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Meeting: Scarborough and Whitby Area Constituency Committee

Members: Councillors Tony Randerson, Derek Bastiman,

Eric Broadbent, David Chance, Liz Colling (Chair), David Jeffels, Janet Jefferson (Vice-Chair), Rich Maw,

Clive Pearson, Heather Phillips, John Ritchie,

Subash Sharma, Roberta Swiers, Phil Trumper and

**Neil Swannick.** 

Date: Friday, 1st December, 2023

Time: 10.00 am

Venue: Scarborough Town Hall, St Nicholas Street, Scarborough,

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#### **AGENDA**

- 1. Apologies for Absence
- 2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 22 September 2023

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#### 3. Declarations of Interest

All Members are invited to declare at this point any interests they have in items appearing on this agenda, including the nature of those interests.

- 4. Feedback from previous meetings Chair's report
- 5. Public Participation

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6.	Winter Preparedness on the Coast	(Pages 17 - 32)
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#### 13. Any Other Items

Any other items which the Chair agrees should be considered as a matter of urgency because of special circumstances

#### 14. Date of Next Meeting

Friday, 22 March 2024

15. Reports circulated for information only

15.1 Rural Crime Report Scarborough and Whitby Autumn 2023 (Pages 77 - 80)

Members are reminded that in order to expedite business at the meeting and enable Officers to adapt their presentations to address areas causing difficulty, they are encouraged to contact Officers prior to the meeting with questions on technical issues in reports.

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### Public Document Pack Agenda Item 2

#### **North Yorkshire Council**

#### **Scarborough and Whitby Area Constituency Committee**

Minutes of the meeting held on Friday, 22nd September, 2023 commencing at 10.00 am.

Councillor Janet Jefferson in the Chair. plus Councillors Tony Randerson, Derek Bastiman, David Chance, Janet Jefferson, Rich Maw, Clive Pearson, John Ritchie, Subash Sharma, Roberta Swiers, Phil Trumper and Neil Swannick.

In attendance: Councillors George Jabbour.

Officers present: Christian Brennan, St John Harris, Matthew Robinson, Paddy Chandler

Other Attendees: .

Apologies: Eric Broadbent, Liz Colling, David Jeffels and Heather Phillips. . .

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

#### 29 Apologies for Absence

Apologies noted (see above).

#### 30 Minutes of the Meeting held on 9 June 2023

Regarding Item 25, Appointments to Committees and Outside Bodies of the draft minutes, the Chair advised that in respect of the committee's appointments to Scarborough & District Sports Council, her name should be added to those of Councillors Maw and Phillips, since she already sat on this outside body as detailed in the report.

#### Resolved -

That, subject to the above amendment, the Minutes of the meeting held on 9 June 2023, having been printed and circulated, be taken as read and confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

At this point, Councillor Randerson expressed his extreme dissatisfaction with the Hearing Induction Loop system at the venue (in this instance a portable infrared system). In response, St John Harris (Democratic Services) apologised whilst noting that the first choice venue in Whitby of the Whitby Pavilion had already been booked for a music festival, and a review of meeting venues was in progress taking into account such issues as webcasting capability and accessibility.

#### 31 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Janet Jefferson declared an interest in item 9, Stronger Communities Update as she was a Trustee of the Rainbow Centre, Scarborough, and the Chair of the UK Prosperity Fund for the Castle Division.

The Chair advised that as part of the committee's ongoing concern with local bathing water quality as reflected at the June meeting, Yorkshire Water had declined an invitation to attend this meeting citing their recent meeting with North Yorkshire Council CEO, Richard Flinton and the forthcoming bathing water quality summit in Scarborough. Yorkshire Water had advised that they would be in a better position to report to the committee after the summit when potential actions had been agreed and a more substantial update could be provided.

#### 33 Public Participation

There were thirteen public questions submitted to the committee. All members of the public were in attendance to put their questions with the exception of Simon Armstrong. Officer responses are also set out below.

#### **Clair Stone**

I feel that the current state of the turning circle (Church Street/Grape Lane) introduced for use when the Swing Bridge is closed is a stark reflection of the neglect and disregard for the heritage of our town. Potholes seem to be appearing with frequency and in some cases exposing the cellar brickwork of demolished buildings from the former Tin Ghaut. The surface is uneven and undulating and an ominous crack is now running alongside the gable end of a Grade 1 listed building – the Captain Cook Memorial Museum. At what stage will this be thoroughly investigated?

This is not just a matter of inconvenience; it's a disservice to our town and heritage; an affront to our sense of pride and a challenge to our commitment to the preservation as a town. We cannot stand idly by while our history crumbles before us. We must act now before it is too late. I would suggest that putting a weight limit on the traffic using the circle would be a good start.

That's not all; the litter strewn carelessly about this space further adds to the dismay and reflects badly on us as a town. Discarded wrappers, plastic bottles, fish and chip trays, uneaten picnics, and emptied car ash trays tarnish the whole area. A blatant disregard for our environment and a disregard for the pride we should hold in our community. How often is this area cleared and tidied other than when civil minded residents clear and clean? When can we expect to enjoy a clean and welcoming environment?

#### Officer Response

The turning area is being regularly inspected and defects repaired as and when they are noted. The barriers were erected following concerns raised by the Museum about the condition of their building. The museum said they were planning to have their building surveyed but I am still waiting to hear the outcome of that survey.

It is clear that the existing construction of the old car park area is not up to the appropriate standard. It looks as though the demolished buildings and filled-in cellars were only given a light covering of tarmac. Once we start the Harbourside Public Realm Improvement scheme this area will be reconstructed to an appropriate standard and it will be able to withstand the movement of larger delivery wagons, something essential during the times when the Swing Bridge is closed.

This year has been particularly challenging in terms of recruitment but we are putting in steps to respond to the pressures at this location. We do apologise for the impact staff vacancies have had this summer and are working hard to try and improve the situation for the long term.

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#### Simon Armstrong

When will the current Council take the concerns of local residents seriously in relation to the failings of the existing parking system & the significant change in parking dynamics on certain streets in close proximity of both the Town Centre & North Bay beach in Scarborough?

Supplementary: Will the public be involved in the much needed review?

#### Officer Response

The Council is developing a new countywide parking policy that brings together the previous policies of the eight former councils, this is a complex piece of work that will be taken forward over the next 12 to 18 months alongside the development of the new Local Transport Plan. In addition to developing the parking policy we will commence the development of parking strategies for the larger towns including Scarborough.

Supplementary: Not directly in the review process which is about gathering the data to inform change, but any resulting recommendations and proposals will be subject to public and stakeholder consultation/involvement.

#### **Andy Jefferson**

We are told that people will need to use public transport or use a bike much more by 2030, using the car much less. In Whitby district we currently have the sum total of 5 trains per day, travelling at a snail's pace to Teesside, too late for people to get to work, and too late for early hospital appointments. In terms of buses we have a service across the moors continually threatened with cancellation, routes to Scarborough / Middlesbrough and Loftus that have very frequent breakdowns, and a sole bus around Whitby that has now been decimated to only running once an hour and not at all on a Sunday or bank holiday and that doesn't go anywhere near many parts of town. Many villages have no service at all. There are no direct services to hospitals.

For a district with a significantly ageing population this further stripping back of services beggars belief. Elderly people cannot stand at bus stops for often more than an hour on the off chance that an ageing Arriva bus has managed to arrive without going up in smoke, literally. DVSA have had to remove several buses of an ageing fleet from service due to unroadworthiness.

There is one bus service that is frequent, from the Park-and-Ride to town centre, but that is solely for the tourist, so of no benefit.

But that's ok, we can always cycle ... except we can't because this council has invested the sum total of £0 in cycle infrastructure in the Whitby district; we have amongst the lowest levels of cycle infrastructure and cycling in the whole of North Yorkshire.

The inadequate public transport service also means that the much vaunted tourist will most likely just come here in their car and consequently clog up the streets, parking on scarce green space that is supposed to be for recreation. Parking on green space being a side effect of the current NYC "parking strategy" that is not fit for an era of mass tourism, and was promised to be reviewed more than 5 years ago ... still waiting for that one. When will North Yorkshire Council actually engage with residents and parish councils of Whitby district on each and every one of these problems so people can start to believe that Northallerton isn't simply an artificial intelligence verbiage generation experiment?

Please, residents need action, not words, and not in 7 years time either.

#### <u>Bus</u>

Regarding local bus services, the sector is struggling to recover from the effects of the pandemic and bus passenger numbers in the Whitby area are still lower than pre-covid levels. Bus companies everywhere are finding driver recruitment, higher costs and availability of replacement parts difficult. As a result some bus routes, such as Service 95 in Whitby are running less frequently, with a timetable designed to reduce operating costs and to better balance these against the fares income being taken. The council spends over £1.6m each year to support bus services and are also accessing grant funding from central government where we can and this support is focused on ensuring bus routes aren't withdrawn entirely and keeping a core level of service in place across the county. We are also supporting the £2 fare cap scheme which is helping to reverse the drop in passenger numbers seen since the covid19 pandemic but this is taking time.

#### Rail

With regard to Northern Trains and the Esk Valley Line services we have made representations about the loss of the early morning train however Northern have advised that it was a business decision based on low patronage levels. Nonetheless, we will continue to lobby Northern for the train to be restored and for it to run slightly later so that patronage levels will then be higher.

#### Cycling and Walking

In 2017 the government released its first Cycling and Walking Investment Strategy, the strategy outlines the government's ambition to make cycling and walking the natural choice for shorter journeys. Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIPs) were identified in the strategy as a new strategic approach to identifying cycling and walking improvements at a local level. The LCWIP is designed to facilitate a long term approach to developing networks, but also designed so that the document can be updated and revisited throughout the 10 year period. LCWIPs are key to securing government funding, particularly through Active Travel England and provide the evidence base for bids.

#### **Parking**

The Council is developing a new countywide parking policy that brings together the previous policies of the eight former councils, this is a complex piece of work that will be taken forward over the next 12 to 18 months alongside the development of the new Local Transport Plan. In addition to developing the parking policy we will commence the development of parking strategies for the larger towns including Whitby.

#### Local Transport Plan

Finally, the North Yorkshire Council's Transport Planning team is tasked with producing the Local Transport Plan for North Yorkshire and have recently concluded an initial round of engagement on transport issues and priorities for the new Plan with the public, stakeholders and members. This survey has now finished and all responses received are being analysed and will then be used to help produce a draft Local Transport Plan which we expect will go out to public consultation in 2024.

This draft Plan will outline the transport priorities and proposals for North Yorkshire. In addition, part of the work required for the new Local Transport Plan will be to outline how the proposed measures will lead to a carbon reduction and how that will contribute to the Carbon Neutral ambition for North Yorkshire.

#### **Alison Hume**

In a community like Whitby, buses are the links which hold us together, and those links are fractured and broken.

most complained about services in a survey I have been running.

People late for work. Health workers pooling resources to order taxis just to get to work. Parents and carers unable to collect children from school. People missing appointments. People trying to line up GP appointments with the cut back bus timetable. Buses breaking down, not turning up, and a sense that Arriva are running down services which not making them enough money.

At a recent community meeting here in this hall, representatives from Arriva admitted they have been trying to hire a mechanic to fix buses in Whitby with no success. It was quite incredible to hear the excuses they offered up for the appalling services locals have to endure.

It's not just the 95 but the X4 which is also unreliable, one of the fleet recently caught on fire and another was unable to climb Lythe Bank.

My question is this. What are you doing about allowing an operator who is so clearly not running a proper bus service for the people of Whitby and keeping old and unsafe buses on our roads?

