



## Agenda

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

**To: Councillors Phillip Barrett, Barbara Brodigan,  
Andy Brown, Nick Brown, Felicity Cunliffe-Lister,  
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, 9th March, 2023**

**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 15 December 2022** (Pages 3 - 12)
3. **Declarations of Interest**
4. **Public Questions or Statements**

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5. **Verbal 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. **Petition referred to the committee for consideration - Report of the Corporate Director, Business and Environmental Services, NYCC** (Pages 13 - 16)
8. **Economic development in the Ripon area - Report of the Corporate Director, Business and Environmental Services, NYCC** (Pages 17 - 42)
9. **Stronger Communities Annual Report - Report of the Assistant Director - Policy, Partnerships and Communities, NYCC** (Pages 43 - 54)
10. **Update on Structural Safety at Airedale Hospital - verbal update - Report of Airedale NHS Foundation Trust**
11. **Committee work programme** (Pages 55 - 60)
12. **Other business which the Chairman agrees should be considered as a matter of urgency because of special circumstances**

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1 March 2023

## North Yorkshire County Council

### Skipton and Ripon Area Constituency Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 15th December, 2022 commencing at 10.00 am.

County Councillor Richard Foster in the Chair and County Councillors Phillip Barrett, Nick Brown, Robert Heseltine, Nathan Hull, David Ireton, Andrew Murday, Simon Myers, David Noland, Andy Solloway and David Staveley.

County Councillors Andy Brown and Barbara Brodigan attended the meeting remotely using MS Teams.

Officers present: Daniel Harry, Democratic Services and Scrutiny Manager, NYCC; 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.

In attendance: Rt Hon Julian Smith MP.

Apologies: Andrew Williams and Robert Windass.

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

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#### **29 Apologies for absence**

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

Apologies were recorded from County Councillors Andrew Williams and Robert Windass.

#### **30 Minutes of the committee meeting held on 1 September 2022**

Considered –

The minutes of the meeting of the Skipton and Ripon Area Constituency Committee held on 1 September 2022.

**Resolved –**

- a) That the Minutes of the meeting of the Skipton and Ripon Area Constituency Committee held on 1 September 2022, having been printed and circulated, be taken as read and confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

#### **31 Declarations of Interest**

There were none.

#### **32 Public Questions or Statements**

There were none.

### **33 Update from RT Hon Julian Smith MP**

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:

- Recently met with young people from Skipton who said that they had nowhere to go and that they often felt unsafe. This was surprising and so keen to meet with the Youth Council and the Police Fire and Crime Commissioner to discuss what can be done to support young people in and around Skipton
- The Government is committed to provide long term support for businesses with their energy costs but there is a need to balance the support provided with the long term tax burden
- Concerns about the impact of strike action across a range of services nationally and what impact that this may have upon people's health and wellbeing
- Requested that members provide him with feedback about the influenza and covid-19 vaccination programme and how well it is operating locally
- Noted that it is good to see how well all of the local authorities are working on the creation of a new unitary council for North Yorkshire
- Paid tribute to the County Councillor Margaret Atkinson and all of the work that she had done as a local councillor and Chairman of the Council.

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

- Concerns raised about the future of Airedale Hospital and the ongoing structural problems associated with the use of aerated concrete in its construction. Members requested that the Rt Hon Julian Smith lobby on their behalf at Westminster to make the necessary funding available for a new hospital to be built on the existing site
- Concerns raised about bank branch closures across the area and the impact that this has upon local businesses and people. It was acknowledged that Post Offices could provide many of the needed counter services for cash deposits and withdrawals but that further work could be done to explore the viability of multi-bank hubs
- The issue of increased energy costs faced by leisure services, particularly gyms and swimming pools, was raised. There were concerns that these key services would not be viable in the longer term unless tailored government support was provided
- Large numbers of houses are being built in the area that are not meeting the highest standards to energy efficiency and insulation. This then means that additional time, effort and money will be spent in a few years' time retrofitting them. The question was raised as to why the right standards for new builds were not in place now.

**Resolved –**

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

### **34 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. Chloe Thwaites joined the meeting remotely using MS Teams and the Youth Council representative attended in person.

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

- Two local priorities for Skipton are: 1) tackling youth crime and ASB; and 2) supporting the elderly. The latter offers opportunities for intergenerational work.
- Work is underway to support the development of youth groups and youth councils across the patch. Some of the groups have established themselves with very little support needed from the County Council
- A Youth Council for Skipton, as opposed to Craven, is being formed to better represent issues for young people in Skipton. Youth Councils for the other towns and rural areas can be setup and supported
- The Youth Councils in the county are keen to engage with and work with councillors. The Area Constituency Committee (ACC) meetings offer a route by which this can be done.
- The Youth Council is made up of young people from 11 to 18 years of age. As such, recruitment is ongoing and engagement is underway with year 6 pupils at primary school.

County Councillors Barbara Brodigan and Andrew Murday said that they would support any move to setup youth councils in their area (Ripon, Pateley Bridge and Nidderdale).

County Councillor David Staveley said that councillors had a key role to play in engaging with young people and encouraging them to play an active role in their community.

County Councillor Simon Myers said that all members had a locality budget that could be used to support the development of youth councils and youth groups in their area.

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.

### **35 Notice of Motion - Area Committees**

Considered –

The Notice of Motion on Area Committees that was proposed by County Councillor Andy Brown and seconded by County Councillor David Noland.

County Councillor Andy Brown attended the meeting remotely using MS Teams.

County Councillor Andy Brown moved the motion stating that it was important that the committees did not remain talking shops but were able to influence key issues in their area. He said that it was also important to ensure that the geography reflected local needs.

County Councillor David Noland seconded the motion.

There followed a discussion the outcome of which was that County Councillor Robert Heseltine proposed that the motion be amended by removing the second half of it, which

related to the geography of the committees. This was seconded by County Councillor David Noland.

A vote was taken on the proposed amendment to the motion and unanimously supported.

A vote was then taken on amended motion and unanimously supported.

County Councillor Simon Myers said that there would be opportunities to review how the ACCs were working after the first 12 to 18 months of the new unitary council.

Daniel Harry stated that the Member Working Group on the Constitution and the Member Working Group on Locality and Governance were meeting on 5 January 2023 to review the proposed model for the ACCs. The outcome of those discussions would then inform the recommendations by the Executive to the meeting of the County Council in February 2023.

**Resolved –**

- a) That the motion be forwarded to members of the Executive, as appropriate.

**36 Notice of Motion - 20mph speed limit pilot**

Considered –

The Notice of Motion on the introduction of a pilot 20mph speed limit in the area covered by the ACC that was proposed by County Councillor David Noland and seconded by County Councillor Andy Brown.

County Councillor David Noland moved the motion stating that the focus was upon safety and that introducing a pilot over a large geographical area would be cheaper than a series of very localised schemes. He said that the Harrogate and Ainsty ACC had recently supported such a motion.

County Councillor Andy Brown seconded the motion.

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

- The evidence base for some of the assertions made is questionable
- There is not widespread support for a blanket 20mph speed limit in the area
- Local people do not want to be used as guinea pigs
- County Councillor Keane Duncan is undertaking a review of the current policy on 20mph speed limits the outcome of which will be taken to a meeting of the County Council where it can be debated by all councillors. Therefore, it is concerning that the matter is being debated today at an ACC meeting
- The motion appears to be a standard one that is circulated by the '20's plenty' campaign group
- There need to be an evidence-led and case by case assessment of where 20mph speed limits would work, rather than a blanket approach
- Query as to whether the ACCs could have a role in determining whether an application for a 20mph speed limit should be taken forward
- The Transport Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee previously undertook extensive scrutiny of the 20mph policy and made recommendations to the Executive. The committee will continue to have a role in scrutinising the policy and its application
- 20mph speed limits need investment in infrastructure and active policing if they are to be effective
- A 20mph speed limit will help slow down traffic in built up areas and so improve safety

- and reduce pedestrian and cyclist fatalities and serious injuries
- Over 100 Parish Councils have so far supported the '20's plenty' campaign and the people behind the campaign are experts in road safety who have compiled a compelling evidence-base
- Everyone on the committee agreed that road safety is important but a blanket 20mph speed limit in the area is not the best way to achieve this.

A vote was taken and the motion defeated with 1 vote for, 7 against and 3 abstentions.

