



Agenda

Notice of a public meeting of

Selby and Ainsty Area Constituency Committee

- To:** Councillors Karl Arthur, John Cattanach (Vice-Chair), Mark Crane, Melanie Davis (Chair), Stephanie Duckett, Tim Grogan, Mike Jordan, Andrew Lee, Cliff Lunn, John McCartney, Bob Packham, Andy Paraskos, Kirsty Poskitt, Jack Proud, Steve Shaw-Wright, Arnold Warneken, Robert Windass, Nathan Hull and Keane Duncan.
- Date:** Friday, 13th January, 2023
- Time:** 10.00 am
- Venue:** Selby District Council Offices, Council Chamber, Doncaster Road, Selby, North Yorkshire, YO8 9FT

Business

1. Chair's Welcome, Introductions and Apologies
2. Budget Briefing - The Corporate Director, Strategic Resources will provide a presentation on the Council's budget position for 2023/24 and going forward - the presentation will be provided virtually
3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 19th October 2022 (Pages 3 - 14)
4. Declarations of Interest
5. 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 Steve Loach of Democratic Services (contact details below) no later than midday on Tuesday 10 January 2023. Each speaker should limit themselves to 3 minutes on any item. Members of the public who have given notice will be invited to speak:

- at this point in the meeting if their questions/statements relate to matters which are not otherwise on the Agenda (subject to an overall time limit of 30 minutes);
- when the relevant Agenda item is being considered if they wish to speak on a matter which is on the Agenda for this meeting.

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 those taking a recording to cease whilst you speak.

- 6. 20s Plenty - To provide an opportunity for Members to discuss the development of the 20s Plenty speed reduction initiative within local communities.**
- 7. Local Bus Services - To provide an update on any issues that have arisen in respect of local bus services since the previous meeting.**
- 8. Schools, educational achievement and finance - To inform Members of the local educational landscape, educational achievement and the financial challenges which affect schools in the Selby & Ainsty constituency committee area - (Report of the Corporate Director, Children and Young People Services)** (Pages 15 - 30)
- 9. Cost of Living Crisis - To consider a report on how the Stronger Communities Team is assisting local communities with the Cost of Living Crisis - (Report of Stronger Communities)** (Pages 31 - 40)
- 10. Work Programme 2022-23 - (Report of the Assistant Chief Executive, Legal and Democratic Services)** (Pages 41 - 46)
- 11. Update Report of Local Constituency MP, Nigel Adams - Report to follow**
- 12. Other business which the Chairman agrees should be considered as a matter of urgency because of special circumstances.**

Barry Khan
 Assistant Chief Executive
 (Legal and Democratic Services)
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North Yorkshire County Council

Selby and Ainsty Area Constituency Committee

Minutes of the meeting of the Selby and Ainsty Area Constituency Committee held at Selby District Council Offices, Selby on 19th October 2022 at 2pm.

Present:-

Members:-

County Councillors Karl Arthur, John Cattanach, Melanie Davis (Chair), Stephanie Duckett, Tim Grogan, Andrew Lee, John McCartney, Bob Packham, Andy Paraskos, Kirsty Poskitt, Jack Proud, and Arnold Warneken

County Councillor Carl Les – Leader of the Council – at the invite of the Committee

Apologies

Apologies were received from County Councillors Mark Crane, Mike Jordan, Cliff Lunn and Steve Shaw-Wright.

Officers:-

Michael Leah (Assistant Director – Environmental and Countryside, Transport, Waste and Countryside Services), Mark Kibblewhite (Senior Policy Officer, Economic Growth), Danielle Daglan (Cultural Services Manager – Craven District Council), Hannah Benson (Area Highways Manager); Sharon Fox (Area Highways) and Steve Loach (Democratic Services).

There were two Members of the public present.

Copies of all documents considered are in the Minute Book

14. Welcome and Introductions

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Meeting.

15. Minutes

Resolved -

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 29th June 2022, having been printed and circulated, be taken as read and confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

16. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

17. Appointments to Committees and Outside Bodies

Further to the previous meeting of the Committee there were a number of appointments to Outside Bodies and the report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services) provided details.

Resolved –

that the following decisions in respect of Category 3 Outside Bodies were agreed :-

Oglethorpe and Dawson Educational Foundation – County Councillor Kirsty Poskitt (It was subsequently clarified that the Foundation had been the subject of acadamisation therefore representation from NYCC was no longer required.)

St John's Catholic School for the Deaf, Boston Spa – Mr J Snowball

18. Public Questions or Statements

Councillor John White, representing Whitley Parish Council, submitted the following:-

Withdrawal of 405 Bus Service - Selby to Doncaster via Whitley

Why was there no public consultation on the withdrawal of this service. NYCC were notified by Arriva on 24th July that the service would be withdrawn. No contact was made with anyone from our community. The community only found out mid-September when the news was leaked on a Community Facebook page. This withdrawal has and continues to cause severe hardship and stress to those residents who rely on public transport. People have lost jobs and investigate moving home. I ask NYCC Councillors to investigate this breakdown in communications and restore a service to Doncaster for Whitley Residents.

Councillor Gillian Ivey – Chair, Little Smeaton Parish Council

Clearly you have placed this item on the agenda today as you have concerns regarding the bus services in our area; thank you. I understand from Cllr Les that there are between 73 and 79 services lost, amended, or at risk throughout North Yorkshire. As the Chairman of Little Smeaton Parish Council, I will speak from local knowledge and therefore will concentrate on giving you information regarding services such as the 405 which has been removed and the 409 which has changed.

Now that the 405 has been axed, I am informed that residents in Whitley can no longer travel either north or south on the A19 by public transport. How are those without access to a car supposed to reach either Selby or Doncaster or any point in between?

The 409 previously ran through our villages of Stapleton, Womersley, Little Smeaton and Kirk Smeaton – the end points of the journey being Pontefract and Doncaster. We have for many years been reliant on goodwill from West and South Yorkshire in arranging for their buses to travel from one to the other across our little corner of North Yorkshire – this since any County subsidy ceased many years ago.

In September we learned that the 409 was to be taken off, but thanks to the efforts of Mary Welch at North Yorkshire Passenger Transport, there has been a 6 month reprieve with an amended service which runs in a loop from Pontefract, through our villages and back to Pontefract. Lovely, and thank you Mary and North Yorkshire Council who have agreed a small subsidy; but clearly the service is still in danger and what about those with no transport who can no longer travel over the border to the southern destinations of Askern and Doncaster?

I'd like to paint a picture for councillors around the table who may be unfamiliar with our area - the 'deep south' of Selby District / North Yorkshire, below the M62. I used to represent it once and sit on your side of the table. The border with South Yorkshire runs immediately behind the houses comprising the edge of Kirk Smeaton. The border with West Yorkshire lies approx 4 miles to the west of Little Smeaton. The nearest supermarket in North Yorkshire is in Selby some 14 miles north. Likewise GP surgeries and Dentists; and Leisure facilities for that matter. So we are not exactly 'remote' but actually we are.

Residents from the villages I have already mentioned have to go to West Yorkshire [Pontefract] or South Yorkshire [Askern] for Health provision and to buy food. Until October 3rd these could both be accessed by bus, now Askern cannot be and Pontefract is more difficult. Access to Selby is impossible. What is going to happen to young people hoping to attend Selby College? They will go elsewhere.

Can I also point out that it is utterly pointless sending the Rural Housing Enabler to carry out surveys of need/promote building of affordable housing in the villages – as has happened over the last year – for obvious reasons. Like NO BUSES.

I am here today representing the southern villages of Little Smeaton, Kirk Smeaton, Stapleton, Womersley, Whitley and Cridling Stubbs. Councillors from all six are currently working together; seeking solutions to help their residents. I fully appreciate that NY council will be unable to grant a large subsidy to help what will be quite a small percentage of the whole population, however, in 6 months' time our residents will be paying their entire council tax to North Yorkshire Council, so I think that it is not unreasonable to ask....

What else can North Yorkshire Council do, to look after those of our residents who have now become isolated and unable to access Health Care Provision and basic needs such as food.

The Chair stated that, as the questions related to cuts in local bus services, she would bring forward that item on the agenda, enabling the issues raised in the public questions to be considered at this stage.

19. Local Bus Services – Reductions in Service – Discussion

Michael Leah – Assistant Director – Travel Environmental and Countryside, Transport, Waste and Countryside Services, provided a presentation, highlighting the following:-

Members discussed the issues raised and the response provided, highlighting the following:-

Context

- Over the past decade plus, bus use has been in steady decline (use of car has increased in that period).
- Commercial bus services are provided by private companies, those companies make decision on their services. In other words bus operators can unilaterally decide to withdraw a service; NYCC have no responsibility to provide public transport.
- It is relatively common place for services to be reduced or cease entirely (in the past 5 years, 11 services have been withdrawn).
- Covid saw passenger numbers drop significantly and patronage is at about 80% of pre-covid levels. Concessions users are the ones not returning to bus.

- Government and NYCC supported operators financially through Covid. Government will fund to March 2023. Likely more services will reduce or be lost at that time (and some prior to).