Why are you allowing them to keep on lining the pockets of their shareholders at the expense of an increasingly inconvenienced and isolated public?

We don't have time to wait for a new transport strategy. We need properly maintained, reliable, regular local buses now.

The failure of our local bus services isn't just an inconvenience, it's ruining lives, journey by journey.

What are you waiting for?

Listen to the comments of respondents to my survey.

- "My mother in law is now unable to collect the children from school due to bus cuts."
- "Never know when it will turn up .."
- "Buses always breaking down and just not arriving"
- "Poor frequency, reduced to hourly, no buses on a Sunday and last bus too early for an evening in Whitby"
- "I now have to wait an hour after finishing work to go home as the bus no longer passes my home as the Lealholm route changed".

Britain is the only country in the developed world where bus operators have the power to set routes and fares, with no say for local communities. Arriva services in Whitby are an absolute case in point.

Are you able to say how you can address the problems of the Arriva provided bus services in Whitby and the villages?

#### Officer Response

The issues highlighted by Arriva are also being seen more widely as the bus sector is struggling to recover from the effects of the pandemic. Passenger numbers in the Whitby area are still lower than pre-covid levels and bus companies everywhere are finding recruitment, higher costs and availability of replacement parts difficult. As a result some bus routes, such as Service 95 in Whitby are now running less frequently, with a timetable designed to reduce operating costs and to better balance these against the fares income being taken.

The council spends over £1.6m each year to support bus services, mainly for rural communities and are also accessing **Gen** funding from central government. This

additional funding is being focused on ensuring bus routes aren't withdrawn entirely and keeping a core level of service in place across the county. We are also promoting the £2 fare cap scheme which is helping to reverse the drop in passenger numbers seen since the covid19 pandemic but this is taking time.

On the reliability problems with route X4, we understand the frustration this causes but it is Traffic Commissioners, who are appointed by government, who are responsible for the licensing and regulation of bus and coach operators rather than local authorities. We will always work with them on issues such as this but the Council doesn't have a regulatory role and is not able to influence which bus companies are operating commercial bus routes.

#### **Joyce Stangoe**

Can I please raise the following issue at the above meeting "That local, truly affordable and in perpetuity housing for people living and working in the Whitby & District area not covered by the National Park be provided. What urgent action is being taken by NYC to address this issue to ensure this area can be sustainable now and in the future and prevent the current drain of young people and families which is affecting all other areas of the local community, including staffing issues for local businesses, lack of pupils to keep schools open, public transport decline etc.

#### Officer Response (provided after the meeting)

Over the last 6 years from April 2017 to March 2023, the former Scarborough Borough Council enabled the development of 218 new affordable homes in Whitby, of which 180 were rented (a mix of affordable and social rent) and 38 Low Cost Home Ownership homes (All Shared Ownership). This represented c. 27% of all affordable housing completions across the former Borough over that period of time. All of these were secured as affordable in perpetuity through S106 agreements.

These included homes secured on land released by Scarborough Borough Council for affordable homes and then developed by a local housing association. In fact since, 2011, Scarborough Borough Council enabled the development of 95 affordable homes (all for rent) on a number of sites in Whitby, which they released to housing associations with legal provisions in place that they remain affordable in perpetuity.

Currently there are 2 sites being developed in Whitby (at Green Lane and Broomfield Farm), which will deliver a further 89 affordable homes, through S106 agreements, which will be a mixture of rented and shared ownership. It should be noted that current Planning Policy requires 30% of homes to be affordable, which is the highest requirement in the former Borough. Virtually all sites developed in Whitby in the last 10 years have achieved the 30% requirement, with some exceeding that requirement.

There are a number of other sites in the development pipeline, which will provide further affordable housing in Whitby within the next 3-4 years. In addition, the Council has also identified a number of council owned sites in Whitby to be included within the proposed Joint Venture, which will further provide affordable housing opportunities, on terms to be determined by the Council.

#### **John Sissens**

In January 2022 Scarborough Council proposed the demolition of the railway bridge and this was rejected by the Planning Committee. At the request of the Planning Manager, the matter was deferred in order to develop an improved solution.

It was not until ten months later, in November 2022, that the identical proposed demolition of the bridge was again presented and the bridge was again bridge was again.

grounds of safety.

Residents are concerned that continuing delays are increasing the risk of a serious accident at a level crossing protected only by a swing gate.

Can you please advise the current plans for replacing the 50 year old bridge?

#### Officer Response (provided after the meeting)

Planning permission to demolish the bridge was refused by the former Scarborough Borough Council following a campaign by local residents.

Therefore, whilst there are currently no plans to replace the bridge, it will continue to be considered as part of a wider review of bridges during the ongoing restructuring of the Council.

The committee shared Mr Sissens' disappointment and frustration that a reply to his question submitted a month before the meeting was not provided on the day and requested to be copied in to the written reply sent to Mr Sissens.

#### **Valerie Appleton**

What Justification did the Town Deal Board have for proposing to add a plinth to the front of an iconic Grade 2\* historic building? This proposal was subsequently approved by the Area Planning Committee without any local consultation other than the Planning Application process. It was included in the proposal to repair and restore the 1778 building, which is a huge heritage asset to Whitby.

The plinth does not enhance the building and does not improve the ancient 1640 Market Place. The fact that it projects 4.5 metres from the Old Town Hall drastically changes the look of the ancient building and the ancient 1640 market place by covering a huge portion of it. The plinth and steps are totally 'out of keeping'. The residents of Whitby strongly oppose this structure.

The artist's impression of the proposal, that is on the NYC website, is totally misleading and gives the impression that there are steps leading up to the building and no plinth.

I request that this aspect of the Town Deal Board proposal be removed from the works to be carried out to repair, restore and renovate the Old Town Hall and that the funds allocated for the plinth be used for another more useful purpose within the scheme.

#### Officer Response

The addition of a platform and steps leading up to the Undercroft of the Old Town Hall building from the Market Place was proposed by the project team which includes officers and members from North Yorkshire Council, Whitby Town Council, Highways and a representative of the Whitby Civic Society. Working with the appointed specialist conservation architects, the Council's Conservation Officer and a representative from Historic England, various options were explored to address issues in relation to the Market Place. The solution put forward by the project team was for two separate platforms within the Market Place and was deemed the most appropriate for the setting and was supported by the Whitby Town Deal Board and Historic England.

The Business Case for the project presented that the addition of the platforms would increase permeability through the undercroft from Church Street to the Market Place and vice versa, better connect the Old Town Hall building to the Market Place, increase the amount of level useable space for the market, provide a means in which to deliver electricity and lighting to the Market Place and also rectify a health and safety issue involving the depth of the 'drops' either age.

A public engagement exercise on the proposals was carried out in May 2022 including an open drop in session at the Old Town Hall building, online questionnaire and direct engagement with stakeholders such as the Market Traders, RNLI, Whitby Civic Society, Whitby DAG, Green Lane Community Connections and Members of both Whitby Town Council and the then Scarborough Borough Council. We received just under 400 responses to the engagement with the majority supportive of the proposals to repair and restore the Old Town Hall building bringing it back into use with a more vibrant Market Place. However, we did receive a number of concerns regarding the second platform at the bottom of the Market Place around vehicle access, its safety and the impact it would have on the setting of the Market Place. As a result of this feedback, the project team amended the proposals put forward and this second platform was removed from the plans leaving the Market Place to slope away as currently and just the upper platform remaining to allow safe access from the Market Place to the undercroft and vice versa.

The planning application submitted for approval showed the platform and steps in its entirety from all elevations. The materials that will be used for the construction of these steps will be matched to existing materials within the Market place and Old Town Hall building to ensure it is in keeping with the setting.

#### **Terri-Anne Jones**

I speak to you today as a concerned parent of a current year 6 student and member of the community. NYC declare you are "active at the heart of your local communities, listen to concerns and respond to the needs of the public to deal with issues that are important to where we live" Whitby children need you to get answers so they have the best future possible.

The concerns about the amalgamation of Eskdale school and Caedmon College Whitby, which were raised in both consultation periods and ignored by NYC and the governors have become a reality that will damage generations of children.

The federation is in such a mess that there is an external executive management team trying to sort things out, the exec head has left, both co chairs have stepped down to be replaced with the CEO of Coast and Vale Academy Trust - none of this publicly announced by the trust. They also delayed an Ofted inspection, but it is predicted requires improvement at best.

The college themselves have issued an email about the drop off and collection of children, they advertised there is parking on Mayfield Road, this is one of the main roads in and out of Whitby, have highways been consulted with the situation set to get worse next year?

The big thing from the consultation was that Whitby needs 6th form, I don't disagree but it needs to be financially viable, and should not be at the cost of every 11-16 year old in the area. Since 2019 Caedmon College has received over £600,000 of council and government money for a sustainable and thriving 6th form -136 students last year and they won't give this years figures without an FOI. There has never been an impact report for this money, how do they know the impact on education, how do we know that the money was well spent?

I feel that my child's education is at risk going to Caedmon College but because she's only going in to year 7 there are no options, unlike post 16 there is no subsidised travel to another area, there is no travel to any other school, so what happens to children who are unhappy, excluded, bullied or needs not met?

The trust between the governors, NYC, the community and parents has been destroyed since January. From parents and children up to Whitby Town Council everyone has been ignored when they called for answers age!

I ask today that a meeting of NYC, the governors and the community is held so the plan going forward is explained in detail, so parents like myself can reassure our children that they will get the best education, they will be safe and have access to the basic human needs like food at lunch time. Every child in the Whitby Area deserves better, the community deserve honesty and clarity about what's happening in education in Whitby. Every parent should have confidence in the school their child attends, not looking if they can afford to travel over 80 miles a day dropping off and collecting their child, or if home schooling is the only realistic option, especially with the cost of living crisis.

#### WHO IS EDUCATION FOR?

#### Officer Response

Thank you for your comments.

The Council's Executive Committee considered the proposal to amalgamate Caedmon College Whitby and Eskdale School at their meeting on 20 June 2023. We note that you spoke at that meeting and at a previous meeting when the amalgamation was on the agenda on 18 April.

The drop off and collection of children was considered in the Executive report (section 7.27). Parents have a role to play in reducing congestion and increasing pupil safety and are responsible for parking safely around school sites. The amalgamation will be implemented in September 2024, and before this time a traffic assessment is being carried out to see if any appropriate improvements to the local highway infrastructure are required.

With regards to the sixth form, many queries were raised and considered during the Council's consultation process. As for all schools with sixth forms, the quality of education is inspected as part of Ofsted's routine inspections.

We note your comments about the risk of children being bullied. Schools are responsible for ensuring children are supported and any identified bullying is addressed. Children from the school who spoke to Local Authority's officers reported that they were confident staff would tackle bullying; parents of children already in the school also shared this view.

A petition containing 2468 signatures was previously considered at this committee in March. At the Council's Executive Committee meeting in June, it was confirmed that the Council has complied with the legislation for publishing the statutory proposals and regarding consultations being carried out prior to any proposal to close a maintained school. The petition, 463 written consultation responses, over 100 emails to the Executive Member for Education, Learning and Skills and 26 items of correspondence to officers as well as the views of public gathered at two public meetings (attended by 237 people) were considered prior to the decision being made.

School leaders are now responsible for liaising with parents, children and staff about how the amalgamation will be implemented and what this means for pupils. Through local management of schools, governors are responsible for oversight of their schools. Officers are aware that plans are being made for school leaders to meet with parents and to communicate their plans at different stages of the school year. The Local Authority will continue to support and work with school leaders as the school manages this transition period.

It is hoped that this offers some assurance to you, however if you continue to have concerns about the operation of the school we would encourage you to contact the school to discuss and address these.

