



# **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Wednesday, 18 May 2022**

**Summons, Agenda, Minutes  
and Reports**



## **NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

You are summoned to attend the Annual General Meeting of the County Council to be held at County Hall, Northallerton on **Wednesday, 18 May 2022 at 10.30 am**, at which the following business will be transacted.

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

### **BUSINESS**

- 1. To elect a Chairman of County Council to serve until the May 2023 AGM**
- 2. Minutes of the Committee meeting held on 16 February 2022**

To move that the Minutes of the meeting of the County Council held on 16 February 2022, having been printed and circulated, be taken as read and be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**(Pages 5 - 12)**

- 3. Apologies for absence**
- 4. To elect a Vice-Chairman of the County Council to serve until the May 2023 AGM**
- 5. Declarations of Interest**
- 6. Chairman's Announcements**

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

- 7. To elect a Leader of the Council**
- 8. Statement by the Leader of the Council**

- the number and appointment of Executive Members
- appointment of Deputy Leader
- allocation of portfolios and delegation of Executive powers/functions

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**9. Public Questions or Statements**

Members of the public may ask questions or make statements at this meeting if they have given notice and provided the text to Barry Khan, Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services) – email: [barry.khan@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:barry.khan@northyorks.gov.uk) or in writing to Barry Khan, Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services), County Hall, Northallerton DL7 8AD by midday on Friday, 13 May 2022. Each speaker should limit themselves to 3 minutes on any item.

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

- 10. To consider a report on the outcome of the County Council elections and the Report and Recommendations of the Allocations Committee**  
**(Pages 15 - 24)**
- 11. To consider the report and recommendations of the Executive and make decisions on them**  
**(Pages 25 - 28)**
- 12. Formal meetings of the Authority's committees from 18 May 2022 onwards**  
**(Pages 29 - 34)**
- 13. Statements of Executive Members, in the order set out below, followed by the Statements of the Chairmen of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees**

**Executive Members:**

- 13(a) Executive Member for Open to Business**  
**(Pages 35 - 36)**
- 13(b) Executive Member for Climate Change and Customer Engagement**  
**(Pages 37 - 44)**
- 13(c) Executive Member for Finance and Assets and Special Projects**  
**(Pages 45 - 46)**
- 13(d) Executive Member for Children's Services**  
**(Pages 47 - 48)**
- 13(e) Executive Member for Education and Skills**  
**(Pages 49 - 50)**
- 13(f) Executive Member for Access**  
**(Pages 51 - 54)**
- 13(g) Executive Member for Stronger Communities**  
**(Pages 55 - 58)**

**13(h) Executive Member for Health and Adult Social Care and Health Integration**  
(Pages 59 - 60)

**13(i) Executive Member for Public Health, Prevention and Supported Housing**  
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**Overview and Scrutiny Committee Chairmen:**

**13(j) Scrutiny Board**  
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**13(k) Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee**  
(Pages 65 - 68)

**13(l) Care and Independence Overview and Scrutiny Committee**  
(Pages 69 - 70)

**13(m) Corporate and Partnership Overview and Scrutiny Committee**  
(Pages 71 - 72)

**13(n) Transport, Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee**  
(Pages 73 - 74)

**13(o) Scrutiny of Health Committee**  
(Pages 75 - 76)

**14. Notices of Motion**

There are no Notices of Motion.

**15. Use of special urgency procedures since the last meeting of County Council**  
(Pages 77 - 80)

**16. Council Procedure Rule 10 Questions**

RICHARD FLINTON  
Chief Executive Officer

BARRY KHAN  
Assistant Chief Executive  
(Legal and Democratic Services)

County Hall,  
NORTHALLERTON

Tuesday, 10 May 2022

## North Yorkshire County Council

### County Council

Minutes of the remote meeting held on Wednesday, 16th February, 2022 commencing at 10.30 am.

County Councillor Stuart Martin in the Chair and County Councillors Val Arnold, Karl Arthur, Robert Baker, Phillip Barrett, Derek Bastiman, David Blades, Philip Broadbank, Eric Broadbent, Lindsay Burr, Mike Chambers, David Chance, Liz Colling, Richard Cooper, Gareth Dadd, Caroline Dickinson, John Ennis, David Goode, Caroline Goodrick, Helen Grant, Bryn Griffiths, Michael Harrison, Paul Haslam, Robert Heseltine, David Hugill, David Ireton, David Jeffels, Janet Jefferson, Andrew Jenkinson, Mike Jordan, Andrew Lee, Stanley Lumley, Cliff Lunn, Don MacKay, Don Mackenzie, John Mann, Zoe Metcalfe, Heather Moorhouse, Patrick Mulligan, Richard Musgrave, Stuart Parsons, Yvonne Peacock, Chris Pearson, Clive Pearson, Gillian Quinn, Tony Randerson, Janet Sanderson, Matt Scott, Karin Sedgwick, Peter Sowray, David Staveley, Helen Swiers, Roberta Swiers, Angus Thompson, Cliff Trotter, John Weighell, Greg White, Annabel Wilkinson and Robert Windass.

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

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#### **102 Minutes of the Committee meeting held on 17 November 2021**

It was moved and seconded that the Minutes of the meeting of the County Council held on 17 November 2021, having been printed and circulated, are confirmed as a correct record.

**The vote was taken and the motion was declared carried with 59 for, none against and no abstentions.**

#### **Resolved -**

That the Minutes of the meeting of the County Council on 17 November 2021, having been printed and circulated, are confirmed as a correct record.

#### **103 Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from County Councillors Margaret Atkinson, Andrew Backhouse, Jim Clark, Stephanie Duckett, Keane Duncan, Mel Hobson, Carl Les, John McCartney, Andy Paraskos, Caroline Patmore, Joe Plant, Andy Solloway and Callam Walsh.

#### **104 Declarations of Interest**

There were none.

#### **105 Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman welcomed the Honorary Aldermen and members of the public to the meeting.

The Chairman informed Members of the usual arrangements for the meeting.

The Chairman made a number of announcements relating to work that he was doing in his role as Chairman.

The Chairman noted that Paul Creelman and Alan Clifton were both awarded MBEs in the New Year's Honours. Paul Creelman is currently employed by the Council and has had a long career firstly with the Police, and then with the County Council as a family support worker and working within Youth Justice. Alan Clifton was formerly the Head of Virtual Schools within the County Council, which provides education for young people not in school.

The sad and untimely death of former County Councillor Paul Richardson was noted. Mr Richardson was a County Councillor from 2001 until 2013 and represented the Masham and Fountains division. A minute's silence was held in his memory.

#### **106 Statement by the Leader of the Council**

In the absence of County Councillor Carl Les, who had given apologies, County Councillor Gareth Dadd, Deputy Leader, made a statement and answered questions, under Council Procedure Rule 2.3, as Leader of the County Council, a summary of the key points of which had previously been circulated and which appear in the Minute Book (pages 13238 to 13239).

#### **107 Public Questions or Statements**

There were none.

#### **108 To consider the report and recommendations of the Executive and make decisions on them**

The report and recommendations of the Executive were considered, as detailed in the following paragraphs.

#### **109 Revenue Budget 2022/23 and the Medium Term Financial Strategy Report**

Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) for 2023/24 to 2024/25, the Revenue Budget for 2022/23 and Council Tax for 2022/23

The recommendation at pages 18 to 19 of the report (pages 13243 to 13244 of the Minute Book) was moved and seconded.

**A named vote was taken by roll call and the motion declared carried with 53 for, 3 against and 3 abstentions, as follows:**

**For:** County Councillors Val Arnold, Karl Arthur, Bob Baker, Derek Bastiman, David Blades, Eric Broadbent, Mike Chambers, David Chance, Liz Colling, Richard Cooper, Gareth Dadd, Caroline Dickinson, John Ennis, Caroline Goodrick, Helen Grant, Michael Harrison, Paul Haslam, Robert Heseltine, David Hugill, David Ireton, David Jeffels, Janet Jefferson, Andrew Jenkinson, Mike Jordan, Andrew Lee, Stanley Lumley, Cliff Lunn, Don Mackay, Don Mackenzie, John Mann, Stuart Martin, Zoe Metcalfe, Heather Moorhouse, Patrick Mulligan, Richard Musgrave, Yvonne Peacock, Chris Pearson, Clive Pearson, Gillian Quinn, Tony Randerson, Janet Sanderson, Matt Scott, Karin Sedgwick, Peter Sowray, David Staveley, Helen Swiers, Roberta Swiers, Angus Thompson, Cliff Trotter, John Weighell, Greg White, Annabel Wilkinson and Robert Windass.

**Against:** County Councillors Philip Barrett, Lindsay Burr and Stuart Parsons.

**Abstentions:** County Councillors Philip Broadbank, David Goode and Bryn Griffiths.

**Resolved -**

That the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) for 2023/24 to 2024/25, the Revenue Budget for 2022/23 and Council Tax for 2022/23 be approved.

Capital Five Year Spending Plan and the Treasury Management Strategy 2022/23

These items were taken as one. The recommendation regarding the Capital Five Year Spending Plan at pages 19 to 20 of the report (page 13244 to 13245 of the Minute Book) and the recommendation regarding the Treasury Management Strategy 2021/22 at page 20 of the report (page 13245 of the Minute Book) were moved and seconded.

**The vote was taken and the motion was declared carried, with 53 for, 3 against and 3 abstentions.**

**Resolved -**

That the Capital Five Year Spending Plan and the Treasury Management Strategy 2022/23 be approved.

**110 Council Plan 2022/2023**

The recommendation at page 21 of the report (page 13246 of the Minute Book) was moved and seconded.

**The vote was taken and the motion was declared carried, with 56 for, none against and 3 abstentions.**

**Resolved -**

That the draft Council Plan be approved and the Chief Executive be authorised to make any necessary changes to the text, including reflecting decision made on the budget, Medium Term Financial Strategy and the updated performance data.

**111 School Admission Arrangements for the School Year 2023/2024**

The recommendations at page 21 of the report (page 13246 of the Minute Book) were moved and seconded.

**The vote was taken and the motion was declared carried with 59 for, none against and no abstentions.**

**Resolved -**

That the School Admission Arrangements for 2023/2024 be approved, including:

- a) the proposed co-ordinated admission arrangements in Appendix 1
- b) the proposed admission policy for community and voluntary controlled schools in Appendix 2
- c) the proposed admission policy for nursery schools, schools with nursery classes and pre-reception classes, in Appendix 3; and

- d) the proposed published admission numbers (PAN's) for community and voluntary controlled schools as shown in Appendices 4 (Primary) and 5 (Secondary).

#### **112 Arrangements for appointment of the External Auditor from 2023/24**

The recommendation at page 22 of the report (page 13247 of the Minute Book) was moved and seconded.

**The vote was and the motion was declared carried with 59 for, none against and no abstentions.**

**Resolved –**

- a) That the Public Sector Audit Appointments' invitation to opt into the sector-led option for the appointment of external auditors to principal local government and police bodies for five financial years from 1 April 2023, be approved.

#### **113 Proposed addition of E-Petitions Function to the Council's existing paper-based Petitions Scheme**

The recommendation at page 22 of the report (page 13247 of the Minute Book) was moved and seconded.

**The vote was taken and the motion was declared carried with 59 for, none against and no abstentions.**

**Resolved -**

That the e-petitions function in the Modern Gov committee management system be enabled and run alongside the existing paper-based scheme.

#### **114 Proposed amendments to the Council's Constitution**

The recommendation at pages 22 and 23 of the report (pages 13247 to 13248 of the Minute Book) was moved and seconded.

**The vote was taken and the motion was declared carried with 58 for, none against and no abstentions.**

**Resolved -**

- a) (the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services) should use his delegated powers to update the Constitution at the relevant time following the elections in 2022 to reflect the changes in the County Council's membership and ward areas is approved;
- b) the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services) should use his delegated powers to update the Constitution at the relevant times to reflect the transitional arrangements which apply in each of the local government reorganisation transitional periods is approved;
- c) the proposed changes to the Constitution set out in Appendices 1 and 2 be recommended to full Council for approval is approved;
- d) the approach to recording officer decisions be reviewed as set out in the body of this report and Appendix 2 and no changes are recommended to be made is approved; and



- e) the Leader formally appoints the Executive Members as the ten County Council Members to the Implementation Executive once it is created under the Structural Change Order.

#### **115 Consideration of proposed amendments to the Council's Members' Code of Conduct**

The recommendation at page 23 and the report (page 13248 of the Minute Book) was moved and seconded.

**The vote was taken and the motion was declared carried with 59 for, none against and no abstentions.**

**Resolved -**

That:

- a) the proposed amendments to the Council's current Members' Code of Conduct as set out in Appendix 3 to the report; take effect from 5 May 2022;
- b) that the Monitoring Officer be authorised to make consequential amendments to the registration of Members' Interests form proforma, any other relevant standards documentation and the Constitution to reflect the changes made to the Council's Code; and
- c) that tailored guidance, specific to the Council's Members' Code of Conduct, be circulated to the newly elected Members in May.

#### **116 Appointments to Committees and Outside Bodies**

The appointments to committees and Outside Bodies were noted.

The Chairman noted that the reports on 'Formal Meetings of the Authority's Committees from 16 February 2022 onwards' and the 'Minerals and Waste Joint Plan' were on the main agenda at items 8 and 9, respectively.

#### **117 Formal Meetings of the Authority's Committees**

The recommendations at pages 367 and 386 (pages 13592 to 13593 of the Minute Book) were moved and seconded.

**The vote was taken and the motion was declared carried, with 59 for, none against and no abstentions.**

**Resolved -**

That:

- a) The remote access, live broadcast informal meetings of the Council's committees continue with any formal decisions required being taken by the Chief Executive Officer under his emergency decision making powers and after consultation with Officers and Members as appropriate and after taking into account any views of the relevant Committee Members
- b) The continued use of remote access, live broadcast informal meetings is reviewed periodically, taking into account the level of Covid-19 infections and hospitalisation, with a further report being considered at the Council meeting on 18 May 2022.

- c) That the meeting of the County Council on 18 May 2022 is held as an in person meeting.
- d) That the power be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer in consultation with the Leader to determine which committee meetings should be held virtually and which could be held physically, subject to consultation with the relevant committee Chair.

#### **118 Adoption of Minerals and Waste Joint Plan**

The recommendations at pages 372 and 373 of the report (pages 13597 to 13598 of the Minute Book) were moved and seconded.

An amendment to the recommendations was moved and seconded, proposing that hydraulic fracking be prohibited under the Minerals and Waste Joint Plan.

**The vote was taken on the amendment and was declared defeated with 4 for, 53 against and 2 abstentions.**

**The vote was then taken on the substantive recommendations and the motion was declared carried with 53 for, 6 against and no abstentions.**

#### **Resolved -**

That the Council:

- a) note the Inspector's Report and recommended changes and accept the main modifications;
- b) adopt the Minerals & Waste Joint Plan incorporating the Inspector's Modifications circulated with this Report. In doing so, this will replace the current policies in use for development control purposes;
- c) adopt the accompanying Policies Map;
- d) authorise the Corporate Director, Business & Environmental Services to make any further minor typographical amendments or updates in producing the final version of the document and, to take any necessary steps to conclude the adoption process; and,
- e) authorise the publication of the Adoption Statement and Sustainability Appraisal in accordance with Regulations 26 and 35 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.

#### **119 Statements of Executive Members, in the order set out below, followed by the Statements of the Chairmen of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees**

The statements of the Executive Member and the Chairmen of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees were considered, as detailed in the following paragraphs.

#### **120 Executive Member for Public Health, Prevention and Supported Housing - County Councillor Andrew Lee**

County Councillor Andrew Lee, Executive Member for Public Health, Prevention and Supported Housing, made a statement. A summary of the key points of which had previously been circulated and which appears in the Minute Book (pages 13600 to 13602).

**121 Executive Member for Open to Business - County Councillor Derek Bastiman**

County Councillor Derek Bastiman, Executive Member for Open to Business, made a statement. A summary of the key points of which had previously been circulated and which appears in the Minute Book (pages 13604 to 13606).

**122 Executive Member for Climate Change and Customer Engagement - County Councillor Greg White**

County Councillor Greg White, Executive Member for Climate Change and Customer Engagement, made a statement and answered questions. A summary of the key points of which had previously been circulated and which appears in the Minute Book (pages 13608 to 13613).

