



Agenda

Notice of a public meeting of **Harrogate and Knaresborough Area Constituency Committee**

To: County Councillors Pat Marsh (Chair), Chris Aldred, Philip Broadbank, Felicity Cunliffe-Lister, Sam Gibbs, Hannah Gostlow, Michael Harrison, Paul Haslam, Peter Lacey, John Mann, Mike Schofield, Monika Slater (Vice-Chair), Matt Walker, Arnold Warneken and Robert Windass

Date: Thursday, 16th March, 2023

Time: 10.00 am

Venue: Council Chamber, Harrogate Civic Centre, St Luke's Avenue, Harrogate HG1 2AE.

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Business

1. **Welcome by the Chairman, introductions and apologies for absence**
2. **Minutes of the Committee meeting held on 24 November 2022** (Pages 3 - 10)
3. **Declarations of Interest**
4. **Public Questions or Statements**

Anyone who would like to ask a question or make a statement at the meeting should email notice of their wish to do so, including the full text of what they intend to say, to Ruth.Gladstone@northyorks.gov.uk as soon as possible, and **by midday on Monday 13 March 2023** at the latest. Speakers are each asked not to exceed 3 minutes' speaking time and to read out only the statement/question of which they have submitted notice, without adding to or altering it. No person may submit more than one question or statement. No more than one question may be asked, or statement made, on behalf of one organisation. The overall time available for public questions or statements is 30 minutes.

If you are asking a question or making a statement at this meeting but do not wish to be recorded, please inform the Chairman who will instruct those taking a recording to cease whilst you speak.

Note: Questions or statements about Harrogate Station Gateway should be directed to the Committee's special meeting to be held on 5 May 2023 at 10am at Harrogate Civic Centre.

5. **Active Travel Update** (Pages 11 - 24)
Report of the Corporate Director – Business and Environmental Services.
6. **Yorkshire Water - Management of Combined Sewer Overflows and Nidd Assets**
Presentation by a representative of Yorkshire Water about the management of Yorkshire Water's combined sewer overflows and Nidd assets.
7. **Bathing Water Quality - Knaresborough Lido**
Oral report from Members of the Committee's Task and Finish Group.
8. **Stronger Communities Update** (Pages 25 - 34)
Joint report of the Stronger Communities Delivery Manager (Harrogate District) and the Head of Stronger Communities.
9. **Harrogate Destination Management Organisation - Achievements During First Year**
Presentation by representatives of Harrogate DMO.
10. **Update from the Climate Sub Group** (Pages 35 - 38)
Report of County Councillor Arnold Warneken (Chair of Sub Group)
11. **Committee Work Programme** (Pages 39 - 44)
Report of the Principal Democratic Services Officer.

Barry Khan
Assistant Chief Executive
(Legal and Democratic Services)

County Hall
Northallerton

Wednesday, 8 March 2023

North Yorkshire County Council

Harrogate and Knaresborough Area Constituency Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 24th November, 2022 commencing at 10.00 am at Harrogate Civic Centre.

Present: County Councillor Pat Marsh in the Chair, and County Councillors Chris Aldred, Philip Broadbank, Sam Gibbs, Hannah Gostlow, Michael Harrison, Paul Haslam, Peter Lacey, John Mann, Mike Schofield, Monika Slater, Matt Walker, Arnold Warneken and Robert Windass.

Officers present: Sally Dunn, Howard Emmett, Jane Le Sage, Amanda Newbold, Chloe Thwaites, Sue Turley, Victoria Turner and Ruth Gladstone.

Other Attendees: Sarah Armstrong (Chair) and Jonathan Coulter (Chief Executive) of Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust. Lulu Halloum and Luke Warburton of Harrogate Youth Council. Brando Naim (Member of the Youth Parliament for Harrogate and Craven). Seven members of the public.

Copies of all documents considered are in the Minute Book

25 Minutes of the meeting held on 12 October 2022 and the special meeting held on 10 November 2022

County Councillor Arnold Warneken referred to the last bullet point on page 3 of the minutes of the special meeting held on 10 November 2022 and advised that it correctly recorded the undertaking, which Andrew Jones MP had given during that meeting, to provide a written response to a question which County Councillor Arnold Warneken had asked during that meeting. County Councillor Arnold Warneken reported that Andrew Jones MP had written to him but had not answered the question on the grounds that County Councillor Arnold Warneken was not one of his constituents. County Councillor Arnold Warneken highlighted that he represented Marton cum Grafton, Great Ouseburn, Little Ouseburn and the Dunsforths on the County Council and a large farming community within the Harrogate and Knaresborough constituency. He also highlighted that he was a member of this Committee and that the question which he had asked at the Committee's special meeting on 10 November was on behalf of this Committee rather than himself. The Chair agreed, at County Councillor Arnold Warneken's request, to ask Andrew Jones MP to provide a written reply to the question which County Councillor Arnold Warneken had asked at the Committee's special meeting on 10 November to which Andrew Jones MP had undertaken, at that meeting, to provide a written response.

Resolved –

- (a) That the Minutes of the meeting held on 12 October 2022, having been printed and circulated, be taken as read and be confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.
- (b) That the Minutes of the special meeting held on 10 November 2022, having been printed and circulated, be taken as read and be confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

26 Declarations of Interest

County Councillor Philip Broadbank referred to item 7 on the agenda and declared that his wife was employed as a nurse at the Harrogate District Hospital.

27 Public Questions or Statements

Two notices had been received of questions or statements from members of the public for this meeting.

Neil Hind, Chairperson, Pinewoods Conservation Group

Ruth Gladstone (Principal Democratic Services Officer) read out the following question on behalf of Neil Hind:- "Councillors are hopefully aware of the plans for Harrogate Spring Water to expand onto public woodland known as Rotary Wood as there is public concern around this. As from 1st April, that land will transfer ownership from Harrogate Council to the new North Yorkshire Council. Could the Committee confirm that it would not approve or support any proposal for the Council to sell or lease this public land for development."

Ruth Gladstone read out the following response on behalf of officers from the Council's Business and Environmental Services Directorate:- "Harrogate Spring Water has been investigating the possibility of expansion at the site for a number of years. The company is a local business and employer, now part of Danone. Expansion of the site would initially need to be considered in the same way as any development. Therefore, if the company can obtain the appropriate statutory consents, including planning permission, then the Council will need to consider whether it wishes to allow use of the land and the terms for any transaction."