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#### Jean Spink

Taking into account the concerns about poorer health outcomes of those living in coastal areas and intense public local concern on the East Coast:

Could the method of data collection of Standardised Mortality for people who die from Stroke be clarified for the public and agreed upon by the relevant; Integrated Care Boards, Providers of Stroke Services, North Yorkshire County Council Health Scrutiny Committee and other relevant County Councils in their scrutiny mechanisms?

This would take account of the fact that individuals who have a catastrophic stroke and live on the East Coast may be cared for (transported to) a range of different care providers and localities eg York, Hull or Middlesbrough.

I request this so that it may be established the extent to which the Scarborough Area people suffer from the lack of immediate care following a stroke. It would be useful to the committee to have comparable data (and data collected in the same way) with reference to different hospitals as the population receives care which crosses administrative boundaries. The committee needs to compare outcomes across 3 different hospitals

#### Officer Response

The Council works closely with the NHS Trust, who were at the recent Scrutiny of Health Committee where this subject was discussed at length. Due to the complexity of the question we have forwarded it onto the Trust for comment. When the information becomes available a response will be communicated back to you.

#### **Rory Newman**

What progress if any has been made towards the promised extra care housing development on the Whitby Hospital site? What are the current plans for 1 Larpool Lane?

#### Officer Response

The Council continues to work actively on the extra care development in Whitby. Delivery has been impacted by COVID disruption and the rising costs of construction and materials. However, we are hopeful that we will be able to bring proposals to Executive in the near future. Whitby is one of our key sites for extra care.

Larpool Lane continues to provide a residential service. At such a time as the new Whitby Extra Care scheme is secured, we will review the future of Larpool Lane and the potential use of the building and site.

#### Lynne Walker

The W.I. 2023 Resolution is to work with local and national authorities as well as the public to highlight pollution of any river or sea to improve water to Bathing Water standard. The River Esk is particularly concerning as is the storm outlet at Sandsend into the North Sea and to this end we have already mounted an exhibition in Whitby Library which will remain until mid October.

Can we ask North Yorkshire Council to support Whitby WI's campaign in order for the River Esk and the North Sea (Staithes to Robin Hoods Bay) to be restored back to bathing water standards?

#### Officer Response

committee on the 6 June 2023 invited the Environmental Agency to discuss the issues in depth. In December, the committee will meet with representatives from Yorkshire Water as part of our ongoing role in monitoring the situation. Minutes from these meeting are available online for the public to review should they wish to observe the progress being made.

We continue to cooperate with all stakeholders involved in resolving these shared concerns.

#### **Adrian Perry**

Speaking on behalf of the members of the Civic Society and Friends of South Cliff Gardens I wish to express our deep concern regarding the recent practice of individuals setting up tents in public areas in Scarborough. While I understand the importance of providing assistance and support to those in need, I believe that allowing tents in public parkland poses significant challenges and concerns for our community.

First and foremost, it is essential to recognize that public gardens and shelters are established with the primary goal of providing enjoyment for the general public. Allowing individuals to set up tents in these areas can lead to several issues:

Safety Concerns: Tents within shelters increasing the risk of accidents, fires, and the spread of diseases. It is crucial to maintain a safe and sanitary environment for everyone.

Access to Resources: When some individuals are allowed to set up tents in shelters, it creates an unfair distribution of resources, by excluding those who wish to make use of the publicly funded resource.

Community Perception: Allowing tents in public gardens may negatively affect our community's perception of these facilities and discourage donations and support from the public, making it harder to maintain and improve them.

Surely it is against a law to behave in this way. What are the legalities relating to this issue and how can the behaviour be curtailed?

#### Officer Response (provided after the meeting)

I would like to confirm that the Council is also concerned with the recent practice of tents/encampments being set up in public areas in Scarborough. The Council's initial approach to these individuals is one of providing support and guidance from our Homelessness and Safer Communities teams and if necessary a welfare assessment is carried out. If the individual refuses to leave then a formal letter is served on them and if required the Council will exercise its right to remove them using reasonable force with the assistance of bailiffs.

I would like to assure you that the Council is not 'allowing' individuals to camp on public land and where such an issue is brought to our attention then suitable action is taken.

#### 34 Attendance of MP Rt Hon Sir Robert Goodwill

In providing an overview to the committee of some of his areas of work, concerns and priorities, the MP referred to the ongoing issues with bus services in rural areas as highlighted by the public speaker, and the reasons for low usage which had not returned to pre-covid levels; problems caused by inconsiderate camper van parking; the justification for the amalgamation of Eskdale school and Caedmon College given 42% surplus school places in Whitby; his recent visit to Sage 33 ool, the only school in North Yorkshire

affected by the safety risk recently exposed in relation to reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete (RAAC) and the multiple measures being taken to address this risk; and that he would be raising with the Government that some latitude be given to affected students taking exams next year and that the LEA be given financial assistance to meet additional student transport costs arising from RAAC.

Following this introduction, the issues raised by elected members included:

- Animal cruelties perpetrated by fox hunts despite the Hunting Act 2004 and alternative ways to control the fox population
- Progress with Government proposals to introduce a registration scheme and planning controls in respect of short term holiday lets
- Concerns around proposals to extend permitted development rights in the national parks and the need to preserve old agricultural buildings which form part of the landscape
- Concerns around the reduction in local councillor representation on national park bodies
- Pressure on on-street residents' parking in Scarborough caused by the growth in short term holiday lets and ways to alleviate this pressure

The Chair thanked Sir Robert Goodwill MP for his attendance and his responses to members' questions.

#### 35 Community Resilience and Emergency Planning

Considered – a presentation by Matthew Robinson, Head of Resilience and Emergencies, about the council's and Division Members' roles in local emergency planning and management. During incidents, this included how Members and the Council could work together towards reporting incidents; how information could be accessed; and the role of media communication. After incidents, this included information on the recovery phase; debriefing and lessons learned. Further, the presentation introduced the community resilience profile, an innovative one-page document featured in Member Handbooks that would provide an overview of the constituency area. The focus of the document would be adjusted depending on Member feedback, with a focus this year on flooding. Mr Robinson suggested that the committee consider an offer to accept a designated emergency planning officer for the area constituency who could act as the contact for Members and engage in conversations to develop community resilience. Finally, the presentation featured data on the locality's flood risk, plans, and take up of the Environmental Agency's early warning programme.

#### Resolved -

- i. That the presentation be noted;
- ii. That the Area Committee accept the offer of a designated emergency planning officer for the area constituency and an annual report to the ACC.

#### 36 Verbal update on Scarborough Hospital performance

This item was deferred following apologies for absence received from York and Scarborough Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.

#### 37 Stronger Communities Update

Considered – A report and presentation by Paddy Chandler, Stronger Communities Delivery Manager, about the Stronger Communities Programme and the progress made in

this area constituency area. Members were advised about the start of the developmental journey of the Community Anchor Organisation model, exploring how locally rooted organisations could support the health, wellbeing and prevention agenda and wider community resilience, in addition to progress made through a number of new countywide and national initiatives launched over the past 18 months. The particular focus of these new initiatives was to alleviate the cost-of-living pressures experienced by families and residents on low incomes.

Members welcomed the report and the take up of initiatives such as the Holiday Activities and Food Programme and the Household Support Fund.

Following presentation of the report, questions from members concerned:

- How the service identified and addressed unmet demand and how referrals were made
- Teaching cooking skills and how to prepare inexpensive hot food
- How the Holiday Activities and Food Programme should be extended to support children with disabilities and special educational needs
- The current extent of digital exclusion in the area constituency
- The ongoing importance of the North Yorkshire Local Assistance Fund for which demand was continuing to rise
- The take up of shopping e-vouchers as part of the Household Support Fund amidst concerns that publicity around the scheme could be improved
- The concern that use of shopping vouchers benefited the big supermarket chains

In reply, members were advised that:

- The service worked closely with Public Health to shape grant investment and the projects outlined in the report drew on local information.
- The service was working with a wide range of projects supporting food provision and the Slow Cooker project was an example of an initiative which addressed cooking skills.
- The council's Digital Inclusion Strategy was being refreshed based on the latest data.
- Yes, the Holiday Activities and Food Programme supported children with disabilities and special educational needs where cost was a barrier.
- In previous phases the take up of e-vouchers was 90% plus, whilst an alternative cash support scheme to a voucher support scheme had been considered at the recent food insecurity partnership event, but was not without its disadvantages.

Mr Chandler also undertook to provide a more detailed written response on these matters to the committee.

**Resolved** – That the report be noted.

#### 38 Appointments to Outside Bodies

Considered – A report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services) which invited the committee to make appointments, on behalf of the council, to various outside bodies.

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#### Resolved -

(i) That the following members be appointed to the outside bodies listed below:

Esk Valley Railway Development Company Cllr Neil Swannick

Scarborough United Scholarships Foundation Cllr Roberta Swiers with the John Kendall Trust Cllr David Jeffels

Cllr David Jeffels Cllr John Ritchie

#### 39 Scarborough & Whitby Area Constituency Committee Work Programme 2023/24

Considered -

The report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services) asking Members to review the Work Programme, taking into account the outcome of discussions on previous agenda items and any other developments taking place across the area. Following the feedback on bathing water quality provided at Item 32, Members agreed to invite Yorkshire Water to the committee's 1st December meeting. Moreover, in addition to rescheduling the NHS Trust's update to the committee to a future meeting, Members requested a briefing by the NHS Trust in the interim. Members were advised that to address the very busy Work Programme, officers would work with the Chair, Vice Chair, and Group Spokesperson at the mid-cycle briefings to consider the best way of dealing with potential items e.g. through formal reports to committee, presentations to committee, reports to note, written briefings or informal remote briefings. Finally, the Undercroft at the Whitby Pavilion was proposed as a permanent venue for the ACC in Whitby.

**Resolved** - That the Democracy Officer update the work programme to reflect the decisions made during the meeting.

#### 40 Any Other Items

There was no urgent business.

#### 41 Date of Next Meeting

Friday, 1 December 2023

#### 42 Reports circulated for information only

These were noted by the committee.

The meeting concluded at 1.15 pm.



# Winter Preparedness on the Coast

Scarborough and Whitby Area Constituency Committee

Louise Wallace, Director of Public Health 01 December 2023

# CMO Health in an Ageing Society - 2023

CMO 2023 report: <u>Health in an Ageing Society</u> focuses on improving quality of life rather than just longevity; looking at:

- Reducing disability and ill health
- Adapting the environment to allow people with disability in older age to live as independent and enjoyable life as possible

Strong focus on coastal and rural communities, with dedicated section on North Yorkshire (Chapter 3.5)

Makes 6 recommendations for the system to respond:

housing & transport primary & secondary prevention screening data sharing research



# **Health Protection Update**

## NYC COVID-19 guidance

- NYC care settings COVID-19 guidance updated October 2023 to include autumn vaccine information Page
  - Main points remain the same in line with national guidance
  - NYC COVID-19 policy has also been updated again remains in line with national guidance People with symptoms of a respiratory infection including COVID-19 -GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)



Flu and COVID-19 vaccines available for free for eligible cohorts through community pharmacies and participating GP practices.