**Resolved –**

The motion was defeated.

County Councillor David Ireton left the meeting at this point.

**37 Petition referred to the committee for consideration - Report of the Corporate Director, Business and Environmental Services, NYCC**

Considered –

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

Daniel Harry, Democratic Services and Scrutiny Manager, introduced the petition stating that the petition has been referred to the Committee under the Council's Petitions Scheme due to the number of signatories being above 500. He outlined the options that the committee had under the Petitions Scheme, as follows:

- (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.

Daniel Harry then read out the following on behalf of the petitioner, Sheila Kay, who was unable to attend the meeting:

The Agenda for this meeting makes it quite clear that the Business and Environmental Services Officers comments in the Pre-Agenda meeting indicate that the Bus service will not be restored despite the petition asking for its restoration.

Item 4.6 in the Agenda reads: 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.

I'm not quite sure that I want to wait around for a bus to take me to the Dynamic Village of Ingleton to use their Co-op since that is their main shop, similarly, Kirkby Lonsdale, pretty as it is; has a small Booths shop and mainly tourist outlets.

No alternative was discussed or even considered at this meeting.

In the year 2016 the population of the Ward was 3,634. 1,274 are 60 years or older. That's 35% of the Ward. 1,883 are 50 years or older. That's 52% of the Ward. Since these figures



were produced a 'Retirement and assisted living facility' has been built in Bentham. The residents have to be 55years or older. There are 64 apartments and 8 Bungalows on the development so those quoted percentages are rising!

The Ward, generally, has an older population than most. With age, mobility issues arise more frequently and Hospital visits become a routine. Our nearest Hospital is in Lancaster which as a result of the lost service is out of the question unless we further drain the NHS by demanding their transport.

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

- The Stagecoach contract was managed by Lancashire County Council and was not economically viable. A local coach company, Kirkby-Lonsdale Coaches, stepped in to provide what service they could as a small company
- There may be some value in exploring a link between Bentham and Hornby as this would improve the overall service
- It needs to be recognised that commercial bus services in rural areas are increasingly not economically viable and that the county council is not in a position to provide large scale subsidies for services that are not widely used
- Lancaster and Preston are key service centres and efforts need to be made to ensure that there is access to them for people who are unable to drive
- There is little that the ACC can do about this other than refer to the Executive member and/or overview and scrutiny. The ACC have little power
- The Petitions Scheme may need to be reviewed
- There is a need for the transport system as a whole to be reviewed and a broad range of partners and organisations brought together to come up with some creative solutions
- There may be a lot to learn from the YorBus on-demand bus service pilot that connects Ripon, Masham, Bedale and surrounding villages
- A consequence of free bus passes is that the economic viability of some services is undermined.

Andrew Clarke from Highways and Transportation said that work is already underway to look at what can be put in place in the longer term to support the communities affected by the loss of the bus service. The focus at present is upon the link between Bentham and Hornby.

The Chair summed up and thanked Andrew Clarke for attending the meeting.

#### **Resolved –**

- a) That the matter be referred to the Executive Member and the Director of Business and Environmental Services and a report brought back to the committee meeting in March 2023 regarding progress being made with bus services between Ingleton and Lancaster.

### **38 Annual Education Report - Report of the Corporate Director, Children and Young People Services, NYCC**

Considered –

A report on schools, educational achievement and finance.

Sue Turley, Strategic Planning Officer in Education and Skills, presented the report the key points of which are as summarised below:

- The academy conversion rate for schools in the area is lower than that for the county as



a whole

- School OFSTED judgements for both primary and secondary schools are better than the North Yorkshire average
- Attainment data for 2020 and 2021 has been impacted by covid-19 and the cancellation of exams and use of teacher assessments
- There are low numbers of children not in education, employment or training
- The number of suspensions from school in the area is lower than expected (13%) based upon the share of the school population (17.4%)
- There are 615 children in the area who have an Education Health and Care Plan in place
- There are 1,556 children in the area who are recorded as receiving Special Education Needs (SEN) support
- School budgets have experienced significant cost pressures during 2022/23. The pressures include: pay awards; energy inflation; overall inflation; covid recovery; and increasing numbers of SEN children
- It is anticipated that schools will see a deterioration in their financial position over 2022/23
- Funding for secondary schools per pupil is currently £5,713 compared to the national average of £6,213
- School sustainability is influenced by falling pupil rolls, school standards and finances
- Recent school closures in the area have been Clapham CE VC Primary School and Kell Bank CE VC Primary School
- There is significant housing development planned in across the area. In some places school capacity will be increased, such as Ripon, and in other areas there is sufficient spare capacity in place, such as Skipton.

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

- SEND funding is not sufficient to meet current levels of need in the county. The special school funding levels were determined by the DfE in 2015 and have not been reviewed since
- Most special schools in the county are small and so do not benefit from economies of scale. Additional support is being provided to help with financial management
- The local councillor must be engaged at the earliest possible opportunity where a school in their division is at risk of being closed
- It would be helpful to have data on the availability of school places broken down by school
- Most school closures happen very quickly and do so due to falling numbers of pupils on the school roll
- The Pupil Referral Model and strategy was amended in 2020 to focus upon children at risk of permanent exclusion. This means that work is done with at risk children whilst they are still at school
- School performance has slipped over the past 10 years in the area
- Concerns raised that the number of school places in the area, particularly around Skipton, and whether there will be the capacity to meet the increased demand resulting from planned housing building
- Concerns that some schools are being pushed into academisation when there may be other alternatives to explore
- Generally, councillors do not need a DBS check to undertake their duties
- The figures provided in Appendix 1 regarding planning applications for house building and the associated forecast surplus or shortfall in school places do not reflect the scale of the planning applications that are currently going through Craven DC and Harrogate BC.

**Resolved -**

- a) That an updated report is brought back to the committee in December 2023
- b) That further information is provided to the committee as to how the number of additional school places needed is calculated when new houses are being built
- c) That local councillors are given early warning when a school in their division is experiencing difficulties with performance, finance or the numbers of children in the school roll.

**39 Appointments to Outside Bodies - Report of Democratic Services and Scrutiny Manager, NYCC**

Considered –

A report on the appointment to a vacancy on the Sylvester Petyt's Foundation in Skipton.

Daniel Harry, Democratic Services and Scrutiny Manager, introduced the report and said that a vacancy had arisen on the Sylvester Petyt's Foundation. According to the Constitution, appointment to this vacancy is undertaken by the Area Constituency Committee following a nomination by the local member.

County Councillor Robert Heseltine, as the local member, said that he had someone who would be able to take on the role but needed to have further discussions with them before confirming.

**Resolved –**

That the committee delegate authority to Councillor Robert Heseltine to make the appointment to the Sylvester Petyt's Foundation.

**40 Committee work programme - Report of Democratic Services and Scrutiny Manager, NYCC**

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 an update on the structural issues at Airedale Hospital be provided at the March committee meeting
- b) That the report on structural issues at Airedale Hospital, that is due to go to the meeting of the Scrutiny of Health Committee on 16 December 2022, be circulated to the committee
- c) That members raise any issues that could be included in the committee work programme with Daniel Harry.

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

There were two items discussed, as follows:

County Councillor Andy Solloway requested that committee members send to him any local information that they had on issues with access to NHS dentistry, so that he could then feed it into discussions taking place at a meeting of the West Yorkshire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

County Councillor Andrew Murday was nominated by the committee to the vacant position on the Nidderdale AONB Executive.

The meeting concluded at 12.50 pm.

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## North Yorkshire County Council

### Skipton and Ripon Area Constituency Committee

9 March 2023

#### Update on 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 update committee following the request to review transport links.
- 1.2 To ask the Area Constituency Committee to consider the proposed action.