Challenges

- Bus operators are feeling pain from both ends: reduced income as a result of fewer passengers; and higher costs due to inflation on fuel and pressures on pay. Added to that recruitment and retention of drivers is a national concern.
- People changed habits through Covid with fewer journeys are being made, e.g. some working from home. Concessions the particular areas where people are not returning to bus.
- Rural areas a particular challenge for bus service provision.

Action

- The recent bus network review with operators flagged a number of routes at risk (amber and red) which could mean reduced timetable or cease entirely when funding concludes in March 2023. NYCC issued press statements encouraging people back on to their local bus (a 'use it or lose it' message.)
- Working with operators, through the Enhanced Partnership, to explore ways to improve the appeal of bus and encourage passengers back on, e.g. marketing, reduced fares, etc...
- Challenging DfT on their own support to rural bus provision – a lot of funding has been weighted to urban areas.
- Continue to develop NYCC Bus Service Improvement Plan to be ready for next round of funding. Feedback from DfT is NYCC need to be more "decisive" in its plan, i.e. commit to deliver schemes.

Selby Issues - Arriva's decision to withdraw service 405

- NYCC notified July (70 day notice), the IPT team then followed the usual process in terms of seeking mitigation or alternate solutions, for example working with Arriva and other operators to retain service or change other service to compensate.
- NYCC undertook procurement to seek costs from other operators to step in as Arriva would not continue (even with funding). No other operator wanted to provide a service due to lack of drivers and this route not being a commercial priority.
- In August DfT announced additional funding but it was too late for Arriva's decision on this route.
- NYCC confirm route would be lost to community based on what solution could be found (re-routing the 476). Acknowledge that earlier confirmation would have been helpful to residents but need to balance that against being alarmist if a solution could be found.

408/409 – No longer goes to Doncaster

- The service 408/409 was identified by Arriva as being no longer commercially viable. The previous service was not financially supported by North Yorkshire County Council, however a contribution was made by West Yorkshire Combined Authority as most passengers were travelling from the WYCA area. The new 408/409 timetable was commissioned by WYCA who felt the focus on Pontefract met the needs of the majority of passengers and retaining the full previous service would not be affordable. Discussions with the operator indicated that in order to continue the previous level of service funding of over £200,000 per annum would be required. The numbers of passengers using the service in North Yorkshire was very low (on average less than 7 passengers a day) and the revised 408/ 409 timetable retained a regular link to a nearby town which meets NYCCs policy on supporting services.

415 – No longer drops off at Selby College – students now must change in Selby

- This was a commercial decision by Arriva to improve the viability of service 415, they advise that there are a number of services running between Selby College and Selby to connect with 415 and tickets are fully interchangeable.

476 Service – while this service has been extended since the initial announcement the extension is only a partial solution. The extension of the early service to include Beal has been funded by NYCC and the loop down to the George and Dragon in Whitley means a walk from the southern end of the village.

- Significant work was done by NYCC officers to find a safe location to turn the 476 at the southern end of Whitley but there was no suitable place to turn a large passenger carrying vehicle safely. Options to loop the bus via side roads near the mushroom farm were also considered but Arriva, NYCC officers and the local councillor agreed this was not a safe and reliable option for a bus in service.

412 Service York to Wetherby – Residents are concerned that Connexions plan to withdraw the service

- NYCC were made aware of this earlier in October (5th), with the service due to come off on 10th December. Data from Connexions has been requested to understand where people are travelling to and work is taking place with neighbouring authorities, City of York Council and West Yorkshire Combined Authority, to explore what options are available to maintain some level of service for passengers. NYCC updated parishes on 7th October and will do so again when further information is available.

Members discussed the issues raised in the public questions and the subsequent presentation, and highlighted the following:-

- The loss of the 412 Service would be a great loss to the communities it served but there appeared to be different reasons as to why it was to be withdrawn, with both lack of drivers and not being viable having been cited, and it was asked whether this was because the company just did not want to operate the service. In response it was stated that the reasons provided for the cessation of the service were a lack of drivers and funding, but if further funding could be obtained the service may be able to be retained. It was noted that Connexions was a small operator and NYCC were working hard with them to recognise their specific issues in relation to the operation of this route. A Member pointed out that the operator's busses would be travelling empty along the road to deliver their schools' service, therefore, there must be sufficient drivers and viability for this to continue. The position outlined was noted.
- A Member outlined other communities that would be affected by the withdrawal of the 412 service, particularly as it assisted people getting to other areas outside of North Yorkshire, and he noted that some of the other Local Authority areas served by the route were providing particularly low returns from concessionary fares. He suggested that all the various Local Authorities affected should be working together to develop an appropriate solution. It was recognised that the service was under used and there was a need to encourage people to use the service to ensure it could be retained. A Member highlighted that the cost of fuel and the low returns on concessions was making many routes unviable.
- In terms of the services that had been withdrawn (11) recently every effort was being made to try and get these reinstated. Work was taking place with other Local Authorities to undertake a co-ordinated approach.
- In relation to the concessionary rates, the Department of Transport were to carry out a review, but that was unlikely to take place until next year.
- A Member referred to the 45, 476 and 49 services, and noted that many people within his local division, obtained their services particularly NHS related, outside of the area,

as the division was uniquely placed in having borders with all of the Yorkshire counties. Access to those services would now be very difficult, if not impossible, for those people without their own transport, particularly as funding from the other Passenger Transport Authorities was being removed, leading to services not operating in North Yorkshire.

- Members were pleased that the Passenger Transport Team had been effective in ensuring that pupils at Selby College had been provided with bus services.
- It was recognised that the bus service provision was costly but a solution had to be found in respect of the removed services as local communities were being disenfranchised. With the possible availability of funding from the rural prosperity fund, it was asked whether communities could come together to develop community transport schemes through the use of that funding. The Leader of the Council, present at the meeting, stated that he totally accepted all the points raised, but noted that this was an issue that was affecting rural areas across England. In terms of the prosperity fund he noted that the bidding process was complex and was not guaranteed to be available. He emphasised that issues such as bus services had to be discussed by the whole of North Yorkshire, with a community forum being the most appropriate method, to determine where such services should be reinstated. He noted that even if funding had been available there were services that the operators were no longer willing to run. He stated that he held regular discussions with the Leaders of other Local Authorities and would raise these issues with them.
- Advice on developing community transport schemes was available to Members from the NYCC Passenger Transport Service and from Stronger Communities.
- A Member highlighted the problem around language in terms of providing bus services, with a car park development described as an investment whereas bus service funding was described as a subsidy. He considered that a different mind-set was required for bus service provision, which would encourage people to use them more readily.
- It was further suggested that co-operation between the various Passenger Transport Authorities would be the best way forward for developing a solution. Devolution may also provide additional funding to assist that process.
- Noting comments made by a Member earlier in the meeting it was asked why he had considered it unsafe to travel on a particular bus service, as well as describing these as unreliable and dirty. It was stated that targets for reliability were monitored but safety was not a matter that could be monitored. There had been no recent complaints with regards to cleanliness.
- It was suggested that the most appropriate solution to replacing disappearing bus services were community operated services. Another possibility could be the use of 8 seater taxis operating routes requested by the local communities affected by bus service reductions. Issues around bureaucracy and regulations require consideration to ensure that as many barriers to the provision of services were removed. In response it was stated that support was provided for local communities wishing to establish a community transport scheme, with a budget in place to assist with the purchase an appropriate vehicle, which would then be operated by a community organisation. The issue of deregulating taxis was a much more complex issue and would require further investigation. Another possible solution would be the development of car share schemes.
- A Member highlighted how he had taken additional bus journeys, previously, to ensure services were being used, and encouragement from the local community had assisted in getting some service reinstated. Subsequently, unfortunately the pandemic had resulted in services not being used which had resulted in the current issues. He noted that funding was required for the reintroduction of the bus services and suggested that Members could assist through the use of their locality budgets. He also suggested that Parish Councils should be approached to determine whether they could contribute.
- It was emphasised that urban areas were also affected by bus service reductions, with access to local schools and colleges suffering as a result.
- Members highlighted how the local economy would suffer with the bus services no longer stopping in Selby.

Resolved –

That Michael Leah be thanked for his presentation, the contents of which, along with the issues raised, be noted and bus services be made a standing item on future agendas.

20. Future Role of ACCs and other issues of interest to the ACC

The Leader of the County Council, County Councillor Carl Les, attended the meeting to discuss the future of ACCs, and any other issues of interest, with Members of the Committee.