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The flu and COVID-19 vaccines are given free on the NHS to eligible cohorts https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/seasonal-health/keep-warm-keep-well/

For people who are not eligible for free vaccines on the NHS, flu (but not COVID-19) vaccines can still be accessed via participating local pharmacies for c.£12-15



- Flu clinics were arranged starting from the w/c 9th October end of October.
- Where possible, staff had the option to get their COVID-19 vaccine at the same appointment.
- Frontline social care staff were eligible i.e. NYC staff who were directly involved in the care of patients or clients, including employees who provide community-based care services to people in their own homes, or who care for people in residential care homes or other facilities, or others involved directly in delivering health and social care such that they and vulnerable patients/clients are at increased risk of exposure to flu.
  - As in previous years, eligible staff could also pay for a flu vaccine at a pharmacy and get the cost reimbursed through MyView



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- Rise in cases over the last year and UKHSA are expecting an increase in cases this autumn.
- Measles is a highly contagious disease and can cause serious problems.
  - We are seeing a decline in Measles, Mumps & Rubella (MMR) vaccine uptake which is reducing herd immunity.
- North Yorkshire vaccine uptake rates are generally better than England but there are pockets where rates are low (e.g. Scarborough locality).
- Increasing the uptake of the MMR vaccine is hugely important and we have asked schools, early years settings and our CYPS colleagues to do what they can to promote the vaccination.



# Scarborough focused work

- Established a multi-agency group working on vaccine and screening related inequalities in Scarborough.
- Group led by NY Public Health in collaboration with partners including NHS England, the School Age Immunisations Service, HNY ICB colleagues, Primary Care Networks, GPs, NYC Early Help colleagues, Stronger Communities, libraries and additional partners as required

#### Work to date includes:

- promotion of resources through different groups/organisations
- bespoke and targeted webinars to schools to increase understanding and uptake of immunisations
- organisation of ad hoc immunisation clinics
- support to vaccinate refugee and asylum seeking families
- Early data indicates some improvements in terms of uptake of immunisations.



- The multi-agency seasonal health partnership, chaired by Fire Rescue Service and administered by NYC, works together to reduce the health impacts of hot and cold weather in line with the NY Seasonal Health Strategy
- Annual Seasonal health conference held in September on 'preparing for winter' (covered comms, partnership updates, NHS/social care, lottery funding, warm spaces, POMOC)
  - NYC winter health comms messages collated (e.g. vaccinations, Warm & Well, staying warm etc.) – will be available online here: www.northyorks.gov.uk/winterhealth



# Warm and Well

- NYC Public Health work in partnership with organisations across the county supporting those in fuel poverty, led by <u>North Yorkshire Citizens Advice & Law Centre</u>
- Warm and Well in North Yorkshire raises awareness of the impact of cold homes on our health and wellbeing,
  offers practical solutions to reduce fuel poverty, and supports people and communities to stay warm and well in
  winter
- Clients can be referred for support with their energy bills, fuel debit or staying warm at home with Warm and Well in North Yorkshire by telephone on 01609 767 555 or submitting details via the online referral form at <a href="https://www.warmandwell.org.uk/Referral-Form">https://www.warmandwell.org.uk/Referral-Form</a>
- Key signs of a cold home are condensation/damp, wearing lots of clothes inside, using portable heaters excessively or appearing to be cold
- There are a variety of support schemes and organisations in North Yorkshire which may to able to help or offer advise – these can be found on the NYC website <u>Cost of living support | North Yorkshire Council</u> including the North Yorkshire Local Assistance Fund
- Some areas of the County can apply for funding for energy efficiency measures for homes. Find out more information at <u>Schemes and grants | North Yorkshire Council</u>
- Other support includes the Winter Fuel Payment, Warm Home Discount Scheme and Cold Weather Payments

# **Stronger Communities Resilience Work:**

## **Household Support Fund:**

Direct award to eligible households

Additional support for North
Yorkshire Local Assistance Fund

HSF Energy Support Scheme via North Yorkshire Citizens Advice & Law Centre

## **Coastal grants to food providers:**

Filey community fridge





Gallows Close









or better



Food 4 Whitby

Hope Whitby's Malachi storehouse (free food hampers, sanitary products, happies, hats, gloves etc

Eastfield Westway Open Arms (foodbank and benefit claim support)

Sparks (food/benefit claim support)

Free/community fridges in Hunmanby, Eastfield, Westborough, the Street in Scarborough

Company Shop at Eastfield (discounted supermarket and inexpensive café – free for children)

Salvation Army

Age UK



## Improving Discharge for Winter 23/24 – Adult Social Care



#### To support discharges NYC and HNY ICB are working together to build resilience over winter 23/24:

- Improved Market Capacity in Scarborough has supported more people to return home on discharge.
- For **bedded intermediate care** we have beds across three Community Hospitals in Bridlington, Whitby and Malton all serving Scarborough Hospital.
- NYC and ICB have commissioned beds in NYC Care Homes in Filey and Whitby with the majority of them receiving therapy stepped up from the community.
- Additional Nursing beds have been commissioned in Scarborough and Malton to build resilience in the system across winter \$\omega23/24.
- Virtual Ward acute care delivered to people in their own homes.
- Night nursing service Enables people with higher acuity to be managed at home, particularly End of Life & virtual ward patients
- End of life home care capacity strengthened by St Catherine's Hospice.
- Falls pathways strengthened with UCR and improved first responder service
- Improved processes for multi-disciplinary team (MDT) discussions on a daily basis and early identification of patients
- Improvement of process and supporting documentation to discharge patients from acute hospital to other care settings including home

# **Improving resilience Winter 23/24 – Community**



Urgent Care transformation sits within the context of wider system developments and is particularly co-dependant on Community Services. In place for Winter 23/24 are:

- New intermediate care model is currently being developed in partnership with NYC and is starting to reduce the number of people not meeting the criteria to reside in acute hospitals as well as impacting on long term care outcomes.
- Strengthened Home First capacity based on reablement and therapy working in an integrated approach is supporting more hospital discharges.

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**In-reach therapy from community providers** into **intermediate care beds** in NYC residential facilities allows appropriate patients to come out of hospital more quickly and is allowing them to return home at the end of their stay.

- New Virtual Ward beds are now in place through partnerships between acute and community services. Work is underway
  to build clinical expertise, strengthen consultant and GP medical oversight, extend bed numbers and promote use of the service.
- 8am 8pm urgent crisis response services delivered through community providers with capacity for more patients over winter 2023/24.
- Immedicare telemedicine service in place in 79 care homes across North Yorkshire providing urgent care advice.

# **Improving resilience Winter 23/24 – Urgent Care**



The ICB have made significant progress implementing a new model of urgent care which will address the challenges of provision, demand and access ahead of this Winter. These include:

- The North Yorkshire and York Urgent Care Board and the North Yorkshire and York Integrated Urgent Care (IUC)
   Redesign and Procurement Groups have been established. These oversee the delivery of winter planning, implementation of new service models and operational oversight on system performance to provide operational resilience.
- Working with key providers across York and Scarborough to increase staff resilience across the Trust footprint in both GP Out Of Hours services and the Urgent Treatment Centres ahead of this winter.
- To support the timely ambulance handovers we have commissioned CIPHER to provide a cohorting service 24/7 at Scarborough and York Hospitals until 31st March 2024.
- A new Emergency Department (1st phase) opened at York hospital in July 2023
- Improvement of the Emergency Department at Scarborough hospital in progress and planned to open in April 2024
- Refreshed system **escalation plan operating across North Yorkshire and York to improve how the whole system responds** to surge in demand and provides mutual aid and support where and when it's needed.
- Design and implementation planned for a new 24/7 service specification in 2024 which delivers a consistent patient offer

# **Improving resilience Winter 23/24 – Primary Care**

#### The ICB continues to support and strengthen capacity in Primary Care – this includes:

- Over 200 additional roles created to provide additional capacity in primary care (across NY) and support increases in same day and next day urgent care demand. Types of roles include Mental Health Support Workers, Social Prescribers and Physiotherapists.
- There is a well-established **OPEL** (Operating Pressures Escalation Levels) system in place for general practice to report demand, activity and capacity each day into the ICB. This is used as part of a comprehensive view of primary care pressures and where support is required to alleviate pressure, where possible.

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Practices are able to take part in a nationally supported **Improvement Programme**, as part of building modern general practice

- Supporting practices with analogue phone lines to move to **digital telephony** as part of modern general practice. This helps to improve telephone access and better manage telephone demand.
- Maximising usage of Enhanced Access to provide patients with appointments over evenings and weekends.
- Primary care is a key partner in each of the North Yorkshire Locality Care Partnerships which have been established to provide more focus on local priorities and strengthen joint working. The East Coast Locality Care Partnership is chaired by a Primary Care Network Clinical Director.

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#### **North Yorkshire Council**

#### **Scarborough and Whitby Area Constituency Committee**

#### **01 December 2023**

## Annual Report of Performance against the Safety Plan (Port Marine Safety Code)

#### **Report of the Corporate Director – Environment**

#### 1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To ensure North Yorkshire Council, in its role as the Statutory Harbour Authority for Whitby and Scarborough Harbours, meets its obligations to report an annual assessment of performance against the Safety Plan.
- 1.2 To reassure the Scarborough and Whitby Area Constituency Committee that procedures are in place to ensure that the Council's Ports continue to be operated in a safe manner and to confirm that the Corporate Director for Environment, as the "Duty Holder", is fully informed of the port's performance against the plan, as required by the Port Marine Safety Code.

#### 2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 The Port Marine Safety Code (the code) is a nationally agreed standard designed to implement safety standards for marine operations, at ports, harbours and marine facilities throughout the United Kingdom.
- 2.2 The code consists of two documents namely the Port Marine Safety Code (PMSC) itself and an associated "guide to good practice on port marine operations". The code was last updated in November 2016 and the Guide to Good Practice was updated in February 2018. The codes aim to assist Harbour Authorities and facilities, who are accountable for managing marine operations within their jurisdiction, in maintaining a safe environment. These aims are designed to be achieved through the implementation of individual Marine Safety Management Systems (SMS) that are based on a formal risk assessment process. This ensures that the risks associated with marine operations are properly identified and managed to a level which is tolerable and as low as reasonably practicable. It should be noted that this does not mean that all risks have been removed but rather that risks have been identified and mitigation measures put in place, where possible, reasonable and appropriate.
- 2.3 North Yorkshire Council's Safety Management System, along with the Safety Policy and Safety Plan, are based upon the concepts and standards contained within the PMSC and the Guide to Good Practice published by the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA). The aims of the SMS, as defined by the Duty Holder are:
  - To ensure, as far as is reasonably practicable, the safety of all users of the Harbours and their services.
  - To undertake and regulate marine operations in a way that, as far as is reasonably practicable, safeguards the harbour, its users, the public and the environment.
  - To conserve and promote a safety culture within the Harbour environment.