**123 Executive Member for Finance and Assets and Special Projects - County Councillor Gareth Dadd**

County Councillor Gareth Dadd, Executive Member for Finance and Assets and Special Projects, made a statement. A summary of the key points of which had previously been circulated and which appears in the Minute Book (pages 13614 to 13615).

**124 Executive Member for Children's Services - County Councillor Janet Sanderson**

County Councillor Janet Sanderson, Executive Member for Children's Services, made a statement, a summary of the key points of which had previously been circulated and which appears in the Minute Book (pages 13616 to 13617).

**125 Executive Member for Education and Skills - County Councillor Patrick Mulligan**

County Councillor Patrick Mulligan, Executive Member for Education and Skills, made a statement and answered questions. A summary of the key points of which had previously been circulated and which appears in the Minute Book (pages 13618 to 13620).

**126 Executive Member for Access - County Councillor Don Mackenzie**

County Councillor Don Mackenzie, Executive Member for Access, made a statement and answered questions. A summary of the key points of which had previously been circulated and which appears in the Minute Book (pages 13622 to 13623).

**127 Executive Member for Stronger Communities - County Councillor David Chance**

County Councillor David Chance, Executive Member for Stronger Communities, made a statement and answered questions. A summary of the key points of which had previously been circulated and which appears in the Minute Book (pages 13624 to 13628).

**128 Executive Member for Health and Adult Social Care and Health Integration - County Councillor Michael Harrison**

County Councillor Michael Harrison, Executive Member for Health and Adult Services, made a statement and answered questions. A summary of the key points of which had previously been circulated and which appears in the Minute Book (pages 13630 to 13631).

**129 Scrutiny Board (Chairman: County Councillor Stanley Lumley)**

There were no questions for the Chairman of Scrutiny Board.

**130 Scrutiny of Health (Chairman: County Councillor John Ennis)**

There were no questions for the Chairman of the Scrutiny of Health Committee.

**131 Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Chairman: County Councillor Janet Jefferson)**

There were no questions for the Chairman of the Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

**132 Care and Independence Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Chairman: County Councillor Karin Sedgwick)**

There were no questions for the Chairman of the Care and Independence Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

**133 Corporate and Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Chairman: Andy Paraskos)**

There were no questions for the Chairman of the Corporate and Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

**134 Transport, Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Chairman: County Councillor Stanley Lumley)**

There were no questions for the Chairman of the Transport, Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

**135 Notices of Motion**

No Notices of Motion were received within the deadline.

**136 Use of special urgency procedures since the last meeting of County Council - Report of the Leader of the Council**

The report on the Use of Special Urgency Procedures since the last meeting of the County Council in July was considered and the recommendation at pages 421 to 424 (page 13648 of the Minute Book) was moved and seconded.

**Resolved -**

That the report on the Use of Special Urgency Procedures since the last meeting of the County Council in November 2021, be noted.

**137 Council Procedure Rule 10 Questions**

There were no Council Procedure Rule 10 questions.

The meeting concluded at 12.45 pm.

## NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

18 MAY 2022

**THIS STATEMENT COVERS THE PERIOD FROM THE MEETING OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL ON 16 FEBRUARY 2022 TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL ELECTIONS ON 5 MAY 2022**

### STATEMENT OF CLLR CARL LES

#### Covid

This remains an ever present threat to us. Fortunately cases seem less severe and less life threatening, but our hospitals are fully committed to handling cases and this maintains pressure on other essential and elective procedures. We must hope that the vaccination programme continues to mitigate the impact as we learn to live with Covid. We must never forget that whatever we face now, with somewhat less severity, 1499 people in the County have lost their lives with Covid 19 on their death certificates

Team North Yorkshire

Part of that learning has been the remarkable co-operation and collaboration between all services in North Yorkshire, statutory, voluntary and business sectors. I said in my first interview over 2 ½ years ago now that I was glad I lived in North Yorkshire and I repeat that sentiment today

#### Make Care Matter

The care sector has also faced huge pressures throughout this council period, both from Covid taking out staff, and also the vacancies carried even before the pandemic. I am pleased that the recruitment campaign we started, which also helps our valued colleagues in the private sector providing care, has worked and needs to continue. The campaign reached over 2.5 million viewers, driving 10,000 enquiries to our recruitment website, which led to 1757 job applications, 327 interviews and to date 131 new starters. Whilst these new starters are welcomed, with growing demand for services and an ageing workforce there remains the need for hundreds more people to join the care sector in North Yorkshire

#### Trailblazer

One of the last acts the Executive took in the last Council was to accept the government's invitation to be part of a Trailblazer pilot into the costs of care, and who pays it. The timing was such that an expression of interest had to be confirmed before the new Council came into being. This Council has an unenviable record of working with Government to trial and shape future initiatives, either singly or through our role in national bodies like CCN, ADSS etc. It will be for this Executive to decide whether to proceed with this, or exercise the break clause we negotiated for this purpose. For my part I hope we continue.

#### Ukrainian evacuees

A small number of evacuees have arrived in our County. With our District Council partners and others we stand ready to receive and welcome refugees from Putin's outrageous war.

## **LGR, Devolution and Levelling Up**

Apart from the successful proposition that unitarisation reduces confusion, inefficiency, duplication and cost, a key decision to continue with LGR was that it unlocked devolution, in itself linked with levelling up principles and missions. Our asks were submitted some time ago now, they have been refreshed by the LEP, and a visit has happened with senior civil servants coming to meet senior officers. What is clear is that all asks will need to be negotiated with vigour – the principle of devolution has been agreed, there is no automatic right of passage. Myself and the Leader of City of York Council have had a first meeting with the responsible Minister where he observed that we were first in the queue and he hoped we would maintain that position. There is a possibility that a deal can be done before the Parliamentary summer recess. Game on!

## **Finally**

As the previous Council draws to a close, I would like to thank all colleagues who have demonstrated diligence and a determination to make North Yorkshire a better place for our residents, our communities and our businesses. The new Council faces an exciting future, the biggest change since 1974, and the election will have decided who faces that challenge. Regardless of our political changes our officer corps continues to work to best endeavours and we must thank them for their service.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR CARL LES

**NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**18 May 2022**

**Outcome of the elections and the report and recommendations of the Allocations Committee**

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

**1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To bring to the attention of Council the outcome of the elections and the subsequent allocation of seats on committees, subject to proportional representation.

**2.0 BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 The County Council elections were held on 5 May 2022. The outcome of the elections was as below:

<b>Party</b>	<b>Council seats</b>
Conservative	47
Labour (and Labour and Co-operative Party)	12
Liberal Democrat	12
Independent (unaffiliated)	13
Green	5
Liberal Party	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>90</b>

(Please note that the political parties are as noted on the Notice of Result. At the time of writing the political groups had not been formed. Once the groups are formed, the political proportionality will be recalculated.)

- 2.2 At the time of writing, the Allocations Committee had not met and so this paper provides an overview of the outcome of the proportionality calculation. Details of any changes to the allocation of seats following the meeting of the Allocations Committee will be circulated to all members of the Council.
- 2.3 Two different calculations have been provided. The first is based upon the existing committee sizes (Appendix 1). The second is based upon increasing the committee sizes by 25% to reflect the increase in the overall number of councillors from 72 to 90 (Appendix 2). It is not necessary to increase all committees (by 25% or any other figure) and Council could choose to increase some committees and not others

**3.0 POLITICAL BALANCE GUIDANCE**

- 3.1 The Local Government and Housing Act 1989 introduced a requirement that certain appointments should be proportionate to the political composition of the Council.
- 3.2 The Council or the Committee must give effect to principles set out in the statutory provisions. The principles are:
- 1) All the seats must not be allocated to the same political group
  - 2) The majority of the seats must be allocated to the political group (if any) that holds the majority of seats on the Council

- 3) Subject to 1) and 2), in the case of ordinary committees, the number of seats on the ordinary committees which are allocated to each political group must bear the same proportion to the total of all the seats on the ordinary committees as is borne by the number of members of that group to the membership of the Council.
- 3.3 Please note that “Ordinary Committees” of this Council are: Chief Officer Appointments and Disciplinary Committee; Employment Appeals Committee; Pension Fund Committee; Planning and Regulatory Functions Committee; (Transport) Appeals Committee and Standards Committee.
- 3.4 Scrutiny committees and Audit are not “ordinary committees”.
- 3.5 This means that it is necessary to add up the total number of seats on all the ordinary committees. If a group represents, for example, three quarters of the membership of the Council, it is entitled to three quarters of the total number of seats on all ordinary committees.
- 3.6 This means that on some ordinary committees a group may have more members than the application of the next principle would justify. It provides an allowance for the fact that calculating the proportion will not usually lead to whole numbers.
- 3.7 The duty on the Council is to give effect to these principles *so far as reasonably practicable*. This recognises that there cannot be an exact application of the rules.
- 3.8 Co-optees are ignored in calculating political balance except for any co-opted member with voting rights appointed to a committee with education functions under section 13(5) Local Government and Housing Act 1989 - see section 15 of that Act.

#### **4.0 ADDITIONAL LOCAL CONSIDERATIONS**

- 4.1 It is expected, although not required, that every County Councillor, who is not on the Executive, has a place on either an overview and scrutiny committee or on the Audit Committee.

#### **5.0 AREA CONSTITUENCY COMMITTEES**

- 5.1 Every County Councillor sits on an Area Constituency Committee. Their membership is determined by the location of their Electoral Division. The membership is in Appendix 3.

#### **6.0 APPOINTMENTS TO MAJOR OUTSIDE BODIES**

- 6.1 Below are the seats on the major Outside Bodies, to which the County Council makes appointments. Allocations are detailed below and subject to of any changes to the allocation of seats following the meeting of the Allocations Committee.



<b>OUTSIDE BODY</b>	<b>NYCC SEATS</b>	<b>Conservative</b>	<b>Labour</b>	<b>Liberal Democrat</b>	<b>Independent (unaffiliated)</b>	<b>Green Party</b>	<b>The Liberal Party</b>
North Eastern Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
North Yorks Moors National Park Authority	4	3	1 or 0	1 or 0	1 or 0	0	0
Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority	5	3	1 or 0	1 or 0	1 or 0	0	0
North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Panel	1	1	0	0	0	0	0

## **7.0 SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS SCHEME**

7.1 Under the Council's Substitute Members scheme, County Councillors have been nominated on the Standing Lists of Substitutes, prepared by the Political Groups. These will be circulated at the meeting of the County Council.

## **8.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

8.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

## **9.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

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

## **10.0 CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS**

10.1 There are no climate change implications arising from this report.

## **11.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

11.1 There are no equality implications arising from this report.

## **12.0 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

12.1 The Local Government and Housing Act 1989 introduced a requirement that certain appointments should be proportionate to the political composition of the Council. This report outlines the proportionality calculations and what this then means for the allocation of seats. The report was written before the formation of the Political Groups and the meeting of the Allocations Committee. As such, additional information will be circulated to all councillors, as required.

## **13.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

13.1 That the composition of the Council and consequent allocation of seats to Political Groups on committees be noted and approved, subject to any additional information that has been circulated to county councillors following the meeting of the Allocations Committee.

13.2 That the Members nominated as Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of the committees be

appointed, as circulated at the meeting of the County Council.

- 13.3 That the Members of the County Council nominated to serve on each of the Area Constituency Committees, being the Members representing electoral divisions within the area of each Committee, be appointed to the Area Constituency Committee specified.
- 13.4 That the seats on Major Outside Bodies, to which the County Council makes appointments, allocated as shown between the Political Groups, be appointed.
- 13.5 In accordance with the Council's Substitute Members scheme, Members nominated on the Standing Lists of Substitutes, prepared by the Political Groups and circulated at the meeting of the County Council, be appointed.

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## APPENDIX 1 – proportionality calculation based upon existing committee sizes

The calculation has been undertaken in line with the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and the requirement the majority of the seats on committees must be allocated to the political group (if any) that holds the majority of seats on the Council.

Name of Committee	SEATS	Conservative	Labour		Liberal Democrat		Independent		Green Party		The Liberal Party	
		ALLOC	CALC	ALLOC	CALC	ALLOC	CALC	ALLOC	CALC	ALLOC	CALC	ALLOC
Care and Independence	13	7.00	1.73	1 or 2	1.73	1 or 2	1.88	2	0.72	1 or 0	0.14	0 or 1
Children and Young People	13	7.00	1.73	1 or 2	1.73	1 or 2	1.88	2	0.72	1 or 0	0.14	0 or 1
Corporate and Partnerships	13	7.00	1.73	1 or 2	1.73	1 or 2	1.88	2	0.72	1 or 0	0.14	0 or 1
Scrutiny of Health	13	7.00	1.73	1 or 2	1.73	1 or 2	1.88	2	0.72	1 or 0	0.14	0 or 1
Transport, Economy & Environment	13	7.00	1.73	1 or 2	1.73	1 or 2	1.88	2	0.72	1 or 0	0.14	0 or 1
Audit	8	5.00	1.07	1	1.07	1	1.16	1	0.44	0	0.09	0
<b>TOTALS SCRUTINY</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>40.00</b>	<b>9.73</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9.73</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10.54</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>4.06</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0.81</b>	<b>1</b>
Chief Officer Appointments and Disciplinary Committee	8	5.00	1.07	1	1.07	1	1.16	1	0.44	0 or 1	0.09	0
Employment Appeals Committee	4	3.00	0.53	1 or 0	0.53	1 or 0	0.58	1 or 0	0.22	0	0.04	0
Pension Fund	8	5.00	1.07	1	1.07	1	1.16	1	0.44	0 or 1	0.09	0
Planning and Regulatory Functions Committee	11	6.00	1.47	1	1.47	1	1.59	1 or 2	0.61	1	0.12	0
(Transport) Appeals Committee	4	3.00	0.53	1 or 0	0.53	1 or 0	0.58	1 or 0	0.22	0	0.04	0
Standards	5	3.00	0.53	1 or 0	0.53	1 or 0	0.58	1 or 0	0.22	0	0.04	0
<b>TOTALS OTHER</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>25.00</b>	<b>5.20</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5.20</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5.63</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2.17</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0.43</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>65.00</b>	<b>14.93</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>14.93</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16.18</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>6.22</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1.24</b>	<b>1</b>

Key:  
SEATS – the number of seats that are available on each committee  
CALC – the proportional allocation of seats based upon the number of County Councillors in different parties as of today  
ALLOC – The indicative seats to be allocated by groups. These numbers will vary as determined by the Allocations Committee.

**APPENDIX 2 – proportionality calculation based upon an increase in the committee size by 25% to reflect the overall increase in the number of county councillors from 72 to 90**

The calculation has been undertaken in line with the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and the requirement the majority of the seats on committees must be allocated to the political group (if any) that holds the majority of seats on the Council.

Name of Committee	SEATS	Conservative	Labour		Liberal Democrat		Independent		Green Party		The Liberal Party	
		ALLOC	CALC	ALLOC	CALC	ALLOC	CALC	ALLOC	CALC	ALLOC	CALC	ALLOC
Care and Independence	16	9.00	2.13	2	2.13	2	2.31	2	0.89	1	0.18	0 or 1
Children and Young People	16	9.00	2.13	2	2.13	2	2.31	2	0.89	1	0.18	0 or 1
Corporate and Partnerships	16	9.00	2.13	2	2.13	2	2.31	2	0.89	1	0.18	0 or 1
Scrutiny of Health	16	9.00	2.13	2	2.13	2	2.31	2	0.89	1	0.18	0 or 1
Transport, Economy & Environment	16	9.00	2.13	2	2.13	2	2.31	2	0.89	1	0.18	0 or 1
Audit	10	6.00	1.33	1	1.33	1	1.44	1	0.56	1 or 0	0.11	0 or 1
<b>TOTALS SCRUTINY</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>51.00</b>	<b>12.00</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12.00</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>13.00</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>5.00</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>1</b>
Chief Officer Appointments and Disciplinary Committee	10	6.00	1.33	1	1.33	1	1.44	1	0.56	1	0.11	0 or 1
Employment Appeals Committee	5	3.00	0.67	1 or 0	0.67	1 or 0	0.72	1	0.28	0	0.06	0 or 1
Pension Fund	10	6.00	1.33	1	1.33	1	1.44	1	0.56	1	0.11	0 or 1
Planning and Regulatory Functions Committee	13	7.00	1.73	2	1.73	2	1.88	2	0.72	1	0.14	0 or 1
(Transport) Appeals Committee	5	3.00	0.67	1 or 0	0.67	1 or 0	0.72	1	0.28	0	0.06	0 or 1
Standards	6	4.00	0.67	1 or 0	0.67	1 or 0	0.72	1	0.28	0	0.06	0 or 1
<b>TOTALS OTHER</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>29.00</b>	<b>6.40</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6.40</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6.93</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2.67</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0.53</b>	<b>1</b>
				<b>(17)</b>		<b>(17)</b>		<b>(18)</b>		<b>(8)</b>		<b>(2)</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>80.00</b>	<b>18.40</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>18.40</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19.93</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>7.67</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1.53</b>	<b>2</b>

Key:  
 SEATS – the number of seats that are available on each committee  
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 ALLOC – The indicative seats to be allocated by groups. These numbers will vary as determined by the Allocations Committee.

