



Agenda

Meeting: Executive

Members: Councillors Carl Les (Chairman), Gareth Dadd, Derek Bastiman, Michael Harrison, Simon Myers, Janet Sanderson, David Chance, Keane Duncan, Greg White and Annabel Wilkinson.

Date: Tuesday, 29th August, 2023

Time: 11.00 am

Venue: Council Chamber, County Hall, Northallerton, DL7 8AD

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Business

1. **Apologies for Absence**

2. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 22 August 2023** (To Follow)

3. **Declarations of Interest**

4. **Public Participation**

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which is on the Agenda for this meeting.

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5. Q1 Performance Monitoring and Budget report (Pages 5 - 196)

Recommendations - That the Executive:

- a. notes the information in the Q1 Performance Report
- b. notes the forecast outturn position against the 2023/24 Revenue Budget, as summarised in **paragraph 2.2.2**.
- c. notes the forecast outturn position for the Housing Revenue Account as set out in **paragraph 2.3.1**.
- d. approves a preliminary allocation of £400k from the LGR Reserve to progress work on the North Yorkshire Local Plan in the first year (2023/24) and that the funding is delegated to the Corporate Director Community Development in consultation with the Executive Member for Open to Business as set out in **paragraphs 2.6.2 to 2.6.3**.
- e. authorises the Corporate Director, Resources in consultation with the Chief Executive, Leader and Deputy Leader / Executive Member for Finance to implement a scheme for requests for funding from the LGR Reserve that total less than £1m with any proposals in excess of that requiring prior approval of the Executive as set out in **paragraph 2.6.4**.
- f. approves the acceptance of the grants as set out in **Appendix I** as described in **paragraphs 2.7.1 to 2.7.2**
- g. notes the position on the Council's Treasury Management activities during the first quarter of 2023/24
- h. refers this report to the Audit Committee for their consideration as part of the overall monitoring arrangements for Treasury Management
- i. approve the refreshed Capital Plan summarised at **paragraph 4.2.3**
- j. approve the provision of £1.0m of corporate capital pot funding to meet the cost of completing the fleet replacement programme commenced last financial year (**paragraph 4.2.21**); and
- k. agree that no action be taken at this stage to allocate any additional capital resources (**paragraph 4.5.10**).

6. Forward Plan (Pages 197 - 214)

7. Any Other Items

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

8. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 19 September at 11am.

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NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE

29 AUGUST 2023

QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE AND BUDGET MONITORING REPORT

Joint Report of the Chief Executive and Corporate Director – Resources

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Background

The Quarterly Performance and Budget Monitoring Report seeks to bring together key aspects of the Council performance on a quarterly basis. The Summary below captures the key points in this Quarterly update as set out in the main body of the attached report.

This report covers the first quarter of the life of the new North Yorkshire Council. It has been produced following significant work to consolidate the work of eight separate councils and very much remains a work in progress.

Performance

The Quarter 1 Performance report is the first comprehensive report covering the whole of North Yorkshire. This report contains initial updates on a range of new services taken on by the new authority. The report has strong links to the Council Plan for 2023-2027, especially in the Appendix, which maps directly on to the Key Performance Indicators as set out in the plan.

Revenue Budget 2023/24

This report represents a consolidated budget from eight into one which has then been rationalised to some degree. It is therefore inevitable that we will see more variation than usual during this first year. The position also needs to be seen in the context of the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) which currently shows a recurring annual deficit of £45.3m by 2025/26 and use of £104.8m of Reserves to meet this deficit over the 3 years unless savings proposals are brought forward.

The intention is that savings proposals are produced that feed into the Budget / MTFS in February 2024 in order to provide a more sustainable financial position. This will build upon the sizeable financial benefits that can be enjoyed by the new unitary status of the Council.

There is an overall net underspend of £5,199k against operational budgets for 2023/24, which reduces the structural in-year deficit from £30.4m to £25.2m (**paragraph 2.1.3**). The key drivers of the financial position are outlined in the sources set out below:

1. Forecast overspends in two of the largest Directorates, Health and Adult Services and Children and Young People's Services, offset by significant forecast underspend on energy costs.
2. A breakdown of each Directorates forecast variance is provided in **Appendices B to F** with the financial position for NYES provided in **Appendix G**.

3. The aggregated position of the HRA is showing a transfer from HRA reserves of £288k. Further detail is provided in **Appendix H**.
4. An update on the LGR reserve, along with recommendations regarding a provisional sum of £400k to begin work on the Local Plan and an approach to further investment approvals are detailed in **Section 2.6**.
5. In line with current Finance Procedure Rules, a list of recurring revenue grants over £1m in value have been included in **Appendix I** for approval.

Annual Treasury Management and Prudential Indicators

1. The North Yorkshire Council External debt stood at £379.2m at 30 June 2023. The average interest rate of this debt was 3.75% (**paragraph 3.13**).
2. Investments outstanding at 30 June 2023 were £573.6m of which £25.6m belonged to other organisations who are part of NYC's investment pool arrangements. (**paragraph 3.9 & Appendix A**).
3. For cash invested the average interest rate achieved in Q1 was 4.29% which marginally below the 7 day benchmark rate of 4.93% and below average bank rate of 4.45%. (**paragraph 3.9**).

Capital Plan

1. After reprofiling and additions, the Council is currently planning to invest £353.9m on capital schemes across the County in 2023/24 and £598.3m, in total, over the next 5 years (**paragraph 4.2.2**) – an increase of £171.7m since the last plan update (**paragraph 4.2.17**).
2. Significant additions include £56.1m for Kex Gill following additional DfT funding; and £19.5m for the levelling up funded scheme at Catterick Garrison. Details of additions in excess of £250k are summarised in **paragraph 4.2.5**.
3. The report also recommends the provision of £1.0m of corporate capital pot funding to meet the cost of completing the fleet replacement programme commenced last financial year (**paragraph 4.2.21**).
4. Financing of the capital plan for 2023/24 is largely through grants and contributions – with £221.2m from this source; then revenue funding of £77.4m, £42.5m borrowing and £20m from capital receipts (**paragraph 4.5.7**).

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29 August 2023

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Executive Performance Report

Quarter 1 2023-24

Report produced by Strategy and Performance



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Executive summary

Introduction

Welcome to the quarter 1 performance report for the period 1st April 2023 to 30th June 2023. This is the first Executive performance report of the new North Yorkshire Council (NYC), the report covers all the functions of North Yorkshire Council (NYC) as well as the ambitions in the NYC Council Plan.

The report layout is:

- Executive summary
- Main text based on NYC directorates
- Customer feedback

As work continues to align services across the county, progress is ongoing to define and adopt ways of data collection to enable clear and concise county level reporting. As a result, not all data sets are available for the whole county. Work continues, to cover these gaps.

We would welcome any comments or feedback from members on the style or content of the report to aid in its future development.

Appendix of Key Performance Indicators (KPI)

The appendix is now presented as a supporting document to the report and is based on the Council Plan themes.

Central Services

Local Government Reorganisation

On the 1st April 2023, the new North Yorkshire Council came into being, replacing the eight former council covering North Yorkshire. It also ended a period of intense work with staff from all eight councils combining to ensure that on day one NYC was safe and legal and could meet all of its obligations and duties.

Devolution deal

The proposed devolution deal would deliver more local powers and decision-making and additional funding. The planned 30-year agreement includes an investment fund of more than £540 million for York and North Yorkshire. Coupled with other funding secured from the government, the proposed deal represents a total of £750 million. The deal for York and North Yorkshire would see the introduction of a mayor who would become a figurehead for the region and forge close links with the government. The new mayor, who would be elected in May 2024 if the proposed deal comes to fruition, would lead a new powerful combined authority that would oversee strategic projects ranging from major transport improvements and boosting skills and education to providing more affordable housing.

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Rising Cost of Living

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Electoral Service Team meet the requirement for voter identification at polling stations

A by-election in the Eastfield Division on 25 May was the first election in the North Yorkshire Area to see the implementation of the requirement for voter identification at polling stations. Electors in North Yorkshire were able to apply for a free voter ID document, which is known as a Voter Authority Certificate which can be used at the polling station.

Transformation plans tackling efficiency and effectiveness of services

Quarter one sees the consolidation and development of many services, with service and transformation plans being developed to identify opportunities for further change that will make services more effective and efficient. Service planning is taking place across all services, any actions that require corporate resource can be correctly prioritised and supported.

Customer Interactions

The Council's front-line services have worked hard over the past quarter to maintain service levels for customers, but there have been some challenges.

Customer Services

During the first three months of the new North Yorkshire Council, Customer Services had 244,500 customer interactions, 71% of which were via the telephone with the remainder split across electronic (20%) and face to face (9%) channels. This high level of manual intervention is labour intensive and could lead to extended call waiting times and increased call abandonment rates. It is also difficult to provide a 7 day a week, 24-hour service when so many interactions must be handled by customer services either on the phone or face to face.

Although the telephone and face to face options may be the preferred choice of some customers, on-line options, as well as being available all the time, are often more efficient, therefore the service is working to support customers to stay on-line and prevent the need to contact the Customer Service Centre. Work is on-going to further develop the online offer.

A new Council Tax Support scheme launched

A new Council Tax Support (CTS) scheme was implemented from 1 April 2023 to ensure a consistent approach across North Yorkshire. Whilst customers and officers have adapted well to the change, processing times for new claims and changes to claims were both initially impacted as staff learnt and adapted to the new scheme criteria and dealt with the increase in calls from customers. In quarter one, the average time to process new Council Tax Support claims was 21.8 days up (worse) than the same period last year when the average was 18.8 days, and the average time to process Council Tax Support changes was 6.33 days, down (better) than 7.4 days in quarter one last year.

Health and adult services (HAS)

The trend over the past year has seen continuing pressures across the service and Q1 has remained a challenge.

Pressure from hospital discharges

Hospital discharge activity averaged 14.5 discharges per day during Q1, a reduction of 1 per day on the 15.5 per day recorded for Q4. For the same period in 2022/23, the average was 13.4 discharges per day. Activity in June averaged 16.0 per day, with the daily rate having increased each month in the quarter. The critical factor continues to be localised surges in the number of discharges, which can quickly use up available domiciliary care capacity necessitating use of short-term care beds instead.

Care market pressures

The continuing demand levels highlighted above, together with on-going staff shortages for providers and provider suspensions, have maintained pressures in local care markets:

- Occupancy levels in the care homes that work with the authority increased to 96.1% at the end of Q1, up from 95.5% in Q4. Occupancy has remained above 95% over the last eight quarters, and above 96% for nursing care;
- the number of unsourced care packages reduced significantly again, down from 38 to 25 between quarters. The level remains higher than pre-pandemic levels when a surge of 20 cases in a single month was a significant event;
- the proportion of the council's reablement teams' capacity being redirected to provide domiciliary care reduced, down to 29% in Q1 from 36% in Q4. This continues to be an improving but challenging situation, particularly in the two operating localities where more than a third of their capacity continues to be diverted; and,
- the number of people supported during the quarter via short-term bed-based placements reduced in Q1, down from 547 in Q4 to 536 in Q1. Despite that small reduction, the number of people in short-term placements at the end of the quarter was 148% or 251 placements higher compared with typical pre-pandemic level at the end of 2019/20.

The main body of the report highlights how the council is working to support individual providers and the work being done to develop sustainable local care markets.

Increased safeguarding referrals

Safeguarding activity increased during Q1 2023/24, with 1704 safeguarding concerns received during the year, which represents a 38% increase in activity compared to the same period in 2022/23. Information gathering activity, the next step in the process where safeguarding concerns are indicated, was also up by 25.6%, from 703 in 2022/23 to 946 in 2023/24. These trends have been mirrored in other councils in the region. Following a deep dive exercise, no major trends were identified and it was felt that referrals were appropriate. However, further work is being undertaken to identify where multiple sources are reporting the safe concern. The only outlier issue was the volume of Ambulance referrals and a regional meeting is being held with the Ambulance Service to discuss appropriate use of safeguarding referral routes. Assessments up by 25% against 2019/20 levels

Assessment activity is up 14% or 613 assessments on Q1 2022/23. Assessment activity was 25.3%, or 1,025 assessments, higher than in 2019/20 pre-pandemic. Assessment activity continues to be a significant pressure point due to the continuing higher level of hospital discharges and reduced assessor capacity in front line teams.

Increasing cost of care home placements

The average cost of a care home placement for someone aged 65+ increased to £1012 per week at the end of Q1, up by £126 per week compared with 2022/23 (+14%). Admissions of people aged 65+ to permanent care home placements (651 per 100,000 of population) were lower than for the same period in 2022/23 (707 per 100,000).

Children and Young People Service (CYPS)

Against a backdrop of sustained high demand, performance remains strong during Quarter 1 2023/24:

- the rate of repeat referral to Children's Social Care remained low and stable at 17.1% (national average = 21.5% / Statistical Neighbour average = 18.8%)
- 95.0% of initial Early Help Assessments were completed within 20 working days
- 96.7% of review Early Help Assessments were completed within 6 weeks
- 97% of Children and Families Assessments were completed within 45 days (national average = 84.5% / Statistical Neighbour average = 86%)
- Timeliness of Health Assessments for Children in Care has improved again to 88% (national average = 89% / Statistical Neighbour average = 86%)

- First Time Entrants into the criminal Justice System

The rate of first-time entrants has decreased to 131 in the 12 months ending 31.12.22, compared with 157 in the 12 months previously (-16%). The rate of 131 is made up of 72 young people and North Yorkshire continues to be in the 2nd Quartile nationally.

Identification of SEN in North Yorkshire schools

Rates of children with an Education, Health and Care plan (EHC plan) in North Yorkshire primary and secondary schools have increased at a higher rate than has been seen nationally and as of the most recent nationally released data (DfE, 2023) a higher proportion of children in secondary schools in the county have an EHC plan. This follows rates of EHC plans in secondary schools being well below national rates in previous years.

Similarly, children recorded as receiving SEN Support in schools has been increasing in previous years. Rates in primary schools are now very similar to national rates and in secondary schools they are slightly below.

Schools' suspensions and exclusions numbers increase

Recently published national data (up to Spring Term 2021/22) highlights that significant increases are being seen in the rate of suspension nationally and regionally. This reflects a rising trend experienced in North Yorkshire and is likely reflective of the lasting impact of the pandemic.

The upward trend in children being excluded from schools has continued into the end of the academic year. This is the case for temporary suspensions and permanent exclusions and indicates a return to rates of exclusion seen before the pandemic.

Over the course of the 2022/23 academic year to date a total of 6509 suspensions have been received by pupils in North Yorkshire primary and secondary schools, an increase from 4608 seen in the same period of 2021/22.

A total of 92 pupils have been permanently excluded this academic year to date, an increase from 47 seen in the same period last year. This high number of exclusions includes 17 children permanently excluded from primary schools, the highest number seen in the past five years.

Front Door demand continues to be high

Our "front door" has seen over 28,000 contacts relating to the safeguarding and wellbeing of children and young people in the past 12 months; 21% more (5,942 additional contacts) than in the previous 12 month period. This increased demand at the front door is feeding through to high demand for help from Children's Social Care. The number of referrals in the last quarter totalled 1,285. Linked to the high number of referrals received the service has completed 1433 C&F assessments this quarter, similar to the 1382 in the previous quarter. This is only the 2nd time in the last 21 quarters that the service has completed in excess of 1400 assessments.

Early Help demand exceeds Covid Lockdown household numbers

The service continues to support a growing number of families with 1,535 households receiving support at the end of the quarter. This is the second consecutive quarter when the number of ongoing households has exceeded that recorded at the time of the initial lockdown in March 2020 (n=1,402) and is reflective of the increased demand presenting at the "front door".

Children in Care (CiC) continues to see increased numbers

At the end of Q1 2023/24 the total number of CiC was 472 and is the highest number recorded since 2013/14. The number of Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children (UASC) has also increased marginally to 45 (included in 472) compared to 42 at the end of the previous quarter. Whilst there is an increase in UASC the current increase indicates demand in admissions for North Yorkshire children. The increase in

the number of CiC continues to place pressure on our fostering service to find the right placement for children and young people in our care. It is also important to note that our in-house fostering service has been operating at close near-full capacity for the last 8 months.

Increased demand during the quarter means there have been numerous challenges to the service.

Increased demand over a sustained period of time across children's services is leading to pressure on many of the key services provided by both the Council and other partner agencies. There is mounting evidence of a greater number of families coming forward or being identified as needing help and support due to a variety of issues.

Environment

Increasing the number of Electric Vehicle Charging Points

Almost £5.3m in additional funding for the rollout of electric vehicle charging points (EVCP) was received in this quarter. The strategy was approved by Executive and project management resource is now in place to oversee the project.

Kex Gill Contract Signed

The contract with Sisk, the delivery contractor for Kex Gill has been signed and sealed. Work this quarter on the site along the A59 to tackle issues around landslips and instability include the removal of dry-stone walling and the creation of a construction road along the length of the site.

Local Transport Plan Consultation

Responses to the consultation on the Local Transport Plan have exceeded expectations showing a healthy level of public interest and engagement on the document that will shape the council's long term transport strategy. The public consultation runs into quarter two, therefore analysis of the feedback isn't currently available.

There have also been some challenges during the quarter.

Scarborough South Bay Water Quality

There remain issues with the water quality at the South Bay in Scarborough. The Bathing Water Partnership is looking at a solution with the Council working alongside Yorkshire Water and local businesses.

Community Development

Planning Applications

Provisional figures around the processing of planning applications are positive and comparable to the England-wide figures. Of the three reported categories in Q1, 81.4% of major, 81.9% of minor and 90% of other planning applications were processed within permitted timescales or within agreed extensions of time. Work has also begun on a new Local Plan for North Yorkshire.

Levelling Up Fund award £5.4m

The Council continues to identify investment opportunities and has been awarded £5.4m from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities from the Rural England Prosperity Fund. This will support decarbonisation in rural communities. Work includes looking at energy audits across the farming industry and supporting research and development in rural areas.

New Economic Strategy in progress

Considerable progress continues to be made across the Economic Development service, which is engaging with a variety of stakeholders on the new economic Strategy. It is anticipated that most of the consultation exercises will be complete by the end of the summer with full adoption achieved by November.

Destination Management Plan

Work has also been underway on the creation of a new Destination Management Plan. This will draw on the existing local brands of Destination Harrogate and Visit Coast while supporting them to keep their individual identities. This also aligns with development of a wider Yorkshire Tourism Partnership that aims to bring tourism leads from councils across North, East South and West Yorkshire together with national bodies to help promote the wider region nationally and internationally.

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Housing

Circumstances across both the service and the sector remain challenging. Despite significant inroads to development over recent years (particularly in the case of social rented properties) demand has also accelerated. This trend is likely to be further exacerbated by the unfavourable economic environment; especially concerning mortgages, which may see some households struggle to keep up with repayments or potentially buy-to-let/private rented landlords exiting the market, increasing the tenancy uncertainty for some. Renter reforms will impact on the private rented sector leading to many more landlords looking to consolidate their portfolios and some smaller landlords exiting the market completely.

Potential rental market challenges

These challenges could lead to a variety of scenarios: there will most likely be a short-term increase in the demand for social rented or affordable housing; especially if interest rates remain high. In the long-term, should the forecast exodus of private landlords occur there may be a rebalancing of the housing market with more properties available for purchase; again, this is predicated on a more settled economy and favourable interest rates for buyers.

Housing Policy

Some additional considerations exist in terms of the housing policy across North Yorkshire. The level of empty homes is also continuing to increase (long-term empty properties are calculated as those empty for over 6 months) and currently stands at 4,212 and showing a steady annual increase. Various mitigations are possible, including working with landlords and developers to bring the homes back in to use, and these should feature in any wider housing strategy given the expected cost increases facing the housebuilding industry.

Homelessness

As expected, given the economic challenges facing many households, there has been an increase in the number of people contacting the service for support (1.99 households per 1,000 household compared to 1.18 in Q1 2022/23). Despite this, the number assessed as homeless has reduced, suggesting increasing unease across the region regarding the stability of accommodation. More work is needed to help identify specific drivers of this behaviour alongside establishing any trends based on most at risk groups or individuals.



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The proposed devolution deal includes:

- £13 million for the building of new homes on brownfield land across 2023/24 and 2024/25
- up to £2.65 million to deliver affordable, low carbon homes across the area
- up to £50m investment for the York Central brownfield regeneration scheme, which would bring benefits across North Yorkshire too
- a total of £7 million to drive green economic growth towards becoming a carbon negative region
- closer relationships with key government departments to drive investment in digital broadband and mobile infrastructure
- boost regional innovation through better collaboration on projects such as the Scarborough Cyber-Cluster and the BioYorkshire programme

By replacing eight councils with just one, North Yorkshire was able to bid for a devolution deal which included a mayor. A mayor would lead a regional combined authority for both North Yorkshire and York. Together that's more than 800,000 people.

Mayoral led combined authorities have big decision-making and financial benefits. For North Yorkshire and York that would mean an additional £18 million a year of new money via a mayor's investment fund.

A consultation on York and North Yorkshire Devolution was open from 21 October to 16 December 2022. Following which in February, members backed proposals at full council meeting to send the results of the public consultation to Ministers to progress plans to create a mayoral combined authority. It is hoped that a combined authority, which would be responsible for overseeing devolved decision-making powers and millions of pounds of funding for both York and North Yorkshire, will be established later this year. Mayoral elections would follow in 2024.