- Provide adequate resources to successfully discharge the Council's obligations under the Port Marine Safety Code.
- Ensure that procedures are in place for the effective maintenance, operation, improvement or conservancy of the Harbours.
- To prevent loss or injury caused by the Authority's negligence.
- To manage the relevant assets of the Authority safely and efficiently.
- To discharge the duties and powers described in the PMSC.
- To recruit and train operational staff to nationally agreed competence levels.
- 2.4 The Duty Holder publishes a Statement of Compliance to the Chief Executive of the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) every three years which was last submitted in March 2021.
- 2.5 The SMS is reviewed and enhanced on an ongoing basis including formally at quarterly Port Marine Safety Code Management Committee meetings. These enhancements incorporate changes made following publication by the MCA of updated versions of the PMSC, the Guide to Good Practice, annual Health Check Trend analysis and internal (23 August 2023) & external audits (20 September 2023). Internal audits are conducted regularly by the Designated Person. External audits are required by the PMSC to be conducted every three years however, North Yorkshire Council has opted to enhance this by conducting these annually with an independent marine consultant

#### 3.0 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The PMSC was introduced in 2000 and has been updated regularly and most recently in December 2016. The code sets out a national standard for a wide range of aspects of port marine safety. Its aim is to enhance safety for everyone who uses or works in the UK port marine environment. It is endorsed by the UK Government, the devolved administrations and representatives from across the maritime sector and, while the Code is not mandatory, these bodies have a strong expectation that all harbour authorities and facilities will comply. Numerous sections of the Code are based upon mandatory legislation. The Code is intended to be flexible enough that any size or type of harbour or marine facility will be able to apply its principles in a way that is appropriate and proportionate to local requirements.
- 3.2 The Statutory Harbour Authority has a proven Safety Management System which aims to ensure that policies, plans and procedures undergo review and are developed, where necessary, to satisfy the requirements of the code. Upon completion of reviews, any amendments are consulted upon with the PMSC Management Committee, which includes user representation and upon agreement are implemented. Amendments can be seen in a change log as the SMS is updated and the SMS is reapproved annually by the Duty Holder who signs the SMS Statement of Compliance. An external audit by Independent Marine Consultants was undertaken on 20 September 2023.
- 3.3 The Code states that the 'Duty Holder' is accountable for the organisation's compliance with the Code and its performance in ensuring safe marine operations. The Code outlines how that responsibility is discharged, based on the general principle that the duty holder is ultimately accountable for safe and efficient operations. The Duty Holder makes a clear published commitment to comply with the standards laid down in the Code. The PMSC also states that the Duty Holder may not abdicate responsibility on the grounds that they do not have particular skills.
- 3.4 The PMSC requires that each organisation must appoint an individual as the designated person (DP) to provide independent assurance directly to the Duty Holder that the marine safety management system, for which the Duty Holder is responsible, is working effectively. Their main responsibility is to determine, through assessment and audit, the effectiveness of the marine safety management system in ensuring compliance with the Code. Ultimately

it is the Duty Holder who is responsible for deciding who should be appointed as the DP in order to provide the level of assurance that they believe is necessary to comply with the Code. In the case of North Yorkshire Council, the Assistant Director for IPT, Licencing, Public Rights of Way and Harbours has been appointed as the Designated Person who must have direct access with both the Duty Holder and senior harbour management.

- 3.5 The MCA is responsible to the Secretary of State for Transport in advising on the composition and application of the Code to all ports in the UK. This includes but is not limited to the conducting of Health Checks and the monitoring of compliance of harbour authorities against the code.
- 3.6 The MCA generally endeavours to conduct health checks of eight harbour authorities per annum and Scarborough Borough Council as the Harbour Authority undertook a health check in November 2017. This Health Check confirmed compliance with the code and highlighted a number of 'good practice' areas which have since been shared with other Authorities around the UK.
- 3.7 Unless targeted specifically, it is not likely that another routine health check will take place in our ports for a number of years however, it is important that compliance be maintained, and complacency avoided.
- In addition to marine activity, the Harbours and its extensive associated infrastructure are also utilised by a significant volume of general public either for leisure or work-based activities. The Code highlights the need to protect all persons from dangers arising from marine activities within the harbour or associated facilities. The Harbour Authority are committed to safeguarding the Harbours for all users to ensure, as far as is reasonably practicable, the safety of all.

#### 4.0 MEASURES

- 4.1 **Vessel traffic within the harbours limits** are monitored 24 hours, 365 days per year from the Local Port Services (LPS) offices, commonly referred to as 'Port Control'. Harbour watch keepers are trained in LPS, and have the delegated power of the Harbour Master to advise and direct vessels.
- 4.2 **Senior Harbour Management** are available on a 24/7- 365 day rota system to ensure that a Duty Harbour Master is always available to give support and guidance to LPS staff and to react to any emergencies.
- 4.3 **Issuing Navigational Notices.** The Harbour Authority is responsible for the timely promulgation of navigation information to all harbour users and liaison with external partners including HM Coastguard and the UK Hydrographic Office.
- 4.4 **Harbour Works Management.** The Harbour Authority is responsible for managing many aspects of harbour works within its jurisdiction. Applications are reviewed to ensure they do not adversely affect the harbour, its regimes or environments and ultimately the users and safety of navigation.
- 4.5 **Port Conservancy.** Conservation of the hydrographic regime and the aids to navigation of the ports is achieved under the Authority's powers as a Local Lighthouse Authority and through a programme of dredging utilising the Authority's own dredging equipment. Whilst the Authority has powers to dredge the harbours, separate licensing is required for the disposal of spoil at sea. This licensing is managed by the Marine Management Organisation.

- Incident Investigation. Incidents relating to marine/port user activities within harbour limits are the subject of an investigation process, carried out by a member of the Harbour Management team and if required, external agencies. The main aim of this process is to prevent any recurrence. Where required or of particular interest, incidents are reported to the Marine Accident Investigation Branch (MAIB) and the Harbour Authority will assist external agencies with their investigations, as appropriate.
- 4.7 **Environmental Protection**. The Harbour Authority maintains compliance with the Oil Pollution Preparedness, Response and Co-operation (OPRC) requirements. This includes the maintenance of an Oil Spill Plan, equipment necessary for the handling of small incidents and a contract with a tier two responder for larger incidents. Harbour staff have undertaken training to deal with oil spill incidents and regularly exercise locally. The plans implementation has been the subject of an external audit during 2022 conducted by the Maritime and Coastguard Agency. A full Tier Two Exercise was conducted in February 2023 including our Tier Two Responder and involvement from the MCAs Counter Pollution team.
- 4.8 **Safety Management System.** The Designated Person conducts the internal audit regularly, and additionally external independent marine consultants undertake an external audit. The objective is to provide assurance to the Duty Holder that the SMS is working effectively and that the Harbour Authority is complaint with the recommendations of the PMSC.
- 4.9 The following information while not exhaustive is a guide to the harbour authority's performance against the plan.

Measure	Objective	Measurement of Performance
Availability of Senior Harbour Management	Ensure 24/7 availability of Senior Harbour Management	24/7-365 rota system maintained ensuring availability of a Harbour Master at all times to support the port functions.
Advise and direct vessel traffic within the harbours limits.	Ensure the Safety of Navigation through advice and direction.	Ensured 24/7 Local Port Services availability, provided LPS refresher training to staff. Continued to enhance watchkeeper procedures and training with the implementation of additional Standard Operating Procedures.(SOPs) Continued to expand digitisation to ensure all members of staff can rapidly access SOPs, emergency procedures and vessel information.
Issue of navigational information	Ensure the safety of vessels navigating within the harbour limits.	Timely promulgation and dissemination of notice to mariners and local notice to mariners. Utilised social media, where appropriate, to ensure wider dissemination of safety notices.
Harbour works management	Ensure works within the harbours are conducted in a safe and compliant manner.	Provided input to external parties and consulted on planning applications. Collaborated on major project groups. Issued Permits to Work after assessment of appropriate Risk Assessments and Method Statements.
Port Conservancy	To take reasonable care to ensure the harbours are maintained in a fit	Maintained Local Aids to Navigation in excess of the national target (97%) achieved at 99.56%. Maintained Dredger capabilities and Marine License

In eigh of	condition for vessels to use them safely.	compliance. Continued to work with the Marine Management Organisation to establish a marine license for the disposal of dredged spoil at Scarborough Harbour in the face of increasing resistance to the disposal of spoil at sea.
Incident investigation	Ensure incidents/accidents are investigated to allow analysis and reduction in risk.	Conducted all investigations, analysed and implemented appropriate measures, liaised and assisted external agencies as required. See further information below.
Environmental Protection	Ensure preparedness for risk of pollution been discharged into harbour waters and Port Waste Management regulations adhered to.	Port Waste Management Plans have been developed which meet Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) requirements. Successful undertook an audit of the Oil Response Plan implementation by the MCA and established the groundwork for a harbours led multi-agency exercise, early in 2023.
Safety Management System	DP provides independent assurance to the Duty Holder that the SMS is operating effectively.	Achieved through internal and external audits, results implemented in the SMS and re-adoption. Enhanced systems and procedures developed including digitalisation allowing for increased efficiency and enhanced monitoring capabilities. Ensured importance of PMSC understood within the context of Local Government Reorganisation and establish agreement about the requirement for the Duty Holder to be at the most senior level within the new organisation.

- 4.10 The Harbour Authority analyses incident trends to identify any emerging hazards and if possible, implement control measures to reduce the number of incidents.
- 4.11 The effects of the pandemic can be clearly seen on incident statistics throughout 2020 and into 2021. During this period, owing to vastly reduced numbers of users around our harbours, the number of incidents had dropped to a minimal level.
- 4.12 This has been carefully monitored to ensure that the drop in reported incidents was in fact as a result of the pandemic and wasn't from a failure of incident reporting and investigation procedures. Since the pandemic years, incident rates have return to pre-pandemic levels are roughly comparable to 2018/19.

**Incident Type Trends** 20 Capsizing 18 Collision/Contact 16 Fall from height 14 of Incidents Grounding Misc Near Miss Number 8 Person in Water 6 Pollution Sinking 4 Structures/Property 2 Security 0 Personal Injury 2015 2016 2018 2019 2023 (to date)

Figure 1 Cumulative data from 1 January 2015 to date

#### 5.0 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN AND RESPONSES

5.1 Since implementation in 2000 the Port Marine Safety Code has been widely consulted on. Harbour stakeholders and user representatives have been consulted as necessary. The harbours Safety Management System is supported by the requisite legislation which has been previously consulted on before becoming law.

#### 6.0 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

6.1 There are alternative methods to ensure the operation of safe harbours, however the Port Marine Safety Code is regarded as national best practice.

#### 7.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

#### 8.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

8.1 There are no legal implications arising from this report.

#### 9.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

9.1 Consideration has been given to the potential for any adverse equality impacts arising from this report (see Appendix A). It is not expected that this report will lead to adverse impacts and a full Equalities Impact Assessment is not required.

#### 10.0 CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS

10.1 Consideration has been given to the potential for any adverse climate impacts arising from this report (see Appendix B). It is not expected that this report will lead to adverse impacts and a full Climate Impact Assessment is not required.

#### 11.0 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

11.1 Safe management and operation of the Council's Ports, in line with best practice guidance set out in the Port Marine Safety Code, is a key commitment by North Yorkshire Council as Statutory Harbour Authority. This report details Council's compliance with the Code and, in line with best practice guidance for municipal harbours governance, an annual compliance report will be provided to the relevant Area Constituency Committee for consideration.

#### 12.0 RECOMMENDATION(S)

To accept and acknowledge the Harbour Authority's report of performance against the recommendations of the Port Marine Safety Code (PMSC).

#### **APPENDICIES**

APPENDIX A – EIA Screening form APPENDIX B – Climate Change Impact Assessment

#### **BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:**

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Report Author – Capt Chris Burrows, Head of Harbours and Harbour Master Presenter of Report – Paul Thompson, Assistant Director and Gary Pearson, Deputy Harbour Master

Note: Members are invited to contact the author in advance of the meeting with any detailed queries or questions.

Initial equality impact assessment screening form

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.

Directorate	Environment
Service area	Harbours
Proposal being screened	Port Marine Safety Code (PMSC) Annual Performance
	Report
Officer(s) carrying out screening	Gary Pearson
What are you proposing to do?	Provide assurance on operational compliance with the
	Port Marine Safety Code.
Why are you proposing this? What are the desired outcomes?	As required by the PMSC
Does the proposal involve a significant	No.
commitment or removal of resources?	
Please give details.	

Impact on people with any of the following protected characteristics as defined by the Equality Act 2010, or NYCC's additional agreed characteristics

As part of this assessment, please consider the following questions:

- To what extent is this service used by particular groups of people with protected characteristics?
- Does the proposal relate to functions that previous consultation has identified as important?
- Do different groups have different needs or experiences in the area the proposal relates to?