The following issues were discussed:

- Information regarding potential Investment Zones was requested. The Leader stated that, at this stage, expressions of interest had been requested for areas that could seek Investment Zone status, and 11 bids had been submitted by the various Local Authorities in North Yorkshire. These bids had been quickly put together as expressions of interest were required to ensure that bids progressed to the next stage. These would be subject to the due process. Details of the bids were available from the District Councils involved. Members who were aware of some of the details of the potential bids discussion highlighted that there was little information available as to the process, determination and designation of the Zones at this stage. A Member expressed concern that the new Investment Zones could be detrimental to some recent developments at Kellingley and Eggborough, and the push for better paid jobs in the District could be destabilised. There was also a potential environmental impact from the development of the Zones. The Leader emphasised that everything had yet to be decided in terms of the development of the Zones and how they interact with existing facilities, and foresaw a role for the ACCs in determining this and the overall economic development co-ordination for the area.
- The development of Olympia Park was discussed in the context of the Investment Zones. It was noted that substantial funding was required to clean the site with employment development required there. The Leader noted that Olympia Park had been earmarked for development for a number of years but had yet to fulfil those plans.
- Members discussed the future role of ACCs with the Leader. It was noted that the Locality Working Group was considering how these would develop, going forward, and was taking account of the important role that ACCs would play as outlined in the submission for Unitary status. The Committee were able to feed into the Working Group, through the representatives sitting on that, to outline the issues they believe should be included within the remit of ACCs. The Chair highlighted Planning and Licensing as being major issues to determine how the ACCs would be involved, and stated that the Committee would like to be given appropriate information on a variety of issues to allow informed decisions to be made.
- A discussion took place on the development of the Planning Function and the role of ACCs. It was stated that consideration had been undertaken within the Planning Working Group, with extensive discussions on the future development of Local Plans and the nature of Planning Committees. In terms of the role of ACCs the Executive had been given a choice of having six Planning Committees based on the current ACCs, or three Committees, through the combination of neighbouring ACCs. There was a level of concern around combining the ACCs for this purpose, as some of the combined areas also contained National Park Authorities, which would result in them undertaking far less Planning work than the other combined Committees. A Member also considered that the combined Committees would be required to

oversee far too large of an area, with local views being eradicated due to this, and emphasised the need to provide the Planning Committees through the existing ACCs. Other Members echoed this view, as it was considered that the public would wish for their applications to be determined by a local Committee, with local knowledge. A Member stated that, although he agreed with the local determination of applications, the new Unitary Authority would be for the whole of North Yorkshire and Members would be responsible for everyone in North Yorkshire, not just their local area. It was stated that Planning decisions were determined on Policy grounds, and where, and by whom, they were determined was irrelevant. Overall, however, Members considered that there was a need to retain local accountability on Planning issues. It was also noted that a Strategic Planning Committee would be created to take account of major applications and multi-boundary crossing matters. The issue of site visits for Planning were also discussed and it was considered that the combined Committees would require too much travel for the members involved. A Member emphasised that moving the decision making process for planning applications to a central location, with a single Committee, would be seen as undemocratic and highlighted the need to retain a locally based decision making process. The Leader stated that there was no intention of reducing local accountability by centralising the decision making process, with the aim being to provide ACCs with appropriate decision making powers, following consultation with Members via the Working Groups.

- In respect of Licensing it was stated that statutorily only one Committee could make decisions, however, it was expected that a series of locally based Sub-Groups would be developed to feed the details into the Committee.

Resolved –

That the Leader be thanked for his attendance at the Committee, the issues and points raised be noted, and updates on the future roles of ACCs continue to be fed into subsequent meeting of the Committee.

21. North Yorkshire Cultural Framework

Considered –

A report and presentation from Mark Kibblewhite - Senior Policy Officer (Economic Growth) and Danielle Daglan – Cultural Services Manager, Craven District Council, on the development of a cultural Framework for North Yorkshire.

Members discussed the report and presentation and the following issues were raised:-

- A Member suggested that much of the funding identified was top down and should be addressed, going forward.
- The Chair considered the details to be out of date and incomplete in respect of the Selby District. Details appeared to be missing, particularly in relation to the offers from the smaller towns and villages in the District. Enhanced aspirations for development were not detailed with no information in respect of current services provided and resources required. Financial implications were not detailed. Details of collaborative work with smaller venues was not included. Reference to the night-time economy and access to venues via public transport and personal transport was not detailed. Other issues not outlined in the report included the availability of cheap workshops for artists, details of the work and budgets for libraries, funding available that could be match funded, Arts Council funding and a number of other issues. She stated that she would submit

comprehensive feedback on the report following the meeting. In response it was stated that the report had been through an extensive consultation process with responses obtained from over 600 individuals and 100 organisations. Selby District were developing their own Arts Strategy whereas the framework presented sought to provide influence from a higher level and highlighted the structure that would be in place for strategy development and funding following LGR. It was acknowledged that the report had been developed during the pandemic and therefore under challenging circumstances. It was emphasised that the report did not provide the complete picture, but set a destination in terms of the cultural strategy for the new Council. There was a clear cultural Plan for the Selby District which was being developed alongside this framework. It was clarified that the Strategy was that of North Yorkshire County Council and was being fed into the District and Borough Councils to assist with the development of their Strategies, with a view to this being used as a template for the cultural strategy of the amalgamated Council.

- In terms of timescales it was expected that over the next two years a Strategy and delivery plan for Selby would be developed to work to, which would take account of the agreement between the Arts Council and the Council.
- A Member highlighted the high level of accolade achieved by Selby DC in respect of its cultural services delivery and wanted to ensure that this was not lost when the unitary came into place. In response it was emphasised that this work would not be lost, but would be enhanced to develop the service and move it forward.
- A Member considered the report to be heavily based on Selby town, with little mention of the efforts being made in the outlying towns and villages, which were very important to those communities. Other Members outlined the events taking place within their Divisions, and considered that these should be highlighted within the report. It was suggested that the missing details required inclusion to assist the Framework, as this went forward.
- Details were outlined in terms of the tendering process carried out to appoint the consultants that had developed the Framework.
- Members considered that Arts and Culture were items that should be considered by the ACCs in their future work programmes.

Resolved –

That the officers be thanked for their report and presentations the contents of which be noted and that the issues raised be acted upon, accordingly.

22. North Yorkshire Fire Service - Potential closure of back-up Contact Centre

The following response had been submitted to all County Councillors, from the North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner, Zoe Metcalfe, in respect of the concerns raised on this matter:-

“I would like to take this opportunity to reassure you about recent concerns raised by the press concerning the future of Cornwall Fire and Rescue Service’s Control Room (the function for taking fire and rescue 999 calls and mobilising fire engines to emergencies) and the potential impact on our Control Room at North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service.

Cornwall Fire and Rescue Service has a Partnership Agreement with North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service, to enable the handling of each other's calls during spate circumstances and to provide resilience should there be software mobilisation issues.

Cornwall Fire and Rescue Service is currently exploring options for the future handling of their fire and rescue calls, but no decision has yet been taken and our Partnership Agreement with Cornwall remains in place with no change.

My Chief Fire Officer, Jonathan Dyson, has provided assurance of the current and future resilience of our Control Room in North Yorkshire. Jonathan is in regular contact with the Chief Fire Officer of Cornwall Fire and Rescue Service and the timescales for any decision and potential change to their Control Room allows North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service to explore future resilience opportunities. As such, there is no current impact on our Control Room's ability to handle 999 calls and to effectively mobilise our fire engines to emergencies.

I will provide a further update in due course, once more information becomes available."

Resolved –

That the response be noted.

23. Report of Local Constituency MP, Nigel Adams

Considered –

The report of the Local Constituency MP, Nigel Adams, highlighting the following:-

The York and North Yorkshire Devolution Deal

MP Inbox – The issues my constituents are raising

1. The cost of energy and the cost of living
2. Reduction of bus services in Selby District and in Ainsty
3. The emerging Selby District Local Plan
4. Planning applications for solar farms
5. Rail services
6. Flooding

Resolved –

That the MP be thanked for his report, the contents of which be noted.

24. Work Programme

Considered -

The report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services) providing a Work Programme for Members to consider, develop and adapt.

Members discussed the following issues:-

- It was proposed that a number of Working Groups were set up to discuss individual topics and then fed back into the main meeting. There was a difference of opinion amongst Members in relation to this, with some supporting the proposal and other being against, as they considered that issues should be fully discussed at the scheduled meetings as they were held in public. Members in favour of Workshops suggested that this be trialled with arrangements made for a meeting to be held to discuss Road Safety and Civil Enforcement.

- It was suggested that the Work Programme as detailed within an appendix to the report be trimmed down to ensure that there was a focus on the important issues for local communities, going forward.
- Members agreed to keep bus services on subsequent agendas as a standing item, to allow any progress made on providing services to be fed back as soon as possible.
- It was requested that issues around addressing the cost of living crisis within local communities be placed on the agenda for a subsequent meeting.

Resolved –

- (i) That the issues highlighted above be included in the future work programme and the work programme be adapted accordingly
- (ii) That a special meeting of the ACC be called as a Workshop, rather than an additional Meeting, to discuss Road Safety and Civil Enforcement, with details discussed fed back into the next ordinary meeting of the ACC, to allow any action required to be dealt with appropriately.
- (iii) That a review of the Work Programme be undertaken to ensure that there is a focus on current issues relevant to local communities.

25. Next Meeting

Resolved -

That the next meeting of the Committee be held at 10am on Friday 13th January 2023.

The meeting concluded at 16.25pm.

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**North Yorkshire County Council
Selby and Ainsty Area Constituency Committee
13 January 2023**

Schools, educational achievement and finance

1.0 Purpose of the Report

1.1 To inform Members of the local educational landscape, educational achievement and the financial challenges which affect schools in the Selby & Ainsty constituency committee area.

2.0 Local educational landscape

2.1 There are now 20 primary academies and 5 secondary academies within the Selby and Ainsty constituency area. The academy conversion rate for primary schools is slightly higher within the constituency area when compared to the county as a whole (39.2% compared to 36.0% in North Yorkshire.) The academy conversion rate for secondary schools is also higher (83.3% compared to 65.1% in North Yorkshire).