[York and North Yorkshire devolution website.](#)

Rising Cost of Living

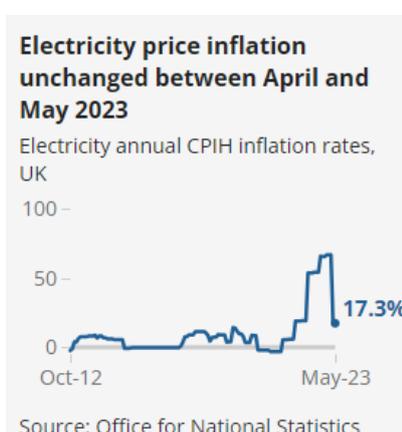
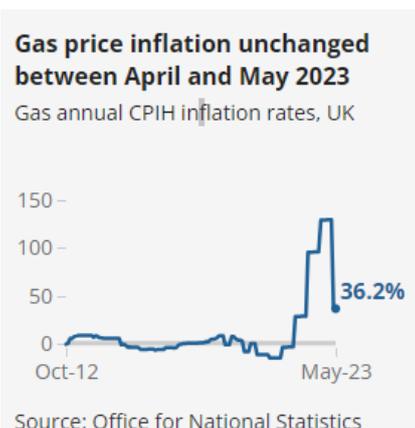


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Retail sales volumes (the amount bought) across Britain are estimated to have risen by 0.3% in May 2023, following a rise of 0.5% in April 2023. Non-store retail sales volumes rose by 2.7% over the month because of strong sales by online retailers selling outdoor-related goods and summer clothing. This was boosted by the warm weather in the second half of the month. However, sales volumes in food stores fell by 0.5% over the month, with retailers suggesting that the increased cost of living and food prices continue to affect sales. There was also some evidence that the drop could be partly down to higher spending on takeaways and fast food because of the extra bank holiday for the coronation of King Charles III on 8 May 2023. Spending less on non-essentials was the most common action taken in response to the rising cost of living. More than 4 in 10 (42%) of adults said that they were spending less on food shopping and essentials.

A quarter (25%) of adults in Great Britain reported borrowing more money or using more credit in the last month compared with a year ago, according to a ONS survey.

Inflation for gas and electricity remained stable between April and May, with prices rising 36.2% and 17.3% respectively, in the 12 months to May 2023. This is down from highs of 129.4% for gas, and 66.7% for electricity, in the annual inflation rates between January and March 2023.

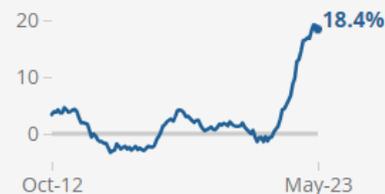


Overall, the price of energy goods rose by 8.1% in the year to May 2023, down from 10.5% in the year to April. The easing is a result of falls in motor fuel prices between April and May this year compared with rises in the same period last year.

The largest upward contributions to the inflation rate came from housing and household services (mainly electricity, gas and other fuels), as well as food and non-alcoholic beverages.

Inflation rate for food and non-alcoholic beverages eases slightly to 18.4% in May 2023

Food and non-alcoholic beverages annual CPIH inflation rates, UK



Source: Office for National Statistics

One reason for the large contributions from electricity, gas and other fuels since April 2022 has been rises for gas and electricity in April and October 2022, following increases in the Office of Gas and Electricity Markets (Ofgem) cap on energy prices, offset partly by the government’s Energy Price Guarantee (EPG).

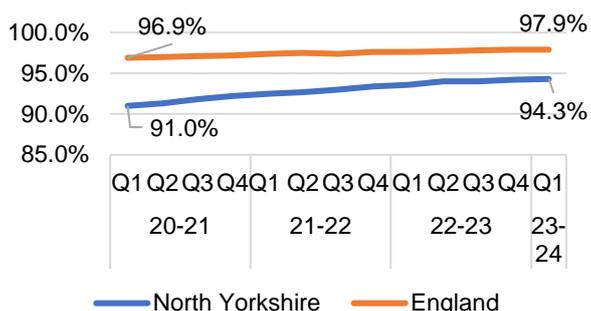
There has been an easing in the contribution from gas, electricity and other fuels between April and May 2023, mainly because prices for gas and electricity fell slightly in this time but rose sharply at the same time in 2022. The prices of food and non-alcoholic beverages continue to rise sharply but have begun to ease in the year to May 2023. Food and non-alcoholic beverage prices rose by 18.4% in this time, down from 19.1% in the year to April 2023.

The largest downward contribution between April and May was from milk, cheese, and eggs, while the price of fish rose 16.6%, up from 14.2% in the year to April 2023.

Half (49%) of adults said they were buying less when shopping for food and less than half (42%) of adults said they were spending less when shopping for food and essentials. That is according to the ONS

Broadband and Superfast broadband

Broadband Coverage (30Mbs+)



The percentage of the County’s business and residential properties with Superfast broadband (30 Mbs+), continues to increase, and the gap between the coverage in North Yorkshire and that in England end of quarter one, superfast broadband coverage in North Yorkshire reached 94.3% compared to 97.9 across England.

This means the gap between broadband coverage in England and North Yorkshire has reduced from 3.7% to 3.6% since Q4 last year and down from 4.9% in Q1 in 21/22.

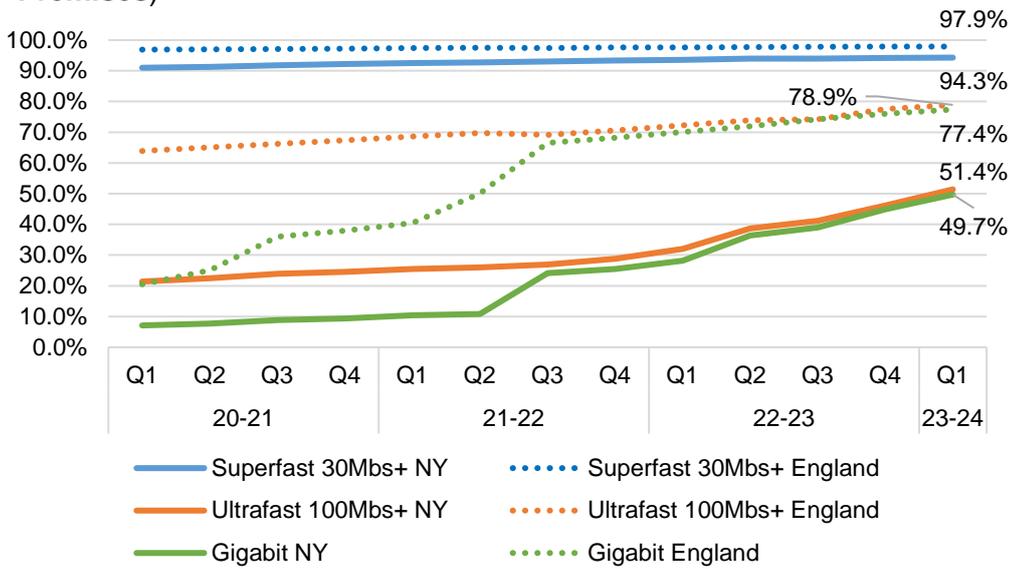
For ultrafast broadband (100Mbs+), the gap is more significant but continuing to close. At the end of quarter one, 51.4% of premises in North Yorkshire were able to access ultrafast broadband, compared to 78.9% across England.

The importance of this is that firms and individuals can download faster and larger packages of data. Thus, making locating and working in North Yorkshire for high data applications, a distinct possibility.

Broadband (30Mbs+) Gap (England / North Yorkshire)



Broadband Coverage (Residential and Business Premises)



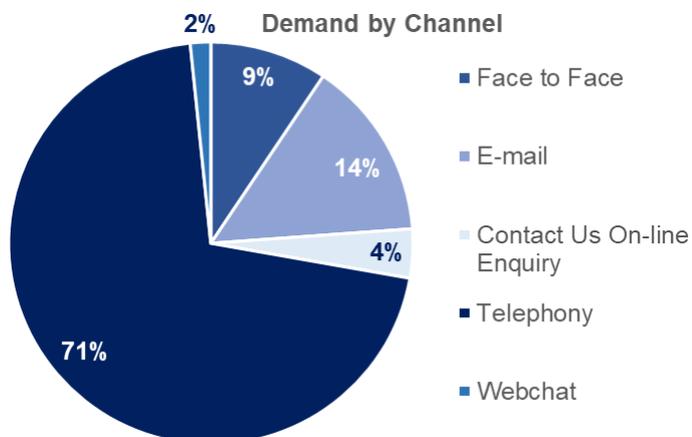
Resources

Customer Services

Customer Services have played a critical role in the launch of the new North Yorkshire Council – ensuring residents continued to receive a seamless service and reinforcing the ‘one council’ approach for the new authority. Colleagues from the preceding eight councils worked together to enable the ‘one front door’ approach from day one.

During the first three months of the new North Yorkshire Council, Customer Services had 244,560 customer interactions. The top 5 demands for the Customer Service function by service area are:

- Council Tax
- Bins, Recycling and waste
- Roads, Parking and travel
- Housing and homelessness
- Adult Social Care



Most (172,623 or 71%) of these interactions were via the telephone. The remainder were split across electronic (48,963 or 20%) and face to face (22,974 or 9%) channels. Overall, 78% of telephone calls to Customer Services were answered within 4 minutes. Performance on telephone answering improved steadily over the first quarter. In April, 72% were answered in 4 minutes; by June, as the service bedded-in, this had improved to 83%.

We are addressing staffing capacity gaps. Some vacancies have now been filled and we are progressing a county-wide recruitment programme which will continue to allow us to flex capacity in line with the organisational need.

We have also developed the ability to use available capacity as well as Business Support, across the 8 centres to support areas receiving high demand.

Ryedale customer Service Centre have been the pilot area and have been supporting all other Customer Service Teams to achieve higher performance as well as continuing to deliver for the customers in Ryedale. Whilst offering the ability to answer customer calls quicker it does pose the challenge of ensuring agents become familiar with a process or service in another location. However, developing this approach now will allow the function to deliver transformed county wide service more efficiently in the future.

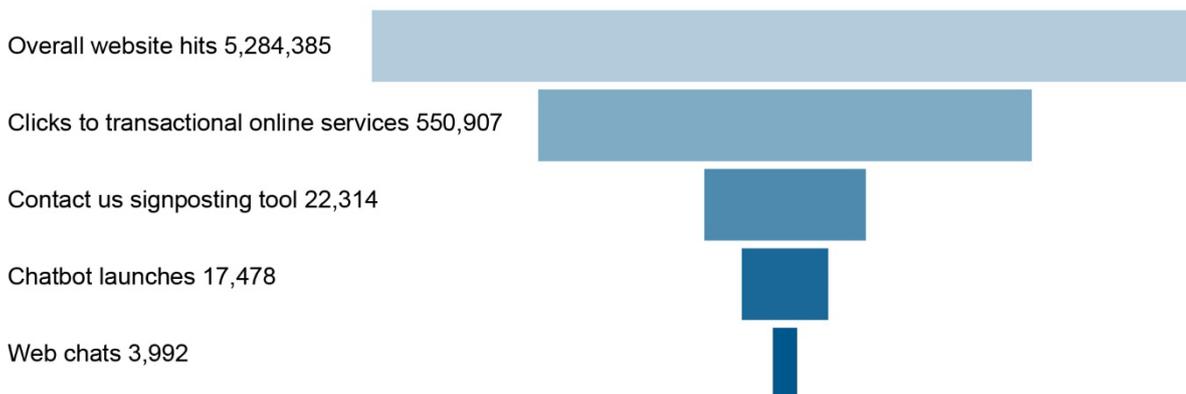
As we develop our Customer Excellence framework, we will look to provide telephone answering information for the wider organisation. In addition, we will look to provide performance data on how well we are responding to our customers across the full range of channels, including online and face to face. However, this will require technical input from Technology and Transformation as well as cultural and process change across all services.

We are also working to develop our online offer for customers. In the customer ‘one front door’ we can see the volume of customer traffic across all our on-line tools. We work to support customers to stay on-line and prevent the need to contact the Customer Service function. The top five services creating online demand are:

- Council Tax
- Bins, Recycling and waste
- Roads, Parking and travel
- Housing and homelessness
- Recruitment.

The diagram below shows the level of demand across all on-line tools.

Customer Online Demand Q1



Revenues Collection

Performance on revenue collection has been maintained in quarter one (Q1).

Proportionally, Q1 usually sees higher rates of council tax collection – with quarterly collection rates tailing off across the remaining three quarters of the year. The 2023/24 Q1 *Council Tax Collection Rate* was 31.93%. For technical reasons this includes an additional three weeks of collection data for the old Craven area of North Yorkshire so is slightly over-stated. For comparison, collection rates across North Yorkshire in Q1 last year ranged between 29.1% and 35.7%.

National Non Domestic Rates (NNDR) collection rates can be affected by 'spikes' at different times in the year as larger businesses such as Drax power station or Catterick Garrison pay their NNDR bill. However, as with council tax, the greatest proportions tend to be paid in the early quarters of the year. The 2023/24 Q1 *NNDR Collection Rate* was 34.96%. Again, this is slightly inflated due to the inclusion of Craven data up to 20 July. For comparison, NNDR collection rates in Q1 last year ranged from 29.5% to 44.8% (although 44.8% was an outlier – the next highest was 38.2%).

Benefits Processing

In Q1, **the average time to process new Housing Benefit claims** was 23.1 days. During the same period, **the average time to process Housing Benefit changes** was 6.6 days. To put this into context,

the DWP-reported figure for all England for the same period last year was 22 days and 8 days respectively. In North Yorkshire, performance in Q1 last year was slightly better at 21.9 days for new claims and 4.8 days for changes.

Service delivery has been broadly maintained. Performance levels are not uniform across North Yorkshire. However, where capacity issues have been identified, a plan of improvement has been implemented that includes the sharing of resources from strongly performing areas to those performing less well.

Q1 is always challenging from a service delivery perspective, as the service responds to changes following annual billing, yearly rent changes and the annual uprating of Universal Credit. As a result, performance is expected to improve in Q2 as backlogs reduce.

In Q1, **the average time to process new Council Tax Support claims** was 21.80 days. During the same period, **the average time to process Council Tax Support changes** was 6.33 days. To put this into context, data for all seven former district and borough councils suggests this is a little higher than the same period last year (18.8 days) for new claims and slightly lower than last year for processing changes (7.4 days).

In addition to the Q1 challenges mentioned above, a new **Council Tax Support (CTS) scheme** was implemented from 1 April 2023 to ensure a consistent approach across North Yorkshire. Whilst customers and officers have adapted well to the change, processing times were initially impacted as staff learnt and adapted to the new scheme criteria and dealt with the increase in calls from customers.

Work continues in Q2 to improve consistency of approach to service delivery across seven areas, with seven teams utilising seven different systems. It is hoped that, by the end of Q2 we will have finalised the service performance framework, improved the consistency of data collection and produced baselines to support a better understanding of performance going forward.

Technology

Technology Services have been building on the successful vesting day launch weekend that saw us efficiently move into a new organisation safely and legally. Work to ensure we look and feel like one single organisation includes every member of staff having a Microsoft 365 account so that their email and Microsoft Teams work across the old organisational boundaries, and a new website launch that ensures our customers can access information and services through the customer 'one front door'.

The focus of Technology Services in Q1 has been on resolving some of the technical teething issues and finishing and refining some of the projects and improvements that was put on hold so that we could deliver 'day one' functionality.

The initial inconsistent performance of the telephony system has now been significantly improved by increasing line capacity. This ensures the systems are strong and stable during the busiest of call periods and the overall performance of the system is now very good. However, due to the complexity of having

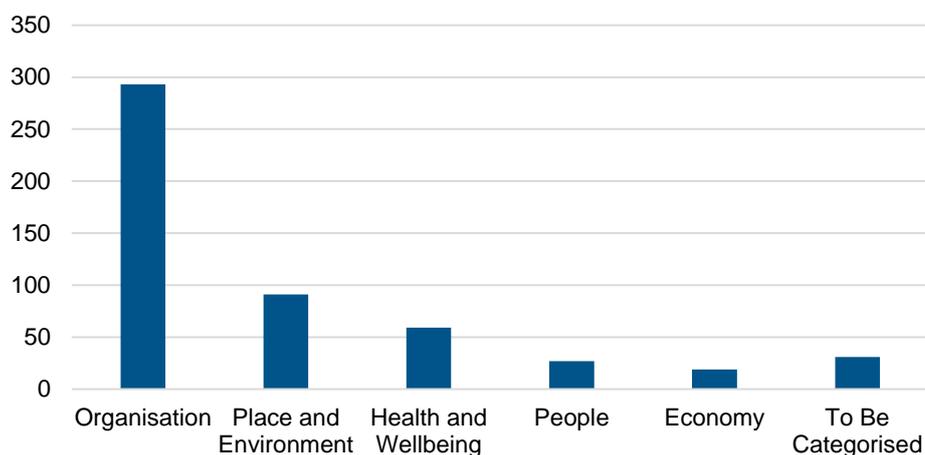
multiple versions of different systems on multiple different networks, we have not been able to ensure stability during periods of change and the delivery of upgrades, unexpected outages have been suffered and though solved quickly they have been disruptive. We know that this is unacceptable, so we successfully implemented a stability protocol to limit all change.

Ultimately, the Q1 essential upgrades have been completed, including harmonising the management of our firewalls to improve security and reduce costs, and planning for further network consolidation is underway. This work is the foundation for transformation, and it is therefore essential that this is the primary area of focus for Technology. When completed it will enable staff to effectively work as one across the region, but until then tactical workarounds and some manual intervention will remain.

Transformation

Currently the Transformation service is co-ordinating over 30 service level plans that aim to identify the opportunities to consolidate services and deliver further improvements and efficiencies. These plans identify well over 500 actions that will help further consolidate and transform services and deliver the corporate ambitions identified in the Council Plan. Currently over half of these actions are focussed on the internal workings of the organisation.

Number of Actions by Corporate Theme



These actions are now being prioritised so services, where necessary can be supported to deliver them and the actions can be co-ordinated through the Transformation Programme. This work has also identified a number of cross cutting themes that will further enable the new council to work as a single organisation and deliver additional efficiencies; these themes are:

- **The way we work**
The efficient and effective delivery of services in a way that meets customer needs and expectations.
- **Locality working**
The creation of “One Council” that listens and responds to views of residents, members, parishes and businesses, providing clear accountability to the public.
- **Customer**
The delivery of a customer focussed operating model through a single corporate approach.
- **Assess and decide**
Enabling timely, consistent and transparent decision making when assessing the need to access services

- Prevention
Anticipating and reducing demand for services by providing early help and therefore, where appropriate diverting demand from costly services.

The Transformation plan will be finalised in the autumn when the actions mentioned above have been prioritised to ensure the projects are achievable and will deliver the maximum benefits possible.

As well as the 15 projects that are currently being scoped as part of the service transformation plans, the Transformation service are currently delivering 5 programmes including the housing upgrade grant and strategic leisure review, plus 40 projects covering a wide range of services from new or replacement management information systems for the music service, integrated passenger transport, concessionary travel and youth justice, through to the digital transformation of care provider services, online care needs and financial assessments plus a review of the outdoor leisure service.

Legal and Democratic Services

Democratic Services

In Q1, the focus has been upon aligning working practices across the 8 democratic services teams that came together as one service as of 1 April 2023, particularly with regard to the operation of Provisional and licensing committees. There are also a number of projects underway to support the development of democratic services and support for members, officers and the public in the new North Yorkshire Council, including: a review of recording and broadcasting of council meetings; support for members in their Electoral Division and the training offer; and how we work with and support the Parish and Town Councils. Work is also underway to enable electronic voting in the Council Chamber at County Hall and to amend the Constitution (subject to Council approval) to enable electronic voting to be undertaken at venues across the county where there is the facility to do so.

The School Admission Appeals Service has been administering the bulk admissions appeals for primary and secondary schools ahead of the start of the September school term. The work commenced in mid-April and will continue through to the end of the summer school term in late July. Typically, 350 appeals are heard each year over this period. There is also a steady stream of 'in-year' appeals that are linked to requested school changes that occur for a number of reasons throughout the academic year. We are required to administer the appeals in accordance with the Department of Education statutory School Admissions Appeals code.

There has been an increase in public participation in decision making by the Council, with more members of the public submitting questions and statements to the meetings of the Council's committees and an increase in the number of petitions submitted through the Council's Petitions Scheme. The latter has involved an increase in the number of referrals to the Area Constituency Committees, where the number of people who live, work or study in the county who sign the petition is over 500, for consideration and a subsequent increase in the number of recommendations then made to the Executive and/or Executive members.

Finally, the team has been leading the Community Governance Review process for the consideration of the creation of town councils in Harrogate and Scarborough.

Elections

The seven legacy electoral service teams are all now operating on a single electoral management system thereby enabling access to the register and the performance of registration activities by every team member regardless of their geographical location.

The team started vesting day with the news of a by-election in the Eastfield Division which took place on 25 May and was the first election in the North Yorkshire Area to see the implementation of the requirement for voter identification at polling stations. Electors in North Yorkshire were able to apply for a

free voter ID document, which is known as a Voter Authority Certificate which can be used at the polling station.

Since then, there have been a number of unscheduled polls including Helmsley Town Council on 8 June, the Thornton Le Dale Parish Poll 21 June, and the upcoming Pateley Bridge Town Council by-election on 20 July and of course the Selby & Ainsty Parliamentary by-election on 20 July where there will be 13 candidates on the ballot paper.

In parallel to this activity the elections team have commenced the annual canvass where they are required by law to confirm whether the details we hold on the electoral register for every household in North Yorkshire are correct.

Legal Services

The focus of the legal team has been on ensuring a smooth transition of services on vesting day and thereafter on all aspects of legal work across the team including the safe and legal transfer of former district and borough companies to NYC.

Important legal steps have been completed in relation to the delivery of the new route at Kex Gill which will benefit businesses across the north of England and local towns and villages nearby, enhancing connectivity and putting an end to disruptive road closures. More specifically the Compulsory Purchase Order and SRO processes have been completed, the land for the scheme has been acquired by General Vesting Declaration and the Contract for the works has been signed enabling the £50m Scheme to proceed.

