service between Ingleton and Lancaster - previously the No80 service provided by Stagecoach'

1.0 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To advise of a petition containing more than 500 signatures.
- 1.2 To ask the Area Constituency Committee to consider a response.

2.0 The Petition

- 2.1 A petition has been received by the County Council. This is a paper-based petition with 918 signatures, all of which are of people who live, work or study in the county.
- 2.2 The wording of the petition is 'Restoration of the original bus service between Ingleton and Lancaster - previously the No80 service provided by Stagecoach'.
- 2.3 The covering letter for the petition provided the following context:

There are some people in Bentham who did not use the 80/81 bus but that's not to say that will always be the case. Tomorrow, next week, next year... they may be unable to drive for health reasons or car breakdown/ servicing etc.

The Train service is out of the question for many people in High Bentham and just not realistic for residents of Low Bentham.

The new bus takes 30 minutes to get to Kirkby Lonsdale. Passengers then get off the Bus for a 30 minute wait (where?) and then get the next Bus to Lancaster which takes a further hour making the total journey of 31 miles and taking 2 hours.

Previously, it took 55 minutes for a 14 mile journey.

The return journey from Lancaster is interesting.

There are 4 Buses arriving in Bentham Monday to Friday. 3 of these buses from Lancaster to Kirkby Lonsdale arrive 2 minutes, 2 minutes before the Bentham bus departs. The 4th buss (a School Bus) arrives at exactly the same time as the Bentham Bus departs!! If you miss the Bus; which is highly likely then there is a 2 hour wait for the next bus in 3 cases and 1 hour 5 minutes for the other case.

Here's an example of this ludicrous service: The distance from Bentham to Hornby is 6 miles. On the new bus route this journey would take 30 minutes, 1 ½ hours to do 6 miles. The Bus, because of the route, would have travelled 21.0 miles to get from Bentham to Hornby.

In conclusion, any Hospital, Dental, Optical or other appointments in Lancaster will have to fit in with this Bus "service".

3.0 The County Council's Arrangements for Receiving and Responding to Petitions

3.1 The key features of the County Council's arrangements for receiving and debating petitions, as published on the County Council's website, are as follows:-

- Receipt of the petition is published on the County Council's website (which has been done in the case of this petition).
- If a petition contains 500 or more signatures (but less than 30,130 signatories), it will be scheduled for debate at the next meeting of the appropriate Area Constituency Committee.
- The petition organiser is offered the opportunity to speak for five minutes at the Area Constituency Committee meeting to present his/her petition. Subsequently, at the meeting, the petition will be discussed by County Councillors for a maximum of 15 minutes and a decision will be made on how to respond to the petition.
- Possible responses by the County Council to petitions, as shown on the website, are:-
 - (a) to take the action requested by the petition;
 - (b) not to take the action requested for reasons put forward in the debate;
 - (c) to commission further investigation into the matter, for example by a relevant committee; or
 - (d) where the issue is one on which the county council executive are required to make the final decision, the county council will decide whether to make recommendations to inform that decision.
- The petition organiser will receive written confirmation of this decision. This confirmation will also be published on the website.

3.2 In accordance with the arrangements described above, the petition organisers have been invited to join today's meeting to present their petition.

4.0 Business and Environmental Services Officers' Comments Regarding the Petition

4.1 Stagecoach operated the Monday to Saturday daytime services on routes 80/81 on a commercial basis from April 2016 until earlier this year. This means the service ran without financial support from either Lancashire County Council (LCC) or North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) and covered its costs from bus fare revenue.

4.2 In late 2021 Stagecoach advised that the service was no longer commercially viable and would be withdrawn. This is not an isolated problem with many other commercial bus services across both council areas being withdrawn and requiring additional funding to provide replacements.

4.3 Use of the previous Stagecoach service within North Yorkshire was low, with an average 31 passengers a day pre-pandemic and this had fallen by 50% by the time that Stagecoach withdrew the service.

4.4 Working together, LCC and NYCC investigated costs and timetable options to provide a replacement service. The cost to maintain the service at a similar level to that provided by Stagecoach was over £450,000 per annum, and neither authority was in a position to find this amount of additional funding. Kirkby Lonsdale Coach Hire submitted a partially commercial option that provided journeys within Lancashire, but not offering a service 80 timetable via High Bentham, Low Bentham and Burton in Lonsdale.

- 4.5 This option was accepted by Lancashire County Council but in order to prevent the communities of High Bentham, Low Bentham and Burton in Lonsdale having no bus service NYCC worked with the operator to retain a link to Ingleton and Kirkby Lonsdale and to connect Low Bentham with High Bentham. This is the current 583 timetable.
- 4.6 Regarding the specific comments made in the cover letter, the aim of the 583 service was to provide links to the nearby service centres of Ingleton and Kirkby Lonsdale. While travel further afield to Lancaster is possible it was not the primary reason to introduce the service and the cost to fully replicate the previous Service 80 timetable was prohibitive.
- 4.7 The bus arriving from Lancaster is the same vehicle that then operates the journey to High Bentham so the short connection time would work.
- 4.8 The vehicle that operates the 583 journeys also operates on other Kirkby Lonsdale services and this means that there isn't time available to extend to Hornby to connect with service 81/82.
- 4.9 There are currently no plans to make any changes to the service, however, there is also a demand responsive bus service operated by North Yorkshire County Council operating in the North Craven area which brings people into Bentham to the Living Well project and also provides some shopper trips. There may be scope for this bus to also provide a connection across to Hornby from Bentham and this is something we can investigate if it is felt to be beneficial.

5.0 Recommendations

- 5.1 That the Committee notes the petition and considers a response.

Barry Khan
Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services)
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Author of report:

Daniel Harry, Democratic Services and Scrutiny Manager, North Yorkshire County Council
Andy Clarke, Public & Community Transport Manager, North Yorkshire County Council.