**APPENDIX 3 – Membership of the Area Constituency Committees**

<b>Electoral Division</b>	<b>ACC Area</b>	<b>County Councillor</b>
Aire Valley	Skipton & Ripon	Andrew Brown
Aiskew & Leeming	Richmond	John Weighell OBE
Amotherby & Ampleforth	Thirsk & Malton	Steve Mason
Appleton Roebuck & Church Fenton	Selby & Ainsty	Andrew Lee
Barlby & Riccall	Selby & Ainsty	Stephanie Duckett
Bedale	Richmond	David Webster
Bentham & Ingleton	Skipton & Ripon	David Ireton
Bilton & Nidd Gorge	Harrogate & Knaresborough	Paul Haslam
Bilton Grange & New Park	Harrogate & Knaresborough	Monika Slater
Boroughbridge & Claro (part)	Harrogate & Knaresborough	Robert Windass
Boroughbridge & Claro (part)	Selby & Ainsty	
Boroughbridge & Claro (part)	Skipton & Ripon	
Brayton & Barlow	Selby & Ainsty	Mark Crane
Camblesforth & Carlton	Selby & Ainsty	Mike Jordan
Castle	Scarborough & Whitby	Janet Jefferson
Catterick Village & Brompton-on-Swale	Richmond	Carl Les
Cawood & Escrick	Selby & Ainsty	John Cattanach
Cayton	Scarborough & Whitby	Roberta Swiers
Cliffe & North Duffield	Selby & Ainsty	Karl Arthur
Coppice Valley & Duchy	Harrogate & Knaresborough	Peter Lacey
Danby & Mulgrave	Scarborough & Whitby	David Chance
Derwent Valley & Moor	Scarborough & Whitby	David Jeffels
Easingwold	Thirsk & Malton	Nigel Knapton
Eastfield	Scarborough & Whitby	Tony Randerson
Esk Valley & Coast	Scarborough & Whitby	Clive Pearson
Fairfax & Starbeck	Harrogate & Knaresborough	Philip Broadbank
Falsgrave & Stepney	Scarborough & Whitby	Liz Colling
Filey	Thirsk & Malton	Sam Cross

<b>Electoral Division</b>	<b>ACC Area</b>	<b>County Councillor</b>
Glusburn, Cross Hills & Sutton-in-Craven	Skipton & Ripon	Philip Barrett
Great Ayton	Richmond	Heather Moorhouse
Harlow & St. Georges	Harrogate & Knaresborough	Michael Schofield
Helmsley & Sinnington	Thirsk & Malton	George Jabbour
High Harrogate & Kingsley	Harrogate & Knaresborough	Chris Aldred
Hillside & Raskelf (part)	Richmond	Alyson Baker
Hillside & Raskelf (part)	Thirsk & Malton	
Hipswell & Colburn	Richmond	Kevin Foster
Huby & Tollerton	Thirsk & Malton	Malcolm Taylor
Hunmanby & Sherburn	Thirsk & Malton	Michelle Donohue-Moncrieff
Hutton Rudby & Osmotherley	Richmond	Bridget Fortune
Killinghall, Hampsthwaite & Saltergate	Harrogate & Knaresborough	Michael Harrison
Kirkbymoorside & Dales	Thirsk & Malton	Greg White
Knaresborough East	Harrogate & Knaresborough	Hannah Gostlow
Knaresborough West	Harrogate & Knaresborough	Matthew Walker
Leyburn & Middleham	Richmond	Karin Sedgwick
Malton	Thirsk & Malton	Lindsay Burr MBE
Masham & Fountains (part)	Harrogate & Knaresborough	Margaret Atkinson
Masham & Fountains (part)	Skipton & Ripon	
Mid Craven	Skipton & Ripon	Simon Myers
Monk Fryston & South Milford	Selby & Ainsty	Tim Grogan
Morton-on-Swale & Appleton Wiske (part)	Richmond	Annabel Wilkinson
Morton-on-Swale & Appleton Wiske (part)	Thirsk & Malton	
Newby	Scarborough & Whitby	Subash Sharma
North Richmondshire	Richmond	Angus Thompson
Northallerton North & Brompton	Richmond	Steve Watson
Northallerton South	Richmond	Caroline Dickinson
Northstead	Scarborough & Whitby	Eric Broadbent
Norton	Thirsk & Malton	Keane Duncan
Oatlands & Pannal	Harrogate & Knaresborough	John Mann

<b>Electoral Division</b>	<b>ACC Area</b>	<b>County Councillor</b>
Osgoldcross	Selby & Ainsty	John McCartney
Ouseburn (part)	Harrogate & Knaresborough	Arnold Warneken
Ouseburn (part)	Selby & Ainsty	
Pateley Bridge & Nidderdale	Skipton & Ripon	Andrew Murday
Pickering	Thirsk & Malton	Joy Andrews
Richmond	Richmond	Stuart Parsons
Ripon Minster & Moorside	Skipton & Ripon	Andrew Williams
Ripon Ure Bank & Spa	Skipton & Ripon	Barbara Brodigan
Romanby	Richmond	Peter Wilkinson
Scalby & the Coast	Scarborough & Whitby	Derek Bastiman
Scotton & Lower Wensleydale	Richmond	Tom Jones
Seamer	Scarborough & Whitby	Heather Phillips
Selby East	Selby & Ainsty	Jack Proud
Selby West (1)	Selby & Ainsty	Melanie Davis
Selby West (2)	Selby & Ainsty	Steve Shaw-Wright
Settle & Penyghent	Skipton & Ripon	David Staveley
Sherburn in Elmet	Selby & Ainsty	Bob Packham
Sheriff Hutton & Derwent	Thirsk & Malton	Caroline Goodrick
Skipton East & South	Skipton & Ripon	Robert Heseltine
Skipton North & Embsay-with-Eastby	Skipton & Ripon	David Noland
Skipton West & West Craven	Skipton & Ripon	Andy Solloway
Sowerby & Topcliffe	Thirsk & Malton	Dave Whitfield
Spofforth with Lower Wharfedale & Tockwith	Selby & Ainsty	Andy Paraskos
Stokesley	Richmond	Bryn Griffiths
Stray, Woodlands & Hookstone	Harrogate & Knaresborough	Pat Marsh
Tadcaster	Selby & Ainsty	Kirsty Poskitt
Thirsk	Thirsk & Malton	Gareth Dadd
Thornton Dale & Wolds	Thirsk & Malton	Janet Sanderson
Thorpe Willoughby & Hambleton	Selby & Ainsty	Cliff Lunn
Upper Dales	Richmond	Yvonne Peacock

<b>Electoral Division</b>	<b>ACC Area</b>	<b>County Councillor</b>
Valley Gardens & Central Harrogate	Harrogate & Knaresborough	Sam Gibbs
Washburn & Birstwith (part)	Selby & Ainsty	Nathan Hull
Washburn & Birstwith (part)	Skipton & Ripon	
Wathvale & Bishop Monkton	Skipton & Ripon	Nicholas Brown
Weaponness & Ramshill	Scarborough & Whitby	Rich Maw
Wharfedale	Skipton & Ripon	Richard Foster
Whitby Streonshalh	Scarborough & Whitby	Neil Swannick
Whitby West	Scarborough & Whitby	Phillip Trumper
Woodlands	Scarborough & Whitby	John Ritchie

Note – where a councillor’s electoral division covers more than one Area Constituency Committee (ACC), it is intended that they will have full voting rights in the ACC which contains the majority of their electoral division and will be able to attend and speak on the other(s) ACCs in which part of their electoral division is located.



## NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

18 May 2022

### REPORT OF EXECUTIVE

#### **1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

- 1.1 To provide Council Members with details of reports received, decisions by the Executive and decisions by the Chief Executive Officer under emergency delegated powers in consultation with Executive Members and any subsequent recommendations to County Council Members since the last informal meeting of the County Council Members on 16 February 2022.

#### **2.0 DETAILS OF THE MEETINGS**

- 2.1 The following sections provide details of decisions made by the Chief Executive Officer under his emergency delegated powers in consultation with the Executive Members and decisions made by the Executive (when meeting in-person on 19 April 2022) and recommendations to the County Council since its last meeting on 16 February 2022. The meetings were held on the following dates: 22 February 2022 (held remotely); 8 March 2022 (held remotely); 15 March 2022 (held remotely) and 19 April 2022 (held in person). All of the informal, remote meetings were live broadcast and the recordings of the meetings are available via the following link - <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/live-meetings>
- 2.2 **22 February 2022 Executive (Performance Monitoring) Informal Meeting** The Executive Members met on Tuesday 22 February 2022. It was an informal live broadcast meeting using MS Teams and OBS software. Attending were County Councillor Carl Les in the Chair and County Councillors Gareth Dadd, Derek Bastiman, David Chance, Michael Harrison, Andrew Lee, Don Mackenzie, Patrick Mulligan, Janet Sanderson and Greg White.

In attendance: County Councillors Stanley Lumley, John Ennis, Janet Jefferson, Karin Sedgwick, Annabel Wilkinson, Paul Haslam, Caroline Dickinson and Paul Haslam.

Substantive agenda items were:

- Q3 Performance Monitoring and Budget Report
- Harrogate Grove Road and Woodfield Community Primary Schools

The link to the reports and minutes from this meeting is as follows:

[Agenda for Executive on Tuesday, 22nd February, 2022, 11.00 am | North Yorkshire County Council](#)

The Chief Executive Officer considered the reports, additional information provided at the meeting and the views of the Executive Members, and resolved to implement the recommendations of the Executive.

The link to the decision records that were published to record these decisions is as

follows - [21 February 2022 - 28 April 2022, Chief Executive Officer | North Yorkshire County Council](#)

### 2.3 **8 March 2022 Executive Informal Meeting**

The Executive Members met on Tuesday 8 March 2022. It was an informal live broadcast meeting using MS Teams and OBS software. Attending were County Councillor Carl Les in the Chair and County Councillors Gareth Dadd, Derek Bastiman, David Chance, Michael Harrison, Andrew Lee, Don Mackenzie and Janet Sanderson.

In attendance: County Councillor Caroline Dickinson.

Apologies for absence: County Councillors Patrick Mulligan and Greg White.

Substantive agenda items were:

- A Cultural Framework for North Yorkshire
- Re-procurement of the Adult Social Care Approved Provider Lists
- Sexual Health Service Section 75 consultation feedback and to request formal approval to move to a Partnership agreement
- Welburn Hall - Outcome of Public Consultation
- Appointments to Committees & Outside Bodies

The link to the reports and minutes from this meeting is as follows:

[Agenda for Executive on Tuesday, 8th March, 2022, 11.00 am | North Yorkshire County Council](#)

The Chief Executive Officer considered the reports, additional information provided at the meeting and the views of the Executive Members, and resolved to implement the recommendations of the Executive.

The link to the decision records that were published to record these decisions is as follows - [21 February 2022 - 28 April 2022, Chief Executive Officer | North Yorkshire County Council](#)

### 2.4 **15 March 2022 Executive Informal Meeting**

The Executive Members met on Tuesday 15 March 2022. It was an informal live broadcast meeting using MS Teams and OBS software. Attending were County Councillor Carl Les in the Chair and County Councillors Gareth Dadd, Derek Bastiman, David Chance, Michael Harrison, Andrew Lee, Don Mackenzie, Janet Sanderson and Greg White.

In attendance: County Councillor Caroline Dickinson.

Apologies for absence: County Councillor Patrick Mulligan.

Substantive agenda items were:

- Consideration of Revised Planning Enforcement and Monitoring Policy
- North Yorkshire Enhanced Partnership
- Weaverthorpe CE VC Primary School
- Area Constituency Committee Feedback
- Planning of School Places - Basic Need Capital Programme 2022 (Appendices A-C considered in private)

- Delegation of Enforcement Functions to another Local Authority (this item was considered in private)

The link to the reports and minutes from this meeting is as follows:

[Agenda for Executive on Tuesday, 15th March, 2022, 11.00 am | North Yorkshire County Council](#)

The Chief Executive Officer considered the reports, additional information provided at the meeting and the views of the Executive Members, and resolved to implement the recommendations of the Executive.

The link to the decision records that were published to record these decisions is as follows - [21 February 2022 - 28 April 2022, Chief Executive Officer | North Yorkshire County Council](#)

## 2.5 **19 April 2022 Executive Meeting**

The Executive Members met on Tuesday 19 April 2022. It was an in person meeting. Attending were County Councillor Carl Les in the Chair and County Councillors Gareth Dadd, Derek Bastiman, David Chance, Michael Harrison, Andrew Lee, Don Mackenzie, Patrick Mulligan, Janet Sanderson and Greg White.

In attendance: County Councillors Paul Haslam, Stanley Lumley and Caroline Dickinson.

Substantive agenda items were:

- Adult Social Care Charging Reform Trailblazer Scheme
- Capital Investment in Schools
- Harrogate Grove Road and Woodfield Community Primary Schools
- Amendments to the Council's Constitution
- Area Constituency Committee Feedback

The link to the reports and minutes from this meeting is as follows:

[Agenda for Executive on Tuesday, 19th April, 2022, 11.00 am | North Yorkshire County Council](#)

## 3.0 **MATTERS FOR APPROVAL/INFORMATION AT COUNTY COUNCIL**

3.1 The Executive and/or the Chief Executive Officer considered the reports, additional information provided at the informal meetings and the views of the Members, and resolved to recommend the following to the in-person meeting of County Council Members for its consideration:

### 3.2 **Revised Planning Enforcement and Monitoring Policy**

This item was considered at the meeting of Executive on 15 March 2022, where Members recommended the following to County Council on 18 May 2022.

Link to report - [Report on Revised Planning and Enforcement Monitoring Policy Appendix 1.pdf \(northyorks.gov.uk\)](#)

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Executive Members are asked to recommend to the Chief Executive that using his emergency delegated powers he recommend the draft 'Planning Enforcement and Monitoring Policy', to Full Council for adoption.

3.3 Amendments to the County Council's Constitution

This item was considered at the meeting of Executive on 19 April 2022, where Members recommended the following to County Council on 18 May 2022.

Link to report: [Changes to the Constitution for Recommendation to full Council](#)

Link to Appendix 1 to report: [Appendix 1.pdf](#)

Link to Appendix 2 to the report: [Appendix 2.pdf](#)

At the meeting of the Executive, the following point of clarification was made relating to the acronym 'WTO GPA' in para 1.1 of the report. This stands for the World Trade Organisation's Agreement on Government Procurement. The WTO GPA Threshold means the current threshold above which the Procurement Contract Rules apply, currently £213,477.00 inclusive of VAT for services and supplies and £663,540.00 inclusive of VAT for social and other specific services and £5,336,937.00 for works inclusive of VAT.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the amendments to the Constitution set out in the report and appendices, made by the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services) under his delegated powers, be report to full Council.

North Yorkshire County Council  
County Hall  
Northallerton

10 May 2022

**NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**18 May 2022**

**Formal meetings of the authority's committees from 18 May 2022 onwards**

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

**1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To enable County Council to determine how to hold committee meetings from 18 May 2022 onwards.