##### 2.0 The Petition

- 2.1 A petition was received by the County Council and considered by the Committee on the 15 December 2022.
- 2.2 The wording of the petition was '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 two hours.
  - Previously, it took 55 minutes for a 14-mile journey.
  - The return journey from Lancaster is interesting.
  - There are four Buses arriving in Bentham Monday to Friday. Three of these buses from Lancaster to Kirkby Lonsdale arrive two minutes, two minutes before the Bentham bus departs. The fourth 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 two hour wait for the next bus in three cases and 65 minutes for the other case.
  - Here's an example of this ludicrous service: The distance from Bentham to Hornby is six miles. On the new bus route this journey would take 30 minutes, 90 minutes to do six 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 Business and Environmental Services Officers' Comments Regarding the Petition**

- 3.1 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.
- 3.1.1 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.
- 3.1.2 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.
- 3.1.3 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.
- 3.1.4 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.
- 3.1.5 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.
- 3.1.6 The bus arriving from Lancaster is the same vehicle that then operates the journey to High Bentham so the short connection time would work.
- 3.1.7 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 and there are currently no plans to alter the 583 service.
- 3.2 At the Area Committee meeting on the 15 December, officers were asked to review the practicality of a link between Bentham and Hornby to improve connections to Lancaster.
- 3.2.1 There is no time available in the operating schedule for bus operating Service 583 but there is also a demand responsive bus service operated by North Yorkshire County Council operating in the North Craven area. This service runs on Mondays to Fridays providing some shopper and health related trips in the area and also bringing people into Bentham to the Looking Well Project.

- 3.2.2 The bus operates a school route to High Bentham Primary School and then is used regularly on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays by passengers travelling to the Bentham Living Well project. However, it would be able to operate a scheduled journey from the Low and High Bentham to Hornby on Wednesdays and Thursdays in time to connect with the 09:48 Service 82 departure to Lancaster (arriving at Lancaster at 10:22).
- 3.2.3 A return journey could be operated back from Hornby at 14:20 which would be available for passengers returning from Lancaster on the 13:35 departure, allowing three hours in Lancaster for shopping or other appointments.
- 3.2.4 Operating this new link on these days will reduce the time when the bus is available to provide other journeys in the area, but passenger data shows that the majority of current trips could still be accommodated.
- 3.2.5 It is proposed to operate this on a trial basis if the Committee feels it would be beneficial.

#### **4.0 Recommendation**

- 4.1 That the Committee considers the proposal for connecting journeys.

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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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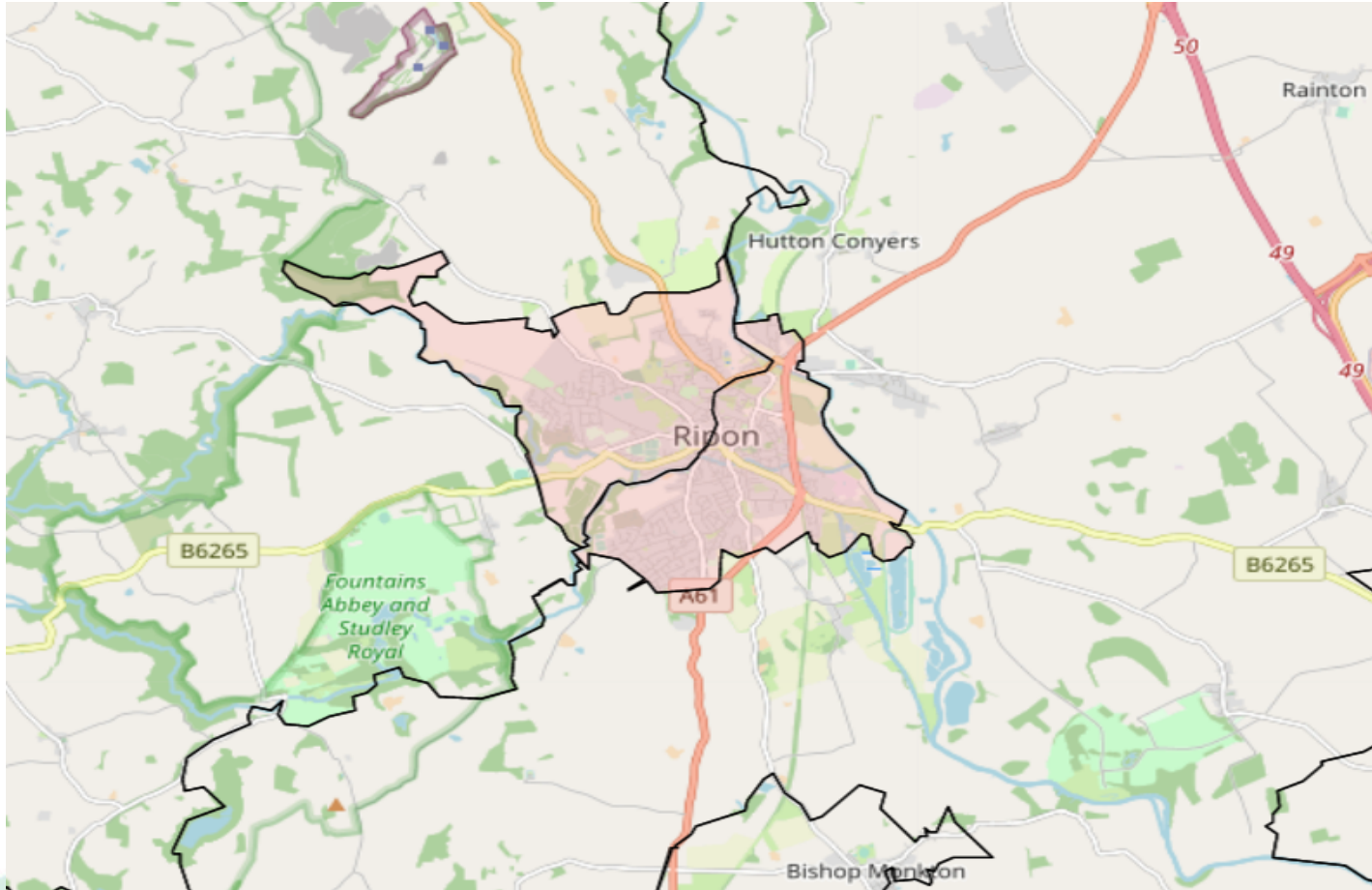
# Focus on Ripon - what we'll cover:

- Ripon's economy and businesses
- Opportunities and future development in the Ripon area
- The new Economic Growth Strategy for North Yorkshire

# Ripon's economy

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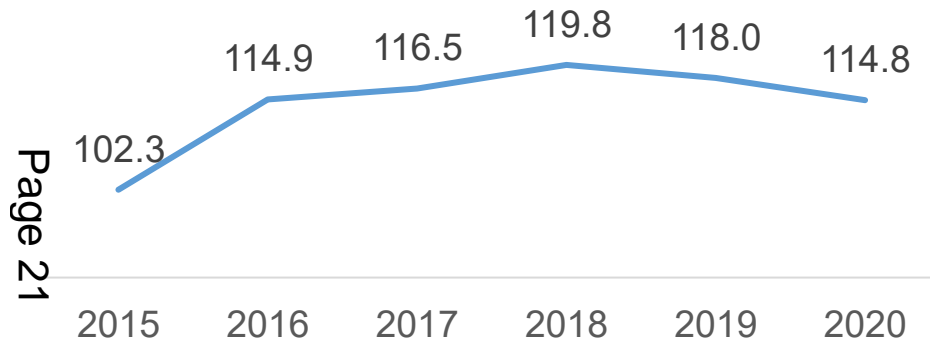
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Ripon is based on two MSOAs (middle super output area) covering Ripon North & West and Ripon South & East.

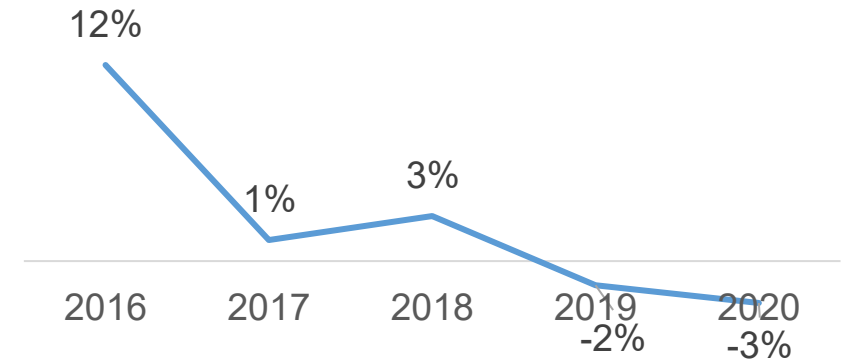
**Figure 1: Ripon GVA (£m)  
2015-2020**