Background Document: North Yorkshire County Council's petitions information and advice, a copy of which is on the County Council's website at <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/petitions-information-and-advice>

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**North Yorkshire County Council
Skipton and Ripon Area Constituency Committee
15 December 2022**

Schools, educational achievement and finance

1.0 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To inform Members of the local educational landscape, educational achievement and the financial challenges which affect schools in the Skipton and Ripon constituency committee area.

2.0 Local educational landscape

- 2.1 There are now 14 primary academies and 4 secondary academies within the Skipton and Ripon constituency area. The academy conversion rate for primary schools is lower within the constituency area when compared to the county as a whole (22.2% compared to 35.7% in North Yorkshire.) The academy conversion rate for secondary schools is also lower (44.4% compared to 65.1% in North Yorkshire).

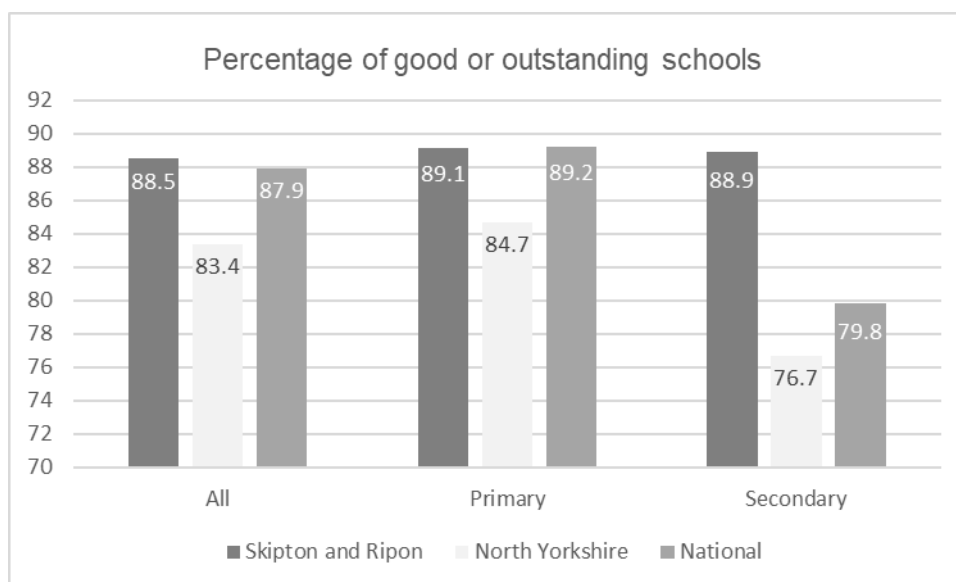
Summary of schools' status – 1 November 2022

	Schools in North Yorkshire		Schools in Skipton and Ripon ACC	
Primary Maintained	192	64.3%	49	77.8%
Primary Academy & Free School	108	35.7%	14	22.2%
Total	300		63	
Secondary Maintained	15	34.9%	5	55.6%
Secondary Academy	28	65.1%	4	44.4%
Total	43		9	
Special Maintained	7	70%	1	50%
Special Academy	3	30%	1	50%
Total	10		2	
PRU Maintained	4	80%	1	100%
PRU Academy	1	20%	0	
Total	5		1	
Total maintained	218	60.9%	56	74.7%
Total Academy	140	39.1%	19	25.3%
Overall Total	358		75	

3.0 School standards

3.1 School Ofsted judgements

In the constituency area, as at 31 August 2022, 89.1% of primary schools were judged good or outstanding by Ofsted, which is higher than the North Yorkshire average and in-line with the national average. In terms of secondary schools, 88.9% are judged good or outstanding, which is higher than the North Yorkshire and national averages. There were nine schools judged 'requires improvement' or 'inadequate' in the constituency area.



3.2 Uneven impact of the pandemic on 2021/22 performance data

Schools and pupils included in the 2021/22 school and college performance measures will have had an uneven disruption to their learning.

We, therefore, recommend not making direct comparisons with data from previous years. Comparisons with local and national averages can be made cautiously to put results in to context.

There are other factors that will also make direct comparisons difficult:

- Several changes were made to exams and grading. These include advanced notice of exam topics and GCSE, AS and A level grading being based around a midpoint between 2021 and pre-pandemic outcomes.
- Changes were also made to the way school and college performance measures were calculated.

The following data should be used with caution. It reflects results in 2021/22 but cannot provide information about the factors which may have influenced these results.

When forming a view of how well schools are doing it is important to consider a range of different information sources.

3.3 Attainment overall

The Committee has previously (16 December 2021) considered a report which contained all of the key attainment data for 2017, 2018, and 2019.

For two years, exams and assessments in schools did not take place because of the disruption to students' education caused by the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. In

2020 GCSEs, AS and A level exams faced widespread cancellation and were replaced with a grading process involving teacher/ centre assessment. Similarly, summer 2021 assessments were awarded based on teacher or centre assessment and no statistical adjustment processes were used. Overall, final grades were significantly higher in both 2020 and 2021 than in 2019.

The Government allowed GCSEs, AS and A Level and equivalent assessments and exams to go ahead in England in summer 2022, and has made some changes to general, vocational and technical qualifications (VTQs). Additionally, school-level performance (league) tables were re-introduced for the end of the GCSE phase (key stage 4) in 2022; school-level information for secondary phase was not published during either 2020 or 2021.

In primary schools, national curriculum assessments due to be held in summer 2020 and summer 2021, including tests, teacher assessments and the phonics screening check, were also cancelled. The phonics screening check for Year 1 pupils was instead required to be undertaken during the second half of the autumn term 2021. All statutory assessments resumed in 2022 with the wider introduction of the new Reception Baseline Assessment.