Members made no comment regarding the above question and response so that Members who would be determining the planning application did not need to leave this meeting to avoid any suggestion of predetermining that application.

20mph Pannal Ash Safe Streets Zone

Dr Jenny Marks made the following statement on behalf of herself and Mrs Ruth Lily:-

"Thank you Chair and Councillors for giving us the opportunity to deliver our statement. I am Jenny Marks and this is my neighbour on Pannal Ash Road, Ruth Lily.

We are applying to NYCC for the creation of a 20mph zone, with appropriate additional infrastructure, including safe crossings, around Harrogate Grammar School, Rossett High, Ashville College, Rossett Acre Primary, and Western Primary.

The County Council's Revised 20mph Speed Limit and Zone Policy (Jan 2022) allows for the creation of 20mph zones particularly around schools, where they benefit both safety and a sense of place, to extend an existing 20mph limit, and where there is public support for the proposal.

We can demonstrate a need for a 20mph zone on the basis of all these points.

We are speaking from a position of significant collective concern for the safety of the 4,995 school children, and for all those who use the network of roads around the schools on a daily basis, including residents, and users of Rossett and Ashville Sports Centres, Busy Bees Nursery, and Rossett Nature Reserve.

We are speaking from a strong position of local knowledge and support, having spent the

last 18 months consulting schools, local residents and other stakeholders in order to better understand their needs.

Our consultation has enabled us to formulate a plan for the area which takes into account all of those needs – a 20mph zone with supporting infrastructure.

This plan was well-received at the Harlow and Pannal Ash Residents Association AGM, at which we spoke last month. We also have support from the five schools, from our local councillor, Cllr Schofield, from the Harrogate District Cycle Action Group and from more than 330 people who have signed our petition for a 'Pannal Ash Safe Streets Zone' <https://www.ipetitions.com/petition/pannal-ash-safe-streets-zone> . We urge you to visit this petition and to read the many heartfelt comments, the pleas for safer streets.

Throughout the consultation process we have been struck by:

- The overwhelming sense of concern for the safety of children and others using these roads;
- People's alarm at the degradation of the area's atmosphere and sense of place due to its increasing use as a cut-through by speeding traffic;
- Worries that the situation will only get worse as many more houses are built on the West side of Harrogate.

We have heard time and again the wishes of parents and others to have a safe network of streets that makes all forms of active travel SAFE.

The lack of safe streets forces people into their cars.

In a world of climate crisis, this lack of provision for safe active travel seems irresponsible and outdated.

Many places across the UK now have school streets and 20mph zones as the norm, or indeed 20mph limits in all urban areas. They have safe, dedicated cycle routes. We in North Yorkshire appear to be lagging far behind in this respect.

We believe that the council has a moral responsibility to take a holistic and modern approach to road safety in our area.

Last month, this Committee voted in favour of piloting 20mph zones in selected residential areas. We have worked with schools, local groups and residents to develop a plan for just such a 20mph zone. We have strong local support. We ask that the Pannal Ash Safe Streets Zone be taken forward as the first area to be piloted. Thank you."

Ruth Gladstone (Principal Democratic Services Officer) read out the following response on behalf of Council Highways Officers:- "We would like to thank Dr Jenny Marks and Mrs Ruth Lily for their thorough and detailed research and engagement with the Pannal Ash community in forming their application for the creation of a 20mph Zone. We acknowledge receipt of the application which will be assessed in accordance with the revised policy". Dr Jenny Marks advised that the application had not been submitted yet.

County Councillor Mike Schofield (local Member) made a statement in support of the application. Various other Members expressed support for the application, commended the work undertaken by Dr Jenny Marks and Mrs Ruth Lily, and highlighted that police enforcement of 20mph zones was needed.

28 Schools, Educational Achievement and Finance

Considered: The report of the Corporate Director – Children and Young People’s Service which provided information on:-

- The numbers of maintained and academy schools across North Yorkshire and within the Harrogate and Knaresborough constituency.
- School standards, ie: Ofsted judgements; the uneven impact of the pandemic on 2021/22 performance data; overall attainment; attainment at the early years foundation stage and at key stages 2 and 4; and the number of young people not in education, employment or training.
- The numbers of suspension incidents and permanent exclusions.
- The reshaping of targeted mainstream SEN provision in the constituency during the 2020/21 academic year.
- SEN statistics for the constituency area.
- Elective home education.
- School finances, ie: 2021/22 school revenue balances; school budget projections based on 2022/23 start budgets; school finance and funding issues; local authority support for schools in financial difficulty; and the financial position of schools in the constituency area.
- The planning of school places, ie: current and future pupil rolls; provision for primary stage in the Boroughbridge, Harrogate West, Harrogate Outer, and Knaresborough town areas; provision for secondary stage; and provision for the new settlement at Maltkiln.

The report was introduced by Sue Turley (Strategic Planning Officer) who, together with Sally Dunn (Head of Schools High Needs Early Years), Jane le Sage (Assistant Director Inclusion), Amanda Newbold (Assistant Director Education and Skills), and Howard Emmett (Assistant Director Strategic Resources), responded to Members’ questions.

Members thanked the officers for providing a thorough and excellent report and asked questions. Additional information provided in response to questions included the following:-

- A survey was being undertaken to gather information on actions which schools were taking to address the impact of increasing electricity and gas prices. Once the survey results were available, they would be shared with Committee Members.
- Regarding school performance, the results for the Harrogate and Knaresborough constituency area were above averages across the county, and sometimes nationally. Members expressed concern that some performance across the county was below the national average. Officers advised of the actions which the local authority was taking to improve performance of local authority schools and could take regarding Academies.
- Further information was provided about the detailed work undertaken to plan school places to ensure capacity for new and future housing developments. Members commented that: -
 - (i) they would prefer a secondary school to be provided straight away to serve the proposed Maltkiln development and reduce home to school travel by car or bus. The officers advised that land within the Maltkiln development was safeguarded for secondary provision, should it be required in the future. However, Boroughbridge High School was being expanded and would have sufficient capacity to serve the Maltkiln community; and
 - (ii) having all secondary schools, and no sixth form, on one side of Harrogate was increasing traffic congestion. Members suggested that a secondary

school was needed in the Bilton/New Park area of Harrogate. Members suggested that the local authority was at risk of making pragmatic decisions rather than considering climate change issues which would create problems in the longer term.