Source: ONS



**Figure 2: Ripon GVA (%  
change), 2015-2020**

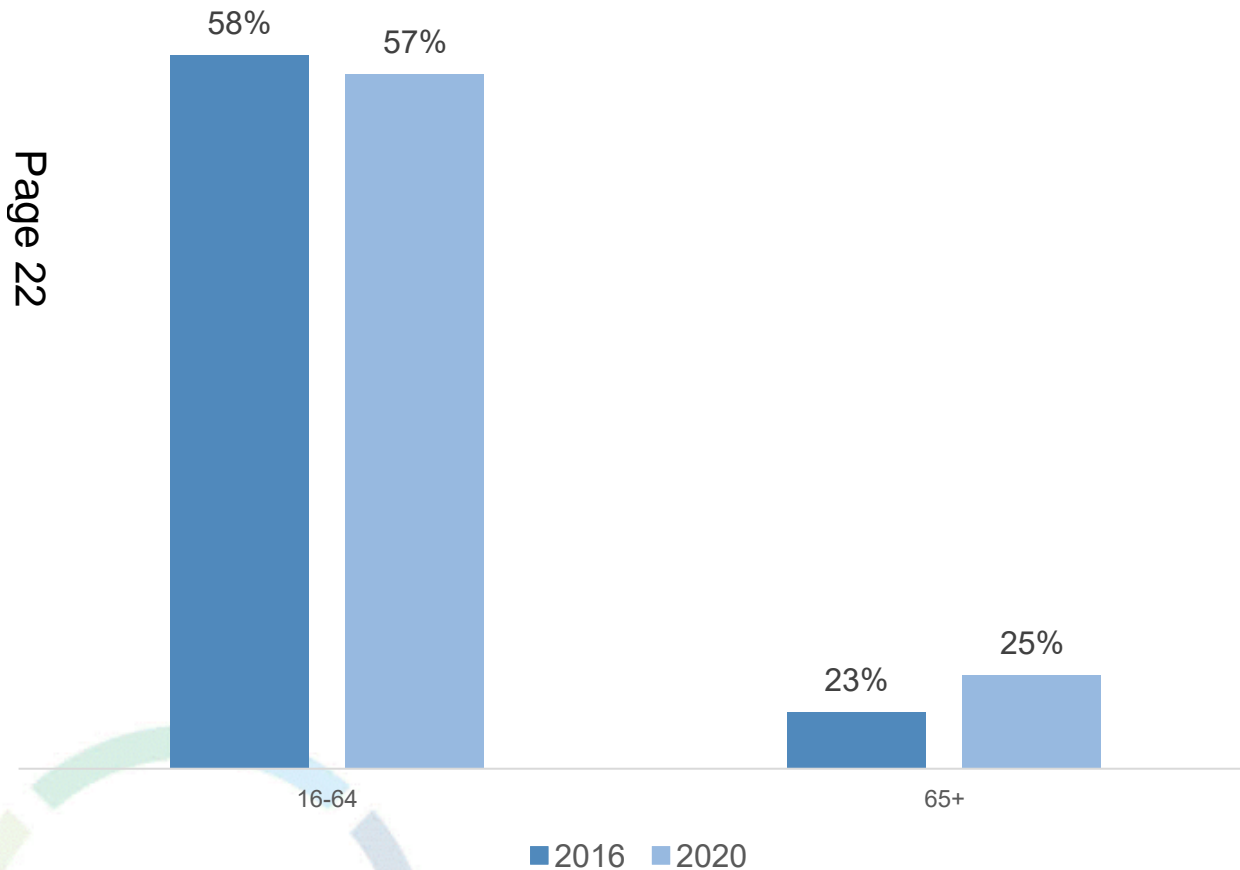
Source: ONS



- Ripon economy contracted by 3% in 2020 (= £3.2m) due to the Covid-19 pandemic.
- Harrogate District economy reduced by 10% (= £438m) which is comparable.
- The district's recovery in 2021 was slower (2%) than in Y&H (4%) and UK (5%).

**Figure 3: Ripon Population estimates,  
16-64 and 65+ years (2016-2020)**

*Source: ONS Mid-2020 population estimates*



- Ripon has a resident population of 16,200 (2020)
- 25% of Ripon's population is aged 65+.
- Population (60+) for the Harrogate district:

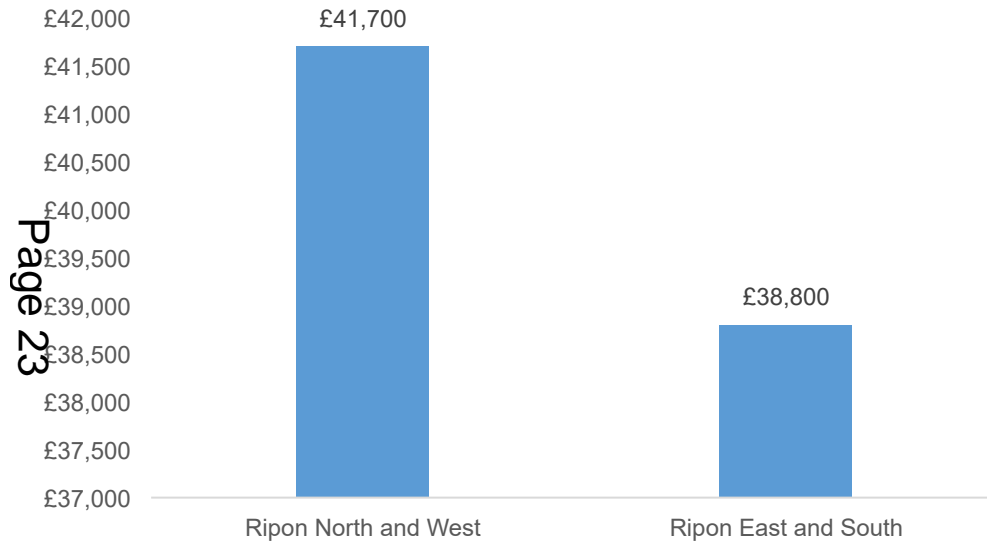
31% in 2021 (19% in Y&H)

Projected to be 38% in 2031  
(22% in Y&H).



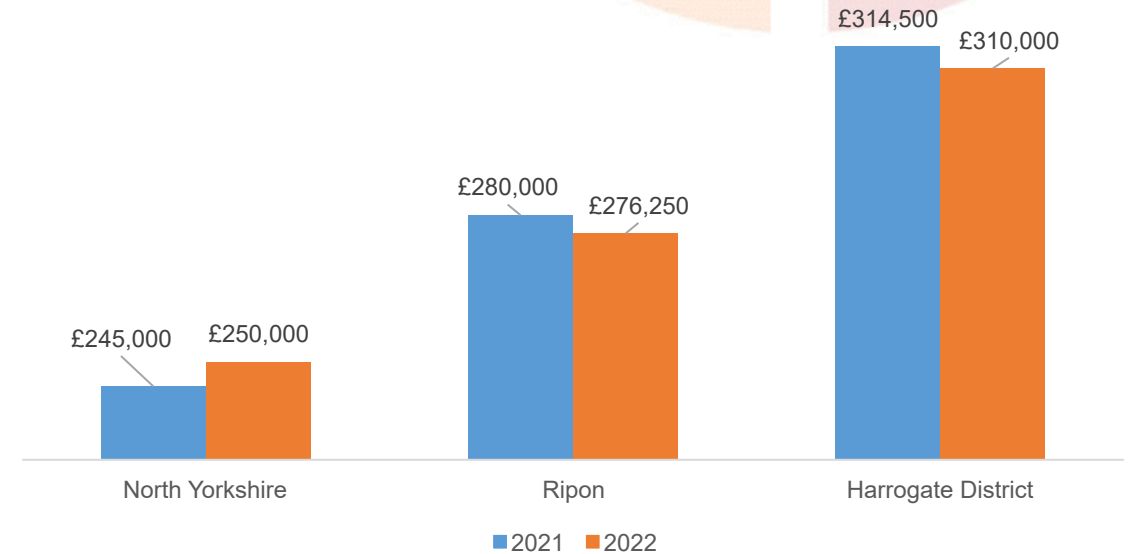
**Figure 4: Ripon MSOA total annual income £ (2018)**

Source: ONS



**Figure 5: Median house price (2021-2022)**

Source: HM Land Registry



- Median house prices in Ripon are 10% (£26,250) higher than for North Yorkshire.
- In 2020 the Harrogate district had the highest ratio of house price to earnings in the north of England, at 10.19