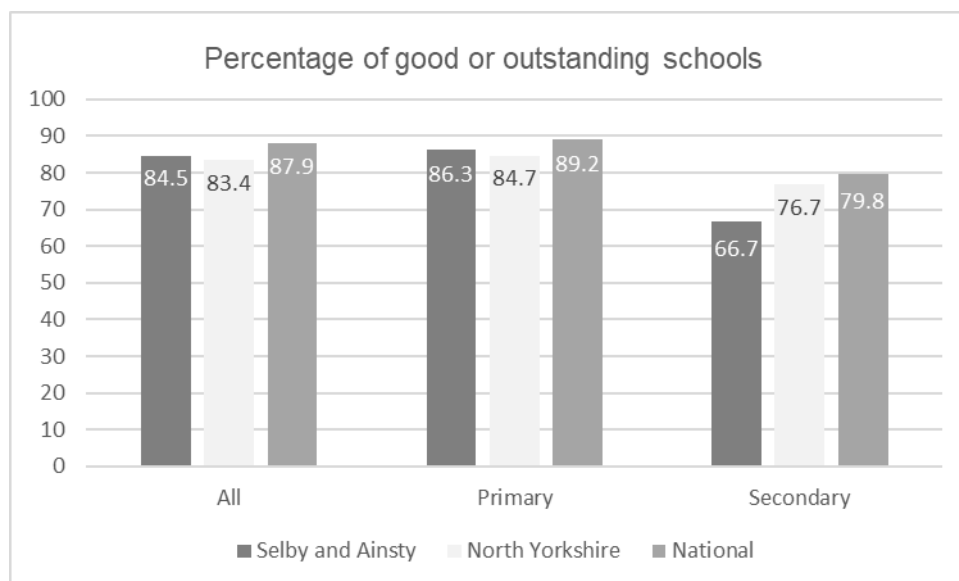
Summary of schools' status – 31 December 2022

	Schools in North Yorkshire		Schools in Selby and Ainsty ACC	
Primary Maintained	192	64.0%	31	60.8%
Primary Academy & Free School	108	36.0%	20	39.2%
Total	300		51	
Secondary Maintained	15	34.9%	1	16.6%
Secondary Academy	28	65.1%	5	83.3%
Total	43		6	
Special Maintained	7	70%	0	
Special Academy	3	30%	0	
Total	10		0	
PRU Maintained	4	80%	1	100%
PRU Academy	1	20%	0	
Total	5		1	
Total maintained	218	60.9%	33	56.9%
Total Academy	140	39.1%	25	43.1%
Overall Total	358		58	

3.0 School standards

3.1 School Ofsted judgements

In the constituency area, as of 31 August 2022, 86.3% of primary schools were judged good or outstanding by Ofsted, which is broadly in-line with the North Yorkshire picture but below the proportion nationally. In terms of secondary schools, 66.7% were judged good or outstanding, which is lower than the North Yorkshire and national averages. There are nine schools judged 'requires improvement' or 'inadequate' in the constituency area.



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

Schools and pupils included in the 2021/22 school and college performance measures will have had an uneven disruption to their learning. We therefore recommend not making direct comparisons with data from previous years. Comparisons with local and national averages can be made cautiously to put results into context.

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

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

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

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

3.3 Attainment overall

The Committee has previously (14 January 2022) considered a report which contained all of the key attainment data for 2017, 2018, and 2019.

For two years, exams and assessments in schools did not take place because of the disruption to students' education caused by the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. In 2020 GCSEs, AS and A level exams faced widespread cancellation and were replaced with a grading process involving teacher/ centre assessment. Similarly, summer 2021 assessments were awarded based on teacher or centre assessment and no statistical adjustment processes were used. Overall, final grades were significantly higher in both 2020 and 2021 than in 2019.

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

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

3.4 Early Years Foundation Stage Profile (EYFSP)

In 2022, 70.5% of children in the constituency area achieved a Good Level of Development. An in-year comparison of EYFSP outcomes with LA and national figures (see table below) shows that a greater proportion of pupils within the constituency area achieve a good level of development compared with all NYCC pupils and those nationally.

Early Years Foundation Stage Profile – percentage achieving a good level of development			
	Selby and Ainsty	North Yorkshire	National
2017	76.2%	71.6%	70.7%
2018	75.9%	72.5%	71.6%
2019	75.7%	72.8%	71.8%
2022	70.5%	68.3%	65.2%

3.5 Key Stage 2

In 2022, 58.7% of children in the constituency area achieved the expected level or above in reading, writing and maths combined, which is slightly higher than the North Yorkshire and the same as the national average. An in-year comparison of KS2 attainment with LA and national figures is shown in the table below.

Key Stage 2 - percentage achieving the expected standard or above in reading, writing and maths combined.			
	Selby and Ainsty	North Yorkshire	National
2017	57.8%	58.7%	61.1%
2018	65.4%	62.2%	64.4%
2019	64.5%	63.4%	65.0%
2022	58.7%	55.3%	58.7%

3.6 Key Stage 4

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

The average Attainment 8 score, which measures the achievement of a pupil across eight qualifications, was 50.3 for 2022. This is similar to the North Yorkshire and national averages.

KS4 – Average Attainment 8 Score			
	Selby and Ainsty	North Yorkshire	National
2017	48.0	49.6	46.3
2018	46.3	48.3	46.4
2019	47.7	48.7	46.7
2022	50.3	50.2	48.9

The Progress 8 score, which measures a pupil's progress from the end of primary school to the end of secondary school, was higher than the national average and the North Yorkshire average in 2022. A comparison of the Progress 8 scores for schools within the Selby and Ainsty constituency area against county-wide and national figures is shown below.

KS4 – Average Progress 8 Score			
	Selby and Ainsty	North Yorkshire	National
2017	0.10	0.17	0.00
2018	0.00	0.13	-0.03
2019	0.12	0.09	-0.03
2022	0.17	0.04	-0.03

The percentage achieving a grade 5 or above (grading is 9-1) in English and Maths (Basics measure) was 52.6% for 2022. This is above the national but below the North Yorkshire average in 2022.

KS4 – Percentage achieving a grade 5 or above in English and Maths			
	Selby and Ainsty	North Yorkshire	National
2017	47.4%	50.4%	42.6%
2018	45.2%	47.7%	43.0%
2019	48.5%	47.4%	43.2%
2022	52.6%	53.6%	49.4%

3.7 Not in education, employment or training

There were 875 young people recorded in Year 11 living in this constituency in May 2021 and of this cohort only 10 (1.1%) were not in education, employment or training after leaving school as of August 2022.

4.0 Suspension Incidents and Permanent Exclusions

4.1 Suspension Incidents

In the 2021/22 academic year, there have been a total of 5010 suspensions for a total of 1958 individual children in North Yorkshire. 261 of these children were on roll of mainstream schools in the Selby and Ainsty constituency area.

In 2020/21, there were 3553 Suspensions for a total of 1578 individual children, 213 of these children were on roll of mainstream schools in the Selby and Ainsty constituency area.

Suspension Incidents				
Academic year	Incidents Selby and Ainsty	Incidents North Yorkshire	Percentage of North Yorkshire total	Most common reason (Selby and Ainsty)
2021/22	810	5010	16.2%	Persistent disruptive behaviour (50.0%)
2020/21	571	3553	16.1%	Persistent disruptive behaviour (49.3%)
2019/20	544	4366	12.5%	Persistent disruptive behaviour (47.6%)
2018/19	867	5970	11.5%	Persistent disruptive behaviour (45.0%)

In 2021/22, schools in the constituency area had a 16.8% share of the total schools population in North Yorkshire and had a 16.2% share of suspensions for the whole county.

4.2 Permanent exclusions

In 2021/22, there were 54 permanent exclusions from schools in the county, 12 of which were for children in Selby and Ainsty schools. In the same period of 2020/21, there were 26 permanent exclusions, 1 of which was from the Selby and Ainsty area.

Academic year	Selby and Ainsty	North Yorkshire	Percentage of North Yorkshire total
2021/22	12	54	22.0%
2020/21	1	26	3.8%
2019/20	6	52	11.5%
2018/19	15	87	17.2%

- 4.3 From September 2020 a preventative model of alternative provision has been commissioned through the Rubicon Centre (Selby) to enhance support for schools in an attempt to avoid a permanent exclusion. The model was subject to a post implementation review before the summer and the local authority has now started a programme of further discussions with secondary leaders in localities to refine the model further from September 2023. It is important to note that the SEN Green Paper published in March 22 recommends the preventative model as a national approach into the future.

5.0 Special Education Needs and Disabilities

5.1 Reshaping of SEN and Alternative Provision in Selby and Ainsty Constituency

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

Work is continuing through to increase the amount of TMPs in areas which do not yet have host schools identified, to ensure that the LA has capacity to meet demand for this provision. The LA are currently engaged in constructive dialogue with two local primary schools to move towards establishing more TMPs in the area. Detailed discussions will be taking place with both schools in January 2023 between LA Officers and school leaders. Subject to both parties being satisfied that establishing these new provisions is both desirable and feasible each school will then formally apply to the LA for approval and conduct appropriate public consultation. Financial resource has been allocated by the LA to develop four TMPs in the area and require

interested schools to work in partnership and ensure those provisions are delivered.