In court the legal team have:

- obtained Judgments totalling £140k in an intention deprivation of assets claim, the first such success by the Council;
- obtained a Closure Order (under the Anti- Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014) in respect of council owned premises for a 3 month period to help prevent criminal behaviour and nuisance from continuing or reoccurring;
- successfully defended a claim for constructive unfair dismissal
- defended a challenge regarding decision by health concerning a mental health section

On the project front the legal team have:

- been advising on the Catterick Garrison Town Centre Regeneration Project including the review of the DLUCH grant funding agreement for £19m and starting the preparation of a Land Lease Agreement and Collaborative Partnership Agreement in order to secure the DIO's match funding contribution.
- completed the variation to the PFI agreement for Barlby School to enable essential building works to be carried out
- completed 15 grant agreements and 2 contracts for services relating to the Multiply Project, using funding from the DfE. This was done to a very tight timescale and the team is now preparing 19 similar agreements for Round 2.
- The team are currently negotiating and advising upon a multimillion-pound grant agreement from NYC to a bus operator for the manufacture of carbon friendly bus fleets.

In relation to estate assets the legal team supported the successful auction of 50 South Parade, Northallerton achieving a receipt of £486,000 being much higher than expected.

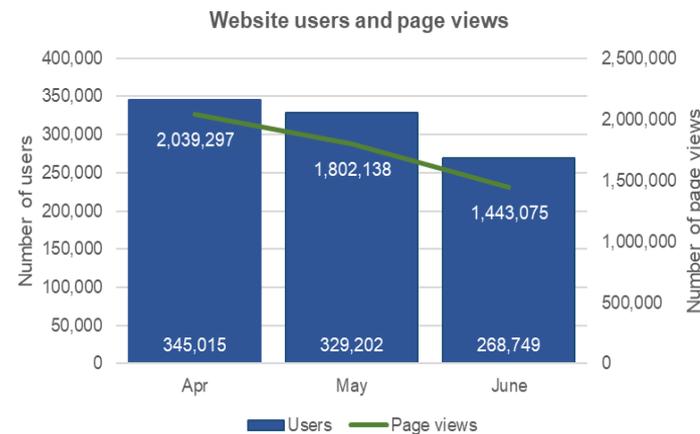
The Council’s Statutory Licensing Committee and its General Licensing & Registration Committee have both adopted hearings procedures for their sub-committees.

The team have completed delivery of key Planning Training to Members and providing legal support for 15 Planning Committees in the first quarter on the new authority. Training has also been provided to the client regarding completing robust age assessments in relation to Asylum Seekers claiming to be under 18.

Communications

Website

On 1 April the council’s new website launched bringing together the information from the eight separate county, borough and district council websites. To residents the website is designed to look like a single site but it is made up of several separate components managed by different teams. A huge amount of work went into developing the site, especially around the key customer journeys for high traffic areas such as bins and council tax.



However, as services have not yet been transformed and services are being delivered differently in different areas the customer journey is not ideal as during the transitional period residents need to input their location to be directed to the right information for their area.

We predicated a large amount of contacts and feedback from such a significant change. Since the launch, feedback has been used to make

thousands of improvements to the website and we will continue to monitor resident feedback and usage data to identify and make improvements to customer journeys across the separate components so that we can continue to make it as easy to use as possible for residents. However, the major improvements in customer journeys needed will only be possible when services transform.

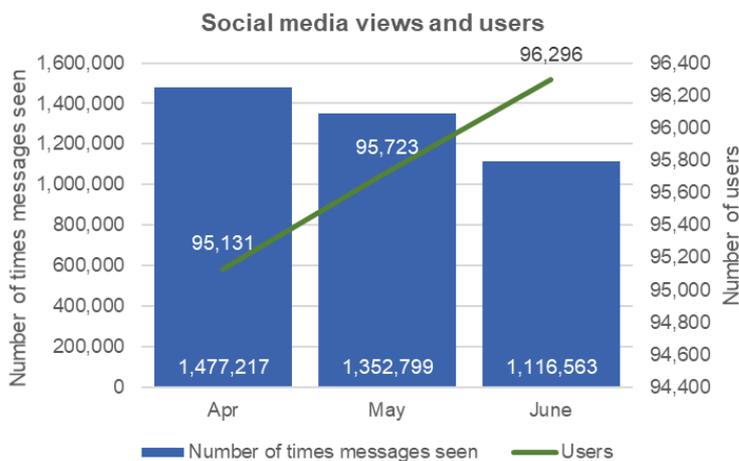
Information about bins was by far the most popular topic on the website during Q1. This is likely to be the most popular topic on an ongoing basis but even more so due to collection changes during the bank and Easter holidays. Council tax was also high due to bills being sent out. This explains why views across the site were highest in April, dropping down as we moved towards June.

Intranet

Vesting day also saw the launch of the new staff intranet, again bringing together the key information from the eight previous organisations to allow staff at the new authority to be able to carry out their role on day one. Across the quarter there were 1,922,482 views of the intranet.

Social Media

While vesting day also saw the launch of a single set of social media channels for the new council, how these channels work allowed for a much more phased approach as opposed to the sudden switch needed for the new website and intranet. The communications campaign for the launch of the new council saw the former district and borough social media channels promoting the switchover ahead of day one, when



the former county council channels relaunched as the new North Yorkshire Council channels retaining our already countywide following, encouraging those who didn't already to start following the channels ahead of time. The former district and borough channels also continued after day one to keep signposting to the new channels, including direct messages from residents, to make sure they were aware of the change.

Similarly to the website, messages were seen more in April when posts were going out about the changes to bins due to holidays, gradually coming down across the quarter to a more normal level – although

still meaning our messages were seen over a million times in June. Follower numbers across our channels have continued to grow and will jump in July as we launch our new Next Door channel.

Engagement

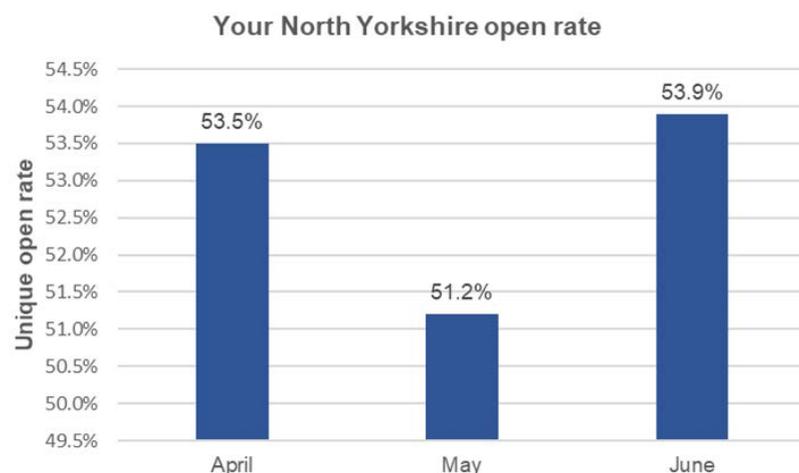
The biggest engagement exercise during Q1 was the latest in the council's Let's Talk series about transport, to help inform the new Local Transport Plan. Running on our Commonplace platform, lessons learned from all of the previous Let's Talk projects have been used to improve our communications approach to encourage residents to take part. By the end of June, this had resulted in 3,144 responses received, with the engagement not ending until mid-July.

Press

The first three months since the launch of the new council have been extremely busy with 434 media enquiries from the start of April until the end of June. 105 press releases have also been issued in the first three months of the new council. Releases have been written on major policies for the council as well as ensuring a focus remains on events and activities that are important to local communities.

Publications

A new countywide newsletter, Your North Yorkshire, has been established following the launch of the new council. The digital newsletter is published monthly and the first edition featured a main article on the launch of the new council. At the end of the quarter there were 143,901 subscribers. Each edition had over half of subscribers opening the newsletter, with unique opening rates varying from 51.2% in May to 53.9% in June.



Localities

Community Anchor Organisations (CAOs)

In February 2023, Stronger Communities opened a new opportunity to establish a Community Anchor model for North Yorkshire. In Q1 evaluation of submissions took place, with 23 place-based organisations from across the County progressing to the next stage. For the ten localities where a suitable CAO has not been initially identified, work will continue to explore options. Recognising that in our larger urban areas where there are a number of distinctive neighbourhoods, the model of a single place-based community anchor may not work, we are working with local partners in Harrogate and Scarborough to understand what the optimal options for investing in Community Anchors are in those areas. Work on this will also progress in Q2. The Inspire/Community Grants scheme has continued to run, with 30 awarded last quarter and the team continue to work alongside various voluntary and community groups to support organisational development and capacity building activity.

Community Partnerships

In Q1, Executive agreed to develop the ambition of supporting local partnership and multi-agency working through the establishment of local Community Partnerships, focussing on principal towns and surrounding areas and reflecting natural communities. This will be phased, with work starting in Q2 in five pilot areas: Easingwold, Leyburn and Middleham, Ripon, Sherburn and Thornton-le-Dale.

Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme

The HAF programme continues to develop and improve its reach in all areas of North Yorkshire. The Easter programme saw 8,841 free HAF sessions enjoyed by 2,200 children who met the Department of Education criteria, and an additional 1,173 children and young people who didn't qualify also took part in the activities using paid-for places. Blended sessions help FSM children and young people to take part in the same activities as their non-FSM friends without cost being a barrier. Monitoring and feedback identified that this was the first year that providers have reported significant non-attendance and cancellations being an issue. To tackle this for the summer period, an online booking system has been put in place to proactively manage bookings.

HAF codes for summer 23 have already been distributed to children and young people with summer activities being promoted on the North Yorkshire Together FEAST website and by the providers locally. There are 66 different providers running sessions across the County providing a broad range of activities. This year, particular attention is being given to neurodiversity and understanding how activities need to be flexible in order to provide the best possible experience for all children.

Local Food Support

Work on the collaborative insight work with City of York Council to better understand the regional food insecurity landscape is now complete, with the final report made available in Q1. The work evaluates the range of food support services that were established during the pandemic and explores potential opportunities for future service provision alongside a series of recommendations. Work has now commenced to start planning a partnership event to launch the findings/carry out some further engagement work in autumn 2023, and the findings are already being used to inform other related work areas both internally across the Council, and externally with partners.

Reboot North Yorkshire

Work on Reboot North Yorkshire continues to progress with a steady flow of referrals into the scheme from a broad range of organisations and NYC services. This quarter, 58 devices have been gifted to socially isolated individuals or those in need of a device to access training or to continue their education. Our community partner Craven Reboot have similarly been active in gifting devices, supporting people with IT needs, and encouraging donations within their communities.

This quarter also saw the start of conversations with York Community Furniture Stores who have branches in Selby and Scarborough, about how they could be involved with the project. They already have a successful scheme called IT Reuse York.

UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF)

Stronger Communities continue to take the lead role in the delivery of the Communities and Place strand of the Council's UK Shared Prosperity Fund programme. An advisory group is in place made up of public and voluntary sector partners, who are overseeing the work being progressed on the year one allocations, as well as planning and development work taking place on year two and three allocations.

Household Support Fund (HSF)

In line with the expenditure guidelines and the agreed eligibility framework, developed in partnership with the seven former District and Borough Councils, c24,000 households across North Yorkshire received a direct award in the form of a shopping voucher in January 2023: Achieving a 93% redemption rate.

This encompassed eligible families, pensioners and working age adult households as well as those who missed out on other forms of national Cost of Living support. In addition to this, supplementary funding was awarded to North Yorkshire Local Assistance Fund (NYLAF), Warm and Well, and 16 food providers across the County. A HSF Exceptional Circumstances Fund was also delivered, to support those who may have missed out on support due to circumstances beyond their control. In total, 45,236 households in North Yorkshire received support through the third phase of HSF.

HSF will continue for a fourth phase in 23/24; work is now underway to develop the scheme, building on the learning from previous phases. Which will be delivered later this year, to help people pay for food and other essentials over the coming winter months. Payments will be made from mid-September to people who are eligible. Further information will be published near the time, including the eligibility criteria and payment amounts.

North Yorkshire Local Assistance Fund (NYLAF) – awaiting transition to Customer, Revenues and Benefits.

Caveat: data between April 1st – June 25th 2023.

In Q1, 2,892 applications were received with a 92% approval rate - compared to 2,648 applications received and 2,399 approved in Q1 22/23 (last year comparison). A total of £344,135 was spent (Compared to £303,816 spent Q1, 22/23), with 40% on food and energy vouchers, and 60% on standard awards. In keeping with previous years, the highest levels of demand are seen in Scarborough (39%), followed by Harrogate, with lowest levels of demand in Richmondshire (4%).

	Q4 2022/23 (previous Q1)	Q1 2022/23 (Q1 last year)	Q1 2023/24 (current)
Food voucher	2,783	1,783	2,041
Clothing voucher	84	79	78
Energy voucher	2,089	1,581	1,418
White goods	84	231	311
Cash awards	1	0	0
Other household items	251	202	174
Furniture	309	256	411

Quarterly data update

- On average, NYLAF received 257 applications a week this quarter.
- There have been 573 first time applicants to the Fund this quarter.
- The number of food and energy applications decreased by 19% between April and May.
- The number of standard applications increased by 9% between April and May.
- Phone calls have seen a decrease of 21% between April and May.
- Vulnerability category data is also monitored monthly. It shows no significant change in who we are supporting through the scheme and in which geographical areas, with those with experiencing mental health challenges (32%), those who are homeless (21%) and families under extreme pressure (15%) continuing to be the three highest vulnerability categories in Q1.

Other key areas of note this quarter include:

- An extension to the Household Support Fund was announced in the Spring Budget so the food and energy award levels are staying at the increased limit of four awards in a rolling twelve-month period until the end of March 2024.
- NYLAF has supported the Government's Homes for Ukraine Scheme, with 25 awards going to refugees or host families this quarter to directly support those that have fled Ukraine.
- As well as the reported figures above, further food parcels were delivered across the Scarborough town area through our ongoing partnership with the Rainbow Centre. The final Q1 figure is still to be confirmed. Using April data we could estimate 105 additional food parcels delivered.

Community Awards

Nominations for the community awards closed in June. There was a very positive response with 147 nominations received for 123 groups/individuals highlighting the wider range of activities being carried out by volunteers across the county. The judges are shortlisting nominees in July and will then be visiting the successful nominees to choose the winners who will be announced at the wider partnership conference in October.

Refugees

Refugee resettlement (Afghan ARAP/UKRS)

North Yorkshire permanently resettled 138 persons (31 families) under the Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy (ARAP) between August 2021 to June 2023, and 168 persons (43 families) – mainly

Syrian refugees - under the United Kingdom Resettlement Scheme (UKRS) between February 2021 to June 2023.

In relation to the UKRS scheme, Ministerial sign-off has been awaited for some months now to allow new family cases to be provided. A range of existing cases previously sent to local authorities by the Home Office have not been able to be placed due to family size or because they require complex support needs that cannot be met in the local area. For North Yorkshire this means that the original target to resettle 200 UKRS persons by March 2024 is unlikely to be achieved, with only two further cases (7 persons) accepted for arrival in 2023.

In relation to the Afghan resettlement schemes, the first bridging hotel closures in the UK will occur towards the end of July 2023, followed by a series of closures in short succession throughout August 2023. There remain about 6600 individuals in bridging hotels in the UK. Based upon family size of the households in the bridging hotels, the highest demand is for three-and four-bedroom properties. Four-bedroom properties are particularly difficult to source.

A substantial financial support package is being provided by the Home Office/DLUHC to local authorities to provide increased support for ARAP/ACRS households to move from hotels into settled accommodation, primarily into private rented housing through the 'Find Your Own Accommodation' pathway. However, challenges remain around longer-term affordability due to the benefit cap impacting upon large households, the competition in the UK's private rental market generally. Additional funding will be made available to councils who accept homelessness duties from ARAP/ACRS households because of the bridging hotel closure plan. It is estimated that between seven to nine households, some of whom are large households, in the bridging hotel in North Yorkshire will not have received a housing offer prior to closure, although over the last six weeks the pace has increased regarding the number of households securing settled accommodation and moving out of the hotel. Contingencies will be put in place should they be required.

In recognition that the hotels will have closed before some households have been able to move into settled accommodation, the government announced on 18 July 2023 that 'interim accommodation' will be provided to households who have been pre matched to, and accepted a firm offer of suitable settled accommodation before their Notice to Quit has expired, and where that property will be ready for move-in before the end of December 2023.

A second round of the LAHF has been implemented. Its objectives are to provide sustainable housing to those on Afghan resettlement schemes at risk of homelessness and to reduce local housing pressures beyond those on Afghan resettlement schemes by providing better quality temporary accommodation to those owed homelessness duties by local authorities. North Yorkshire Council has been allocated grant funding to acquire 11 homes, with a requirement for the council to provide 60% match funding. Homes need to be acquired by the end of the financial year.

In a change to its earlier approach, the government is now requiring that the Ministry of Defence's surplus Service Family Accommodation (SFA) properties identified for ARAP households, be used in the first instance to accommodate ARAP households residing in the bridging estate in the UK instead of being used to accommodate ARAP households waiting to come to the UK. This is in order to help reduce the number of households facing homelessness when the bridging estate closes in the UK. Consequently, the 10 additional SFA properties identified in Catterick Garrison will now be provided to those families in place of ARAP households still residing in Afghanistan or third countries.

Asylum seeker dispersal and contingency hotel accommodation

There remain three contingency hotels in the county accommodating asylum seekers – two accommodating single adult males and one hotel accommodating families. Demands continue to be placed upon local services. The Home Office's recently announced 'hotel optimisation' plans, will see an increase in the number of bedspaces utilised in the two hotels accommodating single males, by moving

away from single bedroom occupancy to shared bedroom occupancy – a practice that has already been in place for some time in other parts of the UK.

On 3 April 2023, the government announced that surplus military sites will accommodate asylum seekers. The Home Office is developing proposals for use of sites in Catterick Garrison. However, to date there has been no further information provided by the Home Office to North Yorkshire Council on its plans.

Homes for Ukraine

Between the 1 April and the end of June 2023, 49 additional Ukrainian guests arrived in North Yorkshire, making a total of 1,336 arrivals since the start of the Homes for Ukraine scheme. During this quarter we have seen a rise in the number of single guest arrivals joining family members in North Yorkshire. The number of guests still living with a sponsor is approximately 616, reduced from 733 in Q4 2022/23.

Since the start of the scheme, 720 guests who initially arrived in North Yorkshire have moved on from their sponsors' accommodation. Further detail is summarised in the table opposite (cumulative since the start of the programme). Note there may be a small time-lag between guests moving and informing NYC, so above figures could vary.

	Households	Individuals
Rematched to sponsor outside NY	24	47
Returned to Ukraine	86	172
Moved to another country	21	41
University	3	3
Private rental – in North Yorkshire	155	371
Social housing – in North Yorkshire	10	24

Equality Diversity and Inclusion (EDI)

Corporate EDI Group

Now that the Council is post LGR it has more functions and responsibilities. The group met in June to discuss new ways of working taking into consideration inward facing functions such as HR and being outward facing towards our communities and services. An action plan is being created that will review the groups' role, introduce Terms of Reference and to consider the adoption of the [Equality Framework for Local Government](#).

Selby and Tadcaster - Changing Places toilets for disabled users

£90,000 was secured to improve accessibility in the district through the installation of two of these facilities. They offer larger accessible toilets for people who cannot use standard accessible toilets, with equipment such as hoists, curtains, adult-sized changing benches, and spaces for carers. The funding is from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) plus match from NYC. The locations of the Changing Places facilities are Tadcaster Bus Station and at Selby Park. Both Changing Places designs have now been approved by Muscular Dystrophy UK and both facilities will be completed in March 2024.

To understand the needs of our communities and work with them to meet those needs We will:

Collect, analyse and use data and information

Public Health weight management service: community engagement work has been undertaken that identifies target populations that have historically not engaged with the weight management service and/or are known to have increased health inequalities. Surveys and focus groups are being delivered; data is being collected and will be analysed thematically. The local insight will be triangulated with a literature review and local service evaluations.

A review of existing feedback/engagement reports to support strategy development such as autism strategy, Mental Health Development Board and Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy is taking place.

Carry out effective community engagement

A range of engagement activities focused on protected characteristic groups have been carried out during quarter 1, including the following:

- Engagement about autism strategy with autistic people and carers
- Engagement with people with care and support needs about online assessments
- Engagement event to shape HAS Engagement Charter and Framework
- Engagement about Participation Support Service re-procurement with self-advocates
- NYLDPB next steps event to coproduce future steps for Partnership Board
- Dementia strategy engagement events
- Engagement about home-based support options in the Nidderdale and Washburn Valley area
- Engagement to inform weight management service

Encourage participation in public life by all our communities

- The HAS Participation and Engagement team have supported Craven Disability Forum in preparation of their disability survey report for publication
- Public consultations are shared with citizen voice forums
- Involvement of people with lived experience of care and support in Assistant Director interviews

Asylum seeking families

'Living in the UK: Support for Families' presentation and accompanying information are delivered to all families who arrive in North Yorkshire through resettlement schemes and as asylum seeker families. Regular early help (EH) visits to asylum seeker and Afghan bridging hotels are making sure families are aware of local services available including local volunteering opportunities.

CFIW's are encouraging UASC and asylum seeker families to become involved in local sports teams and to engage with their local communities. There is a tourist day planned in Scarborough for July 2023.

Address local inequalities including:

Identify and address inequality in outcomes for ethnic minority customers

Public Health teams have been working with POMOC Scarborough & Ryedale to reach Eastern European communities – including Polish, Romanian, Roma and Ukrainian – to engage on a range of health issues including immunisation, screening, maternity care and weight management.

Improve health and educational outcomes amongst Gypsy, Roma, Traveller communities (GRT) in the county

The immunisation and screening work mentioned above includes work with Gypsy, Roma, Traveller communities.