3.4 Early Years Foundation Stage Profile (EYFSP)

In 2022, 68% of children in the constituency area achieved a Good Level of Development. An in-year comparison of EYFSP outcomes with LA and national figures (see table below) shows that a greater proportion of pupils within the Skipton and Ripon constituency area achieve a good level of development compared with those nationally.

Early Years Foundation Stage Profile – percentage achieving a good level of development			
	Skipton and Ripon	North Yorkshire	National
2017	72.0%	71.6%	70.7%
2018	72.9%	72.5%	71.6%
2019	74.4%	72.8%	71.8%
2022	68.0%	68.3%	65.2%

3.5 Key Stage 2

In 2022, 60% of children in the constituency area achieved the expected level or above in reading, writing and maths combined, which is higher than the North Yorkshire and national average.

Key Stage 2 - percentage achieving the expected standard or above in reading, writing and maths combined.			
	Skipton and Ripon	North Yorkshire	National
2017	61.2%	58.7%	61.1%
2018	64.7%	62.2%	64.4%
2019	64.5%	63.4%	65.0%
2022	60.0%	55.3%	58.7%

3.6 Key Stage 4

Although Key Stage 4 data has been published by the DfE it has not yet been validated at individual school level. Therefore, all data in this section of the report should be considered provisional.

The average Attainment 8 score, which measures the achievement of a pupil across eight qualifications, was 53.5 for 2022. This is higher than the North Yorkshire and national averages, reflecting the pattern of previous years.

KS4 – Average Attainment 8 Score			
	Skipton and Ripon	North Yorkshire	National
2016	57.6	51.8	50.0
2017	56.4	49.6	46.3
2018	52.9	48.3	46.4
2019	55.2	48.7	46.7
2022	53.5	50.2	48.9

The Progress 8 score, which measures a pupil's progress from the end of primary school to the end of secondary school, was higher than the national and North Yorkshire average in 2022. A comparison of the Progress 8 scores for schools within the Skipton and Ripon constituency area with the LA figure, identifies a performance trend consistently higher than the county average.

KS4 – Average Progress 8 Score			
	Skipton and Ripon	North Yorkshire	National
2016	0.30	0.04	0.00
2017	0.43	0.17	0.00
2018	0.33	0.13	-0.03
2019	0.22	0.09	-0.03
2022	0.12	0.04	-0.03

The percentage achieving a grade 5 or above (grading is 9-1) in English and Maths was 60.5% for 2022. This is higher than the national and North Yorkshire average in 2022 and presents a similar pattern of previous years.

KS4 – Percentage achieving a grade 5 or above in English and Maths			
	Skipton and Ripon	North Yorkshire	National
2016	data not comparable because of the new grading system		
2017	62.2%	50.4%	42.6%
2018	57.1%	47.7%	43.0%
2019	59.7%	47.4%	43.2%
2022	60.5%	53.6%	49.4%

3.7 Not in education, employment or training

There were 1088 young people recorded in Year 11 in this constituency area in May 2021 and, as of August 2022, only 14 (1.29%) of this cohort were not in education, employment or training after leaving school.

4.0 Suspensions and Permanent Exclusions

4.1 Suspension incidents

In the 2021/22 academic year, there have been a total of 5010 suspensions (formerly described as fixed term exclusions) for a total of 1958 individual children in North Yorkshire, 295 of these children were on roll of mainstream schools in the Skipton and Ripon constituency area.

In 2020/21, there were 3553 suspensions for a total of 1578 individual children, 261 of these children were on roll of mainstream schools in the Skipton and Ripon constituency area.

Suspension Incidents				
Academic year	Incidents Skipton and Ripon	Incidents North Yorkshire	Percentage of North Yorkshire total	Most common reason (Skipton and Ripon)
2021/22	670	5010	13.4%	Persistent or general disruptive behaviour (47.1%)
2020/21	558	3553	15.7%	Persistent disruptive behaviour (29.8%)
2019/20	681	4366	15.6%	Persistent disruptive behaviour (52.9%)

In 2021/22 schools in the constituency area had a 17.4% share of the total school population in North Yorkshire and a c.13% share of suspensions for the whole county.

4.2 Permanent exclusions

In 2021/22, there were 54 permanent exclusions from schools in the county, seven of which were for children in Skipton and Ripon area schools. In the same period of 2020/21, there were 26 permanent exclusions, five of which were from the Skipton and Ripon area.

Permanent exclusions			
Academic year	Skipton and Ripon	North Yorkshire	Percentage of North Yorkshire total
2021/22	7	54	13.0%
2020/21	5	26	38.5%
2019/20	7	52	13.5%
2018/19	7	87	8.0%

4.3 From September 2020 a preventative model of alternative provision has been commissioned through both Springwell in Harrogate and the Craven Pupil Referral Service to enhance support for schools in an attempt to avoid a permanent exclusion. The model was subject to a post implementation review before the summer and the

local authority has now started a programme of further discussions with secondary leaders in localities to refine the model further from September 2023. It is important to note that the SEN Green Paper published in March 22 recommends the preventative model as a national approach into the future.

5.0 Special Education Needs and Disabilities

5.1 Targeted Mainstream Provision- Reshaping of SEN Provision in Skipton and Ripon over the 2020/21 Academic Year

The development of the new model of provision, Targeted Mainstream Provision (TMP) is intended to help the LA meet demand for full time education provision for children with SEND and who have an Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plan. This model delivers provision for children and young people who are able to access mainstream education but with additional support for their special educational needs.

Work is continuing through 2022/23 to increase the amount of TMPs in areas which do not yet have host schools identified, to ensure that the LA has capacity to meet demand for this provision. The LA are currently engaged in constructive dialogue with local schools to move towards establishing more TMPs in the area.