In addition to developments regarding TMPs the LA have been working with Secondary School leaders to review the operation of the locality's Alternative Provision model delivered by Selby PRS and wider AP needs in the area. Schools and the LA are exploring potential options for developing the offer at the PRS, provide additional provision on existing schools sites and how other provisions such as local colleges can be used to further broaden the support and curriculum offer for those children at risk of exclusion.

Following the successful bid for a new special school in Selby there have been significant delays in delivering the school. The Department for Education, as the lead delivery agency, are continuing to work with the LA and Wellspring Multi Academy Trust to ensure the school is delivered.

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

5.2 SEN Statistics for Constituency Area

As of January 2022 there were 696 children living in the constituency area with a North Yorkshire funded EHC plan, 17.8% of the North Yorkshire total. The most common needs for children with a North Yorkshire funded EHC plan living in the area are Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) at 33.5%, Moderate Learning Disabilities (MLD) at 15.2% and Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) at 20.3%.

As of January 2022 school census there were 1614 children recorded as SEN Support from schools in this constituency area, 16.4% of the North Yorkshire total. The most common needs for children receiving SEN support in the area are Moderate Learning Disabilities (MLD) at 21.1%, Specific Learning Difficulties (e.g. Dyslexia) at 20.6% and Speech, Language and Communication at 20.3%.

6.0 Elective Home Education

As of the beginning of the 2022/23 academic year there were 816 children recorded as Electively Home Educated (EHE) in North Yorkshire, 146 of which were formerly from a mainstream school in Selby and Ainsty ACC. At the same point last year, there were 778 children EHE in North Yorkshire, 137 formerly from a mainstream school in Selby and Ainsty constituency area. This represents a 5% increase in North Yorkshire and a 7% decrease in Selby and Ainsty.

In the 2021/22 academic year, 418 children became EHE in North Yorkshire, 56 of which were formerly educated in a mainstream school in the Selby and Ainsty constituency area. This figure in the previous academic year (2020/21) was 71 from Selby and Ainsty out of 503 becoming EHE in North Yorkshire.

7.0 School Finance

7.1 2021/2022 School Revenue Balances

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

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

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

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

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

Deficit as at 31 March 2022					
Lowest Accumulated Revenue Budget Deficit as at 31 March 2022	-£0.9k	-£394k	-£45k	-£60k	-£0.9k

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

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

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

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

7.3 School Finance and Funding Issues

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

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

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

7.4 Local Authority Support for Schools in Financial Difficulty

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

- the use of a financial risk rating framework to determine the level of support, challenge and intervention undertaken at individual school level, including the use of Notices of Financial Concern where deemed appropriate. Currently, six schools are subject to a Notice of Financial Concern.
- the undertaking of School Resource Management reviews in individual schools where this has been identified as an appropriate intervention through the risk rating process. The reviews are based on the DfE School Resource Management

Adviser (SRMA) model and are undertaken by LA staff, many of whom have the SRMA accreditation;

- review of the Schools Financial Value Standard (SFVS) and Resource Management dashboard in financially challenged schools;
- continuing the promotion of school collaboration and the sharing of best practice in terms of effective resource management between schools;
- the provision of Headteacher and Governor finance briefings and training;
- continuing to lobby DfE for fairer funding for North Yorkshire schools, especially in relation to small, rural secondary schools.

7.5 Schools Financial Position – Selby & Ainsty

2021/22	2022/23
<p>26 schools projecting to be in budget surplus as at 31 March 2022 4 schools projecting to be in deficit as at March 2022; 13% of schools in Selby & Ainsty (4 primary)</p> <p>Projected average primary surplus = £115k Projected average secondary surplus = £556k Projected average special surplus = N/A Projected average PRU surplus = £106k</p> <p>Projected average primary deficit = -£73k Projected average secondary deficit = N/A Projected average special deficit = N/A Projected average PRU deficit = N/A</p> <p>(Data Source – 2022/23 Start Budgets)</p>	<p>28 schools projecting to be in budget surplus as at 31 March 2023 2 schools projecting to be in deficit by March 2023; 7% of schools in Selby & Ainsty (2 primary)</p> <p>Projected average primary surplus = £85k Projected average secondary surplus = £523k Projected average special surplus = N/A Projected average PRU surplus = £106k</p> <p>Projected average primary deficit = -£117k Projected average secondary deficit = N/A Projected average special deficit = N/A Projected average PRU deficit = N/A</p> <p>(Data Source – 2022/23 Start Budgets)</p>

8.0 Planning school places

8.1 School sustainability

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

- Falling pupil rolls
- School standards
- Financial difficulty

Where school closures have regrettably occurred in North Yorkshire these factors have been relevant. There have been seven closures in the county over the last three years but none within the constituency area.

8.2 Collaborative working

Collaborative working is two or more schools working together to the mutual benefit of their pupils with the overall aim of improving outcomes for all. This has the potential to broaden opportunities and contribute to efficiencies. There are four federations in the Selby and Ainsty area, each comprising two or three maintained primary schools with a single governing body and headteacher. These are the White Rose Federation (Barlow CE, Burton Salmon CP and Chapel Haddlesey CE schools), the Federation of Follifoot and Spofforth Church of England Primary Schools, the Goldsborough Sicklinghall Federation (Goldsborough CE and Sicklinghall CP schools) and the Togetherness Inspires Growth Federation (Kirk Hammerton CE, Staveley CP and Long Marston CE schools).

8.3 Pupil rolls – current and future

The County Council has a statutory duty to ensure sufficient school places are available for every child under the Education Act 1996. For this purpose, it groups schools together into planning areas in accordance with the requirements of the Education and Skills Funding Agency. Appendix 1 shows the planning areas together with:

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

- 8.4 The County Council is carefully monitoring pupil growth from new housing, providing new school places in areas of growth across the Selby and Ainsty area. Recent schemes have included the expansions at Sherburn Hungate and Athelstan Primary School in Sherburn-in-Elmet, Hambleton CE and at Staynor Hall Academy. The following projects are currently underway or planned, which will be funded through a combination of Basic Need grant and developer contributions (where available).
- 8.5 Barlby Primary area - Additional capacity is planned for Barlby CP (80 places), with work expected to start on site in early 2023.
- 8.6 Boroughbridge Primary outer area – The LA has requested that provision be made for two primary school sites within the proposed new settlement at Maltkiln near Hammerton and Cattal. However, it is not expected that the size of the overall development would generate sufficient pupils to require the provision of a new secondary school. It is intended that Boroughbridge High School would be expanded to meet the anticipated growth in secondary pupils from the development. However, safeguarded land for secondary provision is indicated within proposals for Maltkiln, should this be required in the future.
- 8.7 Knaresborough Primary outer area – A site for education provision has been secured at Manse Farm to primarily serve the Manse Farm development in Knaresborough and the proposed Highfield Farm development. Planning approval was secured in 2020. It is intended that the new school (with nursery provision) will be a free school (a state-funded school, operating as an academy, independent of the local authority). Elevate Multi Academy Trust has been appointed to run the new primary school. Through the ‘presumption route’ process, NYCC is responsible for delivery and funding of the school using a combination of Basic Need Grant and developer contributions.

The age range of the school will be 3-11, providing places for 210 pupils (one form of entry) with the ability to expand to 420 places (two forms of entry) should that be required in the future. The school will provide places for boys and girls (mixed). The target opening date of the new school currently remains at September 2024, but this is constantly under review in light of issues affecting the development site. The school will also support general school place sufficiency in the Knaresborough area and will be opened in a phased approach to avoid destabilising existing provision.

- 8.8 Sherburn Primary and Sherburn Primary outer areas – Pupil numbers are being closely monitored following recent housing growth in Sherburn in Elmet and Church Fenton, and the completion of the major extension to Sherburn Hungate Primary Academy in summer 2021.
- 8.9 Selby District Local Plan - The County Council has responded to the Selby District Local Plan consultations highlighting the potential need for new primary schools to serve future housing developments in the new settlement proposed at Heronby, and in the preferred allocations at Cross Hills Lane Selby and at land west of Kellington Lane, Eggborough, as well as potential expansions of existing primary and secondary schools elsewhere in the district.