**2.0 BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 Following on from the expiry of the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020, which allowed for committee meetings to be held remotely, the County Council resolved at its meeting on 5 May 2021 (before the expiry of the Regulations on 7 May 2021) to continue to hold remote live-broadcast committee meetings. These would then be informal meetings of the committee Members, with any formal decisions required being taken by the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) under his standing emergency delegated powers, taking into account the views of the committee members and all relevant information. This position was reviewed at subsequent meetings of the County Council on 21 July 2021, 17 November 2021 and 16 February 2022.
- 2.2 At the meeting on 16 February 2022, County Council Members resolved that:
1. The remote access, live broadcast informal meetings of the Council's committees continue with any formal decisions required being taken by the Chief Executive Officer under his emergency decision making powers and after consultation with Officers and Members as appropriate and after taking into account any views of the relevant Committee Members
  2. The continued use of remote access, live broadcast informal meetings is reviewed periodically, taking into account the level of Covid-19 infections and hospitalisation, with a further report being considered at the Council meeting on 18 May 2022.
  3. That the meeting of the County Council on 18 May 2022 is held as an in person meeting.
  4. That the power be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer in consultation with the Leader to determine which committee meetings should be held virtually and which could be held physically, subject to consultation with the relevant committee Chair.
- 2.3 On 19 April 2022, a meeting of the Executive was held in person at County Hall. The decision was made under point four above and in the context of falling Covid-19 infections, hospitalisations and the relaxation of Government Covid-19 restrictions.

**3.0 COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD BETWEEN 19 MAY 2020 AND 31 MARCH 2022**

- 3.1 A total of 228 remote access, live broadcast meetings of the Council's committees were held over the period from 19 May 2020 to 31 March 2022. The benefits associated with holding

remote access, live broadcast meetings have previously been discussed but some headline figures are as below, comparing the years 2019/20 (meetings in person at County Hall, Northallerton) and 2020/21 (remote access meetings):

- An overall reduction in mileage claimed by councillors of 131,338 miles per annum
- An overall saving in travel claims of £55,221 per annum
- An estimated saving in terms of time not spent travelling to and from meetings of 5,013 hours or 668 working days per annum
- An overall saving in carbon dioxide emissions associated with reduced travel estimated to be 36.774 tonnes per annum.

3.2 Between 19 May 2020 and 31 March 2022, there was a total of 14,873 views of the meetings on the Council's YouTube site. This then means an average viewing number per meeting of 65. The highest number of views was for the meeting of the Police Fire and Crime Panel on 14 October 2021 (1,721) and the least number of views was the meeting of the Thirsk and Malton Area Constituency Committee on 3 December 2021 (6).

3.3 Six committee meetings have been held in person, since the March 2020 lockdown. These were: meetings of the Planning and Regulatory Functions Committee on 27 July 2021 and 28 September 2021; a meeting of the Police Fire and Crime Panel on 14 October 2021; meetings of the Executive on 30 November 2021 and on 19 April 2022; and the meeting of the County Council on 16 February 2022.

3.4 These meetings were held in a Covid-safe manner. Four were held in the Council Chamber at County Hall, Northallerton and two were held off site.

#### **4.0 CONSIDERING HOW COMMITTEE MEETINGS ARE HELD IN THE LONGER TERM**

4.1 North Yorkshire County Council has continued to hold the vast majority of its committee meetings remotely since the Government Regulations enabling this expired on 7 May 2021. This has been done by the meeting being held remotely on an informal basis with the CEO using his emergency powers to make a decision in consultation with the relevant committee Members.

4.2 As of 1 April 2022, the Government removed all remaining Covid-19 restrictions and recommended that people take personal responsibility for managing their Covid-19 risk by:

- Getting vaccinated
- Letting fresh air in if meeting indoors, or meeting outside
- Wearing a face covering in crowded and enclosed spaces, especially where you come into contact with people you do not usually meet, when rates of transmission are high
- Trying to stay at home if you are unwell
- Taking a test if you have Covid-19 symptoms, and staying at home and avoiding contact with other people if you test positive
- Washing hands and following advice to 'Catch it, Bin it, Kill it'.

4.3 The Government emphasis is upon 'Living with Covid' and returning to pre-pandemic ways of working, living and socialising (with the exception of people who have pre-existing health conditions that make them vulnerable to a Covid-19 infection and illness). The focus is now upon public health measures and interventions rather than regulations and requirements.

4.4 The Covid-19, 7-day infection rate per 100,000 for North Yorkshire at 30 April 2022 was 138, compared to an England average of 124. This is down from a peak of 2,045 for North Yorkshire on 4 January 2022, compared to an England average of 2,213. It is acknowledged

that some of this decline may be attributed to a general fall in the number of people testing for Covid-19.

- 4.5 Significant progress has been made with the vaccination programme in the UK. As at 28 April 2022 the total number of people having received a first dose total was 53,184,869; a second dose was 49,727,305; and a third dose was 39,248,005.
- 4.6 As previously indicated in paragraph 3.3, six committee meetings have been held in person, since the March 2020 lockdown.
- 4.7 It still remains unclear whether local authorities in England will be given the power to determine for themselves how they hold their meetings. Primary legislation would be required to do this and indications are that the necessary Parliamentary time is not currently available.
- 4.8 In previous discussions, a distinction has been made between those committees that make legally binding decisions and those that make recommendations. As part of a return to meetings in person, which still enables some of the benefits associated with remote access meetings to be accrued, then committees that do not make formal decisions could continue to be held remotely. This could include: all six Area Constituency Committees; the five thematic Overview and Scrutiny Committees; the Health and Wellbeing Board; and possibly the Standing Advisory Committee on Religious Education; and the Local Access Forum.

## **5.0 CONCLUSION**

- 5.1 The Regulations that enabled local authority meetings in England to be held remotely expired on 7 May 2021. Since that time, the meetings have continued with any formal decisions required being taken by the Chief Executive Officer under his emergency decision making powers and after consultation with Officers and Members as appropriate and after taking into account any views of the relevant Committee Members. The basis for the use of the CEO emergency powers is the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic and the need to keep councillors, officers and members of the public safe.
- 5.2 In view of the falling Covid-19 infection and hospitalisation rates, the relaxation of Covid-19 restrictions and the Government emphasis upon 'Living with Covid', therefore it is necessary to review the ongoing use of CEO emergency powers that enable remote access, decision making meetings to be held.

## **6.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

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

## **7.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1 The legal implications are set out in the body of this report. It is noted that the Regulations which allowed virtual committee meetings to make decisions are no longer in force.

## **8.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

- 8.1 The equality implications are set out in the body of the report. An initial equality impact assessment screening form has been completed and is at Appendix 1.

## **9.0 CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS**

9.1 There are no significant climate change implications arising from this report. However, it is recognised that the law does not allow Councillors to make formal decisions at virtual meetings.

## **10.0 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

10.1 With falling Covid-19 infection and hospitalisation rates, the relaxation of Covid-19 restrictions and the Government emphasis upon 'Living with Covid', it is necessary to review the options for holding formal, public committee meetings going forwards.

## **11.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

That:

- 11.1 Committee meetings where formal decisions are made are held as in person meetings from 18 May 2022 onwards
- 11.2 Consideration be given to whether some or all of the non-decision making meetings, listed in para 4.8, could be held remotely
- 11.3 That the power be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer in consultation with the Leader to determine which committee meetings could be held virtually and which could be held physically, subject to consultation with the relevant committee Chair.

BARRY KHAN  
Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services) and Monitoring Officer

County Hall  
NORTHALLERTON

10 May 2022



<b>Appendix 1 - Initial equality impact assessment screening form</b>	
<b>This form records an equality screening process to determine the relevance of equality to a proposal, and a decision whether or not a full EIA would be appropriate or proportionate.</b>	
<b>Directorate</b>	Central Services
<b>Service area</b>	Legal and Democratic Services
<b>Proposal being screened</b>	That the formal, public committee meetings of the Council are held in person from 18 May 2022.
<b>Officer(s) carrying out screening</b>	Daniel Harry – Democratic Services and Scrutiny Manager
<b>What are you proposing to do?</b>	<p>The Regulations that enabled local authority meetings in England to be held remotely expired on 7 May 2021. Since that time, the meetings have continued with any formal decisions required being taken by the Chief Executive Officer under his emergency decision making powers and after consultation with Officers and Members as appropriate and after taking into account any views of the relevant Committee Members. The basis for the use of the CEO emergency powers is the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic and the need to keep councillors, officers and member of the public safe.</p> <p>In view of the falling Covid-19 infection and hospitalisation rates, the relaxation of Covid-19 restrictions and the Government emphasis upon 'Living with Covid', therefore it is necessary to review the ongoing use of CEO emergency powers that enable remote access, decision making meetings to be held.</p> <p>The proposal is that the formal, public committee meetings of the Council are held in person from 18 May 2022.</p>
<b>Why are you proposing this? What are the desired outcomes?</b>	See above.
<b>Does the proposal involve a significant commitment or removal of resources?</b> Please give details.	No. Instead of the meetings being held remotely using MS Teams and then broadcast and recorded, the majority of meetings will be held in person at County Hall, Northallerton.
<b>Impact on people with any of the following protected characteristics as defined by the Equality Act 2010, or NYCC's additional agreed characteristics</b> As part of this assessment, please consider the following questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To what extent is this service used by particular groups of people with protected characteristics?</li> <li>Does the proposal relate to functions that previous consultation has identified as important?</li> </ul>	

- Do different groups have different needs or experiences in the area the proposal relates to?

If for any characteristic it is considered that there is likely to be an adverse impact or you have ticked 'Don't know/no info available', then a full EIA should be carried out where this is proportionate. You are advised to speak to your [Equality rep](#) for advice if you are in any doubt.

Protected characteristic	Potential for adverse impact		Don't know/No info available
	Yes	No	
Age		X	
Disability		X	
Sex		X	
Race		X	
Sexual orientation		X	
Gender reassignment		X	
Religion or belief		X	
Pregnancy or maternity		X	
Marriage or civil partnership		X	
<b>NYCC additional characteristics</b>			
People in rural areas		X	
People on a low income		X	
Carer (unpaid family or friend)		X	
<b>Does the proposal relate to an area where there are known inequalities/probable impacts</b> (e.g. disabled people's access to public transport)? Please give details.	NA		
<b>Will the proposal have a significant effect on how other organisations operate?</b> (e.g. partners, funding criteria, etc.). Do any of these organisations support people with protected characteristics? Please explain why you have reached this conclusion.	NA		
<b>Decision (Please tick one option)</b>	EIA not relevant or proportionate:	X	Continue to full EIA:
<b>Reason for decision</b>	Prior to the pandemic, the formal public meetings of the County Council were held in public at County Hall, Northallerton. This proposed change see a return that position. Whilst there have been some benefits associated with the use of remote meetings, the lapse of the Government Regulations on 7 May 2021 that enabled remote access committee meetings, the falling Covid-19 infection and hospitalisation rates, the relaxation of Covid-19 restrictions and the Government emphasis upon 'Living with Covid', it is necessary to review the ongoing use of CEO emergency powers that enable remote access, decision making meetings to be held.		
<b>Signed (Assistant Director or equivalent)</b>	Daniel Harry, Democratic Services and Scrutiny Manager		
<b>Date</b>	10 May 2022		

## NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

18 MAY 2022

THIS STATEMENT COVERS THE PERIOD FROM THE MEETING OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL ON 16 FEBRUARY 2022 TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL ELECTIONS ON 5 MAY 2022

### STATEMENT OF THE OPEN TO BUSINESS PORTFOLIO HOLDER COUNTY COUNCILLOR DEREK BASTIMAN (INCLUDING GROWTH, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, PLANNING, WASTE MANAGEMENT, TRADING STANDARDS AND BUSINESS RELATIONS)

#### Growth and Heritage Services

##### **Howardian Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty**

In 2021-22, the Howardian Hills AONB team distributed over £68,000 of core funding to local natural environment, historic environment, sustainable development and rural economy projects and over £157,000 of Farming in Protected Landscapes programme funding to support landowner and farmer projects on themes of climate change, nature, people and place (exceeding the provisional figure of £124,000).

Defra has confirmed a raise in their protected landscapes core funding of 14.7% over the 2021-22 baseline, expected to continue for the next three years. This provides additional funding to Nidderdale, Forest of Bowland and the Howardian Hills AONB. The 2022-23 Howardian Hills AONB Farming in Protected Landscapes programme has approx. £144,000 of project funding available.

#### Planning Services

The Minerals and Waste Joint Plan produced in partnership between ourselves, the City of York Council and the North York Moors National Park Authority was approved for adoption by Council on 16 February 2022 having been developed over several years after extensive public consultation and a Government Inspector's Examination. The period for any legal challenge has now expired and it is therefore our adopted Plan for minerals and waste development moving forward.

This new Plan updates and strengthens previous policies, incorporates legislative changes and sets out the considerations to be taken into account when dealing with applications for further sites for minerals and waste-related developments within the Plan area to ensure the Council fulfils its statutory duties.

#### Food, Farming and Health

##### **Animal Health & Welfare**

The service continues to receive reports of suspect Avian Influenza outbreaks in the county. Notifications of two suspect cases on separate poultry premises were received in the week commencing 4 April 2022. Thankfully these both proved to be negative, however responding to these notifications places additional pressures on the Service and the constant need to be in a "state of readiness" to respond.

An unintended consequence of the war in Ukraine has placed further resource pressures on the Service in respect to the potential for illegally imported pets. Pets are being re-homed in the UK

without always following the strict UK importation and quarantine rules. The Service is having to respond to notifications received of alleged illegal pet importations and undertake enquiries and visits.

### **Public Health SLA Delivery**

Trading Standards recognises the dangers of alcohol misuse and as an established partner, continues to contribute to the local Community Alcohol Partnerships (CAPs). To date, four groups have been set up in the Scarborough, Richmondshire, Filey and Ripon areas. The plan is to create further groups across the County.

Each group brings together and supports local partnerships of councils, police, retailers, schools, health providers and community groups to reduce alcohol harm amongst young people, to improve health and wellbeing and enhance local communities. Officers are currently working with retailers in each of the four areas to ensure they have appropriate age verification procedures in place. The Service will test the effectiveness of the retailer's procedures by attempting informal underage sales at these premises in due course.

### **Waste Management**

The waste service continues to engage with Government to help shape major reforms to the waste management sector, by preparing responses to a number of significant policy consultations:

- overhaul of the waste carriers, brokers and dealers regime and the approach to digital waste tracking
- proposed waste targets arising from the Environment Act
- technical consultation on removal of charges at Household Recycling Centres (HWRCs) for DIY waste, and a call for evidence on HWRC booking systems; and
- proposed inclusion of Energy from Waste (EFWs) in an Emissions Trading Scheme.

Government has responded to the consultation on Extended Producer Responsibility. Further responses are expected regarding consistent collections and Deposit Return Schemes. In the meantime, work continues with partners to establish how to meet new obligations and deliver best value to residents.

Public engagement is getting back to pre-pandemic levels with the North Yorkshire Rotters attending markets, events and school workshops to encourage home composting, including events at Royal Horticultural Society, Harlow Carr and a climate action event at Northallerton Town Hall. Promotion of Love Food Hate Waste through cookery demonstrations and raising awareness of recycling initiatives is helping to reach out to residents and community groups.

**COUNTY COUNCILLOR DEREK BASTIMAN**

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### STATEMENT OF CLLR GREG WHITE

#### **Libraries**

Our libraries are gradually getting busier with book issues and visits increasing month on month. Most are now at full opening hours and holding regular events which are proving popular as life beyond the pandemic continues.

April 1 was an important date for our libraries. I want to start this statement with a big thank you to all 2,000 plus volunteers across our communities who have put so much time and passion into their local libraries over the past 10 years. We started our journey working in partnership with communities in 2012 with 7 community managed and now have 31 libraries operating this model with volunteers also helping to provide services at all 42. Thank you to both volunteers and the staff who support them for ensuring not only did our libraries stay open for their communities but have also increased use so that we are now in the top 10% of high performers nationally. We couldn't have achieved this without this amazing support.

#### **Self-Care Toolkits**

At last Council the launch of the Self-Care toolkits was announced, I am pleased to say that these are proving a success – with over 70 being issued to date. We have received some positive feedback and will order more of these once all feedback has been evaluated in case we need to change anything.

#### **Mental Health Awareness Week**

Libraries across North Yorkshire will next month highlight the support they give people to combat loneliness by offering places to meet and socialise as part of Mental Health Awareness Week from 9 to 15 May. The week, coordinated by the Mental Health Foundation, focuses this year on how loneliness is affecting more people in the UK and its huge impact on physical and mental health during the pandemic.

Events in libraries during Mental Health Awareness Week include Coffee, Cake and Chat drop-ins at which people can enjoy a cuppa and cake and meet new and old friends. In addition, regular library sessions that provide opportunities to meet people and to enjoy an activity will continue during Mental Health Awareness Week. Weekly story times take place in most libraries to bring together families with under-fives for a free, fun time. From jigsaws to Scrabble, knit and natter to poetry and book groups, most libraries in North Yorkshire have regular activities.