Over the 2021/22 academic year proposals for Communication and Interaction targeted provision to support children and young people in Secondary education in this area have been developed. This has led to the completion of a project at The Skipton Academy that will specialise in meeting the needs of children and young people with communication and interaction needs including autistic spectrum disorders (ASD) from January 2023. This provision will provide 8 full time places for children and young people with an Education, Health and Care Plan and 2 'flexible' places for children needing to access the provision for short term assessment and support.

The 'outreach' offer for children and young people with SEND continues to be met by the SEND multi-disciplinary hubs made up of specialist staff employed directly by the Local Authority including specialist teachers, practitioners, educational psychologists and therapists.

5.2 SEN Statistics for Constituency Area

As of January 2022 there were 615 children living in the constituency with a North Yorkshire funded EHC plan, 15.7% of the North Yorkshire total. The most common needs for children with a North Yorkshire funded EHC plan living in the Skipton and Ripon constituency area are Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) at 37.7% and Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) at 19% and Moderate Learning Disabilities (MLD) at 12%.

As of January 2022 school census there were 1556 children recorded as SEN Support from schools in this constituency, 15.6% of the North Yorkshire total. The most common needs for children receiving SEN support in the area are Specific Learning Difficulties (e.g. Dyslexia) at 24.7% and Speech, Language and Communication at 21.2%.

6.0 Elective Home Education

As of the beginning of the 2022/23 academic year there were 816 children recorded as Electively Home Educated (EHE) in North Yorkshire, 81 of which were formerly from a mainstream school in Skipton and Ripon ACC. At the same point last year, there were 778 children EHE in North Yorkshire, 91 formerly from a mainstream school in the Skipton and Ripon constituency area. This represents a 5% increase in North Yorkshire and an 11% decrease in the Skipton and Ripon area.

In the 2021/22 academic year, 418 children became EHE in North Yorkshire, 34 of which were formerly educated in a mainstream school in the Skipton and Ripon area. This figure was 59 from Skipton and Ripon of 503 becoming EHE in North Yorkshire, in the same period last year (2020/21).

7.0 School Finance

7.1 2021/2022 School Revenue Balances

Local Authority maintained school revenue balances as at 31 March 2022 are summarised below, together with a comparison with 2021. The balances are also expressed as a percentage of school delegated budgets.

	Primary & Nursery	Secondary	Special	Pupil Referral Unit	Total
	183 schools	15 schools	7 schools	4 schools	209 schools
Total School Revenue Balances (Net) as at 31 March 2022	£17,600k	-£203k	-£462k	£821k	£17,756k
% of Revenue Budget	14%	-0.4%	-2.9%	34.5%	9.0%
No. Schools with an Accumulated Revenue Budget Surplus as at 31 March 2022	168	10	4	3	185
No. Schools with an Accumulated Revenue Budget Deficit as at 31 March 2022	15	5	3	1	24
<i>Comparison to total school revenue balance (net) as at 31 March 2021</i>	+£24k	+£715k	-£421k	+£7k	+£325k

(The number of school budgets submitted to the local authority for 2021/22 is lower than the total number of local authority maintained schools operating within North Yorkshire due to a number of school federations operating a single, amalgamated budget covering all of the schools within the federation)

24 schools (11% of LA Maintained schools) had an accumulated revenue budget deficit totalling £6.2M as at 31 March 2022. An analysis of the budget deficits by school phase is detailed in the table below:

	Primary & Nursery	Secondary	Special	Pupil Referral Unit	Total
No. Schools with an Accumulated Revenue Budget Deficit as at 31 March 2022	15	5	3	1	24
Total School Revenue Deficit Balances as at 31 March 2022	-£809k	-£3,454k	-£1,834k	-£60k	-£6,157k
Average Value of Accumulated Revenue Budget Deficit as at 31 March 2022	-£54k	-£691k	-£611k	-£60k	-£257k
Highest Accumulated Revenue Budget Deficit as at 31 March 2022	-£219k	-£956k	-£1,140k	-£60k	-£1,140k
Lowest Accumulated Revenue Budget Deficit as at 31 March 2022	-£0.9k	-£394k	-£45k	-£60k	-£0.9k

7.2 School Budget Projections - Based on 2022/23 Start budgets

The 2022/23 Start Budgets submitted to the local authority by schools in May 2022 are summarised below:

	Primary & Nursery	Secondary	Special	Pupil Referral Unit	Total
	180 schools	15 schools	7 schools	4 schools	206 schools
Total Forecast School Revenue Balances (Net) as at 31 March 2023	£14,531k	-£998k	-£1,675k	£599k	£12,457k
No. Schools with an Accumulated Forecast Revenue Budget Surplus as at 31 March 2023	170	9	2	3	184
Average Value of Accumulated Forecast Revenue Budget Surplus as at 31 March 2023	£89.5k	£299k	£234k	£222k	£103.5k
No. Schools with an Accumulated Forecast Budget Deficit as 31 March 2023	10	6	5	1	22
Average Value of Accumulated Forecast Revenue Budget Deficit as at 31 March 2023	-£68k	-£615k	-£429k	-£66k	-£299k
<i>Comparison to total school revenue balance as at 31st March 2022</i>	<i>-£3,069k</i>	<i>-£795k</i>	<i>-£1,213k</i>	<i>-£222k</i>	<i>-£5,299k</i>

(The overall number of individual school budgets have reduced from 209 to 206 between the 2021/22 and 2022/23 financial years due to 2 schools moving to operate within a joint budget Federation budget and 1 school converting to academy status from 1st April 2022)

7.3 School Finance and Funding Issues

- The Department for Education (DfE) announced in July 2022 that overall school funding will increase by 1.9% for the 2023/24 financial year.
- School budgets have experienced significant cost pressures in the 2022/23 financial year and this is likely to continue through to 2023/24. Cost pressures include:
 - Pay award cost pressures with the September 2022 teachers pay award of 5% with an increase of 8.9% in starting salaries. A National Employers offer of £1,925 on non-teaching (NJC) salary points from 1st April 2022 plus a 4.04% increase on allowances; this equates to a 10% increase for staff on lower salary bands.
 - Energy inflation cost pressures of in excess of 200% and uncertainty as to the impact of the Government Energy Bill Relief Scheme
 - Overall inflationary pressures of in excess of 10%
 - Cost pressures associated with Covid recovery additional support and catch up
 - Cost pressures associated with supporting an increasing number of pupils with SEND
 - Below forecast inflation increases in school funding provided by Government for the 2022/23 and 2023/24 financial years.