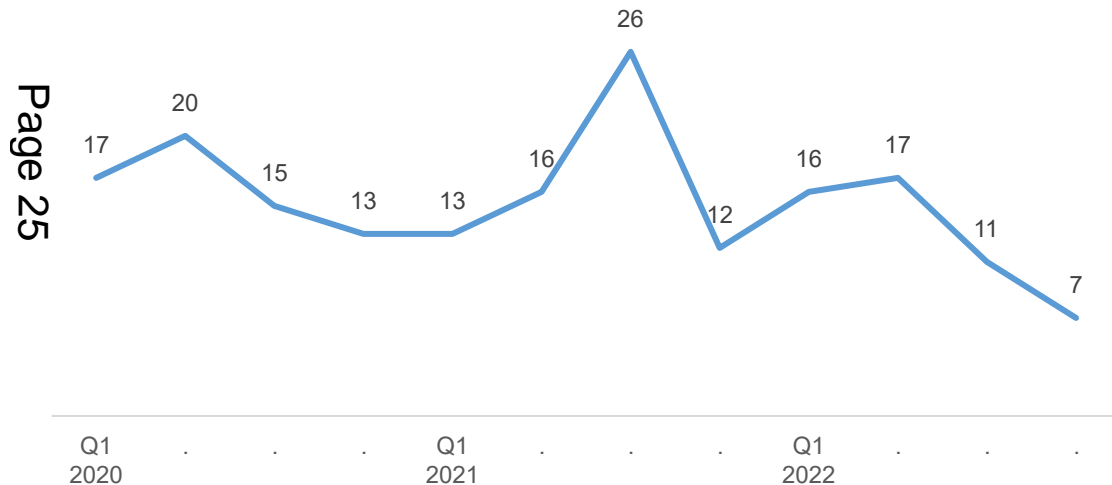
## Figure 6: Enterprise count by Broad Industrial Group (2022)

Source: IDBR

	Skipton and Ripon (number)	Location Quotient (compared against Harrogate District)	Skipton and Ripon (%)	Harrogate District (%)	Y&H (%)	UK (%)
Agriculture, forestry & fishing	1485	1.98	23%	11%	6%	5%
Professional, scientific & technical	790	0.68	12%	18%	6%	7%
Construction	765	1.09	12%	11%	4%	4%
Accommodation & food services	430	1.16	7%	6%	2%	2%
Retail	425	0.94	6%	7%	7%	8%
Business administration & support	425	0.8	6%	8%	0.3%	0%
Production	350	1.03	5%	5%	4%	4%
Arts, entertainment, recreation & other services	350	0.93	5%	6%	13%	16%
Property	280	0.77	4%	6%	2%	2%
Wholesale	250	0.85	4%	4%	5%	7%
Information & communication	245	0.72	4%	5%	8%	6%
Health	180	0.81	3%	3%	7%	5%
Motor trades	160	0.87	2%	3%	4%	4%
Transport & storage	160	1.37	2%	2%	9%	8%
Finance & insurance	120	0.66	2%	3%	4%	3%
Education	75	0.66	1%	2%	13%	14%
Public administration and defence	50	1.28	1%	1%	7%	6%

### New business start-ups in Ripon (2020-2022)

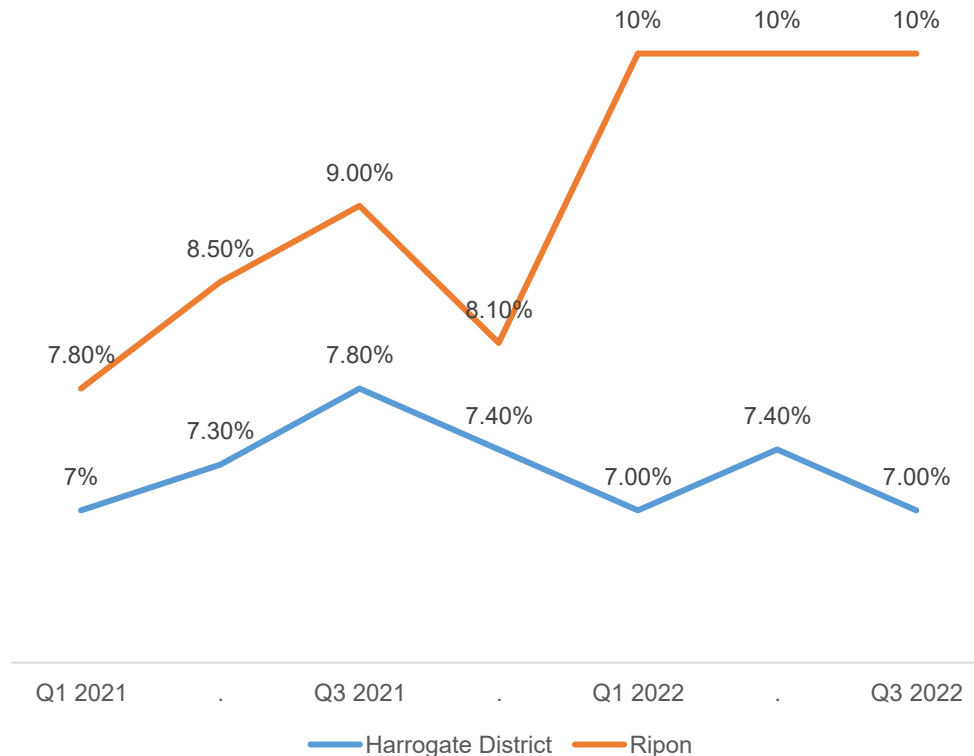
Source: Banksearch Consultancy



- Average of 15 new business start-ups per quarter, over the past two years.
- Highest number of start-ups was in summer 2021 = 26  
(12% of Harrogate District total).

**Retail vacancy rates (Apr 2021-Dec 2022)**  
*Source: Harrogate Borough Council*

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- Ripon has nearly 260 retail units, of which 10% are currently vacant.
- Ripon Business Improvement District (BID) is a pro-active partnership, working to attract visitors to the area and support local businesses.

# Businesses and sectors

- Key sectors
- Supporting innovation and growth

# Food Manufacturing: Sturdy Foods



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Based at Barker Business Park

- Employing 14 people
- Grown from 'starter unit' to their own purpose-built production facility on the same site

## High growth employer: Farmison & Co, Ripon

- Butchery and meat wholesaler/retailer
- Relocated in 2019, investing in redevelopment of nearby, vacant building.
- Company has since grown from employing approx. 25 people to around 100.





## Established key employer: Econ Engineering, Ripon

- The UK's leading manufacturer of salt gritters and highway maintenance vehicles.
- Operating for over 50 years, employing over 220 people in Ripon.
- Expansion to a new site at Sowerby



## Growing business sector: Additive X

- Company employing around 35 people, operating as a leading UK supplier of 3D printers and additive manufacturing equipment.
- Well established business (formerly Express Group) that has diversified and adapted, as consumer demand has changed.



# Growing business sector: Full Circle Events & Exhibitions

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- Full Service Events Supplier and exhibition stand builders.
- Around 25 people who work from the Ripon factory and offices, and looking to recruit more staff.



## Workspace example: Phoenix Business Park

- Council owned workspace of 26 units
- New build and refurbishment in response to demand
- Attracting new, relocating and growing businesses



# Opportunities and future development

# Opportunities: Economic Enablers and Assets

- Public Wi-Fi and superfast broadband
- Location to the A1(M)
- Active city centre e.g. Ripon BID
- Co-ordinated, local business support services

# Opportunities: Economic Enablers and Assets

- Shared Prosperity Fund
- Extending access to skills and training
- Ripon renewal area focus
- Redevelopment of Ripon Barracks to Clothierholme