#### **Local and Community History month**

North Yorkshire Libraries and Two County Museums are joining forces to encourage residents to discover and enjoy their community heritage during Local History Month in May. In partnership with the Ryedale Folk Museum and the Dales Countryside Museum, events are being held in libraries across the county around the theme of dialect and language.

These events are part of a research project into the way we speak, led by the University of Leeds and last undertaken over half a century ago. The collaboration with North Yorkshire libraries will provide opportunities for the public to get involved in sharing their own dialect, so *Go along to one of the events and stick your nose in or should that be beak, conk, cronk, hud, immy, sneck, snitch, snitcher, snotter, snout or trunk?*

Pre-recorded online talks will be shared via the North Yorkshire libraries YouTube channel throughout May and a series of activities, including dialect crosswords, can be accessed at participating libraries.

To complement the Dialect and Heritage Project Dialect drop-ins, North Yorkshire libraries are hosting five pop-up archive events with the County Record Office and funding talks with speakers from the Yorkshire Dialect Society, celebrating Yorkshire dialect through stories, poems, history, and humour. Events run throughout March so please check with your local library - all are free, with the exception of the poetry event at Scarborough.

### **Slipper Socials**

A visit to the library in April was good for your body as well as your mind as older people are invited to pick up a pair of slippers at some branches around North Yorkshire.

Malton, Selby and Starbeck libraries held Slipper Socials at which around 60 older people picked up anti-slip slippers. Many stayed on to chat and talk to the various supporting organisations at the event held in partnership with North Yorkshire Sport. The first of three pilot sessions it aims to support those living at home providing anti-slip slippers to prevent falls and potential for subsequent loss of independence. NY sport provided Get Moving exercises and information packs whilst other support organisations offered additional 'stay safe' advice

Libraries are working to obtain further funding to extend to other libraries over the next year.

### **BorrowBox**

Readers of eBooks are in for an even better experience when they borrow from their North Yorkshire library following a new contract being signed with BorrowBox.

BorrowBox is the UK's most popular platform for eBooks and eAudiobooks, with the widest range of titles and the most intuitive interface. The BorrowBox app incorporates an eBook reader as well as an eAudiobook player and is available to download to mobile devices free from the App Store and Google Play.

The move to the new supplier took place at the end of April and the first week saw over 5,000 users and issued over 3,000 items with over 97% of titles transferred. Our libraries have offered eBooks since 2010 so have over 14,000 titles (18,000 items) so this has been a big job as the publishers have to authorise each transfer!! I would like to say thank you to all the staff involved as they have worked tirelessly to support customers with the changes as well as having to ensure all stock was transferred correctly. The move may not have been as smooth as was hoped for (our large collection and publishers don't work at weekends) but I am sure once used to the new App our customers will continue to enjoy this service. New titles are already on order.

## **Childrens space gets a new look**

Members may have spotted a change in Northallerton Library following the recent refurbishment of the children's area. The new layout allows children to read in a hideaway under a large tree which is lined with brightly coloured comfortable seating for their families.

Mobile shelving has been added to enable flexible use of the space for events and activities, including the popular weekly story times and half-term craft and theatre sessions. The library has also benefitted from a £3,000 investment in reading material including picture books, board books and audio books, as well as popular junior fiction and non-fiction titles. I am pleased to say that the childrens area of Ripon Library will similarly benefit with work commencing later this month.

## **Accreditation for Northallerton Library**

Alongside the refurbishment, Northallerton library has been accredited as a breastfeeding-friendly venue. It is promoting a welcoming and supportive environment for women to breastfeed; hoping to encourage more young families to visit and join the library.

## **Jubilee Plans**

Plans are well underway for the Queens platinum jubilee, with Tea Parties at most libraries, competitions, trails to find The Queen's Knickers (a book!!) and Big Jubilee Read jigsaws to complete.

**The Big Jubilee Read** consists of 10 books from each decade of Her Majesty's reign, offering a selection of literature from the United Kingdom and other Commonwealth countries - available from your library.

## **Knaresborough and Newcastle Building Society**

I am pleased to confirm negotiations to provide banking facilities via Knaresborough Library are progressing. A project supported by Harrogate Borough and North Yorkshire County council should see the Newcastle Building Society co-locate within the library later this year.

## **Scarborough LIF**

Lastly but my no means least I am pleased to announce a successful Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sports/Arts Council England Libraries Improvement Fund funding of £200k to go towards the refurbishment of Scarborough Library. The grant, backed by a further £250,000 investment from North Yorkshire County Council, will be spent on reconfiguring the ground floor to create a dedicated place for families, a bright, attractive space for children, and quieter areas for relaxation, study and to meet friends.

My colleagues in the Scarborough area may have seen social media posts asking what three things people wanted to see in their library; the service is now conducting a more formal follow up survey to understand people's priorities for how they want to use the space and layout of the library

## **Coroners**

The business case to amalgamate the existing three coroner's areas has been accepted and the appropriate legislation was subsequently passed so that from the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022, the new area officially became the coroner area of "North Yorkshire and York". The Chief Coroner has approved the appointment of Jon Heath, the interim Senior Coroner as the Senior Coroner for the new area.

## **Registrars**

The ceremony market continues to recover with an above average number of ceremonies taking place in 2021-22. However, this still leaves a large number of couples who have yet to restart their ceremony planning, but doubtless many will be booked for the coming year of 2022-23. The demand for appointments to give Notice of Marriage/Civil Partnership continues to impact on the availability of appointments for other types of appointment. This particularly affects parents registering the birth of their baby. This is an issue in many other parts of England and Wales. It is likely to be many months yet before the backlog of birth registrations is reduced and the situation returns to normal.

As anticipated, the ability to register a death by telephone ceased at the end of March. There is no date yet proposed to re-instate this service.

The use of an outdoor area for a ceremony, introduced as a Covid measure, has now been made permanent. This enables the ceremony to be held either in a marquee or entirely in the open air. In practice this will always be dependent on the North Yorkshire weather! After a recent change in the law, the age at which a person can get married or form a civil partnership will rise from 16 to 18 years of age. There are few such ceremonies and the numbers have been falling for some years now. Indeed the average age to get married now is when you are in your thirties.

## **Archives**

May is Local History Month and Record Office staff will be out and about around the county bringing pop-up archives to libraries in Great Ayton, Scarborough, Knaresborough, Malton and Northallerton. These events help to promote the work of the office and are an opportunity for people to access advice from archive staff and to view a range of records relating to the local area. Visitors to the Malton event will also have the opportunity to attend a talk exploring further the history of Malton through the archives.

## **Unfolding Origins project**

An exhibition celebrating the conclusion of the Record Office's Unfolding Origins project, will be on display at the office until the end of July. The project, a collaboration with Chrysalis Arts of Gargrave, established three artist residencies to create work inspired by the archives and to develop new ways for people to engage with their heritage. The exhibition will bring together the new work created by the artists for the Ryedale, Selby and Richmondshire districts, which was previously displayed locally. The artists were inspired by a diverse range of records ranging from the First World War, to the Selby toll bridge and the natural environment of Swaledale. The exhibition will also include the work of school and youth groups who took part in the project and feature drawings, film, textile art and oral histories.

## **Climate Change**

Embedding climate change activities throughout the Council's services is essential for us to meet our carbon reduction targets. We have instigated several projects in recent weeks, through our Beyond Carbon transformation program to support both carbon reduction and climate change activities within the Council and to support the wider community. We are also enabling residents and visitors to take low carbon travel choices with a number of schemes.



## **Within the Council:**

Staff Travel: Four bids have been successful through our internal the Beyond Carbon pump-priming fund this quarter to:

- buy 10 battery-powered electric vehicles for the pool car fleet
- install 10 electric vehicle charging points at County Hall for our fleet
- buy a battery-powered electric van and car for services to trial
- pilot the installation of home electric vehicle chargers for Health and Adult Services care staff

'Returning to the Office' communications are being developed to encourage staff to consider reducing private car travel for commuting – including North Yorkshire Lift Share (a scheme sponsored by NYCC) and active travel and encouraging the uptake of efficient pool cars. We are working with the University of York to conduct research on how our staff can utilise our property more efficiently to reduce energy use.

Procurement – reducing our 'scope 3' emissions (generated through all the goods and services that we purchase) through using our buying power: A successful bid to the Beyond Carbon pump-priming fund was made this quarter to support research with our supply chain to understand their ability to deliver low carbon goods and services to NYCC and what impact this will have on our procurement emissions.

Training - We have introduced the Local Authority Climate Awareness training module this quarter. The one-hour module is available to all staff on the Learning Zone platform. The City of York Council, the seven District and Borough Councils and the National Parks Authorities have also deployed the training which has been developed jointly.

## **Planning for future Local Government decarbonisation:**

We have led the development of the LGR Climate Change Working Group and are working closely with all LGR partners to ensure the Climate Change design principle is embedded into Workstream development.

The University of York have commenced research work on a range of studies in partnership with us. This includes a review of key strategic policies to identify the impact on and support for climate change, low carbon infrastructure and business growth. Studies will also review housing futures, technology change and digital infrastructure and skills and employment needs in the low carbon economy. The outcomes will inform policy development for the new Council.

We have provided information to **Yorkshire and Humber Climate Commission** on our activities to support a gap analysis project which will support more collaborative working across the region.

We also supported **Yorkshire and Humber Local Government Leaders Net Zero** Workstream to develop their Circular Economy activity and Communications themes.

We responded to the York and North Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership's '**Routemap to Carbon Negative**' consultation draft. This provides a pathway for public, private and voluntary sectors to work collaboratively with an ambition to be a net zero by 2034 and carbon negative by 2040. The ambition to be England's first carbon negative region underpins York and North Yorkshire's devolution proposals.

We continue to contribute to the **Local Area Energy Plan for North Yorkshire** which is currently in development - funded by the Community Renewal Fund. This is due to complete in July 2022. This will support long term spatial planning of energy investment, including housing and property decarbonisation, the role of green hydrogen and renewable energy and low carbon travel and transport. We are leading the development of a bid across North Yorkshire for the **Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure** pilot scheme to test the installation of EV charging points in deeply rural areas.

### **Decarbonising North Yorkshire:**

We are developing our **community engagement** climate change theme through a successful bid to the Beyond Carbon Pump Priming Fund. This will enable the inception of an e newsletter to support partners to showcase their work and to share information, research the understanding of young people in the climate agenda and promote the Library Service as a conduit of trusted and reliable climate change information. This is due to complete in Summer 2022.

Enabling our residents, businesses and visitors to take **low carbon journeys** is an essential element in decarbonising North Yorkshire, as road transport is the highest greenhouse gas emitting sector. In recent weeks we have been awarded £7.8m by the Department for Transport's Zero Emissions Bus Regional Areas (ZEBRA) scheme which will enable zero emissions buses, alongside supporting charging infrastructure in the Ripon and Harrogate area *over the next 3 years*. Working in partnership with our Districts, NYCC we are preparing applications to the Governments Levelling Up Fund for a multimillion £ bid for improvements to rail stations in North Yorkshire alongside work through the Transforming Cities Fund and the Governments Access for All funding. The programme will significantly improve access and 'usability' of rail travel both for local and longer distance journeys. *Our Public Health team have also taken part in the LGA Behavioural Insights programme research the barriers and facilitators to encouraging people to take a walk rather than the car for a short journeys.* Access to digital information reduces the need for travel and also connects us to real time public transport apps such as our pilot Yorbus service. This has been further enhanced recently with the Wifi in market towns programme extending to a further 8 towns, bringing the total to 20. The 'Reboot' programme (refurbishing IT devices) supports our digital inclusion work, with the added bonus of the 'circular economy' approach.

### **Carbon sequestration**

In partnership with the University of Huddersfield and White Rose Forest, we have successfully bid for Net Zero Innovation funding worth £30K to study the tree planting supply chain. This will enable plans to be developed to ensure land, equipment and trees are available in the right place and time for planting projects, whilst also supporting local businesses and rural economy employment.

The North Yorkshire and York Local Nature Partnership, managed by NYCC, is working with the North and East Yorkshire Ecological Data Centre, Yorkshire Marine Nature Partnership and Natural England to develop a North Yorkshire and York Natural Capital Asset Register. This will help with future ambitions to develop a Natural Capital Investment Plan and Local Nature Recovery Strategy, which will include opportunities for carbon sequestration and flood alleviation measures whilst enhancing biodiversity. Funding for this was received from Natural England. This is due for completion in May 2022

## **Digital Workplace**

The Digital Workplace are continuing to support colleagues to deliver their services in innovative ways by utilising the latest features of Microsoft 365 (M365) and have developed further support guidance and webinars which are available on Get IT Help. We continue to collaborate with the Ways of Working group to ensure we can all work where it is best for the service, the individual and most importantly our customers.

Corporate workspaces have been designed to provide a consistent and easy to use experience. Each workstation has a standard 27" monitor capable of dual display, keyboard and mouse with some VPC thin clients available in designated spaces. Alongside preparing workspaces for increased use, MS Teams meeting rooms are being introduced to enable services to explore the best way for them to work in a more hybrid way. These MS Teams meeting rooms have a video conference unit with built in speakers that link with MS Teams meeting; with improved lighting, sounds and displays, they will provide a much better experience for everyone in the room and those attending remotely.

To help enable a productive flexible workforce, the MS Teams phone rollout has also commenced to replace the traditional Mitel phone hand set, this will utilise existing extension numbers to enable staff to make and receive calls on their device using MS Team from virtually anywhere thus enabling a hybrid working style when required. Further engagement is taking place in the next quarter to discuss options for colleagues who are using sophisticated ring groups or call centre functions such as the customer service centre.

## **Customer**

The North Yorkshire customer portal has now *134,160 customer accounts*.

Test and Trace ceased in the Customer Service Centre on the 24th February 2022. Collectively, with the support of the national team 88.5% of customer who contracted covid were contacted and a test and trace conversation completed and support offered for their isolation period.

In March the Customer Service Team launched a new on-line form for professionals wishing to make a referral for a customer to access adult social care services. The new on-line form guides a professional through the information required for the referral and allows the professional to submit the request without the need to attach a document to an e-mail. Once submitted the professional receives a copy of the referral for their records.

The new form removes the risk of a professional e-mailing sensitive information to the wrong e-mail address and it helps improve the quality of data collected speeding up the processing time.

The Customer Service Team have now launched web chat as part of the customer portal. Customers have been able to chat on-line to an advisor in the customer service centre from the website for a many years. This new development means that a customer can now chat to an advisor on-line while completing an application for a Blue Badge. We are currently piloting this for Blue Badge but the plan will be to implement this across all service available in our customer portal offering customer more support to stay on-line.

November we launched the Household Support Fund in Customer. The initial fund concluded in March. For the duration of the fund the Customer Service Centre managed 5000 enquiries from customers. 98% of customer applied for the fund on-line and 9346 customer benefited from the scheme.

## **Data Products**

We've developed a number of analytic product over the last quarter to help us design an effective solution to the household support fund; combining data from all 8 councils so that we might best understand those whom are in the most need for financial support. Additionally, we are enhancing our datanorthyorkshire.org site, to bring it up-to-date functionality wise and allow greater transparency around activity and performance data.

## **LEP Building Better Infrastructure Project**

NYCC working with NYnet completed its build of the free wi-fi programme to more than 17 market towns across North Yorkshire. The project has successfully delivered over 37 terabytes of data since it started to those accessing the Wi-Fi service, for free.

The Internet of the Things network continues its work in the pilot stage, trials focussed on Bins, Air Quality, and Home Care are in the process of being deployed across the Harrogate, Selby, and Richmond area.

We are continuing to develop the "smart bin" solution that is expanding across Harrogate after the initial Valley Gardens testbed. The scheme will see over 250 sensors be fitted to on-street bins across Harrogate. This technology will allow the local authority to understand when a bin needs emptying (as well as when it has been knocked over, or damaged) potentially enabling smarter collection cycles and saved costs. We are readying for a smart parking trial in Northallerton that will see around 230 sensors fitted to the high street spaces, initially to gather data around how patrons are using the parking. The solution will allow us to provide smart parking services too, although that is not planned as part of the initial rollout.