Schools produced 2022/23 Start Budgets prior to a number of the cost pressures, highlighted above, being fully known; it is anticipated that the majority of schools will see a deterioration in their budget position for the 2022/23 financial year compared to their original forecast.

- North Yorkshire secondary schools are placed 140 out of 150 local authorities in terms of funding level per pupil. On average, a school in North Yorkshire will receive £5,713 per pupil in 2022-23 compared to a national average of £6,213. Comparing the funding for a 1,500 pupil secondary school this equates to a difference in funding of £0.75m. The funding for North Yorkshire primary schools is more favourable with a position 31 out of 150 local authorities in terms of funding per pupil. For primary schools, a North Yorkshire school will receive on average £4,899 per pupil compared to a national average of £4,786.
- North Yorkshire has a number of schools that, geographically, are vital in serving their local communities. Inadequate sparsity funding and general financial pressures for smaller, rural secondary schools, continues to be a significant concern. NYCC utilises the provision in the DfE National Funding Formula (NFF) to locally provide additional lump sum funding of £50k for the smallest (less than 350 pupils), most rural secondary schools. NYCC continues to lobby the DfE and local MPs for higher levels of funding for the small, rural secondary schools within the LA.

7.4 Local Authority Support for Schools in Financial Difficulty

The Local Authority adopts a number of measures to support schools facing financial difficulty:

- the use of a financial risk rating framework to determine the level of support, challenge and intervention undertaken at individual school level, including the use of Notices of Financial Concern where deemed appropriate. Currently, six schools are subject to a Notice of Financial Concern.
- the undertaking of School Resource Management reviews in individual schools where this has been identified as an appropriate intervention through the risk rating process. The reviews are based on the DfE School Resource Management Adviser (SRMA) model and are undertaken by LA staff, many of whom have the SRMA accreditation;
- review of the Schools Financial Value Standard (SFVS) and Resource Management dashboard in financially challenged schools;
- continuing the promotion of school collaboration and the sharing of best practice in terms of effective resource management between schools;
- the provision of Headteacher and Governor finance briefings and training;
- continuing to lobby DfE for fairer funding for North Yorkshire schools, especially in relation to small, rural secondary schools.

7.5 Schools Financial Position – Skipton & Ripon

2021/22	2022/23
<p>54 schools projecting to be in budget surplus as at 31 March 2022 6 schools projecting to be in deficit as at March 2022; 10% of schools in Skipton & Ripon (4 primary, 1 secondary, 1 PRU)</p> <p>Projected average nursery surplus = £45k Projected average primary surplus = £85k Projected average secondary surplus = £383k Projected average PRU surplus = N/A Projected average special surplus = £52k</p> <p>Projected average nursery deficit = N/A Projected average primary deficit = -£26k Projected average secondary deficit = -£956k Projected average PRU deficit = -£60k Projected average special deficit = N/A</p> <p>(Data Source – 2022/23 Start Budgets)</p>	<p>55 schools projecting to be in budget surplus as at 31 March 2023 5 schools projecting to be in deficit by March 2023; 8% of schools in Skipton & Ripon (3 primary, 1 secondary, 1 PRU)</p> <p>Projected average nursery surplus = £18k Projected average primary surplus = £79k Projected average secondary surplus = £318k Projected average PRU surplus = N/A Projected average special surplus = £58k</p> <p>Projected average nursery deficit = N/A Projected average primary deficit = -£15k Projected average secondary deficit = -£919k Projected average PRU deficit = -£66k Projected average special deficit = N/A</p> <p>(Data Source – 2022/23 Start Budgets)</p>

8.0 Planning school places

8.1 School sustainability

The sustainability of schools is largely influenced by three key factors which are usually related to each other:

- Falling pupil rolls
- School standards
- Financial difficulty

Where school closures have regrettably occurred in North Yorkshire these factors have been relevant. There have been seven closures in the county over the last three years with four of these occurring in the constituency area. Recent closures in the constituency area include:

Clapham CE VC Primary School closed in August 2020.

Kell Bank CE VC closed in August 2021.

8.2 Collaborative working

Collaborative working is two or more schools working together to the mutual benefit of their pupils with the overall aim of improving outcomes for all. This has the potential to broaden opportunities and contribute to efficiencies. There are seven primary federations in the Skipton and Ripon Area. In one of these federations there are four maintained schools with a single governing body and Headteacher, the rest are made up of either two or three primary schools.

8.3 Pupil rolls – current and future

The County Council has a statutory duty to ensure sufficient school places are available for every child under the Education Act 1996. For this purpose, it groups schools together into planning areas in accordance with the requirements of the

Education and Skills Funding Agency. Appendix 1 shows the planning areas together with:

- Capacity in the planning area
- Current numbers on roll
- Projected future numbers
- Projected impact of approved housing developments

The County Council is carefully monitoring pupil numbers across the Skipton and Ripon constituency area. A large proportion of the constituency is rural and served by small schools located within villages. A falling birth rate combined with changing demographics means that a number of small schools are facing financial challenges associated with low numbers on roll. In the constituency area there are examples of schools working innovatively to mitigate these challenges including forming local federations. For all small schools the fluctuation of pupil numbers exacerbates the already challenging nature of school funding.