9.0 Recommendation

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| <p>9.1 That Members note the report on educational factors in the Selby and Ainsty constituency area.</p> |
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Appendix 1 - School Place Planning data

APPENDIX 1

Planning Areas and forecast surplus/shortfall school places

School planning area	Places available as at 2021/2022	Number on Roll 2017/2018	Number on roll 2021/2022	Surplus Capacity 2021/2022	Forecast pupils as at 2026/2027	Pupils from current housing permissions until 2026/27 (at a forecast 25% pupil yield)	Surplus capacity 2026/27
PRIMARY							
Barlby Primary Barlby Bridge CP Barlby CP	529	491	500	29	485	12	32
Selby Primary Area Barwic Parade CP Selby Abbey CE Selby CP Longman's Hill CP St Mary's Catholic Staynor Hall	1793	1413	1518	275	1467	114	212
Selby Primary Outer North Cawood CE Escrick CE Hambleton CE North Duffield CP Riccall CP Wistow CE	1043	918	913	130	916	34	93
Selby Primary Outer South Barlow CE Brayton CE Camblesforth CP Carlton-in-Snaith Chapel Haddlesey CE Cliffe VC Hemingbrough CP Hensall CP Kirk Smeaton CE Thorpe Willoughby CP Whitley & Eggborough CP	2065	1624	1678	387	1657	112	296
Total	4901	3955	4109	792	4040	260	601
Sherburn Primary Sherburn Hungate Primary Athelstan CP South Milford Primary	1050	699	857	193	1021	71	-42
Sherburn Primary Outer Brotherton & Byram CP Burton Salmon CP Fairburn CP Kellington Primary Kirk Fenton CE Monk Fryston CE Saxton CE	959	826	904	55	973	93	-107
Total	2009	1525	1761	248	1994	164	-149

Tadcaster Primary Riverside School Tadcaster Primary Academy	721	577	533	188	467	3	251
Tadcaster Primary Outer Appleton Roebuck Primary Barkston Ash Catholic	244	249	241	3	248	2	-6
Total	965	826	774	191	715	5	245

Boroughbridge Primary Outer Great Ouseburn CP Green Hammerton CE Kirk Hammerton CE Nun Monkton Primary <i>(inc. Dishforth Airfield CP, Marton-cum-Grafton CE, St Peter's Brafferon CE, Staveley CP – other constituency area)</i>	784	543	564	220	607	86	91
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Harrogate Primary Outer All Saint's CE School Follifoot CE Sicklinghall CE Spofforth CE <i>(inc. Askwith CP, Beckwithshaw CP, Birstwith CE, Admiral Long CE, Follifoot CE, Darley CP, Hampsthwaite CE, Kettlesing Felliscliffe CE, Killinghall CE, North Rigton CE, Ripley Endowed – other constituency area)</i>	1356	1147	1161	195	1070	204	82
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Knaresborough Primary Outer Goldsborough CE Long Marston CE Tockwith CE <i>(inc. Scotton Lingerfield Primary – other constituency area)</i>	466	400	419	47	426	77	-37
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SECONDARY							
Selby Secondary Barlby High School Brayton Academy Holy Family Catholic High School, Carlton Selby High School	3627	2526	2764	863	2946	219	462

Sherburn & Tadcaster Sherburn High School Tadcaster Grammar	2611	2269	2394	217	2498	94	19
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Note

- School planning areas are groups of schools which are used for assessing current and future pupil demand for school place provision and structured according to DfE guidelines.
- The Council has recently requested changes to some of the planning area groups but these have not yet been accepted by the DfE therefore and are not yet reflected above.
- **Figures above take into account outstanding housing permissions, but not undetermined planning applications or draft Local Plan proposals.**

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**North Yorkshire County Council
Selby and Ainsty Constituency Committee**

13 January 2023

Cost of Living – Activity Update

1.0 Purpose of the report

- 1.1 To update Members on the overarching activities being undertaken by the County Council to provide information and support to assist residents around the cost of living.
- 1.2 To update Members on cost of living related issues or activities relevant to the Selby and Ainsty Constituency area.

2.0 Introduction

- 2.1 This report provides an update on work being led by NYCC in conjunction with partners around the cost of living crisis.
- 2.2 The report also provides information about voluntary and community sector work mitigating cost of living impacts within the Selby and Ainsty Constituency.
- 2.3 Cost of living increases are having adverse impact on people's lives. The annual rate of inflation eased slightly to 10.7% in November from 11.1% in October 2022 which was a 41-year high, affecting the affordability of goods and services for households. The Office for Budget Responsibility predicts a post-tax reduction in household income of 4.3% in 2022-23, the biggest fall since comparable records began in 1956.
- 2.4 Price increases affect low-income households most as they spend an above average proportion of income on energy and food. Food bank charities report increased demand with the Trussell Trust providing almost 1.3 million emergency food parcels in April-September 2022, a third more than in the same period in 2021 and 50% more than pre-pandemic levels.
- 2.5 91% of adults in Great Britain reported an increase in their cost of living in October-November 2022 according to the Office for National Statistics. In North Yorkshire we are collecting feedback on cost of living impacts through the Let's Talk conversation. 1,579 responses received by 7th November indicate that most people have been impacted to some extent. 73% of those affected say they are using less heating, 52% are spending less on leisure and 51% are taking fewer journeys. 24% report cutting back on food, 12% are using credit and 10% are increasing debt. This picture may change before the survey ends and more in-depth analysis will be undertaken.

3.0 Direct support for households

3.1 Direct support for households:

Scheme/Activity	Details	Activity												
Household Support Fund Scheme (Government scheme)	<p><i>Phase two (April-September 2022)</i> Required to allocate at least one third of funding to families with children and at least one third to pensioners. Payments had to help in 1 of 4 eligible categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • food, energy and water • essentials linked to energy and water • wider essentials • exceptional emergency housing costs <p><i>Phase three (Oct 2022 - March 2023)</i> No ring-fencing but focus on reaching people not supported by other government schemes and on help with energy.</p>	<p><i>Phase two (April – September 2022)</i> 39,023 households directly supported by HSF with 22,495 households benefitting from the direct award element of the scheme. Redemption rates of voucher support were 92.7% across the county and 92.5% across Selby district.</p> <p><i>Phase three (October – March 2023)</i> We expect HSF activity to support c40,000 households, with c.24,000 eligible households benefitting from a direct award in the form of a shopping voucher in January 2023. Support is also available through Warm and Well, NYLAF and Food Banks.</p>												
North Yorkshire Local Assistance Fund (NYLAF)	Provides emergency financial support such as energy or food vouchers and can supply necessities or household goods such as a fridge.	<p>NYLAF applications have increased over the past three years in all Districts with a 33% increase between 2020/21 and 2021/22. Comparative Quarter 1 (April – June) figures over the 3 years for Selby and Harrogate were:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Q1 2020/21</th> <th>Q1 2021/22</th> <th>Q1 2022/23</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Harrogate</td> <td>249</td> <td>366</td> <td>473</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Selby</td> <td>107</td> <td>117</td> <td>244</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Q1 2020/21	Q1 2021/22	Q1 2022/23	Harrogate	249	366	473	Selby	107	117	244
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Warm and Well North Yorkshire	Offers practical solutions to reduce fuel poverty including access to hardship funds and energy vouchers.	Warm & Well North Yorkshire saw a 129% increase in demand in 2021/22. Across Q1/Q2 in 2022/23 Warm and												

		Well received 1,978 referrals compared to 527 in the same period last year an increase of 275%. 11.5% of referrals into the scheme during Quarter 2 were from Selby District, compared to 13% from Harrogate and 44% from Scarborough.
Free School Meals	All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to free school meals. Parents and carers eligible for certain financial support can apply for Free School Meals for children in Year 3 and above in both primary and secondary schools.	<p>The School Census shows a statistically significant year on year increase in the proportion of children known to be eligible for Free School Meals in each of the past 4 years. Eligibility across North Yorkshire has risen from 9.8% in 2018/19 to 15.4% in 2021/22. This trend reflects the national position, where eligibility has grown from 15.4% to 22.5%. However, whilst a higher proportion of the North Yorkshire school population are eligible for FSM, the number who are taking FSM has reduced, from 88.3% in 2020/21 to 78.3% in 2021/22.</p> <p>Work undertaken to promote Free School Meals and improve the application process should increase uptake. New data should be available in January 2023.</p>
Holiday Activity and Food programme (HAF)	Provide a wide range of activities for children and young people in North Yorkshire and York. The activities are free to children on benefits-related free school meals and include a hot meal or packed lunch each day	Over summer 2022, 26,260 free activity places were taken up by primary aged children and 3,104 by secondary aged children. Alongside those accessing free places, 39,624 paid for places were taken up by primary aged children and 912 paid for places were taken up by secondary aged young people. Provision is also made available at Christmas and Easter (not half terms) in accordance with Department of Education guidance.
NYCC Local Food Support	Following one off grant awards made through Defra's Local Authority Emergency Assistance Grant for Food and Essentials to support food supply during the pandemic, the	Monitoring and evaluation of the Food for the Future grant programme is ongoing and supports the food insecurity

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	<p>Food for the Future Grants fund launched in 21/22. The fund aims to embed local sustainable food support options, which also support beneficiaries to build their levels of confidence and independence.</p> <p>A further 44 grants were awarded to food banks, and / or organisations that supply food to those in need, to boost capacity in the County's free food infrastructure, via the three phases of Household Support Fund (one off grants made available to Local Authorities by Department of Work and Pensions).</p>	<p>research and insight work being done with City of York Council.</p> <p>5,484 households were directly supported through phase one of the Food Bank Support Fund (HSF funded); this almost doubled to 10,164 households in phase two over the summer. Within Selby and Ainsty 1,646 households had been supported by the end of phase 2. Interim monitoring on the third phase of this scheme is due in January 2023.</p> <p>The 3rd phase of funding was considerably oversubscribed which is likely to be a proxy measure of the increasing demands being made upon organisations supporting the most financially vulnerable.</p> <p>Within Selby and Ainsty Constituency 13 organisations benefitted and/or continue to benefit from £77,500 of investment. Some of this related to covid support eg support delivered by BRIGHT in Selby but the most recent awards will focus on reducing cost of living impacts. Funding within Selby district has gone to organisations including Tadcaster Salvation Army who deliver a food bank, Selby District AVS for its Community Fridge and to a consortium of providers including Sherburn Visiting Scheme, Libraries in Tadcaster and Sherburn and Tadcaster Swimming pool, Stutton Village Hall and local Churches with offers ranging from providing free hot drinks to expanding luncheon club capacity. Feedback from Harrogate based Resurrected Bites is that residents from Great Ouseburn and Spofforth make use of the Community Grocery operating in Knaresborough.</p>
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4.0 General support