An inclusive health framework is in development and work began on this during quarter 1. A NYC workshop is planned for 27 July 2023, focused on developing GRT needs assessment.

A creative engagement project is underway (planning for this undertaken during quarter 1), working with the site manager on GRT sites to reach/involve residents. This project is also reaching out to Eastern European migrant communities, including Roma. We hope to be able to showcase participants' work via an exhibition at the end of the project.

A consultation event with all directorates is planned for July '23 to discuss a united response to identifying and addressing health and education equalities. Early Help are also working with GRT site management teams to discuss effective ways in which to engage with the community.

Ensure service delivery and commissioning, particularly social care and public health, is inclusive of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Trans+ adults

'Spotlight on Trans awareness' session was delivered to nearly 150 Adult Social Care colleagues in June 2023; follow-up actions planned to further enhance the learning.

Improve wellbeing, inclusion and feeling safe for vulnerable groups of children and young people

Supported Employment: initial meetings are arranged with CYPS inclusion leads to identify and support autistic people in mainstream schools who may need support with accessing paid employment.

Improve the health and wellbeing of individuals with long-term health conditions including obesity and other life limiting conditions

As mentioned in the information about the adult weight management programme earlier in the report – the programme is reaching specific groups who experience health inequalities and who have not historically engaged with the service.

Develop work and study opportunities for young people in the county

The Minority Inclusion Support Team continue to offer support with access to education including SEN for all refugee and asylum seeker families with children aged 0-19.

Under the Homes for Ukraine (HFU) Scheme Children and Families Intervention Workers (CFIWs) are supporting parents and hosts of children and young people arriving through HFU with college, school and Early years admission processes. This information is also available in Ukrainian, Russian and English on the website www.northyorks.gov.uk/support-ukraine

Other:

Public Health are leading on the creation and implementation of a North Yorkshire Women's Health Strategy, following publication of the Government's Women's Health Strategy for England in 2022. A range of other condition-specific strategies also under development, for example autism, carers and dementia.

To provide responsive services and effective customer care to all

We will:

Embed equality into our commissioning and procuring services

Four equality impact assessment/Duty to Pay Due Regard workshops have been delivered to Adult Social Care and Public Health teams in Q1 (and ongoing during Q2).

Ensure service design and delivery pays due regard to equality

At the end of June a key decision was taken to reprocur Translation and Interpretation services for the council as the current contract expires on 31st March 2024. This is to ensure that provision is equitable, accessible and of sufficient quality across the council and enable a cost-efficient service that can meet demand. This quarter community language and BSL interpreters were used on 353 occasions and 149 translations were requested for 28 community languages and BSL.

To have a diverse and engaged workforce and fair and inclusive employment practices We will:

Work to improve workforce diversity and inclusion

HAS Value in Racial Diversity recruitment and retention plan was reviewed during Q1 and actions to progress the plan agreed with corporate colleagues (this plan was co-produced with members of HAS Anti-Racist Practice Group but paused during LGR).

Ensure our strategies and policies are inclusive

Addition to Protected Characteristics - The Armed Forces Covenant (AFC)

As we continue to work to embed awareness of The Armed Forces Covenant [policy](#) adopted by Council in February 2023, it is now integrated into the Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) process, with the EIA Form and EIA Screening forms having been updated on the intranet to include '**..are from the Armed Forces Community**' as an additional adopted protected characteristic. There is also an E-learning package available on the Learning Zone which can be found under the search term '*armed forces*'.

Support the learning, development and progression of our workforce

The easy read cohort completed training, and the task and finish group have agreed to cascade learning.

Human Resources and Business Support

Staff Absence (Sickness rate)

The two main causes of absence remain stress/depression, anxiety and related and musculo-skeletal problems. Covid absences have decreased from last quarter and now account for 3% of all sickness absence.

An increase in sickness absence rates is reflected nationally, after reduced absence during Covid, and is likely to be reflecting a range of post Covid issues. Planned surgery was paused during Covid and conditions have deteriorated as a consequence of that delayed surgery, together with new absence due to surgery resuming. During Covid restrictions there was a reduction in social mixing and infection transmission, and post Covid there has been an increased impact of viral infections (including Covid itself) always worse in the two winter quarters, together with Long Covid absence.

Staff Turnover

The labour market remains very competitive nationally and locally, with low unemployment, pay pressures, particularly at the entry level posts, and a range of recruitment inducements offered by other employers to attract.

Spend on Agency Staff

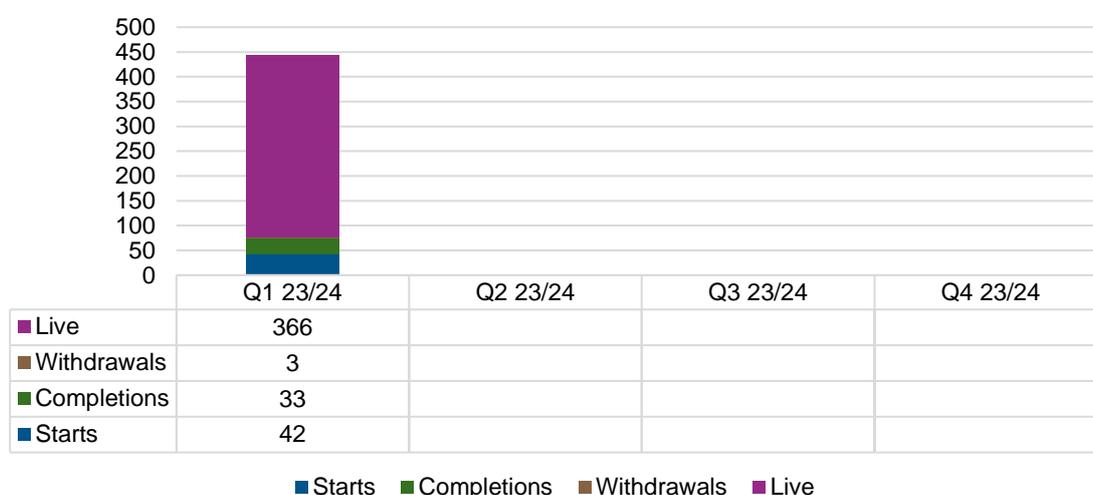
This is the first set of data produced since the formation of the new council and therefore overall spend on agency for Q1 is much higher and the finance report looks at the projection for the year. The highest areas of spend from former district/borough are; Planning (£344,030), Legal (£86,308) Waste (£92,722) and Environmental Health (£65,367). Spend from the former county continues in; Children's resource/care workers (£336,716), Children Educational Psychologists (£125,660), Adults Qualified Social care (SW/OTs)(£70,823) and Adults BIA/MHAs (£215,565).

Apprenticeships

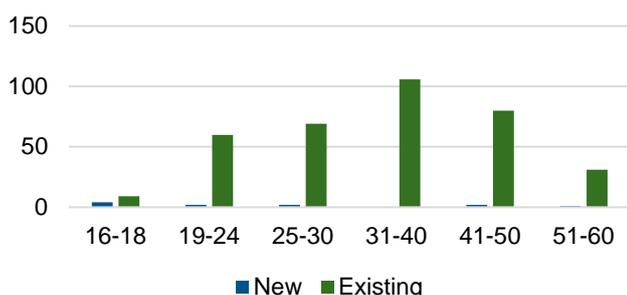
The council have had 9 care leavers start apprenticeships, 5 have completed, 1 withdrawn with 3 are currently live on programme.

	No. of apprentices on programme transferring to NYC on 1 April 2023
NYCC	260
Harrogate	40
Hambleton	16
Scarborough	32
Craven	16
TOTAL	364

Starts, Completions, Withdrawals and Live



Age Range of NYC Apprentices



North Yorkshire Apprenticeship Awards

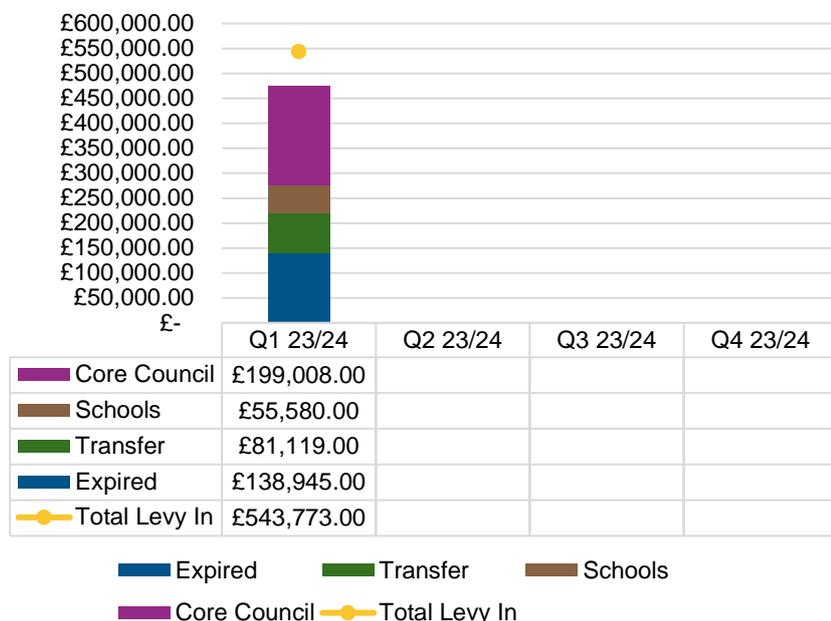
A number of staff were shortlisted in the recent North Yorkshire Apprenticeship Awards with winners in the Advanced Apprentice of the Year and Health and Public Service Apprentice of the Year categories. The North Yorkshire Council Apprentice Programme was highly commended in the Large Business Apprenticeship Employer category.

Unspent Funds

Unspent funds returned in Q1 - £138,945 (86% relating to schools). Whilst there continues to be a focus on the monitoring of the existing programme and continued use of the levy transfer, a number of other

opportunities have been identified to increase the levy spend going forward. These include career pathways, leadership and management and degree apprenticeships supported by an overall focus on raising the profile of apprenticeships and the apprenticeship programme.

Levy In and Spend



Levy transfer allows the council to utilise up to 25% of its levy to support apprenticeships in other organisations. There are currently 234 confirmed apprenticeship starts funded from transfers made by NYCC, Scarborough and Harrogate. A total of £1.72m has been allocated with a total spend so far of £835,147. See table below for sector areas:

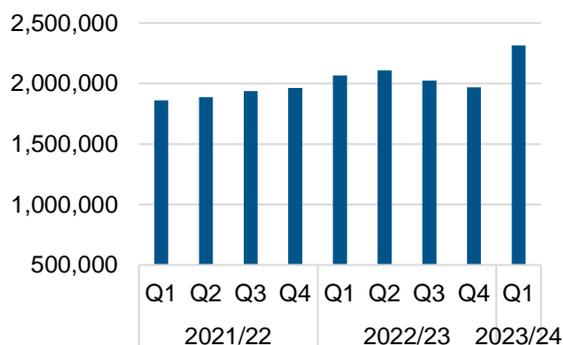
Recipients	Totals
Brierley Group companies	31
Care providers	136
Hospitality/Leisure providers	9
Digital organisations	1
Construction sector	46
Voluntary/Community sector	1

Volunteers

The authority welcomes the support of volunteers who donate their time to support various council services. During quarter one 4,468 volunteers are estimated to have given 38,134 hours of their time to support council services. A successful campaign, utilising the council’s usual recruitment processes, has led to an increase in the number of school governors registered.

Printing costs

Volume of Printing



During quarter one, staff printed over two million sheets of paper at a cost of £17,602, this is slightly higher than the same period for 2022/23.

Printing Costs



Procurement

Due to the migration of data from the ex-borough and districts there are a large number of suppliers that require categorising by local, SME and VCSE. As a result, the SME and Local spend percentages have dropped this quarter when compared to last year's cumulative values (i.e., Local – 55% to 51%; SME – 48% to 41%). The percentage of categorised spend has dropped from last year's cumulative value of 99.76% to 91.41% this quarter.

As suppliers are categorised it is anticipated that these figures will go up for the following quarters.

KPI	Target	Actual
Percentage of total council spend with local suppliers	50.0%	51% (£105,105,209.43)
Percentage of total council spend with SME suppliers	50.0%	41% (£123,815,956.28)
Percentage of total council spend with voluntary and community sector	3.0%	3% (£6,154,080.38)

From the table above over £105m was spent with local suppliers across the whole of North Yorkshire and £123m was spent with SME, both these figures are evidence that North Yorkshire's spend, benefits businesses within the county.

Contract management is key driver for achieving additional savings and / or service improvements and as such all staff within the procurement and contract management service are to complete the contract

management training available on the Learning Zone. At the end of the first quarter 88% of staff have completed the training with only 4 staff remaining as outstanding and are anticipated to be complete before the end of the second quarter.

Over recent months there has been a higher staff turnover within the team due to career progression opportunities within other public sector originations. However, as the winner of the Procurement Team of the Year 2021/22 at the UK National Go Awards, we are seen as a desirable employer for those looking for a career in procurement and contracting within the public sector. As a result, many of the roles have been successfully recruited to within this period.

Due to several successful recruitments to the team during this period and the transfer of a number of ex-borough and district staff into the team, a number of staff have not yet started their training regarding the Government Commercial Function Foundation Accreditation or CIPs accreditation. It is anticipated that most staff will have completed the Government Commercial Function Foundation Accreditation training in the next quarter and a review will be undertaken on those that wish to commence their CIPs accreditation this financial year.

We are also in the process of implemented the Government Commercial Function Practitioner training which is a 6 month training course. Due to the time investment for the course, staff are being put through the training in cohorts. At the end of this quarter, the first cohort has completed this course and the second cohort is just commencing. This training will help the authority improve our approach to contract management and our commercial capabilities.



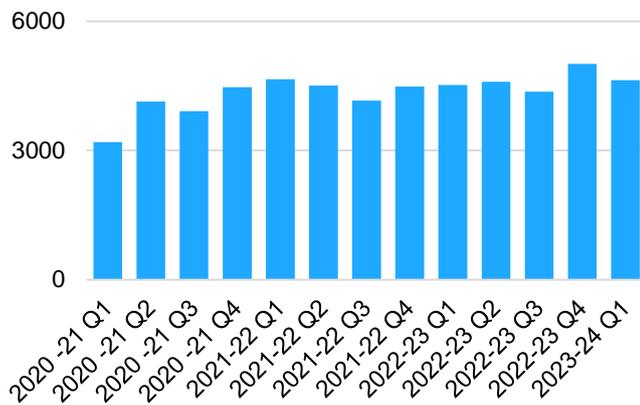
Health and Adult Services

Customer

Referrals

Referrals to adult social care teams for Q1 were 4,633 which is a 2.5% increase (115 referrals) compared with Q1 in 2022/23. This is 6.1% higher than 2019/20 activity levels.

Count of Referrals by Quarter



The overall level of activity in Q1 are in line with other pre pandemic quarters. As reported previously, the national hospital discharge pathway has changed the composition of referral activity significantly over the pandemic period.

Community referrals have fallen to 3,295 in Q1 compared to 3,614 in Q4.

Hospital discharge activity

Averaged 14.5 discharges per day during Q1, which compared with 15.5 per day recorded for Q4. The chart below highlights the rising trend through Q1 and the higher level of activity in comparison to Q1 in 2022/23, which averaged 13.4 per day with a more stable pattern from month to month. Activity for the quarter was 45% higher than the pre-pandemic average (10 discharges per day).

Local activity continues to be subject to high levels of volatility day-to-day, with local health and care systems continuing to be subject to localised surges in discharge activity, which can affect different localities on different days, with capacity amongst local care providers being quickly used up. During Q1 there were 25 days where discharges exceeded 20 per day, compared with 26 days during Q4. Activity levels in Q1 peaked around each of the two early-May bank holidays, reaching 34 discharges on two separate days. In the week following the junior doctors’ strike in mid-June, the daily discharge rate averaged 25 per day.

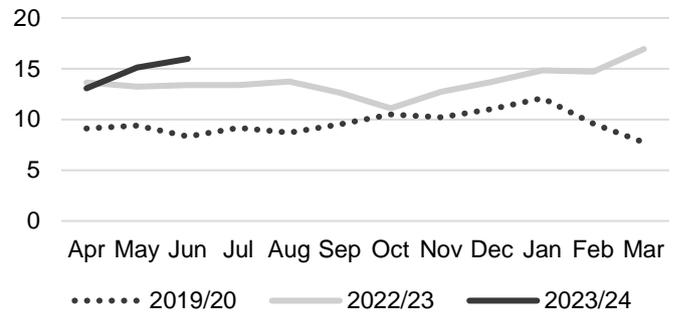
During Q1, local teams responded to 113 weekend discharges, which was lower than the 126 dealt with in Q4. In response to the long-established pattern of very low levels of discharge activity at weekends, local teams have not been on duty on Sundays since the beginning of May 2023. This does not appear to have had a detrimental effect on discharge activity as weekend discharges in Q1 of 2022/23 totalled 112 with duty cover on both Saturdays and Sundays.

Because of the reduced weekend working, the gap between weekend and weekday activity appeared to have reduced in Q1, with similar levels of discharges over fewer weekend days. However, average weekday discharge rates remained largely unchanged, averaging 20.5 per day in June compared with 20.7 per day in March.

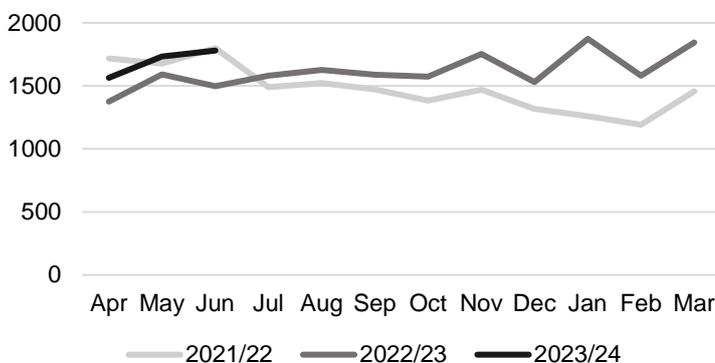
Assessments

Assessment activity continues to be a significant pressure point, driven largely by the national discharge pathway arrangements, as described above.

Average Discharges per Day



Initial Assessments Completed per Month



During Q1 2023/24, 5,076 initial assessments were completed for 4,022 people, giving an average of 1.3 assessments per person, unchanged from 1.3 in Q4. The volume of assessment activity is up 14% or 613 assessments on Q1 2022/23.

Activity levels are now higher than before the pandemic. In 2019/20 Q1, 4,051 assessments were completed, which means current activity levels are 25.3% or 1,025 assessments higher.

Care market sustainability

A wide range of development work is on-going to support care providers and to establish stable and sustainable local care markets. The key points of progress include:

- **Transforming the market in rural and coastal communities** - Co-produce collaborative, asset-based models of care that meet the specific needs of communities. Co-design and test innovative models of contracting and commissioning that empower care providers to work with people to agree how best to meet their needs. Use innovative support planning and maximising use of TEC to release market capacity
- **Dementia and Nursing Care for Older People** - Develop alternative delivery models for Nursing Care. Build capacity in care homes and extra care to enable them to care for people with more complex needs and give them a home for life
- **Specialist and Crisis Care – Working Age Adults** - Grow in-county specialist provision to reduce reliance on high cost, out of county providers. Develop a safe place for adults who are in crisis and need additional support to help them recover. Work closely with Children’s Services to analyse and forecast need, formulate commissioning intentions, and develop services to meet these needs and ensure a smooth transition.

There has been a slight decrease in financial sustainability applications from social care providers. In Q1, 2 new financial sustainability applications were logged (4 in Q4), both are still in progress.

Since 1st February all packages of care are now being commissioned via the new APLs. Work continues to support providers applying to join the APLs via the Service Development, Quality & Service Continuity and Procurement & Contract Management Teams.

We have over 340 Providers approved onto the APL. Over 100 Providers “in progress” some of these applications have not progressed due to the Provider not engaging with the process. Procurement Team are managing these applications and contacting these Providers to discuss their applications.

Currently commencing a review of the APL, which will include obtaining the views of providers, Independent Care Group and internal teams in HAS.

Reviews

The Care Act (2014) requires that people’s care plans should be reviewed annually. This is important to ensure that the plan continues to meet their needs, but it also provides an opportunity to identify and explore new options for meeting their care needs in a strength-based way that might have emerged in their community since their last assessment.

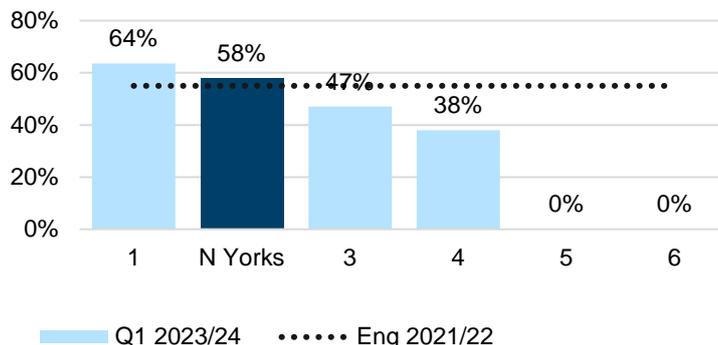
The key performance indicator for reviews relates to people who have been in receipt of long-term support for 12 months or more, and who have had a review in the last 12 months. The measure is part of the national Adult Social Care Outcomes Framework, and, pre-Covid-19, North Yorkshire achieved 67% against this measure in the nationally published data for 2019/20. During 2020/21, performance against this measure fell to 51%, compared with a national average of 58% and a regional average of 60%.

At the end of Q1, local performance was reported at 57.8%, no change since Q4 (2022/23). Performance had previously been maintained around 60-61% over the first three quarters of 2022/23. Whilst that is below the 65% achieved in the published data for the 2021/22 financial year, it remains above both the national (55%) and regional (48%) averages in that published data.