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 <u>Equality rep</u> for advice if you are in any doubt.

Protected characteristic	Potential f	or adverse impact	Don't know/No
	Yes	No	info available
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	
People in rural areas		X	
People on a low income		X	
Carer (unpaid family or friend)		X	
Are from the Armed Forces Community		X	
Does the proposal relate to an area where there are known inequalities/probable impacts (e.g. disabled people's access to public transport)? Please give details.	No	·	
Will the proposal have a significant effect on how other organisations operate? (e.g. partners, funding criteria, etc.). Do any of these organisations support people with	No		

<b>protected characteristics?</b> Please explain why you have reached this conclusion.				
Decision (Please tick one option)	EIA not		Continue to full	
	relevant or		EIA:	
	proportionate:			
Reason for decision		y provide	npacts arising from es assurance on co Safety Code	
Signed (Assistant Director or equivalent)	Gary Pearson			
Date	07.11.2023			

#### **Climate change impact assessment**

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

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

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

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

Planning Permission

**Environmental Impact Assessment** 

Strategic Environmental Assessment

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

Please contact <a href="mailto:climatechange@northyorks.gov.uk">climatechange@northyorks.gov.uk</a> for advice.

Title of proposal	Annual Report of Performance Against the Safety Plan
	(Port Marine Safety Code)
Brief description of proposal	To provide assurance on compliance with the PMSC
Directorate	Environment
Service area	Harbours
Lead officer	Captain Chris Burrows
Names and roles of other people involved in	None
carrying out the impact assessment	
Date impact assessment started	7 November 2023

#### Options appraisal

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

There are no alternative options

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

Cost neutral.

How will this propose on the environment?  N.B. There may be a negative impact and term positive impact include all potential over the lifetime of a and provide an explant.	hort term I longer t. Please impacts a project anation.	<b>Positive impact</b> (Place a X in the box below where	No impact (Place a X in the box below where	Negative impact (Place a X in the box below where	•	plan to mitigate any negative impacts.	Explain how you plan to improve any positive outcomes as far as possible.
Minimise greenhouse gas	Emissions from travel		X		No impact.	n/a	n/a

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emissions e.g. reducing emissions from travel,	Emissions from construction		X		No impact.	n/a	n/a
increasing energy efficiencies etc.	Emissions from running of buildings		X		No impact.	n/a	n/a
	Other		Χ			n/a	n/a
Minimise waste: Red recycle and compost reducing use of single	e.g.		X		No impact.	n/a	n/a
Reduce water consumption			Χ		No impact	n/a	n/a
Minimise <b>pollution</b> (including air, land, water, light and noise)			Х		No impact anticipated	n/a	n/a

How will this proposal impact on the environment?  N.B. There may be short term negative impact and longer term positive impact. Please include all potential impacts over the lifetime of a project and provide an explanation.	Positive impact (Place a X in the box below where	No impact (Place a X in the box below where	Negative impact (Place a X in the box below where	Explain why will it have this effect and over what timescale?  Where possible/relevant please include:  • Changes over and above business as usual  • Evidence or measurement of effect  • Figures for CO <sub>2</sub> e  • Links to relevant documents	plan to mitigate any negative impacts.	Explain how you plan to improve any positive outcomes as far as possible.
Ensure <b>resilience</b> to the effects of climate change e.g. reducing flood risk, mitigating effects of drier, hotter summers		Χ		No impact anticipated		
Enhance <b>conservation</b> and wildlife		Χ		No impact anticipated		
Safeguard the distinctive characteristics, features and special qualities of North Yorkshire's landscape		Х		No impact anticipated		
Other (please state below)		X		No impact anticipated		

Are there any recognised good practice environmental standards in relation to this proposal? If so, please detail how this proposal meets those standards.

Port Waste Management Plans have been developed which meet Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) requirements. Successful audit of the Oil Response Plan implementation by the MCA and established the groundwork for a harbours led multi-agency exercise, early in 2023.

**Summary** Summarise the findings of your impact assessment, including impacts, the recommendation in relation to addressing impacts, including any legal advice, and next steps. This summary should be used as part of the report to the decision maker.

There are no impacts arising from this report

#### Sign off section

This climate change impact assessment was completed by:

Name	Gary Pearson	
Job title	Deputy Harbour Master	
Service area	Harbours	
Directorate	Environment	
Signature	Gary Pearson	
Completion date	07.11.23	

**Authorised by relevant Assistant Director (signature): Paul Thompson** 

Date: 07.11.23

### Yorkshire Water Update – Briefing Document Scarborough and Whitby Area Constituency Committee 1st December 2023

#### **Overview of Bathing Water**

- The Bathing Water Directive sets out the requirements for:
  - Monitoring and classifying bathing water quality
  - · Managing bathing water quality
  - Providing information to the public on bathing water quality
- Under the Directive, bathing waters are classified annually into the following categories:





- Classifications are made using the previous four years of data (where available). For example, performance this year, will be impacted by data from 2019 onwards.
- Regulatory samples are taken by the Environment Agency throughout the bathing season (May-September) to determine the classification.

#### **Scarborough Current Classifications**

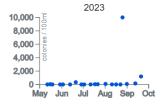
The 2023 classifications are based on sample results for 2018-2022. Scarborough North is currently classified as Excellent. Scarborough South is currently classified as Poor.

The classifications for the 2024 season will be released on December 1st 2023 and will be based on sample results from 2019–2023.

#### Scarborough Results in the 2023 Season

Sample results taken from Swimfo.

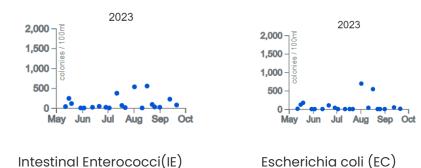
#### Scarborough North Bay



Intestinal Enterococci (IE)

Escherichia coli (EC)

Scarborough South Bay



#### **Overview of Partnership**

Yorkshire Water Are committed to working in partnership with NYCC and the Environment Agency to monitor, investigate and improve Bathing Water Quality within the Whitby and Scarborough Area. The Governance Structure is made of Technical Action Groups, a Partnership Board and in development is a communications group.

#### **Aquarium Top**

Aquarium Top is a Yorkshire Water CSO that will direct flows to Toll House Sewage Pumping Station to be pumped to Scalby Mills for transfer to treatment at Scarborough Sewage Treatment Works. In storm conditions Aquarium Top CSO will discharge using a valve flap into the sea.

In AMP 5 (2010-2015) we invested £15milion to upgrade Toll House SPS, installing 3 new pumps to increase pumping capacity and creating a larger storage facility to hold up to 7million litres within our network. This investment has subsequently reduced discharges from Aquarium Top CSO as the flow is now contained at Toll House unless there are significant storm conditions and the network is at capacity.

Aquarium Top CSO has only operated once in 2021, and once this year, 2023, in storm conditions.

If residents of the area experience internal flooding to their property they can contact Yorkshire Water to report this for investigation and necessary action will be undertaken taken based on the findings. If there is external flooding to highways and gulley's, known as surface water, this needs to be reported to the council.

#### Details of local sewerage infrastructure

Outlined in the below map are our Coastal Bathing Water Assets in Scarborough; there are 6 CSO's and also our Sewage Treatment Works.



#### Plans for future investment

This asset management period, (AMP7, 2020-2025) we had already planned to invest £147m in reducing discharges. We also announced, earlier this year, an additional £180m of investment. £100m of this is new investment from our shareholders.

We have now identified 180 high discharge sites for this additional investment, and we are now conducting on site investigations and modelling to determine where we can have the largest impact to reduce spills. The target of this investment is to reduce spills 20% by 2025 from our 2021 figures. In Scarborough we are accelerating the scheme to invest in Wheatcroft CSO as a priority. This scheme is due to start development in March 2024 and be complete by December 2024.

In August 2022 the Government published their Storm Overflow Discharge Reduction Plan, which includes 3 key targets. The first regards high priority sites, such as SSSIs and nature reserves, the second targets bathing waters and the third is an overall target storm overflows will not be permitted to discharge above an average of 10 rainfall events per year by 2050.

To ensure we meet or exceed these targets we have created a plan for storm overflow investment through to 2050. This includes over £1bn of investment between 2025 and 2030 including improving our coastal assets that impact on Bathing Waters by reducing them to meet the guidelines of 2 spills or less per bathing season. At present a programme is in development for delivering this work and we can provide further updates on specific assets to Scarborough when they are available.

In addition to the capital investment, we are contributing to fund an intensive Environment Agency investigation throughout the Summer of 2024 to identify potential influences on poor water quality and work together with the partnership to take action.

We are also offering our education outreach sessions to a number of selected Schools within Scarborough, particularly within the Wheatcroft area, in line with our capital scheme to raise awareness of the ongoing work and how we can all do our bit.

### Yorkshire Waters actions and commitments arising from the bathing water summit on 9 October 2023

To provide the details of new investment plan, including the type of improvements to overflows in Scarborough, the location, and the timeline of planned works – and discuss this through with partners.

As outlined above, the programme of work for improvements to CSOs is currently in development and is subject to OFWAT's approval of our PR24 submission. We will provide further updates when they are available.

To take forward conversation with Prof Gröcke about providing water sampling to Durham University.

This activity is still to be undertaken. It is something we would like to explore through the Partnership.

To engage with local ward councillors about queries relating to Aquarium Top overflow point.

Completed today with attendance at the 1st December ACC. Any further enquires can be directed to <a href="mailto:publicaffairsteam@yorkshirewater.co.uk">publicaffairsteam@yorkshirewater.co.uk</a>

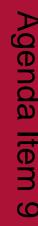
To launch a new Water Butt campaign targeted in Scarborough.

We are currently undertaking a modelling study in the Scarborough area to identify which areas and properties will most benefit from a Waterbutt Campaign. Once we have the outcomes of the study we will create a communications and delivery plan.

#### Yorkshire Waters plans for future engagement with the ACC

We are committed to continued engagement with our Stakeholders within our Coastal Regions including North Yorkshire. We regularly meet with North Yorkshire Council through the Bathing Water Partnership and the Bathing Water Summits. We are happy to provide written or verbal updates as required to area constituencies in the future and all enquiries can be sent directly to <a href="mailto:publicaffairsteam@yorkshirewater.co.uk">publicaffairsteam@yorkshirewater.co.uk</a>. Attendance in person is subject to availability and is likely to be on an annual basis due to the high volume of requests we receive from stakeholders.