The general picture across the whole of the County shows projected growth in the urban areas contrasting with declining numbers in rural locations. There are several social and economic reasons for this including the availability and price of housing and employment factors. Currently we have several areas where the numbers on roll are falling and we have surplus capacity in the school system.

Appendix 1 does not include projections of pupil yield from sites proposed in the adopted Harrogate Borough Council Local Plan or the Craven Local Plan that do not yet have planning approval. Within the constituency area, Skipton town and Ripon will accommodate most of the housing growth over the Local Plan Period.

The key points to note within LA planning areas across the constituency area are:

8.4 Primary

Ripon Town

In addition to a number of current developments on-site or those with outstanding permission within Ripon Town, an outline planning application for 1,300 units at Claro Barracks, Deverell Barracks and Laver Banks has been submitted to Harrogate Borough Council and this includes land for a new two form entry primary school. There is some limited capacity in existing primary schools in Ripon to cater for the first phase of housing development (at Deverell Barracks). Council officers are working collaboratively with Homes England and Defence Infrastructure Organisation on the provision of a school site on part of Claro Barracks and associated s.106 education contributions. It is currently anticipated that a new primary school will be provided in 2026.

It is assumed that the new school would initially open for nursery and reception pupils. The second year of opening would see Nursery, Reception and Year 1 pupils accommodated, adding a further year group for the third year and beyond until a full roll of 210 is achieved. This is in common with the opening profile for many newly established schools and helps to avoid destabilising existing provision. Further expansion of the school up to a two form entry will be in line with growth in pupil numbers from the catchment area.

Masham

There are indicated sites within the Local Plan for Harrogate District, the Foxholme Lane site for 60 houses is currently under construction.

Boroughbridge

There are a high number of housing permissions in this area but a surplus of places currently exists. Officers are monitoring the situation carefully in Boroughbridge Town and Kirby Hill in terms of school place planning.

Harrogate Primary Outer

There is significant housing development planned/underway in to the west of Harrogate. Beckwithshaw Community Primary School (Harrogate Outer Area) is located close to some of these developments.

The West of Harrogate Parameters Plan document was adopted in February 2022. The purpose of this document is to create an aligned, holistic site approach, addressing matters such as land use, access and movement, provision of community facilities and schools, green and blue infrastructure, public transport, cycling and pedestrian links, and phasing. Two primary school sites are provisionally indicated, one on H49 (Windmill Farm) and one on H51 (Land East of Whinney Lane).

Harrogate Borough Council and North Yorkshire County Council are currently preparing a West Harrogate Infrastructure Strategy (WHIDS), which will provide further detail on the timing and delivery of supporting infrastructure for West Harrogate.

Skipton Town

During the consultation on the Craven Local Plan the need for two additional primary schools within Skipton town was identified. It was suggested that one of these could be located on land already within NYCC's ownership to the north west of the town (Raikeswood Drive), and the other could be within sites to the east of the town (Airedale Ave and Elsey Croft). Other options for providing additional places within the town were also considered and a planning application has recently been approved by the planning authority for an expansion of Greatwood Primary Academy. This would add an additional 210 places to the primary school without the need to build a new school on one of the sites reserved. The target delivery date is September 2024, and the additional places would be implemented gradually to avoid destabilising other local schools.

8.5 Secondary

Ripon Secondary Schools

There are three secondary schools in the Ripon area; Ripon Grammar School, Outwood Ripon Academy and Nidderdale High School and Community College, Pateley Bridge. The scale of anticipated development for Ripon and the surrounding area, including the Ripon Barracks site, does not warrant the introduction of a new secondary school in the town area. The LA is expecting to secure developer contributions to enable the expansion of provision on an existing secondary town site(s) and have commenced discussions about how to introduce additional capacity.

Skipton Secondary Schools

It is not expected that the new housing in Skipton will warrant the need for additional secondary school places in the town. There are currently 369 surplus places across the secondary schools in Skipton and the estimated pupil yield from new housing is not expected to exceed that number.

South Craven School

The Bradford Local Plan includes a target for new homes in Silsden of 700 homes, and in Steeton and Eastburn of 175 homes. Using our usual multiplier of 1 secondary aged pupil from every 8 houses, this would generate approximately 109 secondary aged pupils. The Craven Local Plan includes proposals for housing in Glusburn/Crosshills, Cononley, Cowling, Farnhill & Kildwick, and Sutton-in-Craven, which would generate approximately 20 secondary aged pupils. These would be in addition to the pupils from current housing permissions shown in Appendix 1.

South Craven School currently has around 138 pupils on roll from outside its catchment area but within North Yorkshire, and around a further 326 pupils on roll from outside its catchment area who reside in the Bradford Local Authority area. If there were to be increased demand from within the school's own catchment area, the proportion of out-of-catchment area pupils would decrease over time.

9.0 Financial implications

9.1 The financial implications are set out in the body of this report.

10.0 Legal implications

10.1 The legal implications are set out in the body of this report.

11.0 Climate change Implications

11.1 There are no significant climate change implications arising from this report.

12.0 Equalities implications

12.1 The equalities implications are set out in the body of this report.

13.0 Recommendation

<p>13.1 That Members note the report on educational factors in the Skipton and Ripon constituency area.</p>
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Appendix 1 - School Place Planning data