## **Cyber Security**

Intelligence from the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) states that 'although there is no current direct threat to the UK, there is a realistic possibility Russia will seek to respond to the severe sanctions that have been put in place by the West.' Through protective monitoring the InfoSec Team are seeing a sharp increase in continuous unsolicited traffic from Russia since the latter part of January.

Changes are made to the perimeter firewalls to block this traffic and have been doing so since last summer when we experienced similar threat traffic. Whilst this could be nation-state, it is more likely to be organised crime or other groups with ethical or political motives against western countries, taking the opportunity whilst attention is focussed elsewhere on the emerging political situation. In quarter three, we averaged around 100,000 threats block per day, which doubled in both February and March.

The Boxphish training package, which was rolled out in February, has sent out over 17,000 phishing simulations with as little as 6% of users being caught out and clicking the links. The package has also sent out over 12,000 training videos (with quizzes) which provide further information on what to look for and how to deal with security threats.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR GREG WHITE

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**COUNTY COUNCILLOR GARETH DADD**

### **Budget Update**

We are now coming close to the final outturn for the 2021/22 financial year and a report is currently scheduled for the Executive on 21 June. At this stage there is nothing to suggest that the position is fundamentally different from the projections made in previous quarters on revenue or capital. As a result I believe the new Council will inherit a relatively strong financial position. As all will be aware, there is significant pressure being felt across the globe as inflation bites. The Budget approved in February 2022 provides some funding for that but whether it remains sufficient will be something the new Council needs to monitor closely as it also starts to produce its first Revenue and Capital Budgets for the unitary council in 2023/24.

### **Pay Update**

National negotiations for this year's pay award are due to start this month and we have stressed with the national employers side the need for an early settlement given the real pressure from cost of living increases on personal finances. The settlement will be backdated to 1<sup>st</sup> April and the expectation is that it will be need to be higher than last years and with some bottom loading, so higher increases to the lower grades, to meet the increase to the national living wage by 2024. The lack of a pay settlement for 2022, and the delay in yet another year, is not helping the current difficult recruitment position, and the higher than usual turnover levels where staff are able to move to other organisations for often significantly higher levels of pay. Other than the delay in this year's pay award, the county council continues to provide a good overall pay package when including features such as pension, annual and other leave, and allowances, and we pride ourselves on being a good employer which develops, values and supports staff and provides excellent job and career opportunities.

### **Property Update**

Work on what the future property estate looks like for the new Council across North Yorkshire is underway through collaborative working amongst all eight councils. More information will come from that area as appropriate. In the meantime, staff have now entered the next phase of agile working which sees a greater office presence for those who were previously based in offices. We must remember many frontline staff did not have changes to how they worked but for those who predominantly worked from home we now have staff team spaces available in offices and the benefits of home and office working. Those of you familiar with the County Hall campus may also have spotted that the East Block has now been completely demolished. This was planned several years ago but the works were undertaken at a time when it was least disruptive to staff and local neighbours.

GARETH DADD

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### **STATEMENT OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES PORTFOLIO HOLDER**

#### **Quarter 4 2021/22 – Children & Families Performance Statement**

As North Yorkshire and the country as a whole begins to recover from the covid-19 pandemic, we are entering a period of economic uncertainty and the prospect of economic hardship is likely to place further and continued pressure on Children and Young People's Services.

Continuing a trend that emerged as the final pandemic restrictions were lifted, demand for Children's Social Care remains high. With 1,222 referrals received by Children's Social Care in Quarter 4 bringing the year total to 4,532 referrals. 2021/22 has seen a 16% increase in the number of referrals compared to 2020/21 (n= 3,919) and the highest number of referrals since 2014/15 (n=5,302). Despite the increase in referrals, the proportion of repeat referrals remain low at just 16% for the full year (the national average is 22.7%), reflective of good decision-making leading to children & families receiving the right service at the right time.

Linked to the increase in demand at the front door, Quarter 4 has seen an increase in the number of children subject to a Child Protection Plan, up to 430 at the end of 2021 – an increase of 91 compared to the same point last year. The number of children in care has also increased, up to 427 from 421 last Quarter. As has been the case in recent Quarters, this increase has been a direct result of an increase in the number of Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children (UASCs), increasing to 22 at the end of Q4 from 19 at the end of Q3. There are still some challenges regarding Health checks for Children in Care. These challenges are primarily linked to both the initial and enduring impact of the pandemic on a variety of Health Professionals. The service continues to focus on returning to pre-pandemic levels of performance.

#### **Sector Led Improvement work**

Work continues with a number of other Local Authorities as part of the Sector Lead Improvement Program (SLIP). Work has completed with Stoke and Norfolk, focusing on No Wrong Door and youth justice/early help alignment and has commenced with East Riding. The work in East Riding kicked off with site visits to explore Quality Assurance, Public Law Outline and supervision. This work will continue through the next quarter. Exploratory talks have begun with Wirral, Knowsley, Bolton and Cumbria in respect of work relating to edge of care and No Wrong Door. Grand funding is confirmed for 22/23 financial year. Further SLIP work opportunities are currently being explored.

NYCC continues to be Strategic lead for the Yorkshire and Rural Teaching Partnership. This Department for Education funding initiative was due to end March 2022 however a further 12 months extension has been granted and an application made to secure funds for a further 12 months. This will enable partners to respond to some of the pending national reviews for both Children and Adult services and prepare for the pending Post qualifying framework which is proposed to replace National Assessment and Accreditation System (NAAS) this autumn.

### **Medium Term Financial Strategy & Beyond 2020**

The main financial pressure for the Directorate continues to be an increase in the number of children assessed as requiring Education, Health and Care Plans. This impacts on high needs and SEND budgets, SEND transport and sufficiency of specialist and local placements.

Following a DfE consultation late in Autumn Term 2021, the DfE announced proposals that will withdraw 50% of the School Improvement Monitoring and Brokering Grant by April 2022; 100% of the grant will be withdrawn by April 2023. The Secretary of State approved a disapplication request to de-delegate funding from schools in 2022-23 to meet the 50% shortfall in funding. We will continue to work with maintained schools and the Schools Forum on a sustainable model for 2023-24 onwards.

Although this information appears in my Statement to Council it should be noted that both Executive Members for the Children and Young People's Service have joint responsibility for all relevant resources.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR JANET SANDERSON



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### **STATEMENT OF EDUCATION & SKILLS PORTFOLIO HOLDER**

#### **School funding**

2022-23 is the final year of a three-year funding settlement for schools. North Yorkshire will receive an additional £20.2m in comparison to 2021-22 with additional funding allocated due to the new school funding settlement including sparsity funding which benefits small, rural primary schools in particular. The settlement also includes additional funding for high needs and an increase in early years funding for three and four year olds and vulnerable two year olds. Concerns remain over funding for small, rural secondary schools and we continue to lobby for fairer funding for North Yorkshire schools and pupils.

Following confirmation that DfE funding for the Holiday Activities and Food programme will continue into 2022-23, we will further develop our FEAST programme of holiday activities over the school summer holiday period, providing enriching activities (including some face-to-face), nutritional advice, digital resources and food.

#### **Baldersby St James CE Primary School**

The School is an academy and has been subject to a closure process managed by Hope Sentamu Learning Trust and the DfE. In January 2022 the Minister confirmed the School will close in August 2022.

The Council, in conjunction with Elevate Multi Academy Trust, recently undertook a consultation regarding the future treatment of the Baldersby catchment area from September 2022. The process is now underway to formally enlarge the catchment area of Dishforth CE VC Primary School. Elevate MAT will deal with the process for their two schools, which are Carlton Miniott Primary Academy and Topcliffe CE Academy.

#### **Woodfield and Grove Road Community Primary Schools, Harrogate**

A proposal that the two schools should amalgamate with effect from September 2022 had been developed by members of the school governing bodies and LA officers. During the statutory four week representation period the Governing Board of Grove Road CP School withdrew their support for the proposal.

In light of this development the Executive formally rejected the amalgamation proposal at their meeting on 19 April 2022. LA Officers are currently engaged with the Governing Board of Woodfield Community Primary School to discuss the School's future.

**Weaverthorpe CE (VC) Primary School**

The School is subject to a Directive Academy Order following an 'Inadequate' Ofsted judgement but no academy sponsor has been identified due to viability concerns. LA officers, together with the Church of England Diocese, explored opportunities for collaboration with other schools but sadly no acceptable proposal was identified.

A statutory proposal for the closure of the School was published with a closing date of 29 April 2022. The Executive are scheduled to determine the proposal at their meeting on 31 May 2022. Should the proposal be approved the School would close on 31 August 2022.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR PATRICK MULLIGAN

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### **STATEMENT OF THE ACCESS PORTFOLIO HOLDER COUNTY COUNCILLOR DON MACKENZIE (INCLUDING HIGHWAYS, ROAD AND RAIL TRANSPORT, BROADBAND, MOBILE TELEPHONY)**

#### **Highways**

The County Council's latest trading company, NY Highways, which began operations in June 2021, has continued to deliver services throughout the year despite staffing issues caused by national shortages and Covid-19 restrictions. Innovative methods, like spray injection patching, have been implemented in order to encourage safe and efficient ways of delivering services. During 2021/22 NY Highways delivered most of the capital programme through a framework contract, which has ensured certainty of delivery and excellent value for money.

#### **Tour of Britain**

The Tour of Britain Cycle Race will arrive in North Yorkshire on 7 September. Officers are working closely with colleagues in Scarborough, Hambleton and Ryedale as well as with other key partners. The fourth stage of the race will finish in Helmsley, after passing through Whitby, Robin Hood's Bay, the Esk Valley, Great Ayton, Stokesley and a challenging climb up Carlton Bank. The impact on our road network will be similar to those experienced during earlier Tours de Yorkshire, with rolling road closures typically lasting less than 45 minutes. The race will be broadcast live on ITV4 and will be screened across the world.

#### **Levelling Up Fund**

The Government's Levelling-Up Fund, first announced in March 2021, aims to provide investment in infrastructure improvements, which can be shown to make a positive difference in local communities. It prioritises funding in those places where it can make the biggest impact to everyday life, including in former industrial areas, deprived towns and coastal areas.

The County Council is drawing up a transport bid focused on access improvements at three railway stations: Thirsk, Seamer and Scarborough. This rail package is considered best suited to meet the Fund's objectives. In addition to leading on this bid, we are also supporting a bid by Ryedale District Council for Malton Station, as well as bids being developed by Scarborough and Richmondshire Councils.

#### **Major Schemes**

The County Council's Junction 47 scheme was completed on 26 April. This project at the intersection of the A1M and A59 included the widening of the A59 and motorway slip roads, traffic light controls on the roundabout and at the upgraded junction with the A168. The project delivers much improved traffic management and enhanced safety in readiness for planned residential and commercial development in the area.

This scheme did face considerable challenges: unforeseen ground conditions, interrupted supply chains, ecological mitigation and Covid-19.

Our largest capital project currently in development is the re-alignment of the A59 at Kex Gill. This scheme has a budget of £61m. It is expected that statutory processes including land acquisition and the side roads order will be concluded this summer. A contractor for the works is set to be appointed in the autumn with a start date of early 2023.

### **Transforming Cities Fund**

Development of the three Station Gateway Projects in Harrogate, Selby and Skipton valued at £42m continues at pace. A national Tier 1 level contractor, Galliford Try, has been commissioned under an Early Contractor Involvement basis to provide advice on the construction programme. At the same time, land acquisition arrangements and planning applications are being undertaken.

### **Buses**

The County Council's £8m bid to the Government's Zero Emission Bus Regional Areas (ZEBRA) fund was successful. Work to accept the grant and to finalise the agreement between the Council and Harrogate Bus Company is underway. Together with a contribution of almost £12m from the bus operator, the project will convert the whole fleet of 20 single-deck and 19 double-deck buses to battery electric operation.

This excellent news was tempered by the announcement a few days later that our Bus Services Improvement Plan bid, valued at £116m over eight years, had been unsuccessful. The Government's Bus Back Better fund was greatly over-subscribed and county councils throughout the country received no funding in this round of allocations.

### **Digital**

Phase 3 of the County Council's SFNY project has been completed. This £20.5m broadband expansion contract, awarded in 2018, connected up 14,554 premises (in excess of its original contract number of 14,239), about 85% of which were by means of fibre to the property, providing average download speeds of at least 300 mbps. Phase 4 is currently underway and, when complete, will take coverage of superfast broadband to 97% of all households and businesses in North Yorkshire.

In the last 10 years the County Council, supported by its broadband company NYnet, has invested more than £100m in the county's digital infrastructure. In addition to the SFNY programme, achievements include the installation of a £15m Local Full Fibre Network connecting up 340 public buildings, a partnership in Mobile Access North Yorkshire and its £6m project piloting the benefits of 5G connectivity, free public Wi-Fi rolled out in 20 of our towns and Internet of Things gateways in almost 100 locations.

*I submit this, my final Statement, as I approach the end of my term as elected member. I wish the new council and each individual member every success during the next five exciting years and beyond. The Access portfolio, handed to me by the leader, Cllr Carl Les, in May 2015, has provided opportunities and challenges aplenty. I have loved every minute. I send best wishes to my successor.*

*I take this final opportunity to pay tribute to all our highly professional officers who have helped and guided me during my time as councillor, and whose invaluable support has been unfailing and hugely appreciated. My sincere thanks to you all.*

COUNTY COUNCILLOR DON MACKENZIE

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**STATEMENT FROM PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR STRONGER COMMUNITIES, LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES, CORPORATE DEVELOPMENT, SCRUTINY, AREA COMMITTEES, PERFORMANCE MONITORING AND LOCALITY BUDGETS**

**COUNTY COUNCILLOR DAVID CHANCE**

### **Stronger Communities**

#### **Covid19 Pandemic Response and Recovery**

The network of 23 Community Support Organisations (CSOs) in conjunction with their volunteers, partners and networks continue to provide some support to our most vulnerable residents where required. As infection levels reduce and the majority of restrictions have been lifted their focus is now on recovery and supporting people to regain their independence. Stronger Communities are continuing to work alongside the CSOs over the coming months to identify elements of the model that could be retained and developed to support the wider well-being and prevention agenda.

The investment that has been secured for the development of the model during 2022/23 which will be a transitional and evolutionary year, as we continue to recover from the pandemic. Work is commencing on investigating the potential development of Community Anchor Organisations (CAOs) and the role they can play in supporting their communities, as well as the on-going conversations that are taking place across the health and social care system about the potential role of CSOs in the future.

#### **Covid19 Related Work**

##### **Covid19 Community Grants Programme – January – March 2022**

The Stronger Communities Covid19 Community Grants Programme remains in place to support communities as they start to recover from the pandemic. £21,178 in the form of 32 small grants has been allocated to community groups and / or projects in the last quarter that encourage the re-opening of activities and services that aim to support communities to re-build their levels of confidence and independence.

#### **Sustainable Food Support**

Work has commenced on the insight work with City of York Council to better understand the food and fuel insecurity landscape in the region. The work will evaluate the range of support services that were established during the pandemic and explore potential opportunities for future service provision.

### Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme

The Easter School holidays saw the delivery of a programme of holiday activities across the county provided by a growing network of between 40 and 50 sports and arts clubs. The clubs offer free provision for children who are eligible for means tested free school meals and provide a range of enriching activities and a meal. Planning is underway for the summer holidays where activities will be provided for a minimum of 4 weeks. The partnership continues to grow and work is underway to broaden the range of provision – particularly for secondary aged young people.

### Stronger Communities Programme Work

The Stronger Communities team are also leading on a number of county wide programmes that have developed over the last quarter of 2021/22.

### Community Mental Health Transformation

Stronger Communities are working in partnership with the NHS to transform mental health services for people with a serious mental illness through building capacity within communities and the voluntary sector. The approach includes financial investment, managed by Stronger Communities, for four place based multi-agency partnerships to both pilot new community based services and projects and also to provide small grants to grass roots community groups with the over-arching aim of enabling people with a serious mental illness to live well in their communities. This is part of a national strategy for the transformation of community mental health.

### Household Support Fund

Officers from across the Council are managing the programme for the distribution of the Household Support Grant. This is a temporary Department for Work and Pensions funded programme that provides financial support for over 22,000 low income households across the county. This is the second six month programme, totalling £3.5m. Previously at least half of the funding had to be allocated to families with children; now at least one third must be allocated to families with children and at least one third to pensioners. In addition to direct awards, the grant will also be used to provide additional funding for the 'Warm and Well' service, food providers and the North Yorkshire Local Assistance Fund. The programme is being delivered in partnership with the 7 District Councils.