- Elective home education in North Yorkshire had increased significantly since the pandemic began, reflecting the national situation, but was now slowing down slightly and was on par with national averages. Elective home education was a matter for parental choice and should be made for a positive reason to benefit the child. The local authority's powers were limited regarding elective home education. However, where elective home education was being considered by a parent, due to a breakdown in the relationship between the school and the parent, the local authority tried to broker the situation.
- When a child came off school roll or was missing education (or had "disappeared"), the school notified the local authority. The local authority then followed a statutory process to ensure it could track that child.
- The target opening date for the new primary school in Knaresborough had been revised to September 2024 due to infrastructure delays which were beyond the County Council's remit. Sue Turley undertook to provide further detail to County Councillor Matt Walker.
- A Member described the Targeted Mainstream Provision work, intended to help the local authority meet demand for full time education provision for children with SEND and who had an EHC Plan, as "excellent".

The Chair asked Members to email the officers with any further questions.

Note: During discussion, County Councillor Paul Haslam advised that he was a school governor but this was an unpaid position.

Resolved –

That the report on educational factors in the Harrogate and Knaresborough constituency area be noted.

29 Fuel Poverty Update

Considered: A presentation by Victoria Turner (Public Health Consultant, Public Health Team) concerning fuel poverty in North Yorkshire, its impact on health, actions being taken nationally and locally, and future opportunities which included local government reorganisation in North Yorkshire; the Levelling Up/Shared Prosperity Funding; and the co-benefits of addressing climate change. (A copy of the presentation slides was circulated as part of the agenda papers for this meeting.)

During discussion, various issues were highlighted, including the following:-

- Members commended the work being done to address fuel poverty.
- Members highlighted that residents were in fuel poverty within in the relatively affluent constituency of Harrogate and Knaresborough.
- Victoria Turner undertook to check what specialist property support was available to insulate old buildings in conservation areas where usual uPVC windows were not permitted.

- Officers recognised the need to highlight places where people could go to keep warm, that were already open, and where there was a lot of activity taking place in any case (eg libraries) so there should be less stigma in going there.

The Chair thanked Victoria Turner for her presentation and for answering Members' questions.

Resolved –

That the presentation be noted.

30 Harrogate District Hospital's Recovery from the Covid Pandemic

Considered: The oral briefing by Sarah Armstrong (Chair of Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust) and Jonathan Coulter (Chief Executive of Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust) concerning Harrogate Hospital's recovery from the Covid pandemic.

Key themes raised during discussion with Members included the following:-

- The Hospital's plans to run its own Domiciliary Care Service, the risk that such plans would distort the social care market recognising that care providers were currently struggling to recruit staff, and the suggestion that the Hospital and the County Council should work together to try collectively to make the situation better. Jonathan Coulter advised that the Hospital was very much aware of the situation, wanted to help address the problem of delayed discharges, and was working with Richard Webb's team to work this through with the County Council rather than doing anything that would upset that.
- Jonathan Coulter confirmed that the Hospital wished to look both at:- (i) the Buurtzorg model to provide support around the District Nurses Team; and (ii) whether North Yorkshire was suffering from nursing home deregistration due to the inability to attract nurses and, moreover, nurses moving from nursing homes to work for the NHS, and whether outreach nursing support could be given to ensure capacity in nursing beds within nursing homes.
- Actions the Hospital had taken to improve security following incidents of aggression towards staff and volunteers.
- A Member highlighted that the County Council's Scrutiny of Health Committee could be of greater help if the Trust provided written, rather than oral, information at meetings of that Committee. Jonathan Coulter undertook to deal with this.

The Chair thanked Sarah Armstrong and Jonathan Coulter for their briefing and asked for Members' thanks to be passed on to staff at the hospital.

Resolved –

That the briefing be noted.

31 Youth Council Update

Considered: The oral briefings provided by Lulu Halloum and Luke Warburton (the leadership team from Harrogate Youth Council) and Naim Brando (member of the Youth Parliament for Harrogate and Craven). Lulu and Luke spoke about the Youth Council, its

structure, current campaign topics, and the difficulties the Youth Council faced. Naim spoke about his role and the Youth Parliament's current campaign topics.

Members welcomed the presentations and applauded Lulu, Luke and Naim for their work and the Youth Council's activities.

During discussion:-

- The Youth Council representatives invited Members of the Committee to attend Youth Council meetings. County Councillors Paul Haslam, Philip Broadbank and Pat Marsh in particular expressed an interest in attending.
- In response to Members' questions, it was highlighted that finance was a key difficulty for the Youth Council and that, if the Youth Council could attract more funding, it would hire a stall at local events to carryout outreach activities. The Committee Chair suggested that the Youth Council should contact County Councillors outside this meeting because each County Councillor had a Locality Budget to spend.

It was noted that the Youth Council's representatives were scheduled to be invited to attend another meeting of the Committee in 2023.

The Chair thanked Lulu, Luke and Naim for attending this meeting and for providing their briefings.

Resolved –

That the briefings be noted.

32 Committee Work Programme

Considered: The Committee's Work Programme for Members to consider and amend.

Resolved –

- (a) That the Work Programme be approved, subject to:-
- (i) The inclusion of an additional meeting to be held in/around February 2023 to consider the Harrogate Station Gateway Project and an update on Active Travel Schemes, the precise date to be identified following the receipt of further information from Highways Officers and consultation with Committee Members.
 - (ii) The inclusion, at the meeting to be held on 16 March 2023, of an update from the Members' Task and Finish Group which is looking into the possibility of seeking Designated Bathing Area status for the River Nidd at Knaresborough.
 - (iii) The inclusion, at the meeting to be held on 16 March 2023, of a presentation from Harrogate Destination Management Organisation, and that Ruth Gladstone circulate, to all Members of the Committee, any information about the consideration of DMOs in the meantime by NYCC scrutiny committees.
 - (iv) The inclusion, at the meeting to be held on 16 March 2023, of an item allowing Members to comment on the Harrogate Borough Council Playing

Pitch Strategy, and that, in the meantime, Ruth Gladstone obtain the presentation slides used at the Borough Council's recent Member Training regarding that Strategy and email these to all Members of the Committee.