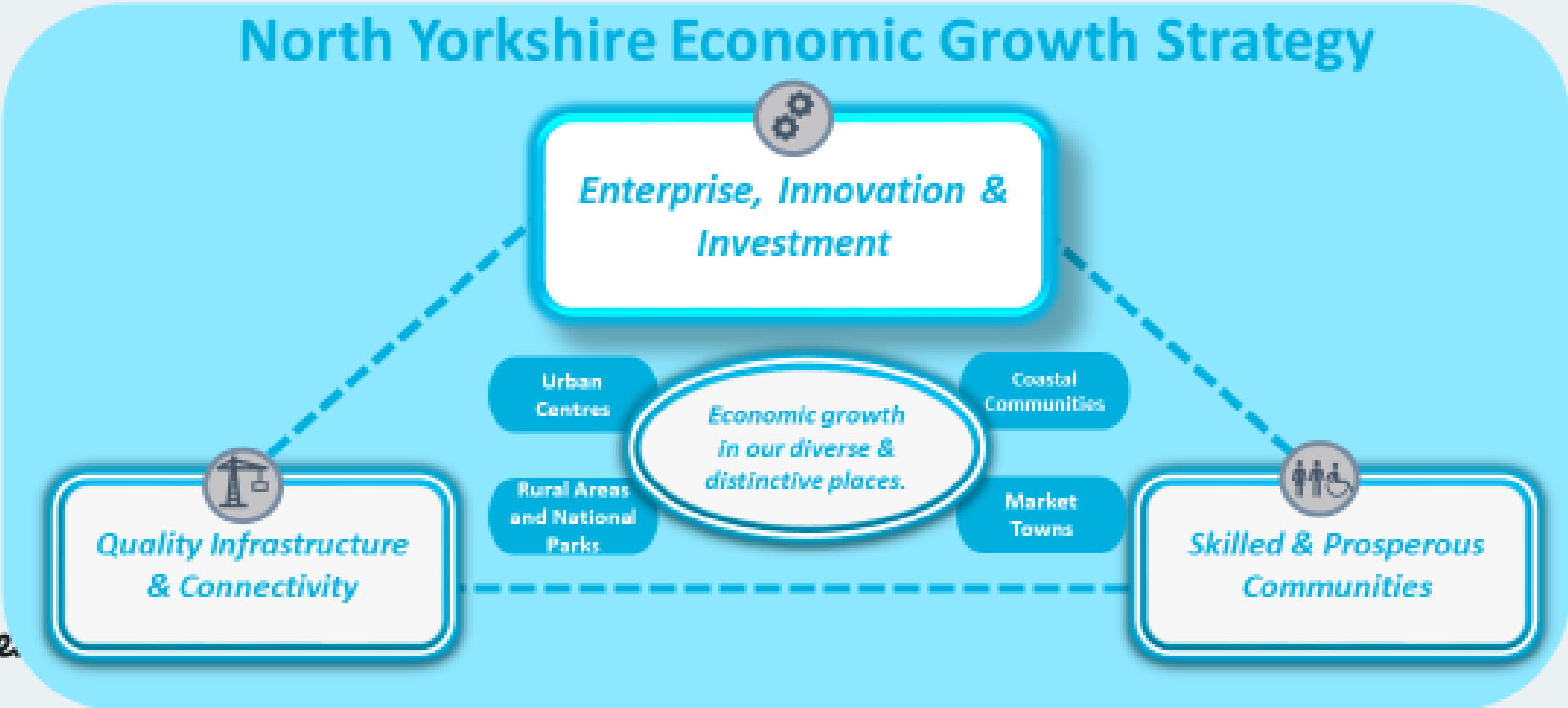


# Economic Growth Strategy for North Yorkshire

- New Economic Growth Strategy for North Yorkshire
- Driving up economic growth and productivity
- Initial SWOT, evidence review and consultation completed
- Emerging Strategic Framework recently agreed

# Emerging Pillars

‘Enterprise, Innovation & Investment’ sits at the heart of North Yorkshire’s Economic Growth Strategy. The Strategy also recognises the importance of delivering ‘Quality Infrastructure & Connectivity’ and enabling ‘Skilled & Prosperous Communities’ in driving up economic growth and living standards. The opportunities and challenges around each of these three pillars are considered across North Yorkshire’s diverse and distinctive places.



## Next steps:

- Further analysis of key sectors and asset mapping
- 1:1 consultation and theme/sector workshops in March and April
- Detailed development and approval of Strategy through to Summer

# Q & A

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**NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**Skipton & Ripon AREA CONSTITUENCY COMMITTEE – 9<sup>th</sup> March 2023**  
**Stronger Communities Update**

## **1.0 Purpose of Report**

To provide Members with an update on the Stronger Communities Programme and an overview of progress made in the Skipton & Ripon Constituency area.

## **2.0 Background**

2.1 Despite the ever-changing landscape of the pandemic over the past 12 months, the community support infrastructure through the Community Support Organisation (CSO) network has remained largely in place since March 2020. As we moved into recovery, a minority of CSOs wound down or scaled back their pandemic response activities. A significant number have however continued to work with the programme on supporting communities with the challenges they face in relation to cost of living and winter pressures. This has been alongside exploring how the successful CSO model could be built upon and developed further to support the health, wellbeing and prevention agenda, and wider community resilience in localities, through the Community Anchor Organisation (CAO) model concept.

2.2 In addition to this work, the programme has also been able to resume pre-pandemic projects and has taken the lead role on a number of new countywide programmes.

2.3 A number of new national initiatives have been launched over the past 12 months particularly around alleviating the cost of living pressures being felt by families and residents on low incomes. Stronger Communities are leading on a number of these programmes and work in partnership with others within the Council and externally.

## **3.0 Community Support Organisations (CSOs) & Community Response**

3.1 The work of the CSOs has shifted focus in 2022/23, moving from pandemic response to recovery. Instead of supporting people who were self-isolating or shielding, their efforts have been on building confidence and independence and helping to remove some of the dependencies that emerged during the pandemic. This has included activities such as supported shopping trips, accompanied walks, social events and support groups and activities.

3.2 In acknowledgement of broader community resilience challenges including cost of living and winter pressures, the CSOs have been retained until the end of March 2023; continuing to work in partnership with NYCC to act as a place based single point of contact for locally based support, in collaboration with their volunteers, partners and networks.

3.3 A total of £924,700 has been invested in the CSO infrastructure across the county in 2022/23; this includes a £22,000 contribution from the Humber and North Yorkshire

Integrated Care Board (ICB) to support the development and rollout of the Rockwood Frailty Toolkit. A breakdown of CSO investment by geography is outlined below.

District	No. of CSOs	Total Value
Craven	3	£92,000
Hambleton	4	£138,000
Harrogate	6	£203,500
Richmondshire	5	£126,000
Ryedale	2	£68,000
Scarborough	3	£173,200
Selby	3	£124,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>£924,700</b>

### 3.4 Future Opportunities for CSOs

Stronger Communities has also been working alongside the CSOs to identify elements of the model that could be retained and developed further to support the wider health, well-being and prevention, and community resilience agenda. Following a well-attended 'Response to Recovery' event that took place in May 2022 for those organisations that had undertaken the CSO role, followed by the 'Learning Together and Co-Creation' day in early November, the development of a Community Anchor Organisation network across North Yorkshire has been progressed. This is building on the successful CSO model, and further exploring the role that locally rooted, place based organisations can play in building resilience in communities.

- 3.5 In February 2023, as part of its established 'Achieve Together' Investment Programme, Stronger Communities opened a new opportunity to establish a Community Anchor model for North Yorkshire. Grants of £15,000 a year (for up to 3 years) will be made available from April 2023 for place rooted organisations, based in principal service towns or centres, who are able to serve a wider hinterland. This investment supports the core aims of the wider Stronger Communities Programme which include:

- Prevention and reducing health inequalities
- Community resilience
- Social regeneration

- 3.6 After gathering insight from other local authorities and community development programmes and gaining insight from voluntary and community sector organisations (including CSOs), a number of characteristics and activities which we would hope to see in a Community Anchor Organisation have been developed. This encompasses:

#### *Characteristics*

- Crucial to the place and the community in which it is based.
- A voice for local people.
- Collaborative, open and encouraging of other contributions.
- Proactive with a can-do mindset.



- Already delivering services.
- Independent and community led.
- Financially resilient.

#### *Activities*

- Building local partnerships and alliances to deliver services.
- Improving physical and mental wellbeing and reducing health inequalities.
- Regeneration of their communities.
- Building community resilience.
- Improving people's financial resilience.

3.7 The funding currently being used to support this work is non-recurring and as such, the challenge will be to develop financially sustainable options for CAOs in order for them to become less dependent on public sector grants and establish diverse income streams – which could include earned income through contracts and charging.

#### 3.8 Community Grants

In addition to the work with CSOs, Stronger Communities has awarded £114,696 in Community Grants supporting 109 groups and / or projects to date in 2022/23. This investment has allowed communities and small grass roots groups and organisations to recover from the pandemic and to re-establish local events and activities in their communities. A geographical breakdown of the grants awarded is outlined below.