Early benchmarking data for Q1 is limited to data for 6/15 of the Yorkshire & Humber region local authorities.

The chart to the right presents anonymised data for the local authorities that shared data on this measure. North Yorkshire's performance in Q1 positioned it 2nd amongst the 6 authorities submitting data, but more returns are required to make a solid judgement on comparative performance for Q1.

Annual Reviews Completed for People Receiving Long-term Support

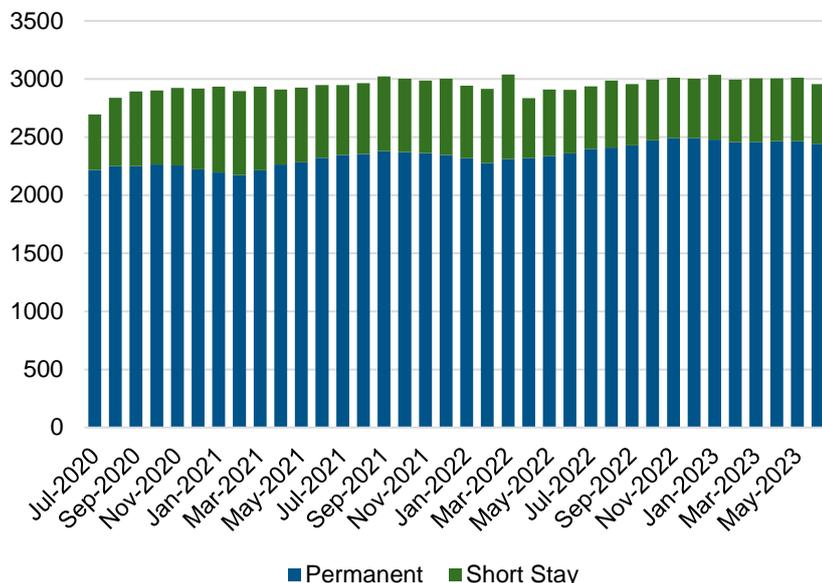


The review team established as part of the directorate's wider improvement programme is now up and running and has picked up around 1200 reviews for residential and nursing home service users from locality care teams. Whilst the team is still in its early stages, its performance against the key performance indicator has shown small improvements during Q1 with an outturn of 51.3%, an increase from 41% in Q4.

Placements

Permanent residential and nursing placements within the quarter (2,465) decreased by 9 between quarters, however it has increased from 2239 in Q1 2021-22 (+7.3%). As hospital discharges to social care remain high and care market capacity remains stretched, the use of short-term, bed-based placements remains significantly higher than pre-pandemic.

Number of Permanent and Short Stay Placements in Month



The number of people receiving short-term care during the quarter decreased slightly between quarters, down from 547 in Q4 to 536 for Q1.

Overall placement numbers within Q1 (2,957) show a 0.2% increase (58 placements) on Q1 2021/22, indicating stability over a prolonged period.

The use of short-term beds where community-based care options are not immediately available can result in a higher cost of care. More significantly, it can have a detrimental effect on people's recovery, slowing the speed at which they regain their physical strength, which is vital for them to be able to return home and care for themselves.

The directorate's Home First improvement priority is seen as an opportunity to work with the care market to co-produce targeted pilot schemes to test new ways of working, which could include:

- Bringing the voluntary, community and independent care sectors together to co-produce asset-based, preventative models of care that meet the needs of targeted communities.

- Working with care providers to co-design innovative models of contracting and commissioning that move away from 'time and task' and empower care providers to work with people to agree how best to meet their needs.
- Working with care providers to improve workforce recruitment and retention.

Care Sector Workforce Issues

Absence levels Absence levels have remained high over the last quarter, with a workforce exhausted by the protracted period of the pandemic, the impact of ongoing staff shortages, significant vacancy levels and staff experiencing Covid-19 in residential settings. Staff sickness across the council's Care & Support service was at 3.6% at the end of Q1 compared with 3.8% for Q4. The number of days lost due to sickness per FTE for the year to date was at 2.98, which is well above the target (1.78).

The Human Resources team is working closely with managers to ensure proactive absence management and to reduce absence rates. Refresher training for managers regarding management of sensitive and / or complex absence cases has also been delivered.

Vacancy levels continue to be a significant pressure in some areas, with capacity in a small number of care and support teams remaining at or below 80% of the established full-time equivalent staff numbers.

An **international recruitment programme** has been undertaken to recruit 30 social workers and 28 offers of appointment for social work posts have been made and accepted. To date, 14 international recruits have arrived and taken up their social work posts in Harrogate and Scarborough teams. The next cohorts will be placed in Scarborough and Vale of York. Comprehensive induction and pastoral support arrangements are in place. Delays are currently being experienced in the time it is taking Social Work England to register international recruits, however we expect the remaining recruits to arrive over the next 2 to 3 months.

Whilst the initial programme of international recruitment is concluding, applications for social work posts from UK applicants remain low, therefore we will continue to welcome applications from international applicants.

Adult social care services are currently recruiting to 2458.4 vacant hours (66.4 fte) across in-house care homes, reablement, extra care and day services, which represents a 2.6% reduction (64 hours) between quarters. Whilst recruitment campaigns are continuing, numbers of applicants are low and therefore reduction in the overall number of vacant hours is slow.

Weekly resilience reporting across the York and North Yorkshire health and care system continues to highlight similar pressures for the City of York, with the response to sustained levels of demand being hampered by vacancies and staff sickness absence. The use of agency staff provides some short-term mitigation, but the authority is also engaged in on-going recruitment activity to bring about a longer term, sustainable solution.

Colleagues within the NHS are also facing similar challenges with recruitment of staff, the combined impact of which is limited community-based services across health and social care.

These workforce issues, specifically the difficulty in recruiting and retaining front line care workers are significant issues for both health and social care in terms of the continuing health care services and in relation to the availability of care to enable safe and timely hospital discharges.

Waiting Lists

At the end of Q1, community social care teams recorded 276 people waiting for an initial assessment, which was equivalent to 5.3% of their caseload (5,246) compared with 4.7% in Q4. Whilst that represents

an increase of 30 people between quarters, the figure for the end of Q1 was in line with the average for all quarters in 2022/23 (279 people).

Across the wider range of social care teams, including mental health teams, occupational therapists and sensory support, the total number of people waiting for an assessment was 649 (includes the 276 above), which was 50 more people than in Q4. This continues to represent approximately two weeks' assessment activity and indicates a continuing steady throughput.

Importantly, the proportion of cases RAG-rated "red" (or most urgent) continues to show sustained improvement at 13.8% at the end of Q1 which compares with 28.6% for the same period in 2021/22. This reflects the impact of the on-going arrangements for routinely triaging cases and proactively managing those on the waiting list, maintaining an up-to-date risk assessment to ensure escalating issues are identified early and are responded to appropriately, and this applies to initial assessments as well as safeguarding concerns and other case management work.

Multi-disciplinary weekly meetings to review unsourced packages in local areas have continued to help reduce the number of people waiting for their care and support to be put in place. In Q1, the number of unsourced care packages reduced significantly again, down from 38 to 25 between quarters. Despite the sustained improvement, this remains above the typical pre-pandemic level.

Further initiatives are in development to build on the improvements achieved to date:

- Developing a proposal for an Occupational Therapy Assistant role within each locality team to solely focus on cases RAG-rated amber and green in the occupational therapy teams' waiting lists. This would free up OTs to focus more on prevention and reablement strategies and wider the application and impact of occupational therapy work.
- Implementation of the practice standards agreed for allocation timescales subject to risk RAG rating and organisational resilience levels, reflecting demand pressures and staffing capacity.
- Improving our understanding of people's experiences of waiting and delay by capturing feedback and monitoring complaints to help identify and develop further opportunities for improvement.
- Explore options for rolling out the assessment hub model to more areas, using virtual assessments to prevent the build-up of people waiting for their first assessment.
- Deep dive analyses to understand team-level variances in assessment completion timescales and the proportion of people waiting for their first assessment.

People are safe, with individuals, organisations and communities all playing a part in preventing, identifying and reporting neglect or abuse

Safeguarding

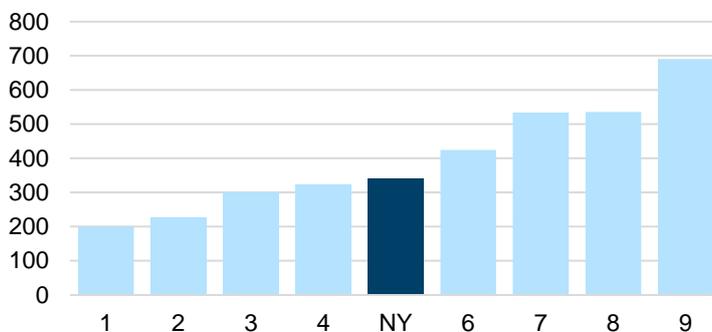
1704 safeguarding concerns were received during Q1 2023/24, increasing the average to 568 concerns per month, compared to 349 per month in 2022/23. This represents a 38% increase in activity compared to the same time last year.

Safeguarding activity increased during Q1 2023/24, with 1704 safeguarding concerns received during the year, which represents a 38% increase in activity compared to the same period in 2022/23. Information gathering activity, the next step in the process where safeguarding concerns are indicated, was also up by 25.6%, from 703 in 2022/23 to 946 in 2023/24. These trends have been mirrored in other councils in the region. Following a deep dive exercise, no major trends were identified and it was felt that referrals were appropriate. However, further work is being undertaken to identify where multiple sources are reporting the safe concern. The only outlier issue was the volume of Ambulance referrals and a regional meeting is being held with the Ambulance Service to discuss appropriate use of safeguarding referral routes.

Early benchmarking data for local authorities in the Yorkshire & Humber region for Q1 2023/24 included data for 9/ 15 local authorities. The chart to the right presents that anonymised data, which shows that North Yorkshire’s performance (339.6 concerns per 100k of population) sits mid-range despite continuing increased levels of concerns reported to the authority.

Mid- to lower range is the optimum position. A high number could indicate significant cohorts of the vulnerable population are at high risk or that reporting processes are picking up a high volume of non-safeguarding issues. A very low number could indicate that reporting processes are not picking up everything they should be.

Safeguarding Concerns Received per 100,000 of Adult Population



Information Gathering Decision	%
Formal Meetings –42	14.3%
Formal Meetings - Other	0.5%
Informal Discussion - Section 42	3.5%
Informal Discussion - Other	0.4%
Not an Enquiry - NFA	9.3%
Following Info Gathering - NFA	61.9%
Signposting	8.7%

The safeguarding approach seeks to enable people to have their safeguarding issues resolved quickly. It has consistently achieved around 80% of cases reaching an early conclusion in terms of no further action (NFA) being required, maintaining that performance throughout the pandemic. This trend has continued into 2023/24 and is detailed in the bottom three rows of the table on the left.

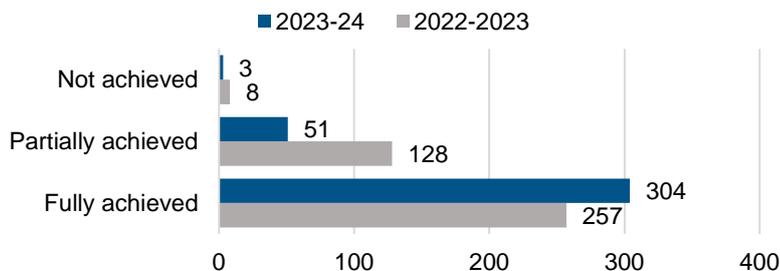
A key element of the safeguarding process is Making Safeguarding Personal, which seeks to ensure that we have conversations with people

involved in safeguarding situations in a way that enhances their involvement in the process, giving them choices and control over its outcomes.

753 people have been involved in a safeguarding enquiry since April 2023. Of these, 77% expressed a personal outcome that they would like the process to achieve. That compares with 76% for the same period in 2022/23, indicating that engagement levels have been maintained at a high level.

Whilst the engagement level has remained high year on year, the success rate for the safeguarding process achieving the expressed outcomes increased during Q1 2023/24. 82% of people stated that their outcomes were fully achieved, compared with 65% during Q1 in 2022/23.

Personal Outcomes Achieved - Q1 Comparison



The actual number of people with a fully achieved outcome increased from 257 in Q1 of 2022/23 to 304 in 2023/24, and the number of people whose outcomes were not achieved reduced from 8 to 3 over the same period.

People can access preventative services, technology and supported housing, which helps them to live more independent lives

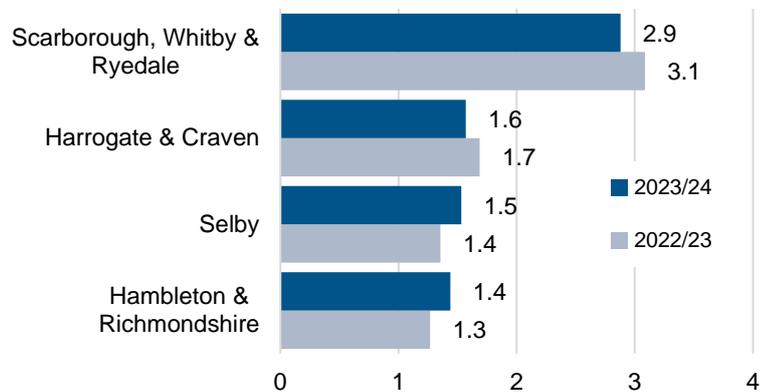
The Prevention agenda aims to support people to live longer, healthier lives, independently in their own homes by preventing, reducing or delaying the need for longer-term social care support.

Living Well

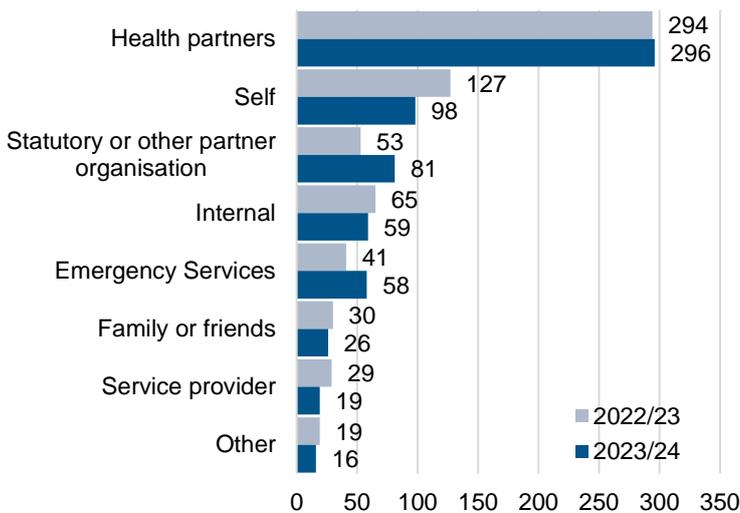
Referrals in April (276) were at their lowest since December but recovered to 367 in May and to 355 in June, above the 24-month average (325 per month). Referrals now exceed their pre-COVID levels (an average of 317 per month in Q1 2019/20).

Scarborough, Whitby & Ryedale saw the highest rate of referrals in Q1 (2.9 per 1,000 population), which was slightly down year on year (3.1 per 1,000 population in 2022/23). Hambleton & Richmondshire had the lowest rate (1.4 per 1,000 population), as it did in 2022/23.

Referrals per 1,000 aged 18+ by Locality



External Referrals - Source



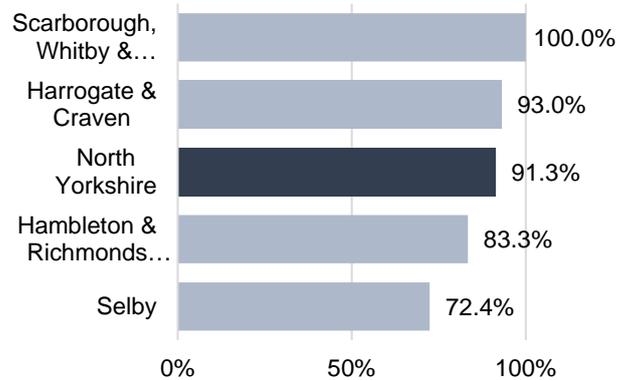
Front door referral numbers are similar to 2022/23 (a 0.8% decrease), with the greatest decrease coming from 'self referrals' (23% lower). Referrals from 'statutory or other partner organisation' have increased (up 53%). Referrals from health partners make up the largest source of activity April-June (296) as they did for the same period in 2022/23, but they remain below the level reported in 2019/20 for the same period (386).

Within the context of integrated care systems, increased engagement with our prevention services can help reduce the escalation of health care support, including admissions to hospitals.

Across North Yorkshire 91.3% of clients 'would definitely recommend the service' (90.3% in the previous quarter).

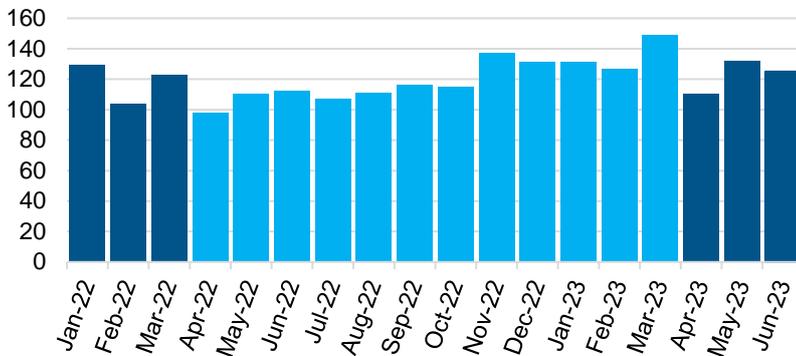
- Scarborough, Whitby & Ryedale continues to have the highest satisfaction rate (100% of clients), up from 96% in the previous quarter.
- Selby has the lowest rate (72.4%), down from 82.6%.

% of Clients Who Would Definitely Recommend the Service



Reablement

Reablement Involvements Completed per Month

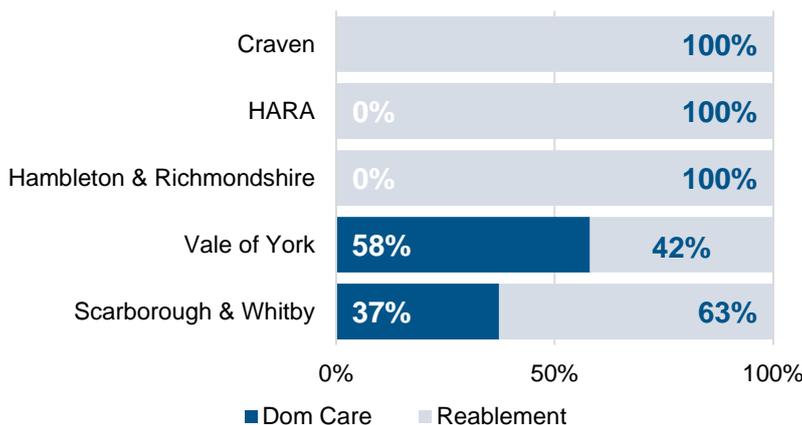


Since the start of the financial year, 367 reablement packages have been completed. This compares with 320 for the same period in 2022/23 and represents a 15% increase or 47 packages of support.

Current activity levels remain below the 465 completions recorded for the same period in 2021/22.

Providing domiciliary care cover continues to be a key pressure, as providers fail or seek to hand packages of care back to the local authority as they cannot recruit or retain sufficient staff numbers to provide the required levels of care.

Current Service Provision by Reablement Teams

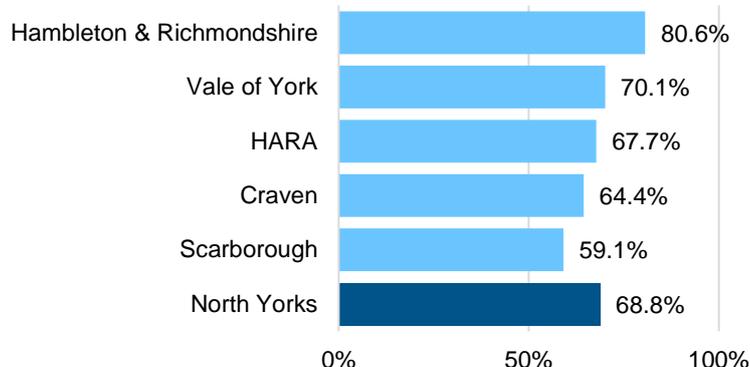


At a county level, 29% of reablement team capacity is currently engaged in delivering routine domiciliary care because of a lack of provision in the care market. A decline on Q4 when the figure was 36%. However, the draw on reablement capacity remains very large in the two most-affected localities, the Vale of York and Scarborough & Whitby.

The chart above highlights the variation of pressures around the county, and the impact of the large provider failure in the York-Selby area on the capacity situation in the Vale of York locality.

As part of the social care performance framework, the effectiveness of the council's reablement offer is measured in terms of the proportion of people supported who return for subsequent social care support within 90 days of the completion of their reablement package.

% of Reablement Clients Not Receiving Further Support Within 90 Days



1,377 interventions were completed April 2022-March 2023. The proportion of these people who had not subsequently returned for social care support by the end of Q1 was 68.8% (947) which is slightly lower than the 70.7% achieved for the same period in Q4.

Local care markets, and the care providers that operate within them, continue to be affected to different degrees around the county. The chart below shows the local variations in the return rate, which will reflect these different pressures.

As part of the directorate's improvement priority focusing on reablement a number of initiatives are being progressed to improve reablement activity levels and outcomes. Key points of progress include:

- Establishing a reablement and rehabilitation workstream, comprised of therapy leads from the five locality areas, to support the work of intermediate care board.
- Developing an on-line survey tool for therapy leads and their teams to gather feedback on people's current experience of reablement and to assess if they are "home first" ready.
- Holding peer intelligence sessions with four other local authorities to explore their reablement and rehabilitation offers to identify and learn from their experience and good practice.
- Launching a pilot "home first" approach in Hambleton & Richmondshire, which will be the test bed for the future roll out of a renewed intermediate care and reablement offer.

