



QUARTERLY MEETING

Wednesday, 20 July 2022

**Summons, Agenda, Minutes
and Reports**



NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

You are summoned to attend the Meeting of the County Council. This meeting is being held in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Northallerton on **Wednesday, 20 July 2022 at 10.30 am**, at which the following business will be transacted.

The meeting of the County Council is being held as an in-person meeting and in public. In view of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, current government guidance will be observed on 'Living with COVID-19'. The Council Chamber will be well ventilated and air purifiers will be installed. Face coverings and hand sanitiser will be made available. Please try to stay at home if you are unwell, take a test if you have COVID-19 symptoms, and stay at home and avoid contact with other people if you test positive.

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These papers were re-published on 13 July 2022 to correct an error in the report at agenda item 7.

BUSINESS

1. **Minutes of the meeting of the County Council held on 18 May 2022** (Pages 9 - 16)

2. **Apologies for absence**

3. **Declarations of Interest**

4. **Chairman's Announcements**

Any correspondence, communication or other business brought forward by the direction of the Chairman of the Council.

5. **Statement by the Leader of the Council** (Pages 17 - 18)

6. **Public Questions or Statements**

Members of the public may ask questions or make statements at this meeting if they

have given notice and provided the text to Barry Khan, Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services) – email: barry.khan@northyorks.gov.uk or in writing to Barry Khan, Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services), County Hall, Northallerton DL7 8AD by midday on Friday, 15 July 2022. Each speaker should limit themselves to 3 minutes on any item.

If you are exercising your right to speak at this meeting, but do not wish to be recorded, please inform the Chairman who will instruct anyone who may be taking a recording to cease while you speak.

7. To consider the report and recommendations of the Executive and make decisions on them

- Quarter 4 Performance Monitoring Report
- Proposed Changes to Overview and Scrutiny Arrangements during the period July 2022 to March 2023 and other (minor) changes to the Constitution
- Children in Care and Care Leavers Strategy
- Council Tax Discounts and Premiums Policy
- Non Domestic rating Discretionary Rate Reliefs and Hardship Policies.

(Pages 19 - 26)

8. Appointments to Committees and Outside Bodies - Report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services)

(Pages 27 - 28)

9. Approval of Revised Planning Enforcement and Monitoring Policy

(Pages 29 - 78)

10. Annual Overview and Scrutiny Report 2021/22

A review of the work of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees in 2021/22 and looking ahead to the work that will be undertaken in 2022/23.

(Pages 79 - 86)

11. Statements of Executive Members, in the order set out below, followed by the Statements of the Chairmen of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees

Executive Members:

11(a) Executive Member for Finance, Assets and Resources and Special Projects - County Councillor Gareth Dadd

(Pages 87 - 90)

11(b) Executive Member for Open to Business - County Councillor Derek Bastiman

(Pages 91 - 92)

11(c) Executive Member for Corporate Services - County Councillor David Chance

(Pages 93 - 98)

11(d) Executive Member for Highways and Transportation - County Councillor Keane Duncan

(Pages 99 - 100)

11(e) Executive Member for Health and Adult Services - County Councillor Michael Harrison

(Pages 101- 104)

- 11(f) **Executive Member for Planning for Growth - County Councillor Simon Myers**
(Pages 105- 106)
- 11(g) **Executive Member for Children and Young People's Services - County Councillor Janet Sanderson**
(Pages 107- 110)
- 11(h) **Executive Member for Working in Localities - County Councillor Greg White**
(Pages 111- 116)
- 11(i) **Executive Member for Education, Learning and Skills - County Councillor Annabel Wilkinson**
(Pages 117- 120)

Overview and Scrutiny Committee Chairmen:

- 11(j) **Scrutiny Board (Chairman: County Councillor Karin Sedgwick)**
(Pages 121- 122)
- 11(k) **Care and Independence Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Chairman: County Councillor Karin Sedgwick)**
(Pages 123- 124)
- 11(l) **Corporate and Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Chairman: County Councillor David Ireton)**
(Pages 125- 126)
- 11(m) **Scrutiny of Health (Chairman: County Councillor Andrew Lee)**
(Pages 127- 128)
- 11(n) **Transport, Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Chairman: County Councillor David Staveley)**
(Pages 129- 130)
- 11(o) **Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Vice-Chairman: County Councillor Heather Phillips)**
(Pages 131- 134)

12. Notices of Motion

There are two Notices of Motion, as follows:

1) Implementing Climate Change and Environmental Action Plans

The motion is as follows:

“This Council resolves to establish a politically proportionate Scrutiny Committee to monitor its progress on developing and implementing climate and environmental action plans across the whole of the Council’s business. The remit of this committee is to ensure that there is oversight of the overall achievement of the collective ambition for change. It will remain the remit of individual scrutiny areas to ensure this work is embedded in the action planning in each of the Council’s areas of work.”

Proposed by County Councillor Andy Brown
Seconded by County Councillor Stuart Parsons.