# Northern Powergrid Enabling regional decarbonisation

Lizzie Boyes 01/12/2023 Local System Planning Engineer

### **Northern Powergrid**



- Northern Powergrid is responsible for the electricity distribution network in the North East, Yorkshire and northern Lincolnshire.
- We move electricity from where it's generated to homes and businesses.
- We are the enabler of a net zero society.
- We are a regulated utility business and therefore, we plan ahead of time in business plan cycles.
- We are in the first year of our new business plan period where we are delivering around £3bn of investment (2023 to 2028 – Electricity Distribution 2, ED2)

### What we do for our customers

- Facilitate growth and decarbonisation
- Plan for and invest in a safe and reliable network
- Provide connections to the network
- Support vulnerable customers and communities
- Support vulnerable customers and communities

  Minimise our impact on the cost of living and doing business in our region













## Providing Connections: Growth and Decarbonisation across our region

- We treat all applicants equally
  - We will make a connection offer to anyone that applies for a connection to our network

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- The connection queue does not favour any type of applicant over another
- Government policy influences technology uptakes, we are technology agnostic
- We are speeding up and reducing the cost of some customer connections
  - Time limited curtailable connections can allow connection before completion of necessary reinforcement works
  - Flexible connection agreements can avoid reinforcement requirements where appropriate, and when customers want one



### Decarbonisation: Meeting the challenge

- Flexibility customers paid to turn up or down
- Community Distribution System Operator project innovation with customer groups at the local level
- Revising design assumptions using observation to get more out of existing network
- Low Voltage monitoring and external data providing visibility
- Network reinforcement and expansion investing where needed
- Work closely with Local Authorities and other stakeholders coordinating low carbon technology roll outs a collaborative approach





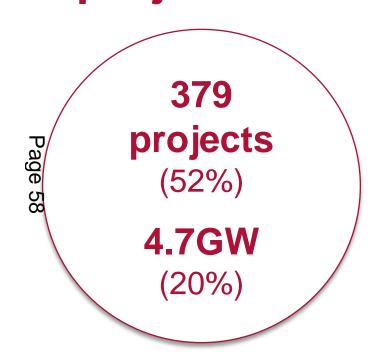






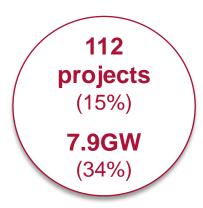


### Providing Connections: Majority of customers able to connect without the need for reinforcement - 52% of all projects



**ABLE TO PROCEED** no reinforcement

required



PENDING DECISION - transmission reinforcement

required?

DISTRIBUTION REINFORCEMENT **REQUIRED** not transmission

**59** 

projects

(8%)

1.8**GW** 

(8%)

182 projects (25%)8.8**GW** (38%)

REINFORCEMENT REQUIRED - some with distribution

**TRANSMISSION** 

### **Providing Connections: Timescales**

#### Type of work

Single domestic installation of solar panels, heat pump, EV charger or battery storage at a single property.

Multi-property installation of solar panels, heat pumps, EV chargers, battery (e.g. a street of houses or single-location with multiple slow EV Chargers).

New developments e.g. 5MW solar, wind or storage, multiple rapid EV chargers in single location, new 1000+ housing development with EV charging.

Could be multiple heat pumps installed in a street or a major new development e.g. 10MW+ solar/wind/storage, multiple rapid chargers or a new industrial unit.

#### **Minimal** Connect network impact and notify Capacity available 6 months to connect Flexible solution 12 months 6 months Reinforcement required (LV) to 2+ years (HV/EHV) Time to connect

**Network Impact** 

#### When to engage

**No engagement needed** just connect and notify us directly or via your installer.

**Talk to us –** Desktop studies may be required. Preapplication support available and online resources to help you identify the most viable and cost-effective locations to connect.

**Engage early** at a strategic level to identify flexible solutions to reinforcement. e.g. a phased connection, curtailment or flexibility contract.

For LV **talk to us** to understand what reinforcement works are the required and how we can support you. HV/EHV **engage early at a strategic level** so we can build your plans into our strategic forecasting.



### **Providing Connection: Costs to connect**

- Our prices are regulated by Ofgem and are required to be reflective of real cost
- providers and independent distribution network operators

  Connections charges

  - Single use assets: connectee pays
  - Reinforcement costs: reduced under April 2023 connection charging reforms





### **Working with Local Authorities**

- Supporting publicly funded decarbonisation schemes including:
  - Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure
  - Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund
  - Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme
- Local Area Energy Systems Team
  - Local Authority Portal
  - Collecting local intelligence on future network needs
  - Informing forecasts and network intervention decisions
  - Supporting Local Area Energy Planning
  - Providing education and support in using our network data









### Thank you





### **Domestic Abuse Arrangements**

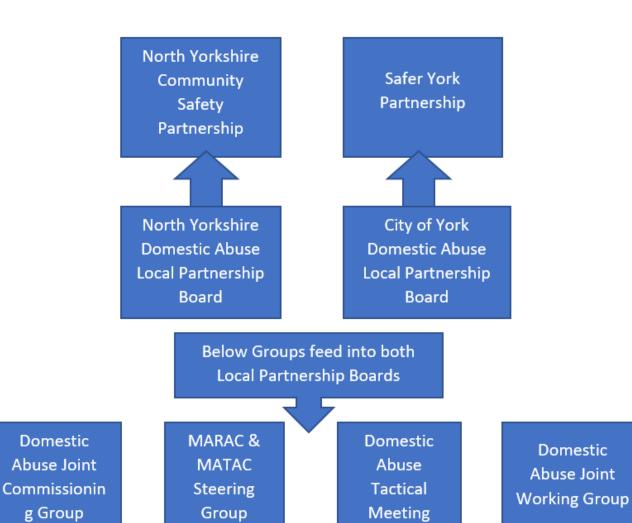
Governance

Achievements

Domestic Abuse Strategy 2024-2028

#### **New Governance**

- Separate boards for North Yorkshire and York giving greater focus on geography
- North Yorkshire Domestic Abuse Independent Chair (CEO of Standing Together)
- Broader representation of partners that now includes
- Military representation
- Survivors
- **DWP**
- **National Domestic Abuse** Commissioners Office



Domestic

### **Achievements**

What we have achieved since the implementation of the Domestic Abuse Act.

- ✓ We have consulted and commissioned Safelives to undertake a Strategic Needs Assessment and Public Health Review of our Multi Agency Domestic Abuse System across North Yorkshire and York.
- We have embarked on the Domestic Abuse Housing Alliance Accreditation Process (DAHA). This is the benchmark for how Local Authority Housing Providers should respond to domestic abuse in the UK. We have a DAHA Coordinator in place and developing a multi faceted Delivery Plan to achieve Accreditation.

  We have created a dedicated domestic abuse training coordinator post to deliver training across North
- ₩ We have created a dedicated domestic abuse training coordinator post to deliver training across North Yorkshire Council Housing and homelessness Teams. (DAHA).
- ✓ We have piloted a Gypsy Roma Traveller IDVA/ISVA Worker pilot with Horton Housing across 4 sites in North Yorkshire. The development of this role has seen a significant building of trust across all localities and a number of disclosures of domestic abuse which would have otherwise gone unheard.
- ✓ We have delivered Multi Agency Training Programme for professionals across the public and voluntary sector over the last 15 months that has reached 1500 individuals to enhance their awareness of domestic abuse.
- ✓ We have created additional posts within our IDAS front door hub for those fleeing and seeking advice and support around domestic abuse.
- ✓ The list goes on!

### Developing a New DA Strategy 2024-2028

### What we did to arrive at our new Strategy

- We reviewed our previous strategy and achievements
- We looked at the evidence from our Safelives Needs Assessment & Wider System Review and the recommendations from this significant piece of work to shape our new strategy
- > We aligned our work with other other strategies being delivered across North Yorkshire
- We looked at the national picture and horizon scanned the landscape
- We undertook a roundtable event with partners to help shape our new strategic priorities and what our delivery of the strategy would look like
- This took us into creating a Shared Vision Statement, 4 Strategic Priorities, underpinned by a total of 32 Commitments

### **Our Vision**

"North Yorkshire and York do not tolerate domestic abuse and we will strive to ensure everyone can live free from abuse and harm. We will create an environment where healthy relationships are the norm and where yictims/survivors and their children have access to the right support at the right time.

Domestic abuse is everybody's business. We will work collaboratively to create lasting change across all our communities with the voice of the victim at the heart of our response; and where perpetrators of abuse are held accountable for their behaviour"

Priority 1 - Prevention and Early Identification

Priority 2 - Authentic and Inclusive Support for All

- Priority 3 Drive Change Together
- Priority 4 Accountability



### **Our Commitments**

The below are just a few of the commitments we have agreed to deliver as a partnership.

- Awareness raising of all forms of domestic abuse to create a culture of prevention
- Working with education settings, voluntary and private sector to teach about healthy relationships
- Enable and empower communities to recognise domestic abuse by providing the tools and pathway awareness to report concerns. Tailoring our response to the varied communities we support.
- We will ensure that victims, survivors and their children have access to a range of safe accommodation options that meet their Page 69 needs
  - We will embed the voice of victims and survivors into local systems and service design processes
  - We will ensure that marginalised communities and those with multiple complex needs feel safe and secure, whilst feeling they are able to report abuse and access services to help them cope and recover
  - We will contribute to the wider strategic outcomes around serious violence and addressing violence against women and girls (VAWG) via their existing partnership arrangements and delivery plans
  - We will ensure that partners work collaboratively when dealing with adult and child victims of domestic abuse, adopting a whole family approach, to improve the safety of families by identifying the most effective interventions of support that align risks and needs
  - We will provide opportunities for perpetrators to change their behaviour through the commissioning of interventions that focus on all risk levels., We will look to inform and influence this through national decision making and future funding opportunities

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#### **North Yorkshire Council**

#### **Scarborough and Whitby Area Constituency Committee**

#### 1 December 2023

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

#### Report of the Assistant Chief Executive, Legal and Democratic Services

#### 1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To enable appointments to be made to the Development Plan Committee.

#### 2.0 DEVELOPMENT PLAN COMMITTEE

- 2.1 At the meeting of the Council on 15 November 2023, it was resolved to adopt the Proposed Amendments to the Council Constitution as at item 8 on the agenda Agenda for Full Council on Wednesday, 15th November, 2023, 10.30 am | North Yorkshire Council. The report included the recommendation for the constitution of a Development Plan Committee.
- 2.2 The role of the committee is to act as the main sounding board for the preparation of the Local Plan/Development Plan Documents, except Neighbourhood Plans. Development Plan Committees are widely used, with one for a plan area, by other local planning authorities and is considered best practice.
- 2.3 Now that the Development Plan Committee has been constituted, we need to appoint to the committee. The process for the appointment to the committee is that 3 nominations are sought from each of the Area Constituency Committees and then a 'top-up' of additional appointments is then used, where necessary, to ensure that the Development Plan Committee is politically balanced.
- 2.4 In making the nominations to the Development Plan Committee, members may wish to have regard to the political balance of their respective Area Constituency Committees. This will assist in ensuring that the overall political balance is achieved for the Development Plan Committee without having to resort to significant numbers of subsequent 'top up' appointments. It is important to note, however, that it is at the discretion of the committee as to the nominations that they wish to make.
- 2.5 The political balance for each Area Constituency Committee based upon 3 nominations to the Development Plan Committee, is as below:

ACC	Councillors in ACC	Proportionality based on the political make- up of the ACC (3 councillors)
Richmond (Yorks)	16	3 Conservative and Independents
Thirsk and Malton	15	2 Conservative and Independents and 1 NY Independent/Liberal Democrat and Liberal
Skipton and Ripon	15	2 Conservative and Independents and 1 Liberal Democrat and Liberal
Harrogate and Knaresborough	13	1 Conservative and Independents and 2 Liberal Democrat and Liberal
Scarborough and Whitby	15	1 Conservative and Independents, 1 Labour and 1 NY Independent/Unaffiliated
Selby and Ainsty	16	1 Conservative and Independents, 1 Labour and

#### 3.0 IMPLICATIONS

3.1 There are no equalities, finance, legal or climate change implications arising from the recommendations in this report.

#### 4.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 That the Area Constituency Committee nominates 3 members to the Development Plan Committee.