### **NYLAF (North Yorkshire Local Assistance Fund)**

NYLAF made around 7,000 awards in the last financial year. Two thirds of which were urgent help with food and utilities, with the remainder help with white goods, furniture and other household items). The number of awards and the expenditure are higher than in previous years, reflecting the pressures on many households. People supported by NYLAF include carers, those fleeing domestic abuse and many more. The most frequently supported are those identified as having a mental health issue, a family under exceptional pressure or homeless.

### Homes for Ukraine

Officers from across the council are leading on the development of the local programme of support for the Homes for Ukraine system



## **Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy and UK Resettlement Scheme**

North Yorkshire County Council in partnership with district councils has now permanently resettled 122 persons (25 families) under the Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy (ARAP) and will be resettling a final family in May 2022. North Yorkshire will then have met its commitment of resettling its 'fair share' of the national total of Afghan ARAP arrivals based upon our population size.

The County Council in partnership with a range of agencies continues to provide support to the Afghan refugee families temporarily residing in two bridging accommodation hotels in North Yorkshire. There have now been over 500 arrivals since both hotels were first used for the scheme. The pace of moving families out of the hotels into permanent accommodation remains relatively slow and nationally there are about 10,000 Afghans in bridging accommodation.

In line with the commitment made by the County Council and district councils in 2019, refugees under the United Kingdom Resettlement Scheme (UKRS) – the more general global refugee scheme - continue to be resettled in the county. Syrian refugees remain the main nationality coming through the scheme. To date 89 UKRS persons have been resettled and planning is underway for new families to arrive in June or July. The target is to have resettled 200 UKRS persons by March 2024. The pace of resettlement has now picked up after a delayed start due to the covid-19 pandemic in 2020 resulting in no arrivals.

All of the refugees resettled in the county under the old 'legacy' schemes of the Syrian Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Scheme and Vulnerable Children's Resettlement Scheme have either ended their five year support period or are in their fifth year. The retention rate of those families staying in the county is in the region of 90%.

The programme of English language classes for the adults on both the Afghan and UKRS refugee settlement schemes is currently in a transition phase as we begin to move back into the classroom environment after providing mostly online sessions for the past two years due to the constraints of the pandemic. Learning hours are being expanded as we move to offer a blended approach, providing learners with the opportunity of attending both Face to Face and online classes.

Progress in getting the Afghan and UKRS adults into employment continues. Jobs range from professional to semi or low-skilled. Local employers have continued to express interest in supporting the new Afghan families and this has created a positive effect for earlier refugee arrivals in the county. There have also been more enquiries relating to Ukrainian migrants and these are being logged for future discussions. The issues for the current arrivals to date in getting into employment continue to be the skills match and, for many of the UKRS refugees, their levels of English. However work is being done with local employers to try and overcome these barriers.

### **Asylum seeker dispersal**

On 13 April 2022, the Home Office announced that all local authorities in England, Scotland and Wales will be expected to be asylum dispersal areas. In the coming weeks the Home Office will be undertaking an informal consultation with local authorities to propose how asylum dispersal will work in detail within 12 regions and nations, with each area set to agree a regional plan. Local authorities will not be expected to accommodate asylum

seekers beyond 0.5% of their total population. The consultation will also consider how other existing accommodation pressures such as the response to the situation in Ukraine and the Afghan crisis are impacting local authorities. The former RAF site in Linton-on-Ouse will be used as an asylum seeker accommodation and processing centre.

### **Legal and Democratic Services**

The bulk appeals season for school admissions to primary and secondary schools has commenced and will run through to the end of July 2022. This is the third year in which these appeals have been held remotely. The current Government Regulations enabling this are due to expire in September 2022, although a review of the School Admission Appeals Code by the Department for Education may lead to a more flexible approach to how appeals are heard in the long term.

Over 230 remote access, live broadcast meetings of the Council's committees have been held since 19 May 2020. The continued use of remote access meetings will be considered at the Annual General Meeting of the County Council on 18 May 2022. It remains unclear whether local authorities in England will be given the power to determine for themselves how they hold their meetings.

From the 19 May 2020 to 31 March 2022, there were 228 live broadcast and recorded meetings of the Council's committees using MS Teams and OBS software. There was a total of 14,873 views of the meetings on the Council's YouTube site. This then means an average viewing number per meeting of 65. The highest number of views was for the meeting of the Police Fire and Crime Panel on 14 October 2021 (1,721) and the least number of views was the meeting of the Thirsk and Malton Area Constituency Committee on 3 December 2021 (6).

Representatives from Legal and Democratic Services worked closely with colleagues in the District and Borough Councils to plan and deliver the County Council elections on 5 May 2022. At present, all County Council elections are managed by the district and borough councils on our behalf.

Representatives from Legal and Democratic Services have also worked closely with the District and Borough Councils Legal and Democratic Teams to lead the Governance Workstream for Local Government Reorganisation. This Workstream is looking at the constitutional, legal, policy and governance issues that need to be addressed prior to Vesting Date for the new Unitary Council.

### **County Councillor Locality Budgets**

This year, Members will be able to make recommendations from Monday 13 June 2022, with the closing date for recommendations being 31 January 2023. A full briefing will be provided at the Members Seminar on 8 June 2022.

A report on the operation of Locality Budgets in 2021/22 will be presented to the Corporate and Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 6 June 2022.

DAVID CHANCE

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### STATEMENT OF CLLR MICHAEL HARRISON

#### National Adult Social Care Charging Reforms

- From October 2023, the Government plans to introduce a new £86,000 cap on the amount anyone in England will have to spend on their personal care over their lifetime and introduce a more generous threshold for accessing financial support.
- NYCC are one of 5 councils who have been invited to be Trailblazer councils, with the opportunity to implement the reforms earlier, in January 2023.
- There are potential significant benefits to North Yorkshire residents from these reforms, but also potential negative financial implications for the Council – so the opportunity to participate in the shaping of the national implementation of this policy is welcome. If successful this will bring benefits to the people of North Yorkshire nine months earlier than the rest of the country.
- The council have agreed three formal review points with the Department of Health and Social Care, firstly in May (following Executive approval and elections), August and finally November 2022 before implementation in January 2023.

#### Waiting Lists/Performance

- Frontline social care teams' urgent waiting lists reached a peak of 328 cases at the end of March, but have reduced steadily since then to 275 in mid-April. On average, teams completed 1,531 assessments, reviews and safeguarding enquiries per month in 2021/22.
- Hospital discharges have now settled into a stable pattern of around 15 discharges per day – which is running at approximately 50% above pre-pandemic levels. Community-based referrals averaged 1,057 per month in Q4, compared with 929 per month in Q3, representing another increasing pressure on social care teams.

#### Recruitment

- The recruitment campaign that has been running since the latter part of 2021 has been successful with a number of applicants being recruited as a direct result, but pressures on social care teams continue with vacancies across the sector.
- I would like to thank members for continuing to promote the wide range of rewarding careers that are available in care, along with the current vacancies that exist in both the Council and the wider sector via the [www.makecarematter.co.uk](http://www.makecarematter.co.uk) website.

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### **STATEMENT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR ANDREW LEE**

#### **COVID-19 update**

On 1<sup>st</sup> April England moved to a new position regarding COVID-19, as part of the national approach to living safely with the virus, as life returns to greater normality.

Free symptomatic and asymptomatic testing has now ended for most of the population, with a move to managing COVID-19 in line with other respiratory viruses.

Individuals with symptoms of a respiratory infection are now advised to stay at home and avoid other people wherever possible, although children with only mild symptoms should continue to attend school.

The key prevention measures remain the same, including vaccination, ventilation of indoor spaces, good hand and respiratory hygiene and continuing to wear a face covering in indoor or crowded spaces.

In terms of data, the ONS infection survey suggests that for the week ending 16<sup>th</sup> April around 1 in 17 people across England had a current COVID-19 infection. There remain high numbers of COVID-19 positive patients in hospitals across the County (nearly 400 people as of early May) and the impact on NHS and social care services continues to be significant.

Vaccination is still a key preventative measure against severe COVID-19 infection. The Spring Booster programme is underway for those aged 75 and above, people living in care homes and those aged 12 years and over with a weakened immune system. All 5-11 year olds are also now eligible for two doses of COVID-19 vaccine through the NHS.

The changed national approach to COVID has led to a similar change in our local approach. The COVID-19 Hub was stepped down at the end of March, with the remaining response run through the health protection function of the Public Health team. The focus has now switched from acute outbreak management to long term support, including providing evidence and guidance on 'living with COVID-19', key measures such as improving indoor air quality, highlighting the significant impacts of chronic COVID-19 and the wider health impacts of the pandemic, identifying lessons learnt and preparing for future escalations in local and national responses to COVID-19 and other health protection issues.

#### **Sexual Health Service**

From the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022, North Yorkshire County Council and York and Scarborough Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, have entered into a partnership agreement under Section 75 of the National Health Service Act, to ensure a more efficient and targeted approach to sexual health services. The YorSexualHealth service will further develop the online offer as well face to face community clinics across the County.

### **Visit of Professor Sir Chris Whitty to Scarborough**

North Yorkshire County Council and partners have recently hosted a visit of the Chief Medical Officer (CMO) for England Professor Sir Chris Whitty. This visit was in the light of the CMO's annual report in 2021 into health in coastal communities and also the challenges of providing health care. The CMO's visit provided an opportunity to share some of the initiatives and services in Scarborough as well as the work done by colleagues in the NHS and the community and voluntary sector.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR ANDREW LEE

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### STATEMENT OF CHAIRMAN OF SCRUTINY BOARD

Scrutiny Board brings together the Chairs of the five thematic overview and scrutiny committees at the Council and the Older Peoples' and Young People's Champions. It provides an opportunity for a whole council view of scrutiny activity, which avoids gaps and overlaps and helps establish a lead committee for areas of joint interest. It also provides a forum in which the key performance issues for the Council can be reviewed and items for further scrutiny identified.

The scrutiny function was created to act as a check on and balance to the executive and it is a statutory requirement for all authorities operating executive arrangements.

There has been one meeting of Scrutiny Board since the last statement to Council.

The meeting of Scrutiny Board on 18 February 2022 focussed upon the scrutiny of the Q3 Performance and Finance Management Report, ahead of the members of the Board attending the meeting of the Executive on 22 February 2022. The main theme of the report was 'every child and young person has the best start to life'. Some of the issues raised at the Executive meeting by members of the Scrutiny Board are highlighted below:

- The increase in the number of and complexity of referrals to children's social care provision
- The increase in number of assessments of children and families where mental health is identified as a factor
- The high turnover of Educational Psychologists in the Special Educational Needs Service and the associated workforce pressures
- Whether an average of 6 days support for each maintained school by the School Improvement service was sufficient to address the issues that have arisen over the past two years of providing education during the pandemic
- The performance of the Customer Contact Centre and call handling time and call abandonment
- The anticipated new national waste strategy and the impact that this will have upon waste collection and disposal
- The national hospital discharge framework and the impact that this is having upon social care
- The 'Make Care Matter' recruitment campaign and whether it has had a positive impact upon staffing shortages across the care sector
- The response of the Council to the cost of living crisis and what actions can be taken.

At the meeting of the Scrutiny Board on 18 February 2022, members also reflected on the activity of the Council's overview and scrutiny committees over the past 5 years and some of the key pieces of work that had been undertaken. Examples include:

- Transport Economy and Environment OSC - vehicle activated speed signs, 20mph speed limits, single use plastics and waste and recycling in general and broadband and mobile phone coverage
- Corporate and Partnerships OSC - offending rates and rehabilitation services, reconfiguration of the library service, over the counter banking services and access to cash machines in rural areas and the Brierley Group of companies
- Young People OSC - mental health provision and early intervention and prevention, elective home education, SEND provision and school attainment
- Scrutiny of Health - health and social care workforce planning, integration of health and social care services, mental health service provision in the county and centralisation of specialist health services and the role of smaller hospitals in the health economy
- Care and Independence OSC - the care market and provision of adult social care services, user participation and the Council's Living Well Service and the renewed focus upon prevention and early intervention.
- All committees and Scrutiny Board – the report and recommendations of the Rural Commission, the Council's Carbon Reduction Plan and the achievement of net zero carbon dioxide emissions, the impact of the UK exit from the EU upon the local economy and the recovery from the pandemic and understanding its impact upon service provision in the county.

There are many more examples of the role that the overview and scrutiny committees have played in the development of policies, strategies and services and the key role that they have had as a check-and-balance and as a critical friend.

The annual report of overview and scrutiny for 2021-22, will be included in the papers for the July meeting of the County Council.

Members of Scrutiny Board are next due meet at 2pm on 17 June 2022. At that meeting, the Executive Q4 Performance and Finance Management Report will be scrutinised.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR STANLEY LUMLEY  
29 April 2022



## NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

18 MAY 2022

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### STATEMENT OF CHAIR

#### YOUNG PEOPLE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

##### Children's Mental Health

The Committee received a wide-ranging joint presentation from officers in the Children and Young People's Service Directorate, Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust and North Yorkshire Clinical Commissioning Group. It is available via this link [Children's Mental Health](#)

The Thrive Framework was outlined - a national framework, based on five categories, with an emphasis on good mental health and prevention. Other points highlighted included:-

- Increased demand has been a factor for many years – not just since Covid-19. Many services have seen an increase in complexity and acuity, with a noticeable increase in eating disorders.
- Services have responded well and adapted to new ways of working.
- The actual service offer for Children's Mental Health in North Yorkshire has increased but, in some services, waiting times have increased.
- In CAMHS (Children and Adolescent Mental Health Services) work has been undertaken to improve the service's knowledge and understanding of the young people waiting, to ensure that an element of safety is built into processes.
- Managing demand is a key challenge, particularly waiting times re eating disorders.
- There has also been an increased trend in the number of children and young people referred with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder.
- All young people and their families have access to free digital support, via Kooth; the Go to signposting website and Compass Buzz Us – a text messaging service.
- Responses to the Growing up in North Yorkshire Survey indicate that, for the majority of our Schools, the wellbeing and resilience of children and young people has declined over time.
- Notwithstanding the increase in demand and waiting times, a lot of work has been carried out, including the Suicide and Self Harm Pathway, as part of the Children's Services Partnership. Good feedback has been received about this.
- Strategically, a Mental Health Summit, attended by Senior Leaders across the system, committed to develop system wide transformation in response to identifiable increases in demand and pressures.

- Operational developments include the Anna Freud Project. These are Workshops with local Schools to support the development of partnerships between Schools and Mental Health Leaders to improve access to services.

Officers responded to questions from Members concerning eating disorders; actions being taken to reduce waiting times; the likelihood of increased demand for services; staffing levels; how they envisage joint working in the future; and OCD.

As Chair, I commented that this is an area that needs to be considered further by the Committee, in due course, as the work undertaken with children and young people can help to prevent problems at a later stage.

### **Annual Update of the Young People’s Champion – Councillor Annabel Wilkinson**

Councillor Annabel Wilkinson advised that her role is to raise awareness of the views and concerns of young people, making sure their voice is heard; to be supportive of them; and to support the work of the Executive Member for Children’s Services; officers in Children and Young People’s Services and fellow Members.

Among the points made by Councillor Wilkinson were that:

- during the Pandemic, we have seen a wonderful response from North Yorkshire in supporting young people, working in different ways to keep children happy and safe;
- the New Youth Voice and Engagement Team do a wonderful job; and
- looking to the future, it could be that young people will be a part of each Area Constituency Committee. This would be a valuable experience for young people and Members.

The Executive Member for Children’s Services and the Corporate Director thanked Councillor Wilkinson for the work she had undertaken in the role.

### **Schools Update**

The Corporate Director for Children and Young People’s Service appraised the Committee on the following areas:-

- Strategic Planning
- School Funding 2022/2023
- School Performance
- Strategic Priorities; School Improvement
- Safeguarding within recent Inspections
- Published Inspection Overview
- Monitoring Inspections
- Autumn Term Planning Meetings.

He highlighted a number of matters, including the following:-

- Schools funding for 2022/2023 had increased by 3.2% overall and pupil led funding will be enhanced by 2%. We are lobbying for the National Funding Formula to increase the minimum level of funding, as we are still behind the national average.
- The Department for Education has agreed to change its distance measures from *as the crow flies* to go by the road distance. This is a good outcome.