APPENDIX 1

Planning Areas and forecast surplus/shortfall school places

School planning area	Places available as at 2021/2022	Number on Roll 2017/2018	Number on roll 2021/2022	Surplus Capacity 2021/2022	Forecast pupils as at 2026/2027	Pupils from current housing permissions until 2026/2027	Surplus capacity 2026/27
PRIMARY							
Boroughbridge Primary Kirkby Hill CE Rocliffe CE <i>(inc. Boroughbridge CP – other constituency area)</i>	474	342	356	118	338	179	-43
Boroughbridge Primary Outer Dishforth Airfield CP <i>(inc. Great Ouseburn CP, Green Hammerton CE, Kirk Hammerton CE, Marton-cum-Grafton CE, Nun Monkton Primary, St Peter's Brafferton CE, Staveley CP – other constituency area)</i>	784	543	564	220	607	86	91
Total (Boroughbridge Primary & Boroughbridge Primary Outer)	1258	885	920	338	945	265	48
Harrogate Primary Outer Askwith CP Beckwithshaw CP Birstwith CE Admiral Long CE Darley CP Kettlesing Felliscliffe CP North Rigton CE <i>(inc. All Saint's CE School, Follifoot CE, Hampsthwaite CE, Killinghall CE, Ripley Endowed, Sicklinghall CE, Spofforth CE – other constituency area)</i>	1356	1147	1161	195	1070	204	82
Masham Primary Masham CE VA Primary	116	112	116	0	86	20	10
Nidderdale Primary Outer Dacre Braithwaite CE Fountains Earth, Lofthouse CE Glasshouses CP Summerbridge CP	263	224	203	60	184	22	57
North Craven Primary Outer Austwick CE Bentham CP Giggleswick Primary Hellifield CP Ingleton Primary Long Preston Endowed VA	729	523	529	200	602	53	74
Pateley Bridge Primary St Cuthbert's CE Primary	119	86	63	56	65	14	40

School planning area	Places available as at 2021/2022	Number on Roll 2017/2018	Number on roll 2021/2022	Surplus Capacity 2021/2022	Forecast pupils as at 2026/2027	Pupils from current housing permissions until 2026/2027	Surplus capacity 2026/27
Ripon Primary Holy Trinity CofE Infant School Holy Trinity CofE Junior School Moorside Primary School Outwood Academy Greystone Ripon Cathedral CE Sharow CE St Wilfrid's Catholic Primary	1279	1182	1163	116	1069	169	41
Ripon Primary Outer Bishop Monkton CE Burton Leonard CE Fountains CE Grewelthorpe CE Kirkby Malzeard CE Markington CE North Stainley CE Skelton Newby Hall CE	647	572	540	107	505	48	94
Total (Ripon Primary & Ripon Primary Outer)	1926	1754	1703	223	1574	217	135
Settle Primary Settle CE	210	178	188	22	169	14	27
Skipton Primary Christ Church CE Skipton Parish Church CE Skipton, Greatwood CP Skipton, Water Street CP St Stephen's Catholic	1139	1015	938	201	906	151	82
Skipton Primary Outer Bradleys Both CP Burnsall VA Primary Carleton Endowed CE Cracoe and Rylstone CE Embsay CE Gargrave CE Grassington CE Kettlewell Primary Kirkby in Malhamdale United VA The Boyle and Petyt Primary Thornton in Craven CP Threshfield School	1323	1047	1031	292	1030	58	235
Total (Skipton Primary and Skipton Primary Outer)	2462	2062	1969	493	1936	209	317
South Craven Primary Glusburn CP Sutton in Craven CE Sutton-in-Craven CP	731	644	699	32	651	19	61
South Craven Primary Outer Cononley CP Cowling CP Kildwick CE Lothersdale Primary	508	512	553	-45	557	12	-61
Total (South Craven Primary and South Craven Primary Outer)	1239	1156	1252	-13	1208	31	0
School planning area	Places available as at 2021/2022	Number on Roll 2017/2018	Number on roll 2021/2022	Surplus Capacity 2021/2022	Forecast pupils as at 2026/2027	Pupils from current housing permissions until 2026/2027	Surplus capacity 2026/27

Thirsk Outer Dishforth CE <i>(inc. Alanbrooke School, Carlton Miniott Primary, Knayton CE, Pickhill CE, Sessay CE, South Kilvington CE, Topcliffe CE Academy – other constituency area)</i>	968	850	850	118	742	34	192
SECONDARY							
Harrogate & Rural Secondary Nidderdale High <i>(Inc. Harrogate Grammar, Rossett School, Harrogate High, St John Fisher Catholic High, St Aidan's CE High)</i>	7685	7816	7840	-155	7516	293	-124
Mid Craven Secondary Ermysted's Grammar School Skipton Girls' High School The Skipton Academy Upper Wharfedale School	2826	2333	2346	480	2757	96	-27
North Craven Secondary Settle College	675	592	648	27	610	22	43
Ripon & Rural Secondary Outwood Academy Ripon Ripon Grammar School	1724	1595	1648	76	1610	177	-63
South Craven Secondary South Craven School	1806	1750	1844	-38	1957	13	-164

Note

- Figures above take into account outstanding housing permissions, but not undetermined planning applications or Local Plan proposals.

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Appointments to Outside Bodies

Report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services)

1.0 Purpose of the Report

1.1 To enable appointments to Outside Bodies to be considered.

2.0 Sylvester Petyt's Foundation (Skipton)

2.1 North Yorkshire County Council has one representative on the Sylvester Petyt's Foundation (Skipton). In May 2022, Roger Ingham was re-appointed to the Foundation through to May 2027. The County Councillor responsible for making this nomination, based upon their electoral division, was Councillor Robert Heseltine.

2.2 Roger Ingham has recently decided to stand down and therefore the Foundation is seeking a replacement.

2.3 Detailed information in respect of each outside body, including the following, is available to Members on request to Democratic Services: -

- Purpose of outside body
- Meetings – frequency per year; venue; time of day/evening meetings held
- Recent Minutes

2.4 This appointment is a category 3 Outside Body, whereby:

- The person appointed is expected to be a member of the local community, but may be the local Member
- The local Member will make a nomination to the relevant Area Committee
- The relevant Area Committee will make the appointment
- There will be no officer support
- There will be no report back (unless the local Member deems it necessary)
- Expenses will not be paid by the County Council.