District	No. of Grants	Total Value
Craven	7	£8,000
Hambleton	8	£7,300
Harrogate	12	£11,990
Richmondshire	10	£10,000
Ryedale	15	£14,500
Scarborough	37	£35,214
Selby	17	£16,692
Countywide	1	£8,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>£111,696</b>

3.9 A breakdown of grants awarded in the Skipton & Ripon Constituency area is attached at **Appendix A**.

## 4.0 **Wider Stronger Communities Programme Work**

4.1 The Stronger Communities programme has been able to resume some of its pre-pandemic work over the past twelve months; it is also leading on a number of large new national programmes.

4.2 The range of activities the team are leading on, or are contributing to, is broad and varied:

- Holiday Activities and Food Programme for free school meal eligible children (Department of Education funded)
- Household Support Fund - awards to low-income households (Department of Work and Pensions funded)
- Homes for Ukraine Programme (Home Office)
- Wellbeing and Prevention investment – Stay Healthy, Independent and Connected
- Digital Inclusion
- Cost of living
- UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF)
- Mental health programmes (NHS)
- Local Government Reorganisation (LGR)

4.3 Holiday Activities and Food Programme

Stronger Communities continue to lead on the delivery of this programme, which was launched with the branding of FEAST (Food, Entertainment, Arts & Sport Together) in partnership with Children and Young People's Service (CYPS) and the voluntary and community sector. Coordination of the programme has been undertaken by North Yorkshire Together who in conjunction with a network of locally placed clubs and community organisations, deliver a range of enriching activities over holiday periods.

The new Holiday Activities and Food Coordinator is now in post and is working with North Yorkshire Together partners, as well as colleagues in CYPS, Stronger Communities and Public Health to develop the programme further with a particular emphasis on providing a wraparound service for families, its nutrition and healthy food offer, building stronger relationships with schools, and increasing the number of teenagers engaging with the programme.

4.4 Household Support Fund

In the last 6 months, Stronger Communities have continued to administer the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) funded Household Support Fund.

The third phase of the scheme aimed to support those most in need with significantly rising living costs between October 2022 and March 2023, particularly focussing on those who missed out on national government cost of living support. In line with the expenditure guidelines and the agreed eligibility framework developed in partnership with the seven District and Borough Councils, 23,395 eligible households across North Yorkshire have received a direct award in the form of a shopping voucher in January 2023. This encompassed eligible families, pensioners and working age adult households, as well as those who missed out on other forms of national Cost of Living support. In addition to this, supplementary funding was awarded to North Yorkshire Local Assistance Fund (NYLAF), Warm and Well, and 16 food providers across the County.

Household Support Fund will continue from 1 April 2023 for a further 12 months; guidance for the scheme has been received and work will commence on how this will be deployed shortly.

#### 4.5 Homes for Ukraine Programme

Following the launch of the national Homes for Ukraine programme, officers from the Stronger Communities team have continued to lead on North Yorkshire's multi-agency approach to ensuring arrangements are in place for host families (sponsors) are approved (home and welfare checks) and procedures are in place to distribute the government funding for sponsors and guests. The approach also supports the many local groups who have set up across the county to help welcome and support the Ukrainian refugees with things such as language lessons, social events and peer support.

The current number of Ukrainian guests residing in North Yorkshire, through the Homes for Ukraine sponsorship programme is approximately 838. In addition, 346 guests, who initially arrived in North Yorkshire, have either moved into private rental accommodation, to another Local Authority area, or returned to Ukraine, making a total of 1184 arrivals since March 2022. Of the guests who have moved on from their sponsor, 78 groups, or 191 individuals are now living in rental properties within North Yorkshire.

The government has recently announced a number of updates to the scheme; this includes an extension to the maximum sponsorship term from 12 to 24 months, an increase to the thank you payment once guests have been in the UK for 12 months, and additional funding to acquire housing and support for guests to move into their own homes and reduce the risk of homelessness.

#### 4.6 Wellbeing and Prevention – Stay Healthy, Independent & Connected

The Stronger Communities team have continued to support colleagues in Targeted Prevention (Health and Adult Services) to develop options for future investment in well-being and prevention, learning from the place-based pilots operating in Craven and Selby. The Stay Healthy, Independent and Connected Grants scheme was launched in late 2022, with new providers starting work in their localities on 1 April 2023.

#### 4.7 Digital Inclusion

The digital buddies and champions programme delivered in partnership with Citizens Online, libraries, Living Well and community volunteers has proved a vital resource during the pandemic helping people to access online services and stay connected to friends and families. This has been delivered in tandem with the recycling of ICT equipment and devices project Reboot North Yorkshire. Awareness of Reboot North Yorkshire continues to grow, with an increased number of organisations and services referring their beneficiaries into the scheme, particularly those who are socially isolated, or those in need of a device to access training or education.

#### 4.8 Cost of living - Food Insecurity

Following the Council's investment of a Defra grant in 2020/21 for a range of community projects that help combat food and fuel insecurity arising out of the

pandemic; additional funding was made available to deliver the Food for the Future programme, aiming to embed local sustainable food support options, which also support beneficiaries to build their levels of confidence and independence. An additional 44 have also been made available to food banks and / or providers of free or low-cost food through the three rounds of HSF.

The food insecurity research and insight work continues to progress well in conjunction with City of York Council (CYC), with the report expected in Spring 2023. This broadly encompasses the following areas:

- Developing and utilising an evidence base of interventions including associated outcomes.
- Building our understanding of the realities faced by food providers, the unmet needs, the real-life outcomes, and thoughts about sustainability /viability.
- Developing a clearer map of provision across York & North Yorkshire and gaining a feel for possible gaps in areas / or models.
- Innovating / experimenting with an approach that involved people with lived experience.

The team continues to work closely with the Public Health Healthier Lives, Community and Economy team who are looking to bring together a range of organisations in the food sector to establish a food system framework and ultimately a food partnership to address the immediate to long term challenges presented. Joint work on exploring the impact of Cost of Living on Health Outcomes will also commence in Spring 2023.

#### 4.9 Broader Cost of Living work

In conjunction with internal and external partners and coordinated by Stronger Communities, the cost-of-living support page on the NYCC website has been updated and reconfigured to provide as comprehensive a picture as possible. This encompasses links to more local level sources of information, including the District and Borough Councils and Community Support Organisations (CSOs), as well as detailing information on Warm Spaces, and support available for community and voluntary groups wishing to tackle cost of living challenges in their communities.

The programme has also supported the development of the NYCC Cost of Living Communications Campaign utilising a variety of tools. This includes the development of a range of social media assets and an A5 leaflet that has been made available in hard copy and digitally, which will drive people to the updated cost of living page on the website, their local CSO, and potentially to NYCC's Customer Service Centre by telephone as an alternative.

#### 4.10 UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF)

As part of the government's Levelling Up agenda the Council submitted its proposals for its allocated UKSPF funding, which have now been approved. There is a strong emphasis within the criteria for UKSPF on place shaping, community empowerment, engagement and strengthening the voluntary and community sector, and Stronger Communities are taking the lead role in the delivery of the Communities and Place

strand. An advisory group is in place made up of public and voluntary sector partners and the year one allocations have been signed off with contracts being prepared.

#### **4.11 Mental health programmes (NHS)**

The Stronger Communities Programme has worked in partnership with colleagues in Public Health and the NHS to deliver a range of community led mental health projects since 2019. These include grass roots suicide prevention programmes and other specialist mental health services. As part of the national Community Mental Health Transformation programme, Stronger Communities continue to work in partnership with the NHS to transform mental health services for people with a serious mental illness through building capacity within communities and the voluntary sector. The approach includes NHS financial investment, managed by Stronger Communities, working with four place based multi-agency partnerships to develop and/or pilot new community -based services and projects through grant funding to voluntary organisations and community groups with the over-arching aim of enabling people with a serious mental illness to live well in their communities.

#### **4.12 Children and Young People**

In conjunction with Children and Young People Service (CYPS), the Stronger Communities team continues to work with Early Help to deliver their Get Going grants scheme that seeks to grow community capacity by working alongside and with our communities to stimulate, support and develop activities that enable children, young people and their families to be happy, healthy and achieving.