- 4.1 In conjunction with internal and external partners, the cost of living support page on the NYCC website has been updated and reconfigured (screenshot of landing page attached at **Annex A**) to provide as full a picture as possible of available support and advice. There are links to more local level sources of information, including the District and Borough Councils and Community Support Organisations (CSOs). Information will be updated as new offers and / or initiatives become available.
- 4.2 NYCC has also developed a communications plan for cost of living support using a variety of tools. This includes developing a range of social media assets and an A5 leaflet which will be available in hard copy and digitally and will push people to the updated cost of living page on the website, their local Community Support Organisation (CSO), and / or to NYCC's Customer Service Centre. Digital, telephone and in person access to support will be available through this combined approach. 6,000 hard copy leaflets will be distributed to CSOs and other key voluntary and community sector delivery partners such as Food Banks, our Library networks and to front line teams in Health and Adult Services (HAS) and Children and Young People's Service (CYPS).
- 4.3 We will also be running a weekly media and communications campaign with key messages covering the following key areas:
- Support for children and families
 - Food Insecurity
 - Advice on money
 - Free Wi-fi and digital
 - Transport
 - Energy saving
 - Support for voluntary and community groups delivering cost of living activity

Officers running the communication campaign will liaise with relevant teams to keep messages up to date and relevant. All social media assets will be made available to District and Borough Councils and voluntary and community sector partners.

- 4.4 In addition to information provided by NYCC the CSOs are ideally placed to access granular knowledge about local help as they continue to support residents through business as usual or extension activities. The CSOs in the Selby and Ainsty Constituency area are Selby District AVS, Tadcaster Volunteer Community Support Association (previous name Tadcaster Volunteer Cars and Services Association), Sherburn in Elmet Community Trust who are working ever more closely with Sherburn Visiting Scheme, Boroughbridge Community Care, Harrogate and District Community Association and Knaresborough Connectors.
- 4.5 There has been a lot of publicity around warm spaces for people to access over winter. In North Yorkshire the agreed Warm Welcome approach is to encourage those managing community buildings such as libraries or community hubs to consider extending their opening hours and/or offering a hot drink and food. This is a more affordable option than seeking to open additional venues. We are encouraging

venues to sign up to the Warm Welcome Network (<http://www.warmwelcome.uk>) so that people can find local offers.

- 4.6 Some funding is available for community and voluntary groups wishing to support cost of living challenges in their communities including Stronger Communities Community Grants, Locality Budgets and some District Council schemes. Two Ridings Community Foundation (TRCF) has launched a Cost of Living Crisis Fund which will be increased by £140K through UK Shared Prosperity Fund. Links have been made with Warm and Well to distribute Warm Packs through our network of local delivery partners.

5.0 Food Insecurity Specific Work

- 5.1 Food insecurity research and insight work is continuing in conjunction with City of York Council (CYC). This broadly encompasses:
- developing and utilising an evidence base of interventions including outcomes
 - building understanding of the challenges faced by food access providers, the unmet needs, the real-life outcomes and thoughts about sustainability / viability
 - developing a clearer map of provision across York & North Yorkshire and identifying possible gaps in areas / or models
 - innovating / experimenting with a lived experience approach
- 5.2 The final report will be published in 2023 but information from the project is already in use and has contributed to the Stronger Communities Programme's decision-making process for the heavily over-subscribed grants programme for the Food Bank Winter Support Fund.
- 5.3 A study by the University of Sheffield mapped the UK looking at 3 descriptors of adult food insecurity and identified that in January 2021 7.4% of Selby residents identified as hungry which was defined as having skipped food for a whole day or more in the previous month or been hungry but not eaten because they couldn't afford or access food. 14.7% were struggling ie they had sought help to access food or had skipped a meal or reduced its size or gave a reason for having insufficient food. 7.85% were worried about obtaining food. We believe that residents of Selby, Scarborough and Craven are most likely to be hungry or struggling.
- 5.4 The NYCC Corporate & Partnerships Overview & Scrutiny Committee considered a report on the use of food banks and other food support services. on 24th October 2022 and agreed to undertake a scrutiny review on the use of Food Banks and other food support services across the county with a focus on the medium–long term situation. As part of the review Committee members will visit their local food support services.
- 5.5 The NYCC Public Health Healthier Lives, Community and Economy team will work with Stronger Communities and Local Enterprise Partnership colleagues to bring together a range of food sector organisations to establish a food system framework and ultimately a food partnership to address the immediate to long term challenges identified

6.0 Fuel Poverty

- 6.1 In April 2022 the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy published the Sub-Regional Fuel Poverty Report 2020. Report data is based on the Low Income Low Energy Efficiency (LILEE) fuel poverty metric which classes a household as fuel poor if it lives in a property with an energy efficiency rating of band D, E, F or G according to the most up-to-date Fuel Poverty Energy Efficiency Rating (FPEER) Methodology; and its disposable income (income after housing costs and energy needs) is below the poverty line (disposable income 60% or less of median income). Yorkshire and Humber has the second highest regional fuel poverty rates in England.
- 6.2 Although both Selby district and Harrogate borough have household fuel poverty rates below the English average of 13.2% two Lower Super Output Areas in Selby town ward are amongst the 20 North Yorkshire LSOAs with the highest proportion of households in fuel poverty, one in 7th place and the other 20th .
- 6.3 Yorkshire Energy Doctor Community Interest Company, an excellent VCSE organisation based in Selby, provides advice on energy - understanding bills, price rises, dealing with energy debts, financial grants, schemes for energy efficiency improvements, energy saving tips, the Priority Services Register – and on water bills. They deliver one to one advice and attend sessions at community venues like Selby Community House and the Communitea Centre both in Selby town. They are also delivering a community energy ambassadors course giving attendees the knowledge and skills to pass information and tips on to neighbours, friends and residents in their communities. The Stronger Communities programme has also funded them to deliver advice sessions in each district and to provide slow cookers to 40 individuals/families from target groups attending these sessions. They are also the Selby partner for the Warm and Well service managed by Citizens Advice.

7.0 Activities within Selby and Ainsty Constituency Area

- 7.1 Several VCSE organisations and Town and Parish Councils have initiated local support networks to share information, increase local offers for residents and raise awareness of help available. Some of these organisations have benefitted from the local food support funding referenced at 3.1 and from small community grants through the County Council's Stronger Communities programme.
- 7.2 In terms of warm space initiatives both Tadcaster and Selby Town Councils brought together interested groups to co-ordinate and enhance Winter support offers. Further information about support available in Selby under the banner of "A Selby Warm Welcome" can be accessed here <https://selbytowncouncil.gov.uk/your-town/selby-warm-welcome/> . In Tadcaster a flyer entitled "Tadcaster Community Support" has been prepared and circulated giving residents information of a support line and local activities with a focus on cheap food and staying warm and connected.
- 7.3 Harrogate Borough Council has produced a helpful leaflet "You are not alone" [You are not alone - financial and wellbeing support \(harrogate.gov.uk\)](https://www.harrogate.gov.uk/you-are-not-alone/) . Local support schemes are setting up in Boroughbridge, Green Hammerton and Tockwith and local CSOs will hold detailed information about local support provision. Harrogate venues on the

Warm Welcome site in reasonable proximity to some Constituency residents are the Library and Chain Lane Community Centre in Knaresborough, Boroughbridge and District Community Care and Gateway Church in York. Other activities available will meet the general aims of warm spaces, for example