- An additional £3.5 million for sparsity funding has been received. This will benefit 78 Schools. There remains concern for small Secondary Schools, in particular, where sparsity funding has not come through.
- A joint Training Day for School Leaders was held in September 2021 by Ofsted and the Directorate, with over 300 delegates attending. Ofsted have taken this format and will use it as an example of good practice.

The Corporate Director responded to questions from Members on Safeguarding; the number of Governors and Early Years Consultation.

### **Reflections and the future**

I presented a report which outlined the work carried out by the Committee during the life of the County Council, 2017-2022. It also suggested a “long list” of Items that those Members who form the Committee, following the County Council Elections in May 2022, might wish to consider for inclusion in its Work Programme.

It is pleasing to note that some of the vacancies for Co-opted Members have now been filled.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR JANET JEFFERSON

28<sup>th</sup> April 2022

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### STATEMENT OF CHAIRMAN

#### CARE AND INDEPENDENCE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

##### All Age Autism Strategy

It has been over a year since the committee first looked at the intentions and objectives of the All Age Autism Strategy. Although, inevitably, the pandemic has affected implementation, we were still pleased to see what has been achieved.

A reminder about what we understand about autism. Having autism can mean:-

- You find it hard to communicate and interact with other people
- You find it hard to understand how other people think or feel
- You find things like bright lights or loud noises overwhelming, stressful or uncomfortable
- You get anxious or upset in unfamiliar situations and social events
- You take longer to understand and process information
- You do or think the same things over and over

Autism is much more common than many people think. There are around 700,000 people on the autism spectrum in the UK – that is more than 1 in 100. If you include their families, autism is a part of daily life for 3 million people.

While autism is not a learning disability, around 4 in 10 autistic people have a learning disability. Three times as many males as females are diagnosed with autism. However, it is believed to be under-diagnosed in females.

Members concluded that, locally, solid progress against the strategy objectives can be found, especially in staff investment and training. However, perhaps the most pleasing aspect is that we were the first Local Authority to have ALL of its Adult services accredited in the UK in 2016. Seventeen services were accredited; all are being re-inspected in 2023.

The committee has suggested that members return to this topic towards the end of this year with input from Children and Families Services to gain a full picture of how we have progressed.

##### Local Account

Given that the Local Account ought to be an honest assessment of social care performance, it is helpful that, before it is published, the scrutiny committee had an opportunity to review, pass comment and make suggestions for any amendments.

In previous years, especially since the adoption of the current format, the committee has found the Local Account to be a high quality document, well written and accessible. It has passed what for members has been the pivotal test: it is not self-congratulatory. This year's was no exception.

### **Director of Public Health Annual Report**

Since the public health function returned to Local Government, this Scrutiny Committee has reviewed every Director of Public Health Annual Report, showing a particular interest in where public health activity helps achieve social care objectives.

Members found the 2021 report strong in all of the following areas:

- Progress on past recommendations and priorities
- Health In North Yorkshire
- North Yorkshire's COVID-19 response
- Protecting and Improving the health and wellbeing of the North Yorkshire population
- North Yorkshire Public Health priorities for 2021- 2025

Members were especially encouraged that during one of the most difficult periods, partners and organisations had clearly come together and brought creative thinking and resources to address problems. There is every reason to believe, as Louise Wallace put it, that *"...this will carry us through as we continue to respond and rebuild for a healthy future."*

### **Looking Ahead**

In laying out plans for its forward work programme, the committee was mindful there would be new faces and increased numbers round the table. In agreeing a revamped work programme, it was suggested that each item to be considered should have a strong overview perspective to help new members grasp the broader context. As Covid pressures change, affecting "business as usual" and service development activity, the suggested timing of items will inevitably need to be revised.

For the first meeting in June, the main item will be centred on Richard Webb's assessment of the Experience of Winter 2021/22 (including Covid) and Adult Social Care. This will include a picture of Adult Social Care in North Yorkshire right now, covering such issues as unmet need, home care providers and packages, workforce, and so on. There is, as always, much to review.

**COUNTY COUNCILLOR KARIN SEDGWICK**

29 April 2022

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### **STATEMENT OF THE CORPORATE AND PARTNERSHIPS OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN**

The Corporate and Partnership Overview and Scrutiny Committee has a remit that includes the following:

- The Council's corporate organisation and structure, resource allocation, asset management, procurement policy, people strategy, equality and diversity, performance management, communication and access to services
- Partnership working, community development, community engagement, community strategies and community safety
- This Committee is the Crime and Disorder Committee for the Council for the purposes of Part 3 of the Police and Justice Act 2006.

Since the Chairman's last statement to Council in February 2022, the Corporate and Partnership Overview and Scrutiny Committee has met once on 7 March 2022. The following items were discussed:

- Annual workforce update
- Corporate volunteering project update
- Update on Council Plan refresh.

There were in-depth discussions around the following:

- The support being given to staff in response to Covid-19 and the sickness absence rate associated with Covid-19
- The young people's employment initiative and apprenticeships
- Resourcing for the Council's Health and Adult Services, ongoing support for and intervention in the care market and recruitment of staff into care roles
- An overview of the impact of Covid-19 upon the number of people volunteering with Council services
- Amendments and updates to the Council Plan 2022/23.

It is anticipated that the committee work programme will be reviewed by the new committee when they first meet on 6 June 2022.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR ANDY PARASKOS  
CHAIRMAN CORPORATE AND PARTNERSHIPS OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE  
3 May 2022

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### **STATEMENT OF CHAIRMAN OF THE TRANSPORT ECONOMY AND ENVIRONMENT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

The Transport Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee has a remit that includes the following:

- Transport and communications infrastructure of all kinds, however owned or provided, and how the transport needs of the community are met
- Supporting business, helping people develop their skills, including lifelong learning
- Sustainable development, climate change strategy, countryside management, waste management, environmental conservation and enhancement flooding and cultural issues.

There has been one meeting of the committee since my last statement to Council. The meeting was held on 13 April 2022. The following items were discussed:

- North Yorkshire County Council's Plan for Economic Growth
- Waste collection and treatment in North Yorkshire.

The agenda was limited due to the meeting being held in the pre-election period. There were, however, in-depth discussions around the following:

- The work that is being done by the Council and the Local Enterprise Partnership to enable the economic recovery from the pandemic
- The progress being made with the implementation of the Transforming Cities Fund and the Towns Fund
- The impact of Local Government Review and Devolution upon the delivery of economic development work across the county
- The potential implications of the Resources and Waste Strategy for England, which will be enacted as part of the Environment Act, for waste collection and processing/disposal in the county.

It is anticipated that the committee work programme will be reviewed by the new committee when they first meet on 12 July 2022.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR STANLEY LUMLEY  
29 April 2022

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### **STATEMENT OF CHAIRMAN OF THE SCRUTINY OF HEALTH COMMITTEE**

The Scrutiny of Health Committee has a responsibility to review any matter relating to the planning, provision and operation of health services in the County. A key part of that responsibility is requiring NHS bodies to consult health scrutiny on proposals for substantial developments or variations of local health service provision.

#### Committee meeting on 11 March 2022

The committee last met on 11 March 2022, using Microsoft Teams for a live broadcast meeting. At that meeting, committee members received detailed presentations on: the NHS response to and recovery from the pandemic; Covid-19 prevalence in North Yorkshire; the performance of the newly redeveloped Whitby Hospital; and capital investment in Scarborough Hospital and the development of new urgent, emergency and critical care facilities and hyper acute stroke services for the North Yorkshire population.

There were no public questions/statements at the committee meeting.

Outlined below are some of the areas that the committee has been looking at in-depth.

#### Whitby Hospital

The committee has scrutinised the plans for the re-development of the Whitby Hospital site for the past six years. The hospital plays a key role in the delivery of health services on the east coast and links in with larger hospitals like the James Cook, Scarborough and York. The start of the major structural work was March 2020 and it will be completed by June 2022. Work is also underway to have an Urgent Treatment Centre on site. This would be a significant upgrade from the existing Minor Injuries Unit.

Committee members welcomed the work that has been done and the commitment that has been made to the long term future of the hospital. They remarked on the very positive feedback from local residents and services users about the quality of the development and the range of services available. The committee were interested to see whether more diagnostics could be offered at the site.

#### Scarborough Hospital

The committee received an update on progress with the modernisation of the Scarborough Hospital site and the capital investment of £47 million to develop new urgent, emergency and critical care facilities. The committee heard that the new building will provide a combined Emergency Department, Same Day facilities and Acute Medical Unit; combined level 1, 2 and 3 Critical Care facilities; and improved site resilience and flexibility. The new development is expected to be fully in use by January 2024.

The committee welcomed the progress being made and the improvement to services that will result. As with the discussions about Whitby Hospital, there was significant interest in

understanding how a broad range of diagnostic, assessment and outpatient services could be located at Scarborough, reducing the need for patients to travel to Hull, York and elsewhere.

#### Hyper acute stroke services

The committee has a long standing interest in the provision of hyper acute stroke services in the county and the move away from local delivery to centralised, specialist services. At the March meeting the committee was given an overview of some performance data and noted that further work is needed on the hyper acute stroke pathway to enable rapid repatriation home or to a nearby hospital.

A local performance dashboard is in development that should enable some key performance indicators to be tracked, including: stroke admissions; Thrombolysis and Mechanical Thrombectomy; arrival and thrombolysis; and 6 month follow up. This is welcomed as it will enable patient outcomes to be tracked and so a better understanding of the impact of the service changes.

#### Mental health services

At the December 2021 meeting of the committee, assurances were sought that the temporary closure of the Esk ward at Cross Lane Hospital, Scarborough due to staffing pressures would not become permanent and that efforts were underway to ensure its prompt re-opening. I am pleased to note that the committee was informed on 27 April 2022 that the Esk ward has now been re-opened.

The next meeting of the committee will be at 10am on 17 June 2022.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR JOHN ENNIS  
29 April 2022

## NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

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### Report on Special Urgency and Call-in Exemption decisions under Access to Information Procedure Rule 16 and Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule 16

#### Report of the Leader of the Council

#### **1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To provide the Council with a report on the use of the special urgency and call-in exemption procedures under Access to Information Procedure Rule 16 and Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule 16 since the Council's last meeting.

#### **2.0 BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 The County Council's Constitution provides that if a matter which is likely to be a key decision has not been included on the Council's Forward Plan for the requisite period, the decision may still be taken if an urgency procedure is followed.
- 2.2 The Access to Information Procedure Rules in the Constitution set out two urgency procedures, depending on the time available before the decision needs to be taken: the Rule 15 General Exception Urgency procedure and the Rule 16 Special Urgency procedure for use in more urgent cases. Use of the latter procedure is required to be reported back to full Council.
- 2.3 The Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules in the Constitution set out a call-in exemption process, use of which is also reported back to Council.

#### **3.0 SPECIAL URGENCY AND CALL IN EXEMPTION PROCEDURES**

- 3.1 Under Access to Information Procedure Rule 16:

16.1 Where the date by which a decision must be made makes compliance with Rule 15 (general exception) impracticable, then the decision can only be made if the decision maker (if an individual) or the Chairman of the body making the decision, obtains the written agreement of the Chairman of a relevant overview and scrutiny committee that the making of the decision is urgent and cannot reasonably be deferred. If there is no Chairman of a relevant overview and scrutiny committee, or if the Chairman of the relevant overview and scrutiny committee is unable to act, then the agreement of the Chairman of the Council, or in his/her absence the Vice-Chairman will suffice.

16.2 As soon as reasonably practicable after the decision maker has obtained agreement under Rule 16.1 above, s/he must make available at the Council's offices a notice setting out the reasons why the meeting is urgent and cannot reasonably be deferred and publish the notice on the Council's website.

- 3.2 Access to Information Procedure Rule 17 then includes provision for the reporting back to full Council on the use of the Rule 16 special urgency procedure:

**17.3 Reports on special urgency decisions**

17.3.1 The Leader will submit to the next meeting of the Council, a report on any executive decisions taken in the circumstances set out in Rule 16 (special urgency). The report must include particulars of the decision, a summary of the matters in respect of which the decision was made, the reasons for it and the reasons for use of the special urgency procedure.

17.3.2 The Leader must submit at least one report under 17.3.1 annually to Council.

3.3 Under Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule 16(h):

(h) The call-in procedure set out above shall not apply where the decision being taken by the Executive is urgent. A decision will be urgent if any delay likely to be caused by the call in process would seriously prejudice the Council's or the public interest. The Chairman of the council must agree both that the decision proposed is reasonable in all the circumstances and to it being treated as a matter of urgency. In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman's consent shall be required. In the absence of both, the Head of Paid Service or his/her nominee's consent shall be required. Decisions taken as a matter of urgency must be reported to the next available meeting of the Council, together with the reasons for urgency.

3.4 This report therefore provides the report back to full Council on the use of the special urgency and call-in exemption procedures since the Council's last meeting.

#### **4.0 USE OF SPECIAL URGENCY AND CALL IN EXEMPTION PROCEDURES**

4.1 The use of special urgency and call-in exemption procedures since the last meeting of the County Council on 16 February 2022, is as summarised below. Details of the decisions taken under the procedures can be accessed via the hyperlinks:

- Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Funding - Expression of Interest - [Issue details - Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Funding - Expression of Interest | North Yorkshire County Council](#)
- Acceptance of a Grant in 2022/23 from DLUHC for the provision of support within Domestic Abuse Safe Accommodation - [Issue details - Acceptance of a Grant in 2022/23 from DLUHC for the provision of support within Domestic Abuse Safe Accommodation | North Yorkshire County Council](#)
- Household Support Grant [Issue details - Household Support Grant | North Yorkshire County Council](#)
- Extension of multiple contracts for SEN Home to School Transport - [Issue details - Extension of multiple contracts for SEN Home to School Transport | North Yorkshire County Council](#)
- Acceptance of Grant funding for SME Business Support via (York and North Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership) - [Issue details - Acceptance of Grant funding for SME Business Support via \(York and North Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership\) | North Yorkshire County Council](#)
- Consultation on a Proposed Draft Direction under Section 24 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act in the context of local government reorganisation - [Issue details - Consultation on a Proposed Draft Direction under Section 24 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act in the context of local government reorganisation | North Yorkshire County Council](#)
- Homes for Ukraine - [Issue details - Homes for Ukraine | North Yorkshire County Council](#)
- Property Consultancy Services Contract (call in exemption notice) - [Issue details - Property Consultancy Services Contract | North Yorkshire County Council](#)

- Creation of a £580k reserve for the surfacing and painting of Whitby Swing bridge and the reconstruction of Marage Path retaining wall - [Issue details - Creation of a £580k reserve for the surfacing and painting of Whitby Swing bridge and the reconstruction of Marage Path retaining wall | North Yorkshire County Council](#)
- Local Transport Authority Capacity Grant - Acceptance of DfT funding - [Issue details - Local Transport Authority Capacity Grant - Acceptance of DfT funding | North Yorkshire County Council](#)
- 2022/23 Early Years Funding Formula - [Issue details - 2022/23 Early Years Funding Formula | North Yorkshire County Council](#)
- Adoption of Minerals and Waste Joint Plan (call in exemption notice) - [Issue details - Adoption of Minerals and Waste Joint Plan | North Yorkshire County Council](#)
- Application for DfE funding for Skills Bootcamps (Y&NY LEP) (Rule 15 and call in exemption notice) - [Issue details - Funding Application to Department for Education Skills for Boot Camps | North Yorkshire County Council](#)
- Disapplication Request - School Improvement Funding (Rule 15 and call in exemption notice) - [Issue details - Disapplication Request - School Improvement Funding | North Yorkshire County Council](#)
- Approval of procurement of YNY LEP Skills Bootcamps - [Issue details - YNY LEP Skills Bootcamps | North Yorkshire County Council](#)

## 5.0 **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 There are no significant financial implications arising from this report.

## 6.0 **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 There are no significant legal implications arising from this report.

## 7.0 **CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS**

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

## 8.0 **CONSULTATION**

8.1 Consultation has been undertaken with relevant officers and Members prior to the use of the special urgency and/or call-in exemption procedures.

## 9.0 **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

9.1 To report back to full Council on the use of the special urgency and call-in exemption procedures in compliance with the Access to Information Procedure Rules and Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules.

## 10.0 **RECOMMENDATION**

10.1 That full Council receives and notes this report.

BARRY KHAN  
Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services)

Background Papers: None

10 May 2022

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