- (b) That Ruth Gladstone obtain, and circulate to all Members of this Committee, the list of initiatives considered by Harrogate Borough Council's 2024 Programme Board.

The meeting concluded at 1.25 pm.



**North Yorkshire County Council
Harrogate and Knaresborough Constituency Committee – 16 March 2023
Active Travel Update.**

1.0 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To update members on active travel projects within Harrogate and Knaresborough.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 Walking and cycling are the cheapest, healthiest and least polluting forms of travel. Most journeys involve some element of walking, whether it is a walk from home to work, walking to the bus stop or even walking from the car park to the shops. Good walking and cycling links to public transport facilities can integrate different transport modes and further encourage sustainable travel and ultimately reduce car use.
- 2.2 For many people cycling is also a healthy and environmentally friendly mode of travel. Compared to walking, the extra speed of cycling makes longer trips feasible and can offer a suitable means of travel for those who cannot or choose not to drive (e.g. children and those on low incomes). Providing for and encouraging more walking and cycling as an alternative to driving can also make a significant contribution to boosting social inclusion and to reducing congestion and its environmental and economic impacts.
- 2.3 The County Council is therefore committed to continuing to provide for and promote walking and cycling as a mode of travel for 'utility' trips to access local services.

3.0 Active Travel Fund

- 3.1 Active Travel Fund Tranche Four was announced on 06 February 2023 and Local Authorities were invited to submit bids to support the uptake of active travel for everyday trips. Funding will be made available in the 2022/23 financial year to support delivery of infrastructure that enables walking, wheeling and cycling. This funding is part of the Government's £2 billion commitment set out in Gear Change to deliver a step change in the provision of active travel and better streets for everyone.
- 3.2 Our indicative allocation is £1,081,443 which is based on our capability assessment from Active Travel England (ATE), although all authorities were encouraged to bid for more than their allocation to a maximum of 300% of the indicative allocation (a total value of £3,244,329 for NYCC).
- 3.3 Officers revisited the long list of schemes from tranche two and three of previous funding rounds and added additional schemes that had been requested over the last 12 months from members of the public, County Councillors and other interest groups. Officers sifted schemes against the criteria for both construction and development schemes. A number of schemes were immediately ruled out due to cost within the funding envelope, deliverability within the funding window, compliance issues, or low walking, wheeling and cycling uplifts.

- 3.4 Additionally officers reviewed the Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIPs), the list of current development schemes and spoke with officers at each of the local area highways teams to come up with a long list of schemes for evaluation. Again, the schemes were reviewed against the criteria of the bid and schemes ready for construction were prioritised alongside development schemes.
- 3.5 Following the input from stakeholders and analysis of potential schemes against the tranche four criteria the following capital schemes have been identified as appropriate to take forward:

Indicative allocation: £1,081,443

Scheme name	Priority No	Description	Cost
Victoria Avenue (construction)	1	<p>This scheme will include public realm and pedestrian crossing improvements at points with high levels of footfall. Segregated cycling infrastructure will be installed on either side of Victoria Avenue.</p> <p>Construction of permanent segregated cycling infrastructure with 1.5m wide, with flow, mandatory cycle lanes (east and westbound) with buffer zone for full extent.</p> <p>Improves cycling connectivity to the station (Transforming Cities Fund scheme) and shopping centres for pedestrians and cyclists, whilst utilising existing recognised routes. Segregated pedestrian crossing improvements including new crossing facilities at points with high levels of footfall (Belford Road and Parliament Street). Junction and kerb line remodelling at the junction with West Park with new build outs and improvements to the existing controlled crossing and new traffic signals.</p> <p>Removal of some existing parking and central refuges with removal and relocation of pay and display machines and lighting columns.</p>	<p>£1,573,277</p> <p>£1,081,443 from ATF4 indicative allocation and £491,834 from remaining ATF2 funds.</p>
		Total required from indicative allocation	£1,081,443

Competitive allocation: £2,162,886

Scheme name	Priority No	Description	Cost
Darlington Road, Richmond active travel improvements (construction)	2	Active travel improvements on Darlington Road, Richmond includes a number of measures such a key segregated cycle link, the provision of a 20mph speed limit and a number of improved crossings of side roads and entrances for pedestrians.	£458,500
A59 Maple Close Harrogate to Knaresborough (construction)	3	This scheme will involve placement of segregated cycle lanes along an existing cycle route. Improved crossing facilities will be installed to enable the safe passage of pedestrians and cyclists which will also	£1,653,827

		<p>provide connectivity to existing cycle routes and Knaresborough shopping centre/station.</p> <p>Construction of permanent with flow, mandatory cycle lanes, with buffer on the A59 Bilton Lane, Harrogate to Knaresborough.</p> <p>Placement of permanent new footway and improved crossing facilities at Forest Lane Head to Bilton Drive to improve safe crossing points for pedestrians. Existing road markings/studs to be removed and new road markings to be installed. The scheme will also provide connectivity to existing cycle routes and Knaresborough shopping centres/station.</p> <p>Relocation of street furniture to improve passage for riders. Siding out required at two locations.</p>	
		Total required from competitive allocation	£2,112,327

3.6 A funding announcement is expected on the 17 March 2023 with funding made available to Local Authorities shortly afterwards.

4.0 Oatlands Study

4.1 During the Covid-19 pandemic the Department for Transport (DfT) made funding available to all local highway authorities through the Active Travel Fund to provide infrastructure to make it easier for people to get around by walking and cycling.

4.2 Initial proposals for traffic reduction measures in the Oatlands Drive area of Harrogate were developed using this funding but were not well received during public consultation. We have commissioned WSP to look again at the area. A new, high-level public consultation has been undertaken using the Commonplace website to gather views and opinions from the local community about their priorities for the area.

4.3 An initial draft report has been received and is being considered by officers. The next stage will be to draw up design proposals for the area. This is expected by April 2023.