Housing

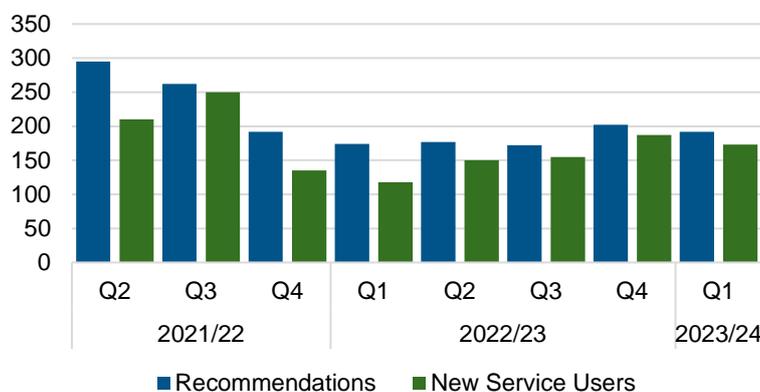
One of the key priorities in the 2025 vision for adult social care is to help people live independently in their home of choice for as long as possible, with options for self-care as far as possible. To achieve this, the council works with a range of partners to promote the use of modern designs and innovative construction techniques that create accessible, adaptable and efficient homes that can meet people's changing needs over time.

A summary of the points of progress in Q1 across the key areas of work is provided below:

Home Adaptations:

Occupational therapists in adult social care work closely with colleagues in housing to help people access disabled facilities grants (DFG), where the care needs assessment process identifies major adaptations to their home would be appropriate in helping to meet their care needs at home.

Disabled Facilities Grants Recommendations & New Service Users



During 2021/22, as part of the Covid-19 recovery plan, additional capacity was created through the use of agency workers to address a backlog in progressing recommendations to the district councils for DFGs. The impact of that extra capacity is reflected in the increased levels of activity shown for Q2 and Q3 of 2021/22. Activity was maintained at a more normal level during 2022/23, with slightly increased levels of service recommendations and new service users evident in Q4 and maintained into Q1.

The proposal in development for the creation of an Occupational Therapy

Assistant role within each locality team envisages the role working predominantly on low to medium level DFGs, which would help enhance the throughput in the activity captured in the chart above.

Extra Care:

- Work is progressing with the procurement of an extra care housing scheme in Whitby. The provider is carrying out a financial remodelling of the proposed scheme and will present the report to their board in mid-July for approval.
- NYC is working with a developer to potentially bring forward an extra care scheme in Harrogate. The site is part of wider housing development plans and could offer approximately 70 units of accommodation.
- NYC is working on a further proposal to develop an extra care scheme on a site owned by NYC in the Harrogate locality. The site would suit a hybrid model of accommodation. Procurement documents are being prepared and a framework information event will take place in early August.
- Plans are ongoing to celebrate to 20th anniversary of extra care in North Yorkshire. The Housing, Technology and Sustainability team carried out a tour of all the schemes on 15 May, finishing at The Orchards at Brompton, which was the first scheme to open. Further events are being planned throughout the year, including a tour of all schemes by Cllr Michael Harrison and Richard Webb.

Assistive Technology

- The Technicare project (formerly ARMED) was launched several months ago. It uses data collated through a dashboard to identify people who may be at risk of falls. The collated data provides the ability to monitor, measure and share the metrics associated with frailty and fall risks. We are piloting this product with 5 people who live in Kirkwood Hall extra care scheme in Leyburn. Should a risk be identified, they will be referred to North Direct.
- Yorkshire Sport, who will provide a 4 week intervention programme. Following evaluation of the pilot project, we hope to roll the project out to a wider range of people.
- 'The robots are coming to North Yorkshire' - Following previous work undertaken with The University of Sheffield, a workshop took place in June 2023, to start to test their 'care robot'. This is an exciting opportunity for North Yorkshire Council to feed into the future of robotic care and to influence how this could support people with care and support needs in the future. 8 workers from

North Yorkshire Council took part in the event, ranging from front line workers to Senior Manager input.

- The Living Independently Training Hub (LIT Hub) (formally TEC flat) opened on 25 May 2023 at The Orchards extra care scheme in Brompton. Cllr Harrison and Richard Webb attended the formal opening along with colleagues from NRS Healthcare and HAS. The flat will be used as a training and information venue for both assistive technology products as well as OT equipment. We have worked very closely with our current provider NRS Healthcare to provide a TEC experience for our Social Workers and Occupational Therapist, which will help them to understand the vast opportunities to support people with technology, alongside traditional care service. The flat will provide workers with a ‘hands on’ opportunity to explore the wide range of equipment available to them and will hopefully be embedded as part of our current training programme for Assistive Technology, to progress a ‘Technology first’ approach within the Council.

People have control and choice in relation to their health, independence and social care support

Personal Budgets

The use of personal budgets (PBs) is an important element of the strength-based approach in adult social care. The aim is to engage people in their care planning, so they exercise choice and control over the support they receive, as they draw on their strengths and assets, including what others around them are, or could be, doing to support them.

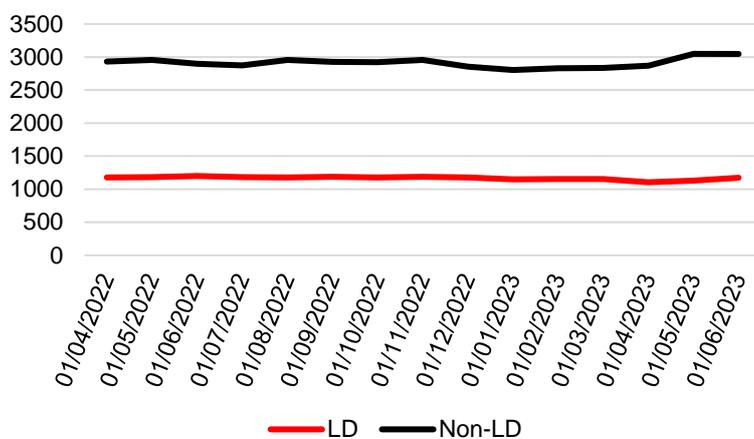
Performance reporting for adult social care tracks the trend over the past 12 months for the average PB cost for all cases, excluding those with a primary support reason (PSR) of learning disability (LD).

The average PB for non-LD cases was £21K at the end of June, an increase of £1,158 against the average PB for Q4. This represents a 12.2% increase year on year (£2,292), compared with an 8.6% increase (£1,571) reported in Q4.

The average PB for a service user with a learning disability was £42.8K at the end of June compared to £41.7K at the end of March, an increase of £1.1K. This represents an 8% increase year on year (£3,190), compared with a 5.6% increase (£2,225) in Q4

Non-LD service users in receipt of a PB (3,533) span a very wide cost profile. At the end of Q1, 70% (2,464) of these service users had a personal budget that was below the county average (£20.8K p.a.).

No. of People in Receipt of a Personal Budget



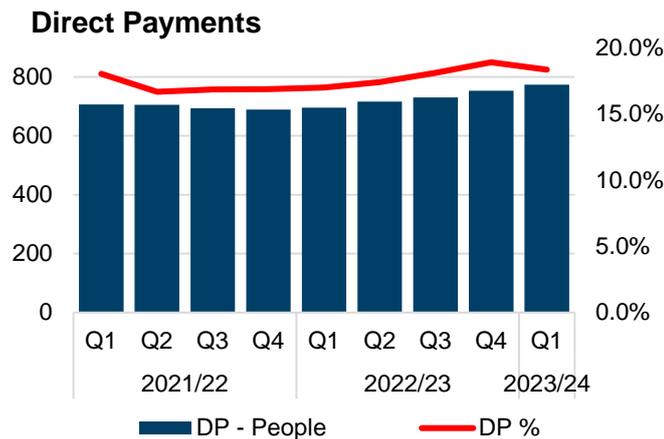
At the end of Q4, number of people supported via a personal budget was 4,222, which is 3% up year on year (122 cases) and compares with a 6% rise year on year in Q4. Numbers now exceed pre-pandemic levels, which averaged 3,760 during the second half of 2019/20. Overall LD case numbers have been steady over the last 2 years.

Local performance (91.2%) was down by 0.2% between quarters but remains up by 2.6% year on year. The England average (85.7%) was down by 0.1% between quarters and down by 1.6% year on year.

Direct Payments

Direct Payments are where service users choose to receive a cash payment so they can arrange and pay for their own care and support. They follow the same needs assessment process, but direct payments aim to give the service user greater flexibility, choice and control in determining their care and support arrangements.

The number of people receiving a direct payment (774) has shown small but steady increases in each of the last five quarters.



Year on year, the number of people receiving a direct payment increased by 48 or 6.9%, whilst the number of people with a Personal Budget (4,222) is up by 122 people or 3.0%. People receiving a direct payment represent 18.3% of the total number of people with a Personal Budget, up 1.3% year on year in Q1. Direct payment numbers remain down on pre-pandemic levels when they accounted for 22.9% of those with a Personal Budget (840/3,670).

The directorate’s priorities include a focus on ensuring direct payments are considered consistently as part of the assessment and care planning processes, and on developing innovative and flexible approaches to the use of direct payments. Key points of progress in Q1 included:

- The monthly baseline in Q4 for workers offering a Direct Payment (DP) was 13%, this stayed the same for April and May, but increased to 19% in June, bringing the Q1 average to 15%.
- The average for the locality teams sits between 18%-20% each month, however since the Head of Service in the Ham/Rich area set a new target to increase Direct Payments in April, their Q1 monthly average sits at just over 33%, over 10% higher each month than the next lowest locality team without targets set.
- Three 1-to-1 feedback sessions have taken place with direct payment recipients, all of whom were very positive about the Direct Payments service, praising its flexibility. The participants said they would like people to be more aware of direct payments. However, all participants expressed concern at the payment rate for personal assistants (PAs), stating that they struggle to hire PAs as a result, commenting that the low rate makes it seem like the role is not seen as being important.
- Two further virtual, and three further face-to-face sessions are booked for the end of July, to gather feedback and to co-produce the new DP leaflet, webpage and Easy Read document.

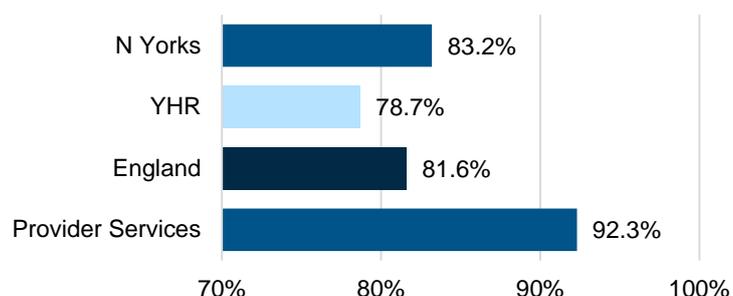
New Direct Payments recipients are now offered the choice between a managed or unmanaged account, rather than limiting the offer to only those who may not be able to proceed with a DP without a managed account.

People can access good public health services and social care across our different communities.

Care Market

Based on published Care Quality Commission (CQC) inspection ratings, 83.2% of care home provision across the county was rated as “good” or better at the end of Q1. That was up by 1.4% between quarters, and up by 5.5% (from 77.7%) year on year.

% of Care Homes Rated 'Good' or Better



Local performance remains higher than both the regional average (up by 0.4%) and the England average (up by 0.2%) and increased the gap between both between quarters.

Inspection outcomes for in-house provision (Provider Services) remained at 92.3% between quarters, well above all comparator averages.

During Q1, the council has provided improvement support to 32 care providers across the county (29 in Q4), dealing with issues such as poor leadership, medication, gaps in training and care environment concerns:

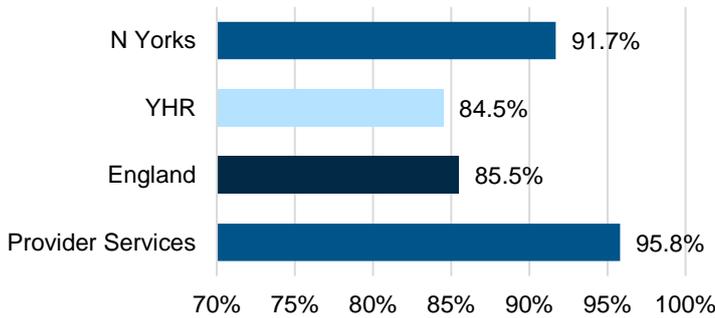
- Quality Assurance & Contract Officers made 14 visits to providers to complete baseline quality assessments of their care provision – 7 care homes and 6 home-based care providers and 1 community-based support service; and,
- The Quality Improvement Team supported 18 care providers - 12 care homes, 4 home-based care providers and 2 community-based care providers, providing a total of 177 days of support (131 days in Q4).

There was 1 care home closure in Q1 involving a care home in Harrogate. This was not due to quality concerns but because the provider deciding to close the home. As part of closure process, there were 9 residents who had to be found alternative care home provision following this decision.

There was also 1 home-based care provider that ceased operating in Q1 which was a provider based in Settle. Again, this was not due to quality concerns but that the owner deciding she wanted to close the service. There were 22 people who received a package of care from the provider who required their care and support to be sourced from a new service provider following this decision.

Ratings for domiciliary care provision continue to be better than those for care homes. Provision in North Yorkshire, including outcomes for in-house services, remain better than the comparator averages, as shown in the chart below.

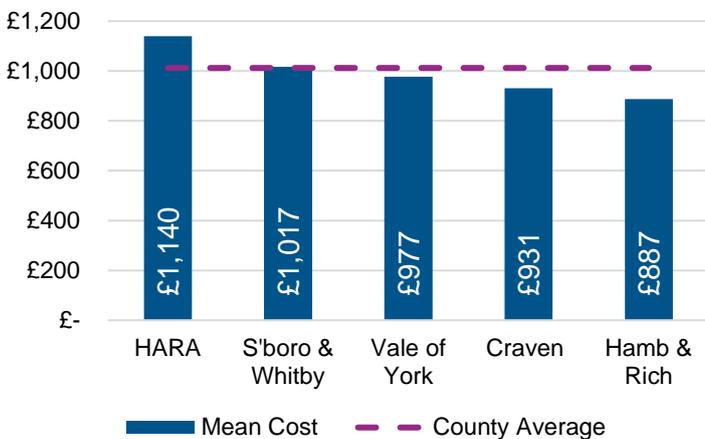
% of Community-based Care Providers Rated 'Good' or Better



Local performance (91.7%) was up by 0.5% between quarters and remains up by 2.5% year on year. The England (up by 0.2%) and regional (up by 0.8%) averages both showed small increased between quarters, leaving a significant gap.

The weekly cost of permanent residential and nursing placements continues to be a major pressure point for social care provision, with significant variations across local care markets. The greatest cost pressure continues to be evident in Harrogate.

Average weekly Cost of Placements for Over 65s



The average cost of a care home placement for someone aged 65+ increased to £1012 per week at the end of Q1, up by £55 per week compared with Q4. That represents a 14% (£126 per week) increase compared with the end of Q1 in 2020/21.

A deep dive exercise focusing on high-cost residential and nursing placements for people aged 65+ has commenced. The review will help identify and understand the key demand and supply issues.

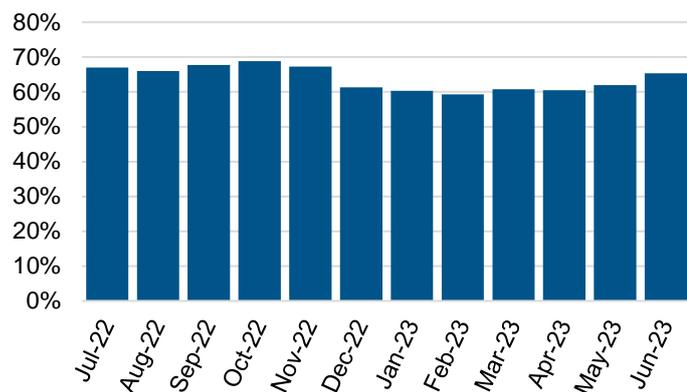
Integration

The national discharge pathway includes an underlying premise that 95% of people who leave hospital should be discharged to their home, either with no on-going support needs (Pathway 0) or with a package of support in place to meet their needs at home (Pathway 1).

North Yorkshire Council works with around 20% of all people who are discharged from hospital and who live in the county. Over the last 12 months that has averaged 415 people per month, which compares with a pre-pandemic average of 300 people per month.

Social care activity data shows consistent proportions of people being transferred from hospital to social care support on pathways 0 and 1, which relate to them returning to a pre-existing care arrangement after discharge (pathway 0) or to their own home with a support package (pathway 1).

% of Discharges on Pathways 0 and 1



Performance against this measure improved over the course of Q1, reaching 65% in June. This represents good progress in returning to the levels (66-67%) maintained in quarters 1-3 of 2022/23. Performance in Q4 was adversely affected by the rising level of discharge activity for the second half of the year.

A detailed case-level diagnostic exercise was completed in Q1 to review the customer journey of 100 individual hospital discharge cases to understand how well the key processes operated and to assess the quality and appropriateness of the outcomes achieved for people. The audit will provide valuable qualitative data to help improve outcomes for service users.

Care Quality Commission (CQC) Assurance Framework

The CQC has announced that it will be piloting its approach to assessing integrated care systems (ICSs) later this summer with two care systems:

- Birmingham and Solihull Integrated Care System
- Dorset Integrated Care System

This builds on two smaller ‘test and learn’ activities conducted last year with two ICSs in North-East London and South Yorkshire.

The announcement included an indication that the pilots will include a case tracking element looking retrospectively at the pathway of care for a small number of people to gather evidence for the assessment.

The CQC are also carrying out a separate review of data and published documentary evidence across all 42 integrated care systems in England. This will focus on the ‘equity in access’ quality statement, and aims to show whether systems are working together to support people to access the care, support, and treatment they need when they need it.

The ICS pilots follow work already started on piloting the local authority element of the assurance framework with 5 councils around the country:

- Birmingham City Council
- Lincolnshire County Council
- North Lincolnshire Council
- Nottingham City Council
- Suffolk County Council

World Suicide Prevention Day

10th September 2023

World Suicide Prevention Day was established in 2003 in Stockholm, in a collaboration between the International Association for Suicide Prevention (IASP) and the World Health Organisation (WHO). Since then, the day is now marked in over 60 countries around the world, highlighting that suicide is sadly prevalent worldwide.

For the three years 2021-2023, the event has taken the theme ‘Creating Hope Through Action’ to raise awareness of suicide and to promote action through proven means that will reduce the number of suicides and suicide attempts globally.

The IASP’s website provides links to resources to help promote and support suicide prevention action: [WSPD - IASP](#)

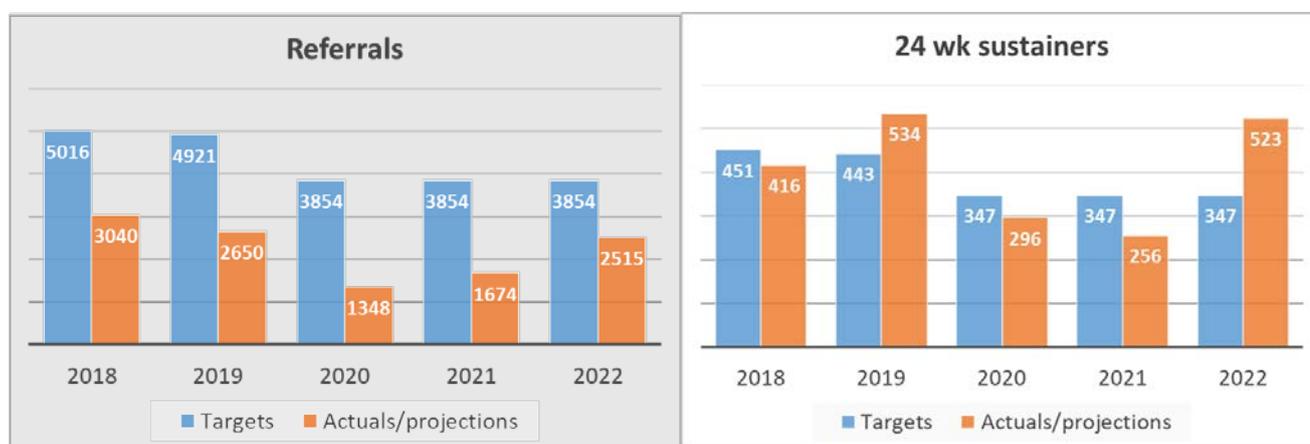
Public Health

North Yorkshire Adult Weight Management Service

For the contract year 6 period (January 2023 – December 2023) - which includes Q4 22/23 performance data - referrals into the service continue to be encouraging, with over 800 referrals in the year 6 contract period to date (Jan – March 2023 for all but Selby, which includes July 22 – March 23). This is extremely encouraging with a total of 2,515 referrals received for the full year 5 contract period. If this referral rate continues, it is predicted that there will be approximately 700 more referrals compared to the year 5 contract period. Work continues to ensure referrals into the service are appropriate and effectively managed by providers.

In year 6 to date, 431 clients have completed a 12-week programme (53% of referrals, slightly below the 60% modelled target). The service has recorded a high proportion of successful weight loss outcomes, with 266 clients who have completed a 12-week programme achieving a 5% weight loss target. This represents 62% clients completing the programme who achieve their weight loss target, well above the 30% modelled proportion. If the 5% weight loss outcomes continue at this rate, targets will be exceeded by approximately 300 clients (153% of the target for the numbers achieving 5% body weight loss).