Barry Khan Assistant Chief Executive, Legal and Democratic Services County Hall Northallerton 21 November 2023

Report Author:

#### **Report Author:**

Daniel Harry, Head of Democratic Services and Scrutiny, North Yorkshire Council daniel.harry@northyorks.gov.uk

#### **Background Documents:**

The Constitution of the Council – NYCConstitutionVersion2May2023.pdf (northyorks.gov.uk)

Agenda and reports to the meeting of Council on 15 November 2023 (agenda item 8) - <u>Agenda for</u> Full Council on Wednesday, 15th November, 2023, 10.30 am | North Yorkshire Council

**Note:** Members are invited to contact the author in advance of the meeting with any detailed queries or questions.

Scarborough and Whitby Area Constituency Committee  Work Programme 2023/24					
	Friday 9 June 2023 at 10.30am				
Subject	Description				
Healthy Child Service	An overview of the work of the Healthy Child Service in the Scarborough and Whitby constituency from Emma Lonsdale and Gill Kelly (HAS)				
Environment Agency Update	Update on the monitoring of bathing waters in the constituency area and work to improve water quality from Claire Campbell and Claire Barrow (Environment Agency)				
Update on former indoor swimming pool site, Scarborough	To outline proposals for NYC to facilitate development of the former indoor Swimming Pool and obtain feedback from Alex Richards (Economic Development & Regeneration)				
Appointments to Outside Bodies	To consider appointments to outside bodies which fall to the ACC in accordance with the Council's Constitution				
Area Constituency Committees in the new North  Yorkshire Council	An update on the ways Area Constituency Committees may work going forward from Daniel Harry (Democratic Services)				
2023/24 Work Programme	Review of areas for Scrutiny				
	Friday 22 September 2023 at 10am				
Subject	Description				
Attendance of MP Sir Robert Goodwill	Opportunity for the Rt Hon Sir Robert Goodwill MP to share his views on main issues of local interest				
Stronger Communities Update	Bi-annual update from Karen Atkinson, Stronger Communities Team				
Community Resilience	To update members on the work of the Resilience and Emergencies team, and to provide details to committee members of the Elected Members Emergency Handbook - Matt Robinson (Head of Resilience and Emergencies)				
Appointments to Outside Bodies	To consider further appointments to outside bodies that were not completed at the previous meeting				
2023/24 Work Programme	Review of areas for Scrutiny				
Items to note	Yorkshire Coast BID Annual Report  NYC Review of public conveniences – update in the Scarborough and Whitby area constituency				

	Yorkshire Water – Bathing Water Quality Update					
Friday 1 December 2023 at 10am						
Subject	Description					
Winter Preparedness on the Coast	Progress Update on Chief Medical Officer Annual Report on Health in Coastal Communities - Louise Wallace, Director of Public Health					
Annual Report of Performance against the Safety Plan (Port Marine Safety Code)	Annual Report of Performance against the Safety Plan – Paul Thompson, Assistant Director Transport					
Yorkshire Water - Bathing Water Quality update	Update on drive to improve bathing water quality in the constituency area following the summit held in Scarborough on 9 October 2023 – Faye Cossins, and Sarah Robinson Coastal Delivery and Engagement Manager, Yorkshire Water					
Northern Powergrid: Enabling Regional Decarbonisation	Northern Powergrid, Lizzie Boyes, Local System Planning Engineer, Northern Powergrid.					
Domestic Abuse Arrangements - Update	Provision of domestic abuse safe accommodation - Odette Robson, Head of Community Safety and CCTV					
Appointments to Committees and Outside Bodies	Appointments to the Development Plan Committee – St John Harris, Democratic Services Manager					
တ် 2023/24 Work Programme	Review of areas for Scrutiny – St John Harris, Democratic Services Manager					
Items to note	Rural Crime report – Scarborough and Whitby Autumn 2023 - Annual Update from the NYP Rural Taskforce Unit					
Monday 8 Ja	nuary 2024 at 10am - Remote Informal Meeting					
Budget 2024/25 Proposals	Overview of Budget proposals for 2024/25 – Gary Fielding, Director of Strategic Resources					
	22 March 2024 at 10am					
Subject	Description					
Attendance of MP Sir Robert Goodwill	Not yet confirmed - Opportunity for the Rt Hon Sir Robert Goodwill MP to share his views on main issues of local interest					
Scrutiny review of SEND provision in the Scarborough and Whitby area	To seek the ACC's comments on the scrutiny task and finish group report on SEND provision in the Scarborough and Whitby area commissioned by the Children and Families O&S Committee					
Draft 2024/25 Work Programme	Review of areas for Scrutiny					
Items to note	Education update - an overview of the local educational landscape, educational achievement and the financial challenges which affect schools in the Scarborough & Whitby constituency area					

#### Other topics to be allocated:

- Aging Population provision and accessibility to locally based services
- The cost of housing and other housing related issues e.g. Cost of Living, Fuel Poverty and the future Homelessness service provision
- · Reduction in Bus Services and its impact on residents' lives
- The creation of a new Town Council (pending the outcome of the Community Governance Review)
- Economic regeneration projects in the constituency
- Children's Safety
- Housing Strategy
- Social Housing Allocations Policy
- Pomoc Access to Services for Eastern European Migrants update

Performance update for Scarborough Hospital in relation to the CQC report

#### 2024-25

June 2024 - North Yorks and York Local Nature Recovery Strategy – consultation (Tim Johns, Senior Policy Officer)

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#### Rural Crime Stats for May - October 2023 and the general picture across NYP including poaching.

Crime figures pertinent to Scarborough district itself for the last six months have been added at the end. Poaching figures are county wide but show a marked decrease which is positive, the Scarborough/Whitby area is affected by poaching but the numbers are low compared to other districts.

2023 has seen challenging financial circumstances for everyone come to the fore, the increase in energy prices and the cost of living has resulted across the force in an increase in rural crime. Where we have seen spikes in crime this has often been targeted crime by crime groups for example targeting quad bikes or vehicles.

In the months of January/February/March the Scarborough area had a spike in stolen motor vehicles (SMV), quad thefts and auto crime with thefts from vehicles and catalytic convertors stolen. Operation ALIBI took place over the early months of the year which was a cross border operation tackling vehicle and quad bike thieves, this led to several arrests and then we saw a reduction in these offences going into the summer. There were also an increased number of fuel thefts, mainly heating oil/red diesel and cooking oil due to the demand for heat in the early dark months of the year but these subsided over the summer months. Over the summer months and into the autumn we have seen a number of caravans been broken into and thefts from unattended motor vehicles.

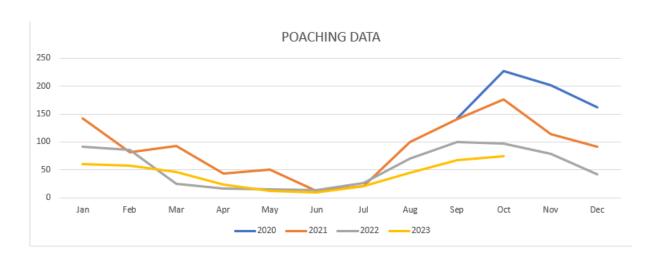
We have not recently been targeted for theft of heating oil or agricultural oil/diesel. Several pro-active operations over previous months, with increased media coverage, hopefully assisted in these results. However, we are fully aware this may change over the coming months with the long dark nights as temperatures dip and demand increases.

The farming sector this year has seen its rural subsidy payments split by the RPA with half being paid during late spring and the other half being paid in December as normal, this was aimed at assisting farmers with the additional costs due to fuel/energy rises but it may have a detrimental impact later in the year when they only receive half of what they would normally receive at the end of the year. Farming has seen a very challenging period with weather most certainly against farming with difficulty getting the harvest in and increased drying costs to also slowing down the traditional sowing period because the ground has been so wet, this has had a dramatic effect on mental wellbeing within the farming community.

Avian bird flu and the imposed restrictions having impacted heavily throughout the winter of 22/23 eased going into the spring and summer and thankfully the number of recorded cases has been low resulting in no current restrictions being placed on both farmers and the general public regarding housing of birds.

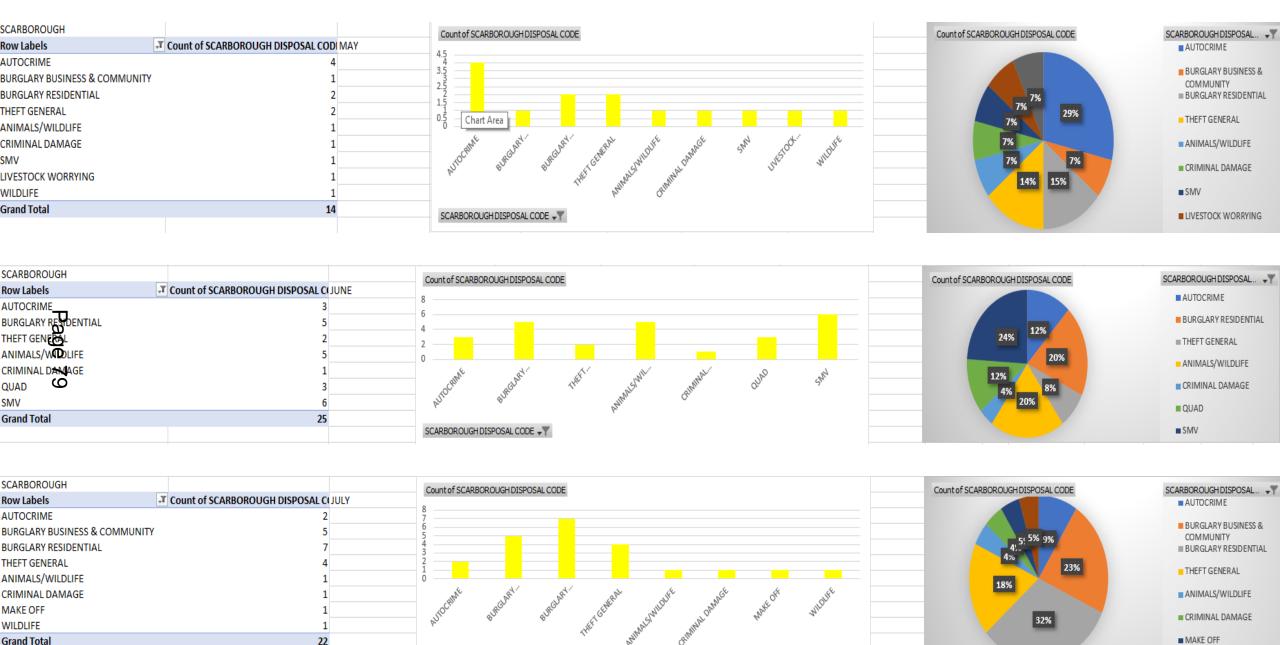
Rural communities have also faced the added cost in fuel and heating resulting in increased tension and despair in managing the cost of living and the ability to travel. As a result of this the rural task force are now recording all domestic abuse incidents and working closely with partner agencies to signpost vulnerable households in the hope of offering assistance.

As reported previously our rural watches are now becoming fully active in their own right following the slowing down of their workload from harvest and autumn drilling. The value to the police in intelligence gathering and support for ongoing incidents from our rural watches in invaluable, but what we would like to see is an increase in numbers of our rural communities joining these groups and using "WhatsApp" to assist in them being able to communicate information more easily between themselves and the police. "WhatsApp" which has been used successfully by NYP is now being looked at nationally by the police chiefs council as a recognised tool by which the police can assist their rural communities. For more information about how members of the rural community can join a rural "WhatsApp" group please contact Mark Atkinson — rural Crime Coordinator RTF mark.atkinson@northyorkshire.police.uk



	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2020									142	227	202	162
2021	143	81	93	43	50	12	20	100	141	176	114	92
2022	92	86	25	16	15	14	26	70	100	97	78	42
2023	60	57	46	24	12	10	21	45	67	75		

SEASON STATS JULY TO JUNE	TOTALS	% YR RISE/FALL	FALL FROM 20/21
2020/21	1155		
2021/22	891	-23%	
2022/23	622	-27%	-46%
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