5.0 Harrogate Transport Improvement Package

5.1 Concept design options for the A61 Leeds Road are being developed and will be issued in the coming weeks for officer comment. Economic appraisal will then be undertaken to understand which elements should be included to develop the strongest potential funding bid.

5.2 We are now starting to receive discrete reports of the study for consideration, but will not have the full understanding of the study overall until May when all reports have been received and considered as a whole. This is for the HTIP study as a whole, which looks at improvements for all modes to the A61 Leeds Road corridor. The study report and a proposed way forward will be the subject of a further report to members later this year.

6.0 National Productivity Fund

- 6.1 In 2018, North Yorkshire County Council was successful in obtaining funding from the National Productivity Investment Fund (NPIF), for a package of measures to enable development and business growth in West Harrogate. The aim and focus of the bid was to reduce congestion and improve safety along Otley Road corridor, with a series of highway and safety improvements.
- 6.2 As part of the package the highways team delivered a junction improvement at Harlow Moor Road/Otley Road, optimisation and refurbishment of a number of the signalised junctions along the corridor and the delivery of phase 1 cycle route, which as a standalone route recognises a link between Harrogate Grammar school, residential areas and Cardale Park.
- 6.3 Following consideration of the recent consultation results it has been agreed at a recent BES Executive Members meeting that the delivery of phase 2 cycle route (between Queens Road /Otley Road to the town centre) will not commence. The remaining funding of £560k will be used to develop and deliver a package of sustainable transport measures in the West of Harrogate. Examples of considerations for this package could include speed reduction measures on the side roads, an introduction of improved crossing facilities and improvements to the bus corridor. The final package of proposed deliverable measures will be presented to the Harrogate and Knaresborough Area Constituency Committee in due course.

7.0 Beech Grove Experimental Traffic Regulation Order

- 7.1 A modal filter was introduced at Beech Grove (from Beech Grove at the junction with Lancaster Road to the junction of the A61 West Park and Lancaster Road from the junction with Victoria Road to the junction with Beech Grove) in April 2021, via an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO). This was a pilot scheme introduced during the Covid-19 pandemic in response to the Department for Transport (DfT) requests to promote sustainable travel initiatives through their Active Travel Fund grants. Whilst the pilot scheme did not receive funding from government, North Yorkshire County Council took the trial forward.
- 7.2 On the 14 August 2022 the ETRO was lapsed. It was acknowledged that feedback from the pilot scheme would be considered as part of determining the wider package of active travel measures.
- 7.3 Beech Grove modal filters was considered as part of the phase 2 Otley Road cycle route consultation. With just over 200 responses and 48% of those stating no response for either phase 2 cycle route or the Beech Grove filter the consultation did not generate sufficient support.
- 7.4 It is likely that further measures for Beech Grove will be considered alongside other side streets identified in the West of Harrogate Sustainable Transport measures going forward, as mentioned in 6.3 earlier.

8.0 Equalities implications

- 8.1 Consideration has been given to the potential for any adverse equalities impacts arising from the recommendations of this report. As this report is for information only, it is the view of officers that the recommendations included in this report do not have any adverse impacts on any of the protected characteristics identified in the Equalities Act 2010 and an equalities impact screening can be found in Appendix A.

9.0 Finance implications

- 9.1 The HTIP development work is funded through the transport planning major scheme development budget. A major scheme business case is considered likely to be the best approach to securing funding for this programme, however we will seek funding through any other opportunities that may arise, including appropriate government bidding competitions.

10.0 Legal implications

- 10.1 As this report is for information only, it is the view of officers that the recommendations included in this report do not have any legal implications. Should any legal implications arise as a consequence of further scheme development, reports will be developed as appropriate.

11.0 Climate Change Impact Assessment

- 11.1 Consideration has been given to the potential for any adverse impacts on climate change arising from the recommendations of this report. The completed Climate Change Impact Assessment can be found in Appendix B and it is the view of officers that consideration of this report will not have a direct climate change impact.

12.0 Recommendation

- 12.1 That Members consider this update and note its content.

Karl Battersby
Corporate Director – Business and Environmental Services

Author of Report: Louise Neale / Melisa Burnham
North Yorkshire County Council

Initial equality impact assessment screening form			
<p>This form records an equality screening process to determine the relevance of equality to a proposal, and a decision whether or not a full EIA would be appropriate or proportionate.</p>			
Directorate	Business and Environmental Services		
Service area	Highways and Transportation		
Proposal being screened	Active travel update		
Officer(s) carrying out screening	Alexander Kay		
What are you proposing to do?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update the Harrogate and Knaresborough ACC on active travel schemes in the area 		
Why are you proposing this? What are the desired outcomes?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide an update 		
Does the proposal involve a significant commitment or removal of resources? Please give details.	The various projects have various funding streams already identified		
<p>Impact on people with any of the following protected characteristics as defined by the Equality Act 2010, or NYCC's additional agreed characteristics</p> <p>As part of this assessment, please consider the following questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To what extent is this service used by particular groups of people with protected characteristics? Does the proposal relate to functions that previous consultation has identified as important? Do different groups have different needs or experiences in the area the proposal relates to? <p>If for any characteristic it is considered that there is likely to be an adverse impact or you have ticked 'Don't know/no info available', then a full EIA should be carried out where this is proportionate. You are advised to speak to your Equality rep for advice if you are in any doubt.</p>			
Protected characteristic	Potential for adverse impact		Don't know/No info available
	Yes	No	
Age		X	
Disability		X	
Sex		X	
Race		X	
Sexual orientation		X	
Gender reassignment		X	
Religion or belief		X	
Pregnancy or maternity		X	
Marriage or civil partnership		X	
NYCC additional characteristics			
People in rural areas		X	
People on a low income		X	
Carer (unpaid family or friend)		X	
Does the proposal relate to an area where there are known inequalities/probable impacts (e.g. disabled people's access to public transport)? Please give details.	No.		

Will the proposal have a significant effect on how other organisations operate? (e.g. partners, funding criteria, etc.). Do any of these organisations support people with protected characteristics? Please explain why you have reached this conclusion.	No			
Decision (Please tick one option)	EIA not relevant or proportionate:	✓	Continue to full EIA:	
Reason for decision	In all cases, the schemes being developed should enhance, not inhibit, people's ability to access travel options and opportunities. This includes people with reduced mobility.			
Signed (Assistant Director or equivalent)	Barrie Mason			
Date	06/03/2023			



Climate change impact assessment

The purpose of this assessment is to help us understand the likely impacts of our decisions on the environment of North Yorkshire and on our aspiration to achieve net carbon neutrality by 2030, or as close to that date as possible. The intention is to mitigate negative effects and identify projects which will have positive effects.