To date for year 6, 133 clients have sustained 5% weight loss at 24 weeks (50% of 5% achievers at 12 weeks, in line with what has been modelled). If the 5% sustained weight loss outcomes continue at this rate, targets will be exceeded by around 150-200 clients (153% of target 5% sustainers).

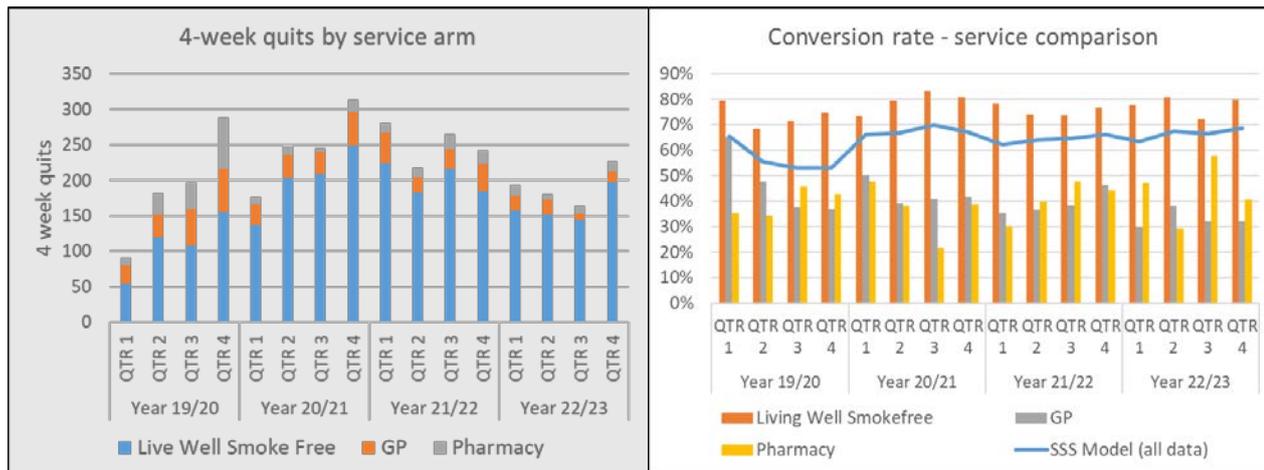


Stop Smoking Services

Stop smoking services are comprised of an in-house Living Well Smokefree (LWSF) service as well as GP and Pharmacy services, with the majority of clients seen through the in-house service. Performance data across the three services has shown that the specialist LWSF service has the highest number of people quitting at four weeks as well as the highest quit conversion rates (the proportion of people who set a quit date who then go on to quit smoking at 4 weeks). The GP and pharmacy arms have seen lower service use and also lower quit conversion rates. This has been a consistent trend over a number of years and is in part due to the pressures faced by primary care, limiting capacity for activity beyond essential services. However, whilst the number of clients seen by services are below the target of 5% of the

smoking population of North Yorkshire per year, across the service, the proportion of those who go through the service and quit smoking, is 67% across the past four quarters, well within the 50-70% target.

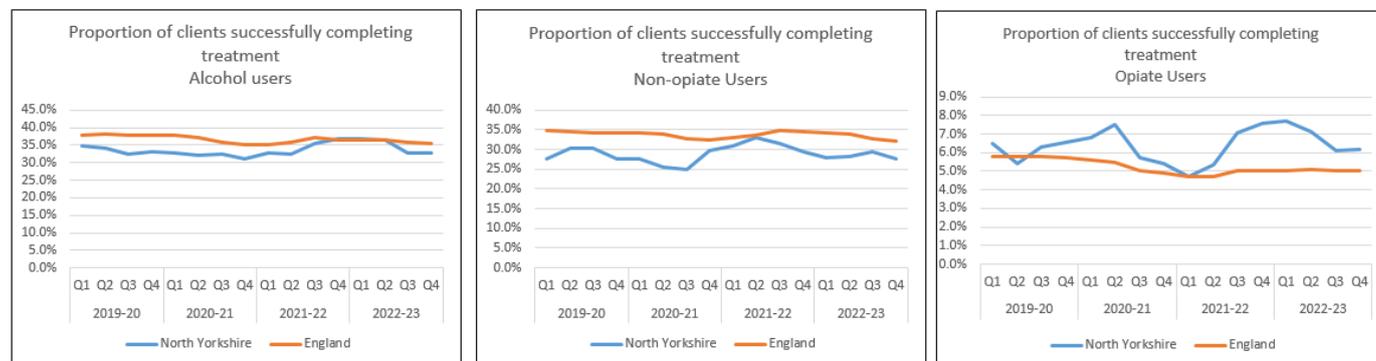
Quarter 4 of 2022/2023 was the most productive quarter of the year for the stop smoking service when considering referrals in to the service and subsequent 4-week quits. There had been reductions over previous quarters in people accessing the service, which has been largely driven by the limited access to stop smoking medications over the course of the last 18 months. As previously reported, there has been no access to Varenicline (Champix) or Bupropion (Zyban) across the UK. Locally, we've also been working through a procurement exercise to regain access to e-cigarettes as a harm reduction tool to enable people to become smoke-free.



Figures: The number of people recording as quitting smoking four weeks after setting a quit date, broken down by the different arms of the service; LWSF, GP and Pharmacy. Quit conversion rates (proportion of clients setting a quit date who go on to quit smoking at four weeks) broken down across the three arms of the service: LWSF GP and Pharmacy.

This reduction to accessing support has been noted nationally as a percentage of smokers appear to have chosen to wait for medication to become available again. However, we anticipate this situation to improve locally as we roll out the provision of e-cigarettes in July 2023. We also expect the return of medications to market that support an individual to stop smoking. One positive impact of this limitation has been an improvement in performance within the stop smoking service that has reduced the number of 'not quits' and 'lost to follow up' rates by circa 30% when compared to the previous financial year.

North Yorkshire Horizons – Drug and alcohol support service for adults

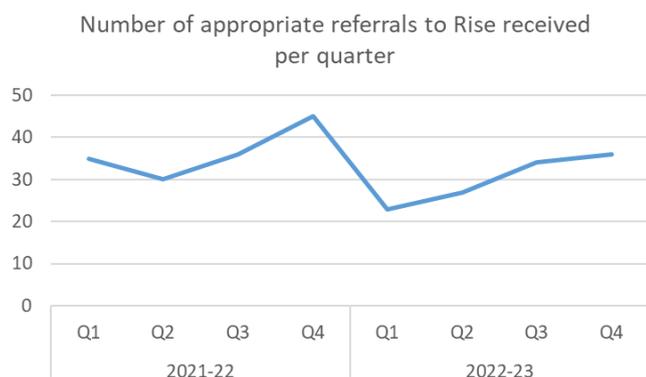


The service is balancing performance against core contractual targets, and new national Drug Strategy (Treatment Plan) targets: numbers engaging in structured treatment; continuity of care following prison release; and increased residential rehabilitation placements.

Overall, the service is consistently engaging higher numbers than when the service initially launched in 2014. Wait times remain low, with less than 1% of clients waiting more than 3 weeks to start their first intervention in Q3 2022/23. Engagement with the recovery offer (such as recovery groups) continues to improve.

The proportion of service users successfully completing treatment has remained relatively stable, with the alcohol and non-opiate arms of the service below the England average and the opiate arm above the England average.

North Yorkshire Rise – Drug and Alcohol Support Service for Young People



There have been relatively consistent referrals into the service over the past two years. However, the service continues to have workforce challenges and there has been, at times, a short wait for new referrals to access the service. As recommended in the drug and alcohol needs assessment published in January 2023, we are currently developing an outline for some research of the experiences of young people in North Yorkshire who use drugs and alcohol. We will use this rich picture of qualitative data to help shape service design and delivery, policy, practice across the system working with young people at risk of or currently using

substances. This quarter we engaged with the OPFCC Youth Council and a Youth Voice session in Scarborough to coproduce the research questions with young people.

Family Weight Management Services

The new pilot family weight management service called *Healthy Families* commenced in March 2023 and is being delivered by Brimhams Active. It provides support to children, young people and families remotely across the county via video and telephone calls, and signposts to local physical activity opportunities. It helps families with issues such as healthy eating, physical activity, sleep and mindfulness, and supports with long-term behaviour change. It will also help families with other issues such as mental health and the cost of living, by providing information and signposting to services and support.

The service is for children and young people aged 4-19 years who are above a healthy weight. It provides up to 9 months of support including up to 12 sessions with a healthy living advisor and 3 months of maintenance support. The service is progressing well and has so far supported 31 families from all across the county. Almost all families have chosen to have weekly contact with the healthy living advisor, and engagement with sessions has been very good. Most referrals to date have come from the NCMP (National Child Measurement Programme), with some from other health and social care staff, and some families have self-referred. Details of the service and how to refer have been shared with GP practices (including information for the TV screens in waiting rooms) and other healthy and social care professionals.

NHS Health Check Programme North Yorkshire

The NHS Health Check programme recovered well from the impacts of the pandemic and national pauses in 22/23 and has built on this to record a strong start to 23/24 in Q1. In Q1, 55 out of 69 practices delivered the service to some extent.

From the 55 practices:

- 42 have identified one or more individuals with a CVD risk $\geq 10\%$ (moderate-high risk)
- A total of 785 individuals were identified with a CVD risk $\geq 10\%$

- 11,592 people were invited for an NHS Health Check
- 4,712 people received an NHS Health Check

	Q1 19/20	Q2 20/21	Q1 21/22	Q1 22/23	Q1 23/24
Invites	6,764	565	5,344	8,203	11,592
Uptake	3,346	381	2,180	2,776	4,712
% uptake of those invited	49.5%	67.4%	40.8%	33.8%	40.6%
CVD risk ≥10%	744	123	242	400	785

In comparison to Q1 in previous years (see table), the percentage of people that received an NHS Health Check of those invited was 40.6%, which is far higher than 22/23, but still significantly lower than pre-pandemic. Despite this, the number of invites and CVD risk identified of ≥10% are the highest recorded in NY since Public Health moved to local authorities in 2013, whereas uptake is highest since 2013/14.

COVID-19 Vaccination Uptake

The rollout of the spring 2023 boosters has gone well across North Yorkshire, with all districts at or exceeding national uptake rate of 70%. The offer of a first or second dose of COVID-19 vaccine ended on 30 June 2023 for most people, and we are currently awaiting information about any potential autumn booster campaign. Most testing for COVID-19 was stopped in April 2023, outside of some specific testing in high-risk settings and use of PCR tests by the NHS for those needing access to COVID-19 treatments. The NHS COVID-19 app was also discontinued in April 2023, as was the ONS COVID-19 Infection Survey and as such we have very limited data on the prevalence of COVID-19 across the UK/North Yorkshire. Although WHO has moved COVID-19 from being a ‘public health emergency of international concern’ it still has pandemic status, but there is a move to focus on longer-term management.

North Yorkshire Healthy Schools and Early Years Award Programme



The Healthy Schools and Early Years Award programme continues to support schools and early years settings to develop healthier environments for their pupils and staff. Since the Healthy Schools scheme launched in October 2019, 285 North Yorkshire schools have now signed up to take part, which is 77% of the county’s 369 schools. 106 schools have so far achieved an award. Since the Early Years scheme was launched in November 2021, 95 settings have registered and 16 have so far achieved an award.

A Pupil Event and Healthy Schools Celebration was held on Tuesday 6th June at

Harlow Carr Gardens, Harrogate and was aimed at Key Stage 2 pupils. The workshops consisted of oral health messages, cooking, and Gardening for wellbeing with the Royal Horticultural Society. Certificates were presented by



Councillor Alyson Baker and Louise Wallace (Director of Public Health) with attendance from Gill Kelly, Consultant in Public Health. The next in-person pupil event will be in November 2023, for coastal area schools at East Barnby Environment Centre near Whitby.

Growing Up in North Yorkshire Survey 2022

In total 17,000 children and young people took part in the Growing up in North Yorkshire (GUNY) survey 2022. All schools who participated in the survey have received their school reports. The GUNY delivery group are currently looking at how the key findings and messages can be shared with professionals and families across the county. This will include infographics for professionals, and a poster for families with some of the key issues for each year group and details of local services, information and support. A social, emotional and mental health-themed GUNY report has been produced and is being finalised for dissemination. The report highlights key concerns around reductions in wellbeing and resilience, and high levels of self-reported self-harm. Data shows that these issues affect older girls in secondary schools in particular.

School Food and Food Insecurity

We are continuing to explore ways to improve school food and help families with food insecurity and the cost of living. In June we held a workshop for NYC staff to explore options for developing a free school meals auto-enrolment scheme. Staff from Sheffield City Council, The Food Foundation and the University of York attended to share good practice and offer support. Work is continuing to identify the level of provision of breakfast clubs in schools and to identify gaps/barriers, particularly in areas of highest need. Development of an information flyer to promote the provision of breakfast clubs is underway - this will include examples of good practice and links to funding schemes to support schools. Exploring further distribution sites. Developing vitamin training for health professionals. We are strengthening the pathway for families in financial hardship by helping families with infants under the age of 1 to access infant formula (includes out of hours provision). The pathway has been incorporated into the existing NYLAF pathway and out of hours duty team. We are also exploring opportunities to engage with foodbanks to strengthen links to the pathway, and we are establishing monitoring and governance procedures.

Healthy Child Service

0-5 KPIs	Q1 22/23	Q2 22/23	Q3 22/23	Q4 22/23
Antenatal	88.6%	90.7%	94.1%	91.6%
New Birth	91.9%	94.3%	95.9%	96.4%
6-8 week	94.8%	93.1%	94.9%	93.4%
9-12 month	97.6%	98.1%	98.1%	97.1%
2-2.5 year review	88.1%	93.5%	96.6%	96.5%

0-6 Pillar Update: The overall performance remains good with all mandated reviews achieving more than 85% completion rates. Across 21/22 and Q1 22/23 antenatal contacts have remained lower than other contact rates for other visits. The improving number of completed antenatal contacts has remained throughout 22/23.

The Infant Feeding, Family Diet and Nutrition Pillar has a focus on early intervention and prevention of childhood obesity and aims to increase breastfeeding initiation and continuation rates and reduce obesity rates. The National Childhood Measurement Programme for reception and year 6 age children helps to track the rate of excess weight and obesity in children across the county. The data was submitted in Q1 and participation rates for both Reception and Year 6 were above 85%. All Infant Feeding Peer Supporters are now in place and are delivering proactive calls; the aim is to prevent the 10% drop off from breastfeeding rates at new birth visit and 6–8-week review. This offer is becoming more embedded, in Q1 14% of Breastfeeding families were contacted rising to 17.9% in Q4.

The Emotional Health and Resilience Pillar provides targeted support for children referred to the service for a range of conditions such as anxiety anger and low mood. In Q4, 255 referrals were received

and 191 accepted this shows that 25% of referrals are inappropriate. Screening is completed within 5 working days and health needs assessments are being completed both face-to-face and virtually. Waiting times have decreased in the East and West teams and increased by 1 week in the Central team. Wait pressures within the service. A workshop has been held to formulate actions to look at reducing inappropriate referrals and wait times.

Stronger Communities

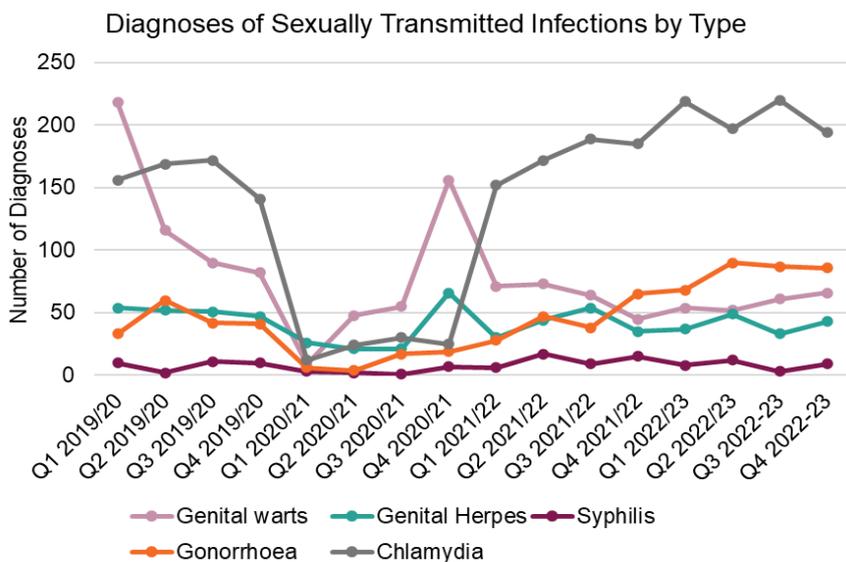
In February 2023, as part of the long established ‘Achieve Together’ Investment Programme, Stronger Communities opened a new opportunity to establish a Community Anchor model for North Yorkshire. In Q1, evaluation of submissions took place, with 23 place-based organisations from across the county progressing to the next stage of development work, which will encompass a collective assessment workshop and the development of organisational action plans. For the ten localities where a suitable CAO has not been initially identified, development work will continue to explore the potential for a local voluntary sector organisation to become a CAO, or to look at alternative models. Recognising that in our larger urban areas where there are a number of distinctive neighbourhoods, the model of a single place-based community anchor may not work, we are working with local partners in Harrogate and Scarborough to understand what the optimal options for investing in Community Anchors are in those areas.

The team continues to deliver on broader work (including on large national programmes) such the Inspire Community Grants scheme, North Yorkshire Local Assistance Fund, Homes for Ukraine, Household Support Fund, UK Shared Prosperity Fund, Cost of Living, Food Insecurity, Holiday Activities Fund, and Digital Inclusion.

Sexual Health

The latest attendance figures at YorsexualHealth (YSH) services in Q4 2022/23 were 3,468; this includes new, re-registered and follow up appointments within YSH. This is a 5% fall on the same time-period last year (3,668) and a 13% decrease (4,005) when compared to 2019-20 (pre COVID-19).

The chart below shows the trend in numbers of sexually transmitted infection (STI) diagnoses for North Yorkshire, after a sharp decline in 2020/21, tests have seen an increase back up to 2,644 carried out in Q4 2022/23, this is a small 7% decrease on last year. There has been a 198% increase in online testing via the sub-contracted provider Preventx and therefore costs since 2019/20. Overall testing positivity rates were 15% in Q4 2022-23 compared to 14% in Q4 2019-20.



Testing resulted in 398 STI diagnoses in Q4 2022/23, a 15% increase compared to Q4 in 2021/22, and the same 15% increase since 2019/20. Chlamydia was the highest diagnosed STI in Q4 followed by gonorrhoea, genital warts, genital herpes, and syphilis. There were 0 HIV diagnoses in Q4. Chlamydia and gonorrhoea diagnoses are increasing in North Yorkshire, as shown in the figure, this is also the case across the Yorkshire and Humber region and nationally.

GPs across North Yorkshire completed 1,074 long-Acting Reversible Contraception (LARC)

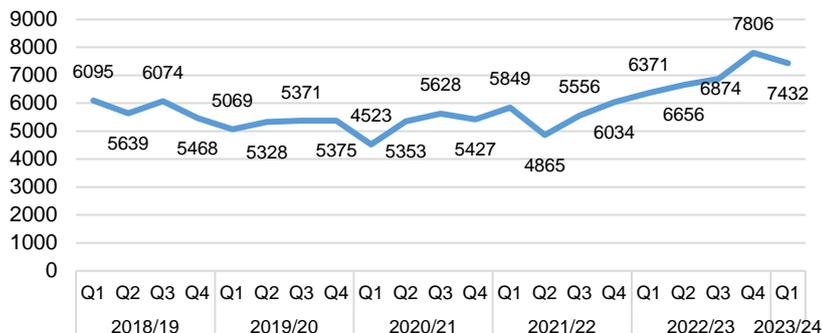
fittings in total in Q4 2022/23; this is a decrease (202) compared to 1220 Q4 last year and a decrease (90) on 1108 Q4 in 2020-21. In Q4 22/23 YSH completed 376 LARC fittings, 76 injections, 77 initiation issues of oral contraceptive pills, 226 repeat contraceptives and 37 issues of emergency contraceptive. Community Pharmacies across North Yorkshire completed 106 Emergency Hormonal Contraception (EHC) consultations in 2022/23 Q4, similar to the 107 consultations in Q4 2021-22 and an increase (22) on 84 in 2020/21 Q4.



Children and Young People Service (CYPS)

MAST (Multi Agency Screening Team)

MAST - Quarterly Contacts

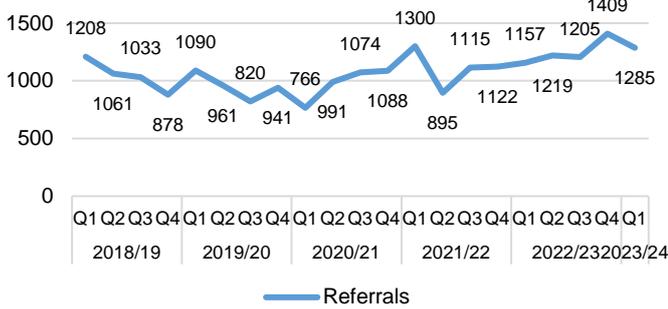


The very high demand at the front door reported across 2022/23 has continued into the first quarter of 2023/24, with 7432 contacts recorded. Although 374 fewer contacts (-4.8%) than in the previous quarter it is nevertheless the second highest quarterly number of contacts recorded and 1061 more (+16.7%) than in Q1 last year.