#### **4.13 Capacity Building**

The Stronger Communities Programme has continued to strengthen local community assets and infrastructure; this has included encouraging relationships and collaborations between voluntary and community sector organisations as well as stabilising, and / or building capacity within them if required. The impact of the pandemic on income and capacity within the sector, together with concerns in relation to rising fuel costs is resulting in concerns about their long-term viability and sustainability. Stronger Communities continues to work with colleagues such as Community First Yorkshire, The Two Ridings Foundation, the Lottery and other partners to identify issues and concerns and develop joint responses.

### **5.0 Planning for the future**

#### **5.1 Independent Evaluation**

The Stronger Communities Programme is subject to a 5-year independent evaluation, conducted by Skyblue Research; evaluation of the CSOs has been encompassed within this, alongside continuing to develop our ten-year strategy, People, Place and Power.

#### **5.2 The Learning Review Evaluation (2018 – 2022) highlighted a number of key achievements of the programme. Some of the headlines include:**

- 1,100 community projects supported in over 200 communities in North Yorkshire since 2018. This rises to 1,415 projects since the programme's inception in 2015.
- Over 600 Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) organisations have received financial and / or relational support from the programme.
- An estimated 100,000 benefitted from the programme between 2015 and 2020, with 60,000 benefitting in 2020/21.
- £3.45million of external funds have been secured as a result of Stronger Communities organisational development investment in to VCSEs or place based collaborations.

### 5.3 Local Government Reorganisation (LGR)

The Stronger Communities team is involved in a number of work-streams to support the formation of the new unitary council. Stronger Communities also delivered elements of the Let's Talk campaign in partnership with Borough and District Councils between September and December 2022.

## 6.0 **Local Area Information**

### 6.1 Community Support Organisations (CSOs)

The remit for CSO's this year has been to support recovery and encourage people to become as independent as they can be again. Therefore, there have been fewer shopping trips and prescriptions being collected, whilst we have seen a rise in group activities, with more provision than pre-pandemic from each organisation.

Volunteer numbers have picked up again this year, and organisations are feeling more confident about their volunteer base than this time last year.

CSO's are:

- Grassington Hub
- Skipton Step into Action
- Age UK North Craven
- Nidderdale Plus
- Ripon Community House
- Masham Community Office

Each of the three Craven based CSO's participated in a pilot of Staying Healthy, Independent & Connected (SHIC), a HAS place based prevention model which evolved in part from the learning from the CSO model. When HAS subsequently contracted for the SHIC model across North Yorkshire all three of the pilot organisations as well as Nidderdale Plus and Masham Community Office were successful. Holding a contract with HAS is a development opportunity and source of additional funding for these organisations, especially Grassington Hub, SSIA, Nidderdale Plus and Masham Community Office helping to create more robust and sustainable community organisations.

## 6.2 Work with Local Organisations

It was sad to see the closure of the local Community Transport provider Skipton Action on Disability (SCAD). Skipton Step into Action had begun a pilot car scheme on a very small scale as they came across people who couldn't use the SCAD service but needed transport. Stronger Communities worked successfully with Integrated Passenger Transport (IPT) to secure funding for them to extend the pilot into a Volunteer Car Scheme supported by IPT. This is now live including proactively seeking an accessible vehicle.

Masham Community Office (MCO) are in the process of raising £200,000 to purchase the building they are based in their landlord North Yorkshire Police informed them that they wished to sell. MCO have seen this as an opportunity to secure the asset for the future. The wider community including individuals, organisations, local business and the Stronger Communities Programme are working with MCO to help them raise the funds needed to purchase the building.

## 6.3 Mental Health Support

Since Stronger Communities funded a Strategic Director post 5 years ago (shared with the Orb in Knaresborough) Pioneer Projects has gone from strength to strength. The organisation secured the Mental Health prevention contract based on a Wellbeing Hub model, with first hubs developed in Bentham and Skipton four years ago. Recently Pioneer secured £100,000 (NHS programme Transforming Community Mental Health Services) for three consecutive years to expand the model across Craven, creating the Craven Mental Health & Wellbeing Network with Wellbeing Hubs in:

- Cross Hills with Glusburn Institute
- Grassington with Grassington Hub
- Skipton with volunteers from Skipton Baptists / Methodist Church
- Greatwood & Horseclose Community Centre with the Residents Association
- Broughton Rd, Skipton with Broughton Rd Community Centre
- Settle with The Place in Settle

The NHS programme Transforming Community Mental Health Services is being directly supported by Stronger Communities Programme in the Harrogate District. Route One to Wellness established with the support of the Stronger Communities Achieve Together. Route One to Wellness is a collaboration between Harrogate MIND, Wellspring Counselling Services, Claro Enterprise and The Orb has been awarded £50,000 to enable them to offer community-based support services via direct referral from PCN social prescribers. In addition, The Orb has been awarded £35,000 for development work to enable partners within statutory and voluntary sector organisations to work better together, the ambition is this will lead to the creation of Wellbeing hubs in Nidderdale, Ripon & Masham.

## 6.4 Health & Wellbeing

Stronger Communities has been an active partner in the Craven Health and Care Partnership (Craven Communities Together), the cross-sector partnership created to address local health inequalities since inception five years ago.

The partnership has recently secured £100,000 plus two years recurrent funding of £67k to improve health outcomes for people living in the Broughton Rd and Greatwood and Horseclose areas in Skipton. The funding will be used to increase community capacity to understand the barriers to accessing health services in these communities, and to increase provision of community wellbeing services and uptake of health services and support. A cross sector subgroup will provide leadership and oversight to the work.

Ripon Community House in partnership with Nidderdale Plus, Boroughbridge Community Care and Masham Community Office secured £7,500 to increase capacity of food and essential household supplies for those facing financial hardship or in need across the rural areas of the north and west areas of the Harrogate District.

## **7.0 Financial implications**

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

## **8.0 Legal implications**

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

## **9.0 Climate change Implications**

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

## **10.0 Equalities implications**

10.1 There are no significant equalities implications arising from this report.

## **11.0 Recommendations**

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

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**28 February 2023**



### Appendix A – Breakdown of Community Grants Awarded

District	Organisation Name	Value
Craven	Yorkshire Energy Doctor	£1000
Craven	The Place Settle	£1000
Craven	Skipton Step into Action	£2000
Craven	3rd Skipton Scout Group	£1000
Craven	Our Creative Connections	£1000
Craven	The Carers Resource	£1000
Craven	Our Creative Connections	£1000
Harrogate	Yorkshire Energy Doctor	£1000
Harrogate	Ripon City Band	£1000
Harrogate	Ripon Poetry Festival	£1000
Harrogate	Ripon City Festival Trust	£1000

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**NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL  
Skipton and Ripon Area Constituency Committee  
9 March 2023**

**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**

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**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.

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## Skipton and Ripon Area Constituency Committee

### Work Programme – dated 1 March 2023

#### 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

<b>10am on 1 September 2022</b>	
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
<b>10am on 15 December 2022</b>	
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
<b>10am on 5 January 2023 – private briefing held remotely by MS Teams</b>	
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.
<b>10am on 9 March 2023</b>	
Committee discussion with local MP	An opportunity for committee members to discuss issues of key concern in the constituency – verbal update
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 – verbal update
Petition	Restoration of the original bus service between Ingleton and Lancaster - previously the No80 service provided by Stagecoach – report back on investigations undertaken by BES
Economic development	Presentation on the Ripon Masterplan or a significant economic development plan being developed in the Craven District Council area
Airedale Hospital	Update on the maintenance of the existing site and possible build of a new hospital on the same site - presentation
Stronger Communities	Stronger Communities update - Stronger Communities Programme, NYCC
<b>10am on 1 June 2023</b>	
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
Housing market	Affordable housing for first time house buyers and for people renting - TBC
Resilience	Community Emergency Plans – TBC
Transport	Digital Demand Responsive Bus Service (YOR Bus) – Business and Environment Services, NYCC

10am on 31 August 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
10am on 14 December 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
Sustainable schools	Annual Education Report – Children and Young People Services, NYCC
Culture	Review of the updated North Yorkshire Cultural Framework
Digital Demand Responsive Bus Service	Review of the outcome of the 24 month pilot

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**Date to be confirmed:**

- Climate Change and the environment - Annual update on progress with the Council's Carbon Reduction Plan - TBC
- Rural Commission - Update on the progress with the implementation of the report recommendations – TBC

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