This document should be completed in consultation with the supporting guidance. The final document will be published as part of the decision making process and should be written in Plain English.

If you have any additional queries which are not covered by the guidance please email climatechange@northyorks.gov.uk

Please note: You may not need to undertake this assessment if your proposal will be subject to any of the following:

Planning Permission
Environmental Impact Assessment
Strategic Environmental Assessment

However, you will still need to summarise your findings in in the summary section of the form below.

Please contact climatechange@northyorks.gov.uk for advice.

Title of proposal	Active Travel Update
Brief description of proposal	To update members on active travel projects within Harrogate and Knaresborough
Directorate	Business and Environmental Services
Service area	Highways and Transportation
Lead officer	Louise Neale
Names and roles of other people involved in carrying out the impact assessment	
Date impact assessment started	27/02/2023

Options appraisal

Were any other options considered in trying to achieve the aim of this project? If so, please give brief details and explain why alternative options were not progressed.

When delivering schemes consultation is carried out with residents and stakeholders to ensure that they are the correct schemes. All schemes at study stage develop options for delivery.

What impact will this proposal have on council budgets? Will it be cost neutral, have increased cost or reduce costs?

Please explain briefly why this will be the result, detailing estimated savings or costs where this is possible.

The projects all have identified budgets

APPENDIX B

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<p>Minimise greenhouse gas emissions e.g. reducing emissions from travel, increasing energy efficiencies etc.</p>	Emissions from travel	*			<p>New walking, wheeling and cycling infrastructure will encourage active travel therefore reducing emissions from travel.</p>		<p>Behaviour change programmes already running will promote new infrastructure once completed.</p>
	Emissions from construction			*	<p>Potential for negative impact from construction of schemes</p>	<p>A carbon management needs to be in place to mitigate the impact of construction as much as possible.</p>	
	Emissions from running of buildings		*				
	Other		*				
<p>Minimise waste: Reduce, reuse, recycle and compost e.g. reducing use of single use plastic</p>		*					

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Reduce water consumption		*				
Minimise pollution (including air, land, water, light and noise)		*		<p>Active Travel infrastructure will encourage active travel therefore minimising pollution relating to GHG emissions and tyre and brake contaminants.</p>		
Ensure resilience to the effects of climate change e.g. reducing flood risk, mitigating effects of drier, hotter summers		*				
Enhance conservation and wildlife		*				
Safeguard the distinctive characteristics, features and special qualities of North Yorkshire's landscape		*				

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<p>Other (please state below)</p>		<p>*</p>				

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<p>Are there any recognised good practice environmental standards in relation to this proposal? If so, please detail how this proposal meets those standards.</p>
<p>N/A</p>

<p>Summary Summarise the findings of your impact assessment, including impacts, the recommendation in relation to addressing impacts, including any legal advice, and next steps. This summary should be used as part of the report to the decision maker.</p> <p>The continuation of these projects will have a positive impact on climate change.</p>
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Sign off section

This climate change impact assessment was completed by:

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**NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
HARROGATE & KNARESBOROUGH AREA CONSTITUENCY COMMITTEE
16th 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 Harrogate & Knaresborough 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
Total	26	£924,700

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
Total	108	£111,696

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 wellbeing 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 confident about their volunteer base.

CSO's are:

- Harrogate and District Community Action (HADCA)
- Knaresborough Connectors
- Boroughbridge Community Care

These organisations have over the winter period focused their offer on broader community resilience issues such as cost of living and winter pressures and have acted as a place based single point of contact for locally based support. This has included the publication of individual CSO's contact information on the NYCC website so that residents can access information about local support which may include access to warm spaces or food provision.

6.2 Mental Health Support

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 across the area.

6.3 Health & Wellbeing

Boroughbridge Lions in partnership with Boroughbridge Community Care and Boroughbridge Methodist Church have opened a weekly Community Fridge. This provides the opportunity for surplus food to be shared alongside donations from private individuals, businesses, and local shops.

A community partnership in Knaresborough led by Chain Lane Community Centre have taken on the management of the kiosk at Conyngham Hall. The kiosk will be managed on a day-to-day basis by Community Stars CIC with support from volunteers with the ambition of providing access to activities and food for local people and visitors.

A group of volunteers from Oatlands Community Centre undertook the challenge to refocus their charities activities to ensure it could remain sustainable and be used by the wider community. They have improved internal and external spaces and redesigned the offer of community-based services to include coffee mornings, warm meals for those in need and exercise classes.

7.0 **Recommendations**

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

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7th March 2023

Appendix A – Breakdown of Community Grants Awarded

District	Organisation Name	Value
Harrogate	Chain Lane Community Hub	£990
Harrogate	Knaresborough HIVE	£1000
Harrogate	MIND in Harrogate District	£1000
Harrogate	St Peters Church	£950
Harrogate	Harrogate Over 50's Forum	£1000
Harrogate	Oatlands Community Centre	£1000

**North Yorkshire County Council
Harrogate and Knaresborough Area Constituency Committee
16 March 2023**

**Update from the Climate Sub Group
Information report of County Councillor Arnold Warneken
(Chair of Climate Sub Group)**

After a successful first meeting of the Climate Sub Group with interested parties, I contacted all but the local authority representatives to canvass their views as to where we, the H and K ACC, could focus our attention. This feedback (below) will be the subject of discussion for the sub group's next meeting along with those actions the sub group identify at that meeting. I am suggesting that from that meeting we will prioritise what actions we feel the H and K ACC should focus attention on and discuss this at another meeting with the stakeholders and from that report back to H and K ACC with some recommendations.