2) Nature and Climate Change

The motion is as follows:

The Liberal Democrat & Liberal Group congratulates the previous council in creating the foundations of a net zero carbon plan and welcomes the development of the enhanced net zero carbon neutral plan for the new authority. The Group also celebrates and supports the recent NYCC cabinet decision to declare a climate change emergency.

The group reminds the council that under the leadership of Alok Sharma MP, the UK still holds the COP Presidency until later this year with a mandate of working with governments and organisations to make sure they deliver on the Glasgow Climate Pact, turning momentum into action

The Group asks council to note and act on the subsequent Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change ([IPPC \(2022\)](#) report which stated;

- Climate resilient development is enabled when governments, civil society and the private sector make inclusive development choices that prioritise risk reduction, equity and justice, and when decision-making processes, finance and actions are integrated across governance levels, sectors and timeframes (*very high confidence*). Climate resilient development is facilitated by international cooperation and by governments at all levels working with communities, civil society, educational bodies, scientific and other institutions, media, investors and businesses; and by developing partnerships with traditionally marginalised groups, including women, youth, Indigenous Peoples, local communities and ethnic minorities (*high confidence*). These partnerships are most effective when supported by enabling political leadership, institutions, resources, including finance, as well as climate services, information and decision support tools (*high confidence*).
- Safeguarding biodiversity and ecosystems is fundamental to climate resilient development, in light of the threat's climate change poses to them and their roles in adaptation and mitigation (*very high confidence*).
- Any further delay in concerted anticipatory global action on adaptation and mitigation will miss a brief and rapidly closing window of opportunity to secure a liveable and sustainable future for all'; This isn't an opinion; it is a statement of the evidence with very high confidence

The Group ask the Council to also note and as a priority act on:

- The recent joint [statement](#) on July 8th 2022 from the government office of science and the Government Chief Scientific Adviser, Sir Patrick Vallance recognise that 'addressing the twin challenges of carbon emissions and biodiversity loss requires political will and leadership.'
- In Great Britain alone, of the 8,431 species assessed in the [2019 State of Nature report](#), 1,188 are threatened with extinction.

The Group also asks Council to recognise and be proactive in recognising:

- that we are facing an ecological emergency as well as a climate emergency and that actions to reduce emissions contributing to climate change must go hand in hand with action to protect and increase nature and biodiversity
- the challenge to balance economic growth with measures to protect and enhance nature has never been more urgent.
- That opportunities are available through the planning system for improving nature by embedding the "environmental net gain" principle into development, including housing and infrastructure, in order to deliver environmental improvements

- That the conservation and enhancement of the natural environment play a pivotal role in our economy and wellbeing, providing wide-ranging benefits such as clean water and air, food, timber, carbon capture, flood protection and recreation.

We therefore propose that this council resolves:

- To ensure the development and delivery of a mandatory Net Zero Carbon neutral policy for North Yorkshire through the Beyond Carbon plan.
- Enable the development and delivery of a mandatory Biodiversity net gain policy for North Yorkshire through the creation of new Biodiversity and Nature action plan
- Ensure both plans are embedded into all council work and are core principles for all future strategic development.

In order to do so, this Council will

- Continue and advance the work to put its own house in order to be an exemplar to all
- Use the councils direct influence through its policies and procurement
- Make the most of our wider influence through partnerships and within the wider community
- Increase the areas of rich wildlife habitats, tree cover and accessible green space in order for nature and people to thrive, and the economy to prosper.
- Ensure the delivery of carbon reductions, biodiversity net gain and environmental enhancements through our planning policy and development control functions.
- Provide more detailed guidance for developers through the creation of a Climate Change and Biodiversity Gain Supplementary Planning Document
- Create a Developing Nature Toolkit and direct developers to use the toolkit to assist them in demonstrating a net gain in biodiversity, to be used from the very outset of planning new developments, and ideally at the time of selecting sites to acquire for development.
- Identifying areas for tree planting for carbon sequestration, flood management, air quality improvement and other environmental services.

Furthermore, this council believes that tackling a climate change and ecological emergency requires action in all areas of the council operations and influence and the scale of such a bold policy must be recognised, therefore;

- This council recommends a climate change and biodiversity working party be created to maximise ALL available resources and expertise to support officers in the development and creation of this ambitious plan.
- This council recommends that a new cabinet role should also be created to reflect the scale of the job
- This council resolves to create a new politically proportionate Environmental Scrutiny Committee to monitor progress on developing and implementing the climate change and biodiversity action plans to ensure that there is oversight of the collective ambition of this council.

Proposed by County Councillor Steve Mason
Seconded by County Councillor Bryn Griffiths.

**13. Use of special urgency procedures since the last meeting of County Council - Report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services)
(Pages 135- 138)**

14. Council Procedure Rule 10 Questions

Evacuation map for County Hall, Council Chamber

(Pages 139- 140)

Meetings of the County Council. Evacuation in an emergency

(Pages 141- 142)

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Tuesday, 12 July 2022