- 7.4 Selby Anti-Poverty Partnership deliver “Winter Support and Advice Drop in Sessions” on Wednesday afternoons in Community House where people can get information and other support. The timing ties in with a Community Fridge session and people accessing the Fridge are encouraged to access the drop in.
- 7.5 Residents can access the Trussell Trust’s Selby and District Foodbank and we know that residents in the lower part of Selby access Knottingley Food Bank and residents from Tadcaster area and places like Green Hammerton or Tockwith may also look to Wetherby Foodbank. Boroughbridge Community Care can supply emergency food parcels to the Tockwith & Green Hammerton area and Knaresborough has a Trussell Trust foodbank. Selby and District Foodbank gave out 1,798 food parcels between April and September 2022 up on the same period in the preceding two years and with many first-time users. Selby District AVS Community Fridge which is positioned around avoiding food waste clearly also addresses poverty is well used. The Fridge also offers a hot meal on Fridays at a cost of 50p - £1. The Salvation Army operates an independent foodbank in Tadcaster and there are contingency plans for Tadcaster and Rural CIC / The Barn to take over operations if the Salvation Army moves out of Tadcaster in 2023.
- 7.6 As stated at 4.5 NYCC is encouraging venues to register on the Warm Welcome website if they are offering access to free, warm and welcoming spaces over winter <https://www.warmwelcome.uk/#find-a-space>. Venues registered include Selby Library, Sherburn and Villages Community Library which is opening on Wednesdays to support this initiative, Charles Street Social Café run by SDAVS at Selby’s Coultish Centre from 0900 – 1500 on Mondays with a hot, 2 course meal available for £4, Carlton Methodist Church began opening 1300-1500 on alternate Tuesdays from 8 November and offers hot drinks and St Wilfrid’s Parish Hall in Brayton will open 0900-1300 on Mondays from 16 January 2023 to offer hot drinks and food.
- 7.7 Not all offers in Selby district are listed on the Warm Welcome site. Tadcaster Community Library offers free hot drinks and a biscuit and is reminding residents who may struggle to get to the library because of the cold weather of the Home Library Service option and Barlby Community Library recently put on a display of money saving ideas and highlighted budget friendly recipes in their Recipe Corner. Tadcaster Volunteer Community Services Association (formerly The Car Scheme) which is expanding its offer to provide low cost hot drinks and will be providing cheap simple snack meals and the Tadcaster Community Support initiative worked with two local eateries to provide two free Christmas lunch events for older residents before Christmas. Several local cafes in Tadcaster are offering regular low cost pensioner lunches and resident volunteers are offering activities in Calcaria House, Kelcbar Community Centre and Rosemary House. Selby Salvation Army is offering Tuesday Kitchen 11- 1230 with free coffee, social time and a free lunch at 1230 and Toastie Wednesday 10 – 1230 for chat, newspapers and tea and toast. Selby’s Communita Centre also offers free or low cost hot drinks and food.

- 7.8 As well as new provision many other events provide people with opportunities to connect and receive support. Horton Housing deliver regular sessions across the district with a mental wellbeing focus and in Eggborough these are supplemented by a local volunteer providing coffee, cake and activities on the alternate Wednesdays when Horton don't attend. Sherburn Visiting Scheme offer meals on wheels and hold a weekly luncheon club and other social events including at Burton Salmon Village Hall. The Barn in Tadcaster has a particular focus on support for children and families.
- 7.9 Additional resources and initiatives prompted by or supportive of efforts to address cost of living include the Clothing Bank in Brotherton, Baby Bank which runs from The Barn in Tadcaster, the Barn's Tadcaster Grammar School upcycling project, cheap goods made available through the TVCSA charity shop and the AVS clothes swap initiative. Selby town also has the long-standing and valued Hands of Hope charity with its two shops and focus on supporting local people in need. Spirit of Christmas, another local charity, once again ran its "shop" out of Abbots Staithe to give struggling families the opportunity to choose and wrap a free new gift, book and game for their children. Spirit of Christmas has been supported to develop stronger links with local primary schools, particularly in areas of deprivation to ensure it reaches the most in need. Selby residents have long benefitted from the Community Furniture Store and Communita are also providing access to recycled / pre-used furniture.
- 7.10 Despite the challenges there are a good number of established and new organisations and initiatives stepping forward to support residents to the best of their capacity.

8.0 Recommendations

- 8.1 That Members note the contents of this report.

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16 December 2022

Appendix

Annex A – NYCC website screenshot

Cost of living support

There are a wide variety of support schemes and organisations in North Yorkshire which may be able to help or advise if you are struggling to pay for essentials.

- [The North Yorkshire Local Assistance Fund \(NYLAF\)](#). This provides emergency financial support to those unable to meet essential living costs, such as energy bills or food. NYLAF can also make awards in kind, such as supplying basic necessities or household goods such as a fridge.
- [Warm and Well North Yorkshire](#). People can also apply for hardship funding, or help with minor repairs to make their homes warmer under this scheme. Contact Warm and Well on [01609 767555](tel:01609767555) or email www@northyorksica.org.uk
- [Council tax reduction and support scheme](#). If you're on a low income or claim benefits you can apply for a reduction in the council tax you pay. Find [information about the council tax reduction and support scheme](#) and a postcode checker that will take you to your local borough or district council.
- There is also a range of national available on the [Help for Households section of the government website](#) and the [cost of living support section of the government's website](#).

[Advice on money, debt or benefit entitlement](#) >

[Children and families](#) >

[Free wifi and digital support](#) >

[Transport](#) >

[Energy saving](#) >

[Food](#) >

[Community based support including Warm Welcome Spaces](#) >

[Support in your district of North Yorkshire](#) >

Further support



North Yorkshire County Council

Selby and Ainsty Area Constituency Committee

13 January 2023

Work Programme

Purpose of Report

That Members review the Committee's work programme, taking into account the outcome of discussions on previous agenda items and any other developments taking place across the area.

Work Programme

The Work Programme is attached at **Appendix 1** and takes account of the areas of work identified by the previous Committee. These items could be considered during 2022/23 by the new Committee and Members can prioritise these for consideration at future meetings. Members can also suggest new issues for consideration that can be placed into the Work Programme.

It is recommended that the new Committee regularly revisits the Work Programme to review areas that could be covered in forthcoming meetings with additional, relevant items identified by Members added to the Work Programme.

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.

Scheduled Committee dates for 2022/23

- 10am on Friday 28th April 2023

Proposed Meeting dates for 2023/24

- 10am on Thursday 15th June 2023
- 2.30pm on Thursday 21st September 2023
- 2pm on Friday 19th January 2024
- 10am on Thursday 25th April 2024

Recommendation

- (i) Members are asked to consider and develop the Committee's Work Programme;
- (ii) That the date and time of scheduled meetings for 2022/23 and the proposed meeting dates for 2023/34 be noted.

Steve Loach
Democratic Services

January 2023

**Selby and Ainsty Area Constituency Committee
Work Programme 2022/23**

2.30pm on 26th June 2022

Subject	Description
Introduction to Area Constituency Committees	To provide the new Committee with details that will assist Members with their participation in the Area Constituency Committee meetings.
Membership of Area Constituency Committee	To determine whether Co-opted Members will be appointed to the Committee and, if so, on what basis.
Appointments to Outside Bodies	To appoint representatives to various Outside Bodies which fall within the remit of the Area Constituency Committee
Data Profile for Selby and Ainsty Area Constituency Committee	To consider the data profile of the Constituency Area with a view to identifying issues for inclusion in the future work programme
North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service - Risk and Resource Model 2022-25 Consultation	To consider the details of the consultation.
Update on the proposed special needs school at Osgodby	To provide an update on the current status of the proposal
Work Programme	To consider appropriate topics for consideration at forthcoming meetings

2.00pm on 19th October 2022

Subject	Description
Discussion of issues including COVID 19, LGR, Devolution and future role of ACCS with the Leader of the Council	Discussion of issues of relevance with the Leader of the Council, County Councillor Carl Les

Appointments to Outside Bodies	To further consider appointments to Outside Bodies that were not completed at the previous meeting and to ratify those made between meetings.
Local Bus Services	To provide details of local bus services and highlight issues affecting local communities.
Fire Service Back-Up Call Centre	To discuss the potential closure of this facility
North Yorkshire Cultural Framework	Overview of new Cultural Framework - Mark Kibblewhite
Report of Constituency MP, Nigel Adams	To consider issues raised by the MP in respect Constituency matters.
Work Programme	To consider appropriate topics for consideration at forthcoming meetings
10am on Friday 13th January 2023	
Annual Budget Consultation	To review the budget and make recommendations to Executive
Cost of Living Crisis	To receive an a report on how the Stronger Communities Team is assisting local communities with the Cost of living crisis.
Schools, Educational achievement and sustainability	To provide an update on these issues.
Local Bus Services	To provide an update on any issues that have arisen in respect of local bus services since the previous meeting.
20s Plenty	To provide an opportunity for Members to discuss the development of the 20s Plenty speed reduction initiative within local communities.
Report of Constituency MP, Nigel Adams	To consider issues raised by the MP in respect Constituency matters.
Work Programme	To consider appropriate topics for consideration at forthcoming meetings
10am on Friday 28th April 2023	
LGR, Devolution and future role of ACCS	To discuss the development of ACCs, their purpose and additional roles following the introduction of the new Unitary Authority.
Stronger Communities – Annual Update	To provide an annual update on the work of the Stronger Communities Team in local communities within the Constituency Area.
Local Bus Services	To provide an update on any issues that have arisen in respect of local bus services since the previous meeting.
Report of Constituency MP, Nigel Adams	To consider issues raised by the MP in respect Constituency matters.

Work Programme	To consider appropriate topics for consideration at forthcoming meetings
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Scheduled Committee dates for 2022/23

- 10am on Friday 28th April 2023

Areas of work identified for Inclusion in the Work Programme:

1. Road Safety in the Selby District
2. Local enterprise and future investment/ Economic Development Strategies - LEPs
3. Traffic management and traffic congestion
4. The development of appropriate skills for emerging employment opportunities
5. Tourism
6. Policing and Crime Updates
7. North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service – update
8. Flooding issues in the Constituency Area
9. Local Bus Services
10. Roll out of electric vehicle charging points
11. Cycling and cycling routes
12. Air Quality Measuring
13. Future use of land and buildings following LGR
14. Details from OFSTED and CQC in respect of local facilities
15. Trespass, poor/slow response by the police, provision of traveller and showmen sites within SDC
16. Interim Leisure Services – Selby
17. Follow up on Rural Commission recommendations
18. Young Carers

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