Dear Arnold

Zero Carbon Harrogate is pleased to have this opportunity to contribute to your thinking as a climate change sub-group. The approach underlying the list of potential projects in this note is as follows:

- They should use proven technologies and methods but choose those that would benefit from a small-scale pilot project and learn how larger-scale application can best be undertaken;*
- We should focus on investment that 'pays its way'. In other words, investing to make a saving should be an important driver, in particular investment that saves energy and/or reduces waste;*
- Every project should have an identified greenhouse gas saving associated with it;*
- Projects should be preferably capable of early implementation, and not have a long planning period.*

I would want to make it clear that what follows is not an exhaustive list. Rather it is a range of 'representative projects' that your committee could narrow-down into a list of properly scoped and costed actions which were both fundable and would draw cross-party political support. Some of our ideas have benefitted from some initial development, other require significant fleshing out of the detail. There may be yet other areas that you and your sub-group believe need to be tackled and yet the ideas are not coming forward. We would welcome some steers from your colleagues on such areas and it is quite possible that we have expertise with ZCH that we could draw on to develop from the 'idea' to the 'project outline' stage. There is such a wide range of projects that, implemented in an appropriate way, can demonstrate a sustainable, value-for-money outcome, that contributes to the management of climate change.

We don't regard this as being the close of a conversation with the Area Committee, but as a staging point along the way. We would be delighted to maintain a dialogue as you seek to establish your new role as part of the new unitary authority.

With these general thoughts in mind we would suggest the following for consideration:

- Passive infrared detection-based street lighting: Street lighting is only required when vehicles and pedestrians are on the move in the vicinity during the hours of darkness. If each column had movement detectors installed, then lights would only be switched on when they were needed.*

- *Implementation of some local energy grids: if communities both generate and distribute energy locally, then costs are reduced and there are clear incentives for energy to be used sparingly. This could be tackled as part of new housing development or in association with a small local solar farm or wind turbine. Those people that bear the visual 'costs' on new generating infrastructure should be those that benefit most from it. If developers want to erect significant numbers of new homes, they should lay out their properties with a view to maximising generation capacities, particularly using roof-mounted solar PV, also maximising the scope for winter solar gain and summer passive cooling. Environmental objectives need not clash with commercial requirements.*
- *Temporary (or perhaps even permanent) housing construction workshops should be established with larger new housing developments, using timber-frame methods and timber and boarded (rather than brick) cladding. Early discussion with developers should encourage such manufacturing methods and this would reduce transport requirements, build a local skill-base and lead to higher quality building methods. (The Citu development in South Leeds is an excellent example of this approach in practice and leads to lower energy use for property owners and reduce embodied carbon.)*
- *Incorporation of natural solutions as part of new development, including greater use of trees within the streetscape, creation of new habitats and reduce 'urban heat island' effects, which is going to be increasingly a concern with higher summer temperatures. Greater use of water features should be encouraged within new development, providing new wildlife habitats and reducing flood risks.*
- *Use of (electric) cargo delivery bikes around the town for 'last mile' delivery. These could be developed around small local hubs, such as out-of-centre shopping hubs to provide efficient delivery services and reduce the number of white van deliveries.*
- *Having been in the forefront of car clubs in the town, we would love to see a wider network of places where shared car use could be developed, including in villages outside the town.*
- *Local low traffic neighbourhoods (LTNs) to reduce car and van traffic on residential streets to a minimum are needed, but they can be very divisive. We suggest that identification of neighbourhoods needs to start with local residents, facilitating them in sharing their ideas with those planning the schemes.*
- *Pavements are for people! But on narrow streets, cars often end up being parked over the kerb. To make pavements navigable for those with disabilities and carers with small children, we should be promoting responsible parking, and empowering local communities to protect their walking routes.*
- *We are concerned that whilst some twenty mile an hour limits have been introduced, these only apply on limited lengths of road and the lower speed limits are rarely enforced. We propose a local pilot with an area-wide (of a size to be agreed) and adequate enforcement.*
- *As more and more new homes continue to be constructed to inadequate energy standards, we believe a relatively simple Supplementary Planning Document would address the important shortcoming. We cannot continue to build these homes until a completely new replacement Local Plan is approved.*

I trust this list provides a useful basis for further discussion.

Kind regards

Tim Lerner

Vice Chair, Zero Carbon Harrogate

Hi Arnold,

Thank you very much for your e mail. I agree it was a really good meeting.

The areas I think we should focus on is getting as many of the local authority buildings to reduce there energy consumption and to have energy monitoring installed, and then to generate their own green electricity.

If we can also look to providing some assistance for business in the county to do the same thing.

Also to look at creating as many local community energy schemes as we can to facilitate energy generation and local energy security.

I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Good afternoon Councillor Arnold,

Thank you for asking for our feedback. If we could do one thing which is realistic, reduces carbon consumption, makes cost efficiencies and positively impacts on the environmental, then it would be to upgrade all public street to LED bulbs with motion sensors.

Kind regards,

Danny Wild

Chair of Harrogate District Climate Change Coalition

Principal Harrogate College.

Officer Comment

As agreed by the Executive, there is currently a public consultation on a draft climate change strategy for North Yorkshire Council <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/north-yorkshire-council-climate-change-strategy-2023-2030>. The closing date for comments is 7 April 2023. External partners are encouraged to respond directly to the public consultation so that the officers undertaking the consultation receive all views and comments directly by 7 April so that these can considered and reported together.

Recommendation

That this update be noted.

Arnold Warneken, County Councillor for the Ouseburn Division
Chair of the Climate Sub Group of H and K ACC

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**North Yorkshire County Council
Harrogate and Knaresborough Area Constituency Committee
16 March 2023
Committee Work Programme**

Purpose of Report

To ask Members to consider, amend and add to the Committee's work programme.

Work Programme

The Committee's work programme is at Appendix 1.

Remit of the Committee

The Area Constituency Committees:

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

Work Programme Items

The intention is for the Committee to develop a work programme that: is owned by the Committee; has items on it that are important locally but relevant at a strategic, county level; evolves over time and is not static.

The Committee Chairman, Vice-Chairman and the Democratic Services Officer will keep the work programme up to date and determine which items need to be considered at a public committee meeting and which could be picked up elsewhere.

Alternative ways of dealing with issues that come to the Committee could include:

- Referral to an officer at the County Council and/or District Council for a response;
- Referral to the Democratic Services Officer to conduct further research to ascertain whether it was appropriate for the committee to review;
- Referral to County Council and/or District Council Overview and Scrutiny;
- Referral to the Chairman and Vice-Chairman to consider, outside of a formal committee meeting;
- Referral to the appropriate Executive Member to consider.