3.0 Recommendation

3.1 That the Area Constituency Committee agree a new appointment to the Sylvester Petyt's Foundation (Skipton)

Barry Khan
Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services)
County Hall, Northallerton, 6 December 2022.

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NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
Skipton and Ripon Area Constituency Committee
15 December 2022

Committee work programme

Report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services)

1.0 Purpose of the report

- 1.1 Members are asked to consider, amend and add to the Committee's draft work programme (see Appendix 1), as required.

2.0 Remit of the committee

2.1 The Area Constituency Committees:

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

3.0 Financial implications

- 3.1 The financial implications are set out in the body of this report.

4.0 Legal implications

- 4.1 The legal implications are set out in the body of this report.

5.0 Climate change Implications

- 5.1 There are no significant climate change implications arising from this report.

6.0 Equalities implications

- 6.1 There are no significant equalities implications arising from this report.

7.0 Recommendations

- 7.1 That Members consider, amend and add to the Committee's draft work programme (see Appendix 1), as required.

Barry Khan
Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services)
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NORTHALLERTON
7 December 2022

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**Skipton and Ripon Area Constituency Committee
Work Programme – dated 6 December 2022**

Informal meetings of the committee held during the peak of the pandemic when formal meetings of the Council for most committees were postponed

2 April 2020, 23 April 2020, 14 May 2020, 4 June 2020, 16 July 2020, 3 September 2020

10am on 16 December 2021 – live broadcast remote meeting

Executive Member update	An opportunity for committee members to discuss issues of key concern in the constituency committee area
Sustainable schools	Annual Education Report – Children and Young People Services, NYCC
Rural Commission	Overview of Report and Recommendations
Youth Council	An opportunity for a member of the Youth Council to engage with the committee on key issues for young people in the area

10am on 7 January 2022 – live broadcast remote meeting

Budget consultation	An opportunity for committee members to review the annual council budget and its implications for the area covered by the committee, ahead of the Executive meeting in January 2022 and County Council in February 2022.
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2pm on 10 March 2022 – live broadcast meeting

Committee discussion with local MP	An opportunity for committee members to discuss issues of key concern in the constituency
Executive Member update	An opportunity for committee members to discuss issues of key concern in the constituency committee area
Youth Council	An opportunity for a member of the Youth Council to engage with the committee on key issues for young people in the area – deferred to September 2022
Climate Change and the environment	Update on progress with the Council's Carbon Reduction Plan

Petition on road safety	Sutton Lane, Petition for Footway and Road Safety Measures – update following the committee meeting on 16 December 2021
Stronger Communities	Stronger Communities update - Stronger Communities Programme, NYCC
10am on 7 June 2022	
Role and responsibilities of the committee	A paper outlining Terms of Reference of the committee, work previously done and the work programme.
Committee discussion with local MP	An opportunity for committee members to discuss issues of key concern in the constituency
Community Safety	Risk and Resource Model (RRM) - Fire and Rescue Service
Locality	Constituency committee data pack
Road safety	Sutton Lane, Footway and Road Safety Measures – update following the committee meeting on 16 December 2021
Governance	Appointments to committees and outside bodies – Legal and Democratic Services, NYCC
10am on 1 September 2022	
Committee discussion with local MP	An opportunity for committee members to discuss issues of key concern in the constituency
Culture	North Yorkshire Cultural Framework – identification of local cultural assets
Transport	Digital Demand Responsive Bus Service – Business and Environment Services, NYCC
Economic development	Local economic development and growth in the committee area – Local Enterprise Partnership
Cost of living crisis	Fuel poverty in the committee area, the extent and mitigation thereof - TBC
Youth Council	An opportunity for a member of the Youth Council to engage with the committee on key issues for young people in the area
Education	Regulation of and support for home schooling – Children and Young People Services, NYCC (Briefing note only for information.)

Road safety	Sutton Lane, Footway and Road Safety Measures – update (Briefing note only for information.)
Motion	Motion by the Green Party regarding the development of the Area Constituency Committee model
10am on 15 December 2022	
Committee discussion with local MP	An opportunity for committee members to discuss issues of key concern in the constituency
Youth Council	An opportunity for a member of the Youth Council to engage with the committee on key issues for young people in the area
Motion	Motion by the Green Party regarding the development of the Area Constituency Committee model (deferred from 1 September 2022)
Motion	Motion by the Green Party regarding a pilot of 20mph speed limits in the committee area
Petition	Restoration of the original bus service between Ingleton and Lancaster - previously the No80 service provided by Stagecoach
Sustainable schools	Annual Education Report – Children and Young People Services, NYCC
Governance	Appointments to committees and outside bodies – Legal and Democratic Services, NYCC
10am on 5 January 2023 – private briefing held remotely by MS Teams	
Budget consultation – private briefing	An opportunity for committee members to review the annual council budget and its implications for the area covered by the committee, ahead of the Executive meeting in January 2022 and County Council in February 2022.
10am on 9 March 2023	
Committee discussion with local MP	An opportunity for committee members to discuss issues of key concern in the constituency
Youth Council	An opportunity for a member of the Youth Council to engage with the committee on key issues for young people in the area
Climate Change and the environment	Annual update on progress with the Council’s Carbon Reduction Plan
Housing market	Affordable housing for first time house buyers and for people renting - TBC

Economic development	Presentation on the Ripon Masterplan or a significant economic development plan being developed in the Craven District Council area
Rural Commission	Update on the progress with the implementation of the report recommendations – TBC

Items for the work programme for which a date has yet to be set:

- Review of the updated North Yorkshire Cultural Framework (December 2023 – TBC)
- Digital Demand Responsive Bus Service – review of the outcome of the 24 month pilot (December 2023 – TBC)

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