Recommendation

Members are asked to consider, amend and add to the Committee's work programme.

Democratic Services
North Yorkshire County Council

Background documents: None

Harrogate and Knaresborough Area Constituency Committee Work Programme

Thursday 9 June 2022, 10.00am at Harrogate Civic Centre

Appointments to Outside Bodies	To appoint the County Council's representatives on various outside bodies within the Harrogate and Knaresborough constituency area
Area Constituency Committees – Ways of Working	A guide about how Area Constituency Committees work during the period ending 31 March 2023
Data Profile for the Harrogate and Knaresborough constituency area	To review key data for the committee area and determine whether any issues highlighted in the data profile merit further investigation and inclusion on the committee work programme
North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service – Risk and Resource Model 2022-25 Consultation	To enable Committee Members to review the consultation and determine what action to take

Thursday 28 July 2022, 10.00am at Harrogate Civic Centre (special meeting)

North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service – Risk and Resource Model 2022-25 Consultation	To enable Committee Members to question the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner and management of the North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service and consider its response to this consultation
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Cancelled, after publication of the agenda papers, due to national mourning.

Thursday 15 September 2022, 10.00am at Harrogate Civic Centre

20mph Speed Limit and Zone Policy	To provide the existing Policy for discussion by the Committee.
Harrogate Transport Improvement Programme Update	To provide an update requested by Members at the ACC's meeting on 9 June 2022.
North Yorkshire Cultural Framework	To provide information as part of an ongoing engagement process.
River Nidd Water Management – Member discussion.	Exploration of this issue was requested by the ACC Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

Wednesday 12 October 2022, 10.00am at Harrogate Civic Centre

20mph Speed Limit and Zone Policy	To provide the existing Policy for discussion by the Committee.
Climate Change – Feedback from the meeting of the Climate Change Sub-Group held on 27 September 2022	To present feedback from the Sub-Group.
Harrogate Transport Improvement Programme Update	To provide information requested by Committee Members at the meeting on 9 June 2022.
A Cultural Framework for North Yorkshire	Identification of local cultural assets.

Thursday 10 November 2022, 10.00am at Harrogate Civic Centre (special meeting)	
Update from Andrew Jones MP	To receive an update from Andrew Jones MP regarding issues of key concern in the constituency.
Thursday 24 November 2022, 10.00am at Harrogate Civic Centre	
Schools, Educational Achievement and Finance	Annual report about schools, educational achievement, and finance.
Fuel Poverty Update	Presentation by a representative of the Director of Public Health, NYCC, about fuel poverty in North Yorkshire, its impact on health, actions being taken nationally and locally, and future opportunities including LGR, Levelling Up/Shared Prosperity funding, and the co-benefits of addressing climate change.
Harrogate District Hospital's Recovery from the Covid Pandemic	Sarah Armstrong (Chair) and Jonathan Coulter (Chief Executive) of Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust) provided a briefing on the Hospital's recovery from the Covid pandemic (waiting lists, backlogs, pressures, Nightingale etc).
Youth Council Update	Oral update by representatives of the Youth Council on issues of importance to the Youth Council.
Private briefing using Microsoft Teams Thursday 12 January 2023, 3.00pm – Private briefing using Microsoft Teams	
Annual Council Budget Review	To review the annual Council budget
Thursday 16 March 2023, 10.00am at Harrogate Civic Centre	
Management of Yorkshire Water's CSOs and Nidd Assets	Presentation by a representative of Yorkshire Water.
Bathing Water Quality at Knaresborough Lido	Oral update from Members of the Committee's Task and Finish Group.
Update on Active Travel Schemes	Written report from the Corporate Director – Business and Environmental Services.
Stronger Communities Annual Report	Annual report about Stronger Communities initiatives.
Update on the Climate Sub Group	Written report from Cllr Arnold Warneken (Chair of the Sub-Group).
Harrogate Destination Management Organisation – Achievements during its first year	Presentation from representatives of Harrogate DMO.
Special Meeting Friday 5 May 2023, 10.00am at Harrogate Civic Centre	
Harrogate Station Gateway	Outcome of public consultation. Attendance of County Councillor Keane Duncan (Executive Member).
Thursday 8 June 2023 at 10am at Harrogate Civic Centre	
Otley Road Phase 2 Sustainable Transport Package. <i>(This item is 'likely for early summer, subject to confirmation'.)</i>	Written report from Highways Officers.
Any appointments required by this ACC to new outside bodies	Written report from Democratic Services.

Youth Council Update	Oral update by representatives of the Youth Council on issues of importance to the Youth Council.
Thursday 14 September 2023 at 10am at Harrogate Civic Centre	
<i>No specific business is allocated to this meeting yet</i>	
Thursday 23 November 2023 at 10am at Harrogate Civic Centre	
Update from the Member of Parliament for the Harrogate and Knaresborough constituency (subject to the MP being invited and accepting the invite to this meeting)	To receive an update from the Member of Parliament regarding issues of key concern in the constituency.
Schools, Educational Achievement and Finance	Annual report about schools, educational achievement, and finance.
Friday 12 January 2024 at 10am at Harrogate Civic Centre	
Annual Council Budget Review	To review the annual Council budget
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<i>No specific business is allocated to this meeting yet</i>	

Other topics which the Area Constituency Committee wishes to discuss, although the precise meetings have not yet been identified:-

- Harrogate Transport Improvements Programme – Stage 2 Findings and Recommendations – Report from Highways Officers – For a meeting to be held in 2023.
- Harrogate Bid to be invited to an ACC meeting to express its views.
- Antisocial Behaviour – To invite the Youth Service and the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner to attend an ACC meeting to give an account of the measures they are taking to address youth-related ASB in a collaborative way across the constituency.
- Support for small businesses – To invite the business community to advise the ACC how it can best be supported.
- Update on Beyond Carbon – A briefing on how this impacts the Harrogate and Knaresborough constituency area.
- Feedback from the Scrutiny of Health Committee on the results of its scrutiny work concerning wait-times for ambulances, NHS dentistry, and GP services.

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