Referrals to Children’s Social Care (CSC)

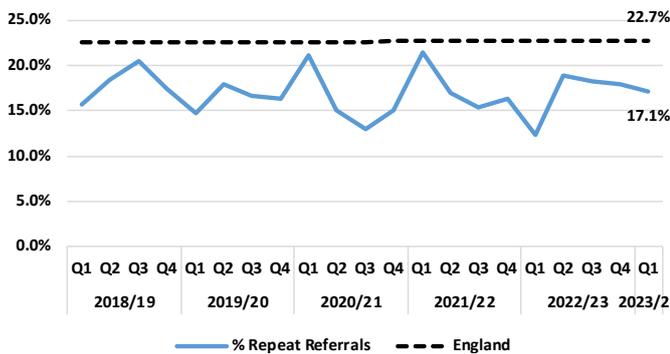
Family Assessment & Support teams have again seen a high number of referrals this quarter, with 1285 recorded. Whilst this is 8.8% fewer referrals than in the previous quarter (n=124), it should be noted that Q4 2022/23 saw an unprecedented number of referrals (1409).

Quarterly Referrals to CSC



This is the 4th successive quarter to see in excess of 1,200 referrals and the council has not seen such high levels of demand sustained for such a prolonged period for at least 6 years. In the 12 months to the end of June 2023, the service has received 5,118 referrals, 19% more referrals (n=829) than in the preceding 4 quarters. Similarly in the last 12 months we have received as many referrals as we would have previously expected to receive in 14 months.

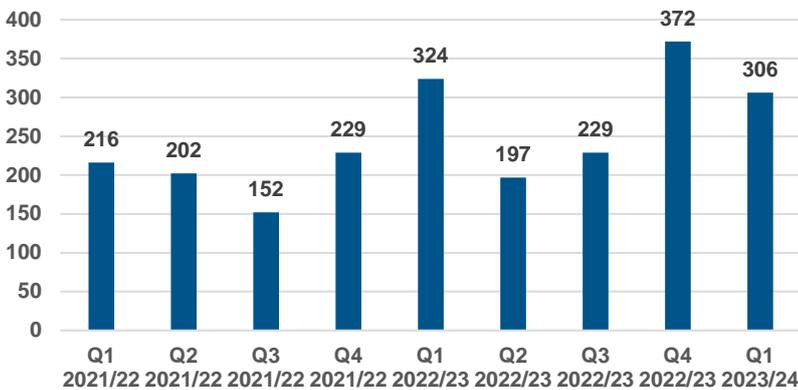
Repeat Referrals to CSC



The re-referral rate this quarter was stable at **17.1%** this quarter, and following a decreasing (improving) trend, and still among the best performing services regionally and nationally in respect of this indicator.

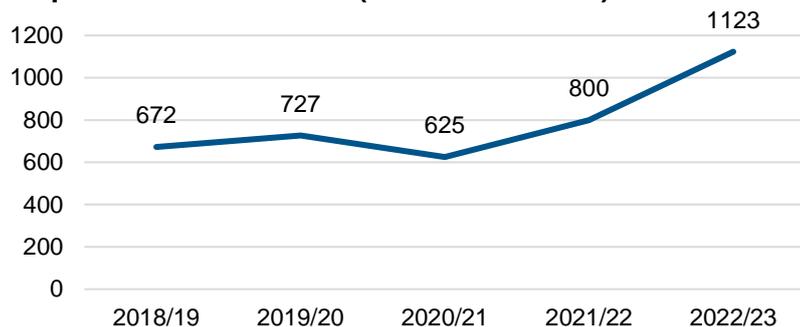
Requests for Assessment - Education, Health and Care (EHC Plans)

Requests for Assessment (EHC plan)



The rise in new EHC plans being issued by North Yorkshire Council is a consequence of an increasing demand for assessments seen during the course of the previous year and this demand appears to be continuing into the new year. There was a large spike in requests received as we approached the end of the last financial year, a total of 372 requests were received in Q4 of 2022/23, a higher total than any previous year. Totals for Q1 2023/24 (n=306) appear to be similar to the high level witnessed last year.

Request for Assessment (in Financial Year)



A total of 1123 requests for statutory EHC plan assessment were received during the 2022/23 financial year, a 40% increase (+323) on the number received in 2021/22. Based on current data, this upward trajectory is now a sustained trend.

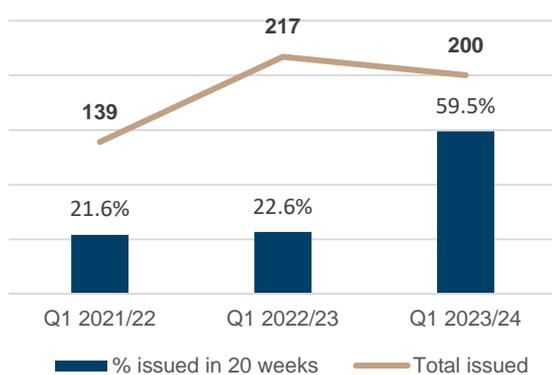
Timeliness of EHC Plans

The number of EHC plans being issued within a 20-week period has improved considerably on previous years, although levels of performance reached before the pandemic are yet to be achieved. 59.5% of new EHC plans issued in Quarter 1 of 2023/24 were issued within 20 weeks, this is a considerable improvement on 22.6% achieved in the same period last year. Timeliness was particularly high in June when 72% were issued on time.

	Q1 2022/23	Q1 2022/23	Q1 2023/24
% issued in 20 weeks	21.6%	22.6%	59.5%
Total issued	139	217	200

The improvement in timeliness has been achieved despite a sustained upturn in requests for and production of EHC plans. 200 new EHC plans were issued in Q1 2023/24 by North Yorkshire Council, this is a 44% (n=+61) increase on the same period of 2020/21 when 139 were produced.

Timeliness of EHC plans issued



Levels of timeliness pre-pandemic in North Yorkshire were typically well above national rates, for example 90.4% issued on time during 2019, compared to 58.7% nationally. However, timeliness dropped during the pandemic which also coincided with a considerable challenge of recruitment of Educational Psychologists, whose advice is a key component in the production of an Education, Health and Care plan. North Yorkshire Council's approach to the challenge has involved the contracting of agencies in addressing a backlog in receiving advice from Educational Psychologist services.

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Ongoing Early Help Households



Early Help

The number of households receiving support from the Early Help Service increased to 1,535 at the end of Quarter 1.

The increase in the last quarter is a continuation of the upward trajectory seen in the last 18 months, with the current total a 40% increase (+435) from the low number (n=1,100) seen at the end of December 2021. This is reflective of the increased demand presenting at the front door.

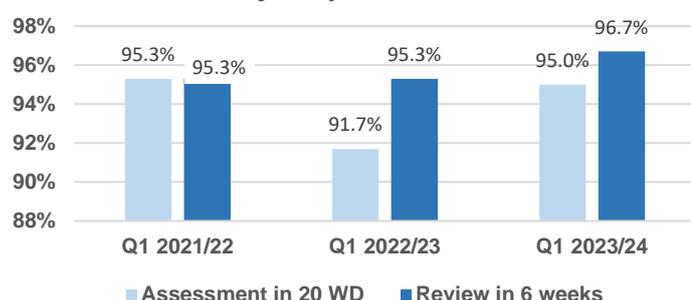
by delivering interventions to support families. At the end of June 2023, the Early Help Service was delivering interventions in 307 cases.

Early Help workers also support Children’s Social Care colleagues dealing with more complex cases

In addition, with effect from May 2021, Early Help Children & Families Workers have been allocated Education, Health and Care Plans where the child is unknown to Children & Families Services to complete the care element of the assessment.

Timeliness – Early Help Assessments

Timeliness of Early Help Assessments



The timeliness of Early Help Initial Assessments continues to be very strong with 95.0% of Initial Assessments completed within 20 working days in Quarter 1 2023/24. Whilst this is lower than the corresponding figure of 95.3% in 2021/22, the number of Initial Assessments completed increased to 778 compared to 579 in Quarter 1 2021/22 - an increase of 34% (+199).

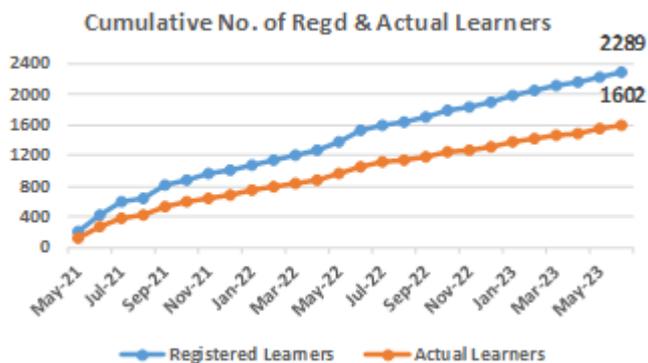
In addition, 96.7% of Assessment Reviews were completed within 6 weeks in Quarter 1 2023/24, compared to 95.3% for the same

period in both 2021/22 and 2023/23. As well as a higher percentage completed within weeks in Quarter 1 2023/24, the number of Assessment Reviews increased significantly to 2,200. This is a 22% (+397) increase on the number in the corresponding period in 2021/22 and 14% (+268) higher than seen in Quarter 1 2022/23.

Over Two Thousand users benefit from online parenting courses

In May 2021, North Yorkshire purchased a multiuser licence for the Solihull Approach that provides evidence based accredited, online courses from pre-birth to adolescence. The Solihull Approach is a team of professionals within the National Health Service who work with practitioners and parents to develop new resources to support emotional health and well-being in children, families, adults, and older adults.

The online courses were developed with practitioners and parents, tested in the field, and have an ongoing research programme. The range and breadth of courses available continues to be developed and there are now a series of 16 online courses available, with 4 of the courses also available in Urdu.

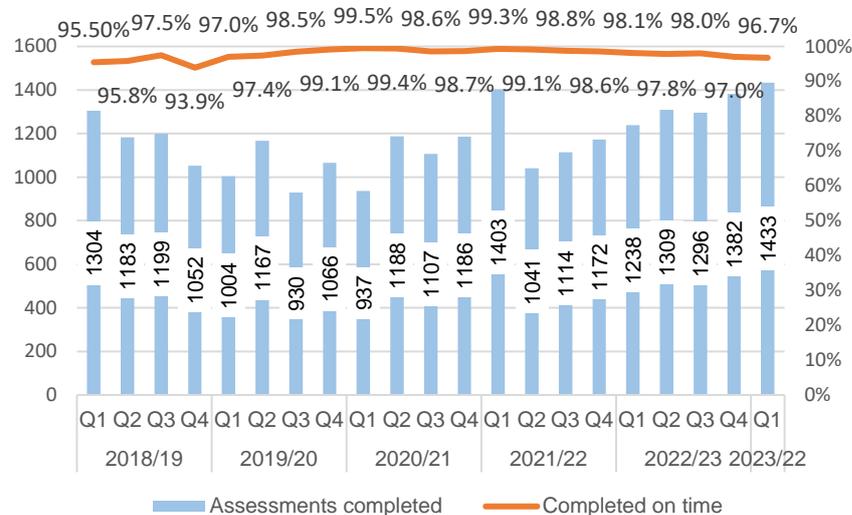


As at the end of June 2023, 2,289 individuals have registered as learners with 1,602 individual learners having registered and started at least 1 course. The feedback received from those completing the courses continues to be very positive.

Children & Families Assessments

Linked to the high number of referrals received the service has completed 1433 C&F assessments this quarter, similar to the 1382 in the previous quarter. This is only the 2nd time in the last 21 quarters that the service has completed in excess of 1400 assessments. It is therefore no small achievement to note that 97% (n=1390) were completed within the nationally proscribed 45WD target this quarter, and ensures North Yorkshire remains amongst the best performing authorities in respect of this indicator.

Number and Timeliness of Children & Families Assessments



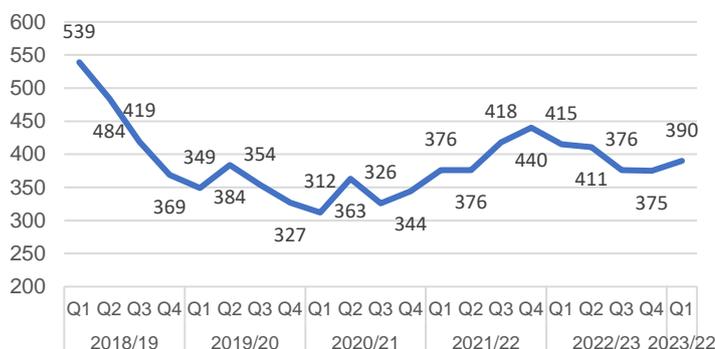
Child Protection Plans

This quarter has seen the number of open CPP increased to 390 at the end of June, 15 more than at the end of December (+3%) but 25 fewer (-6%) than at the end of June last year. However, it should be noted

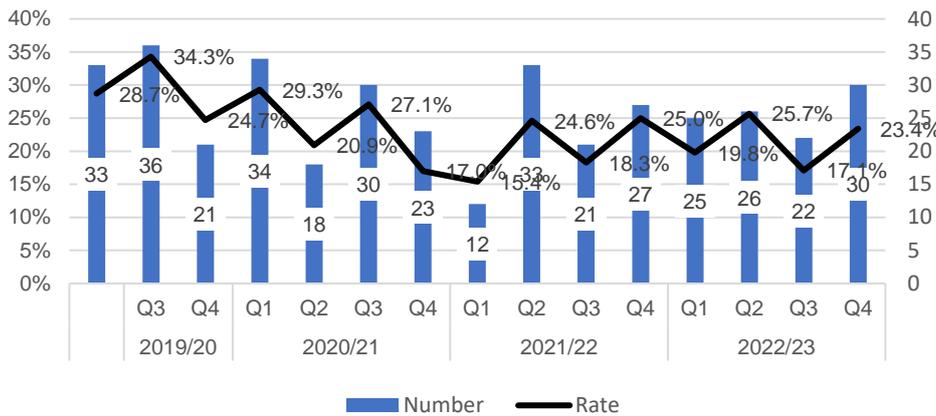
that this remains within the range observed over the last 2 years of 400 open CPP, +/-50. Looking ahead and given the very high number of referrals received this quarter, we can expect the number of open CPP to continue to increase in the coming months and this will be monitored closely.

There were 128 new CPP issued this quarter, almost identical to the 129 issued in the previous quarter but 20 more than the 108 issued in Q1 last year.

Number of open CPP



Rate & Number of Second or Subsequent CPP

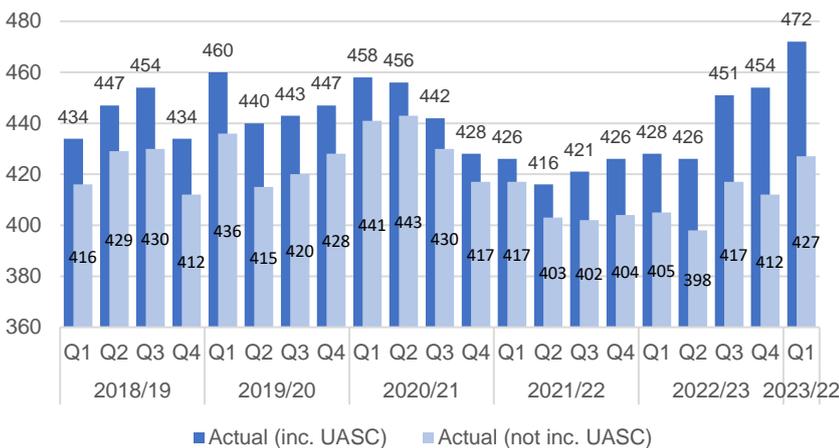


23% (n=30) of the new plans issued this quarter were second or subsequent plans. Statistical analysis highlights that there is no significant difference between current performance and performance across 2022/23 (21%, n=101). In the most recent quarter only 10 second or subsequent CPP were within 2 years of a previous CPP (8% of new CPP).

Children in Care

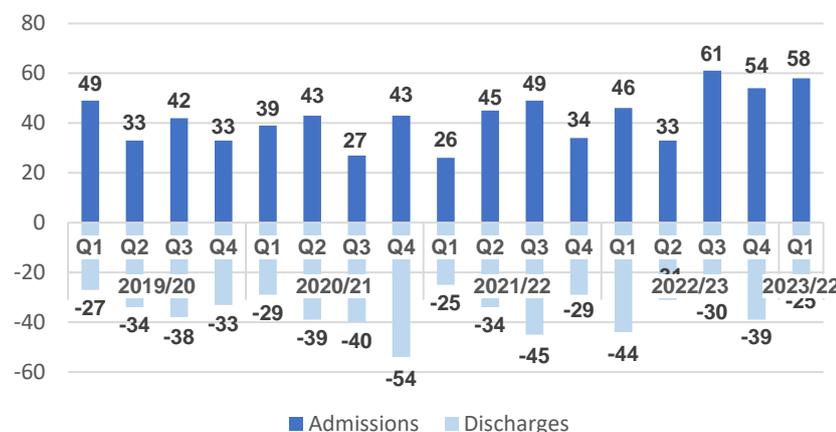
The number of children in care, has increased further at the end of Q1 2023/24 reaching 472 this is the highest number recorded since Q1 2013/14. The number of Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children (UASC) has increased marginally at the end of Q1 2023/24 to 45 from 42,

Number of Looked After Children



this is however still higher than the normal expected range in North Yorkshire. The current increase in numbers is pointing towards the number of admissions coming from North Yorkshire Children and young people rather than UASC children and young people, however the number of UASC children and young people has almost doubled compared to Q1 2022/23 (n=23).

Admissions to Care & Discharges from Care



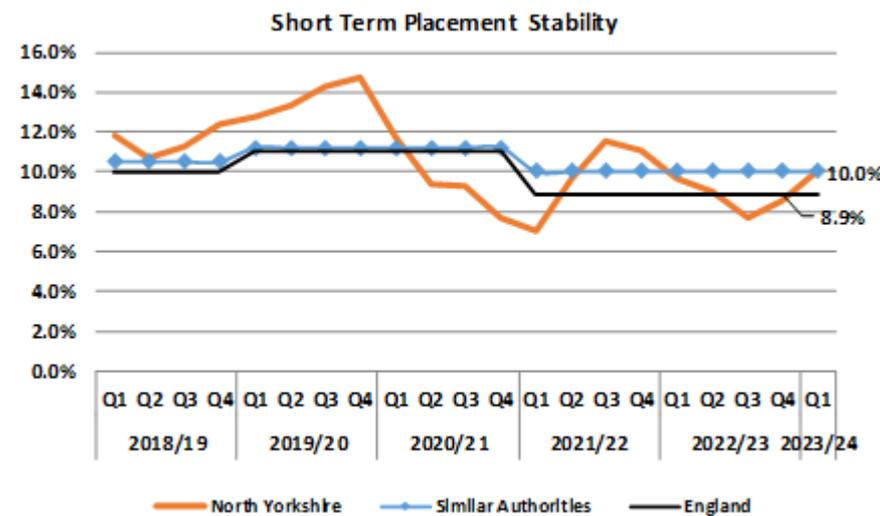
Admissions and Discharges to Care

In reflection of the increase in the number of children in care the number of admissions at the end of Q1 2023/24 have also increased to 58 admissions (+9.4%) to care compared to 53 at the end of Q4 2022/23, although the number of admissions is not the highest recording it is the 2nd highest recording since Q3 2017/18. As a comparison at the same point last year Q1 2022/23 there were 45 admissions, this represents an increase of +28.9%. At the end of

2021/22, nationally according to the DFE 903 data analysis reports, there was an increase in admissions

to care of 9%, this potentially will be higher when the data is released for 2023/24 based on North Yorkshire's current picture.

Regarding discharges at the end of Q1 2023/24 there were 25 discharges in the period, which is a decrease when comparing to the same point last year, 34 discharges were recorded at the end of Q1 2022/23. The data is re-enforcing that the trend currently in North Yorkshire is that there are less children being discharged from care and more children being admitted to care which is leading to the overall increase in numbers of children in care.



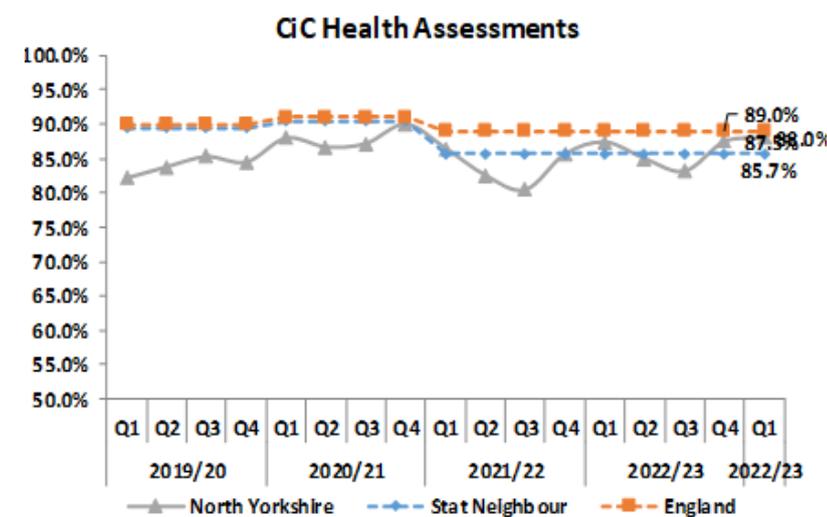
Occupancy Rates

Further challenges of the increase in the number of children in care, the occupancy rate for placements continues to be high with little room for manoeuvre, the rate at the end of Q1 2023/24, reported at 99%, with just 1 placement vacancy with an unrelated carer.

The service received 22 enquiries to become a foster carer in Q1 2023/24 compared to 31 at the end of Q4 2022/23. The number of enquiries still remains low compared to previous periods, this is potentially down to post-pandemic changes in people

reflecting and making changes to their home and work balance. Furthermore, in the current cost of living crisis, carers are increasingly concerned about the financial impacts. Therefore, creating a challenge for the service to place children and young people.

Short term stability the number of children that have had 3 or more placements in the last 12 months has increased at the end of Q1 2023/24 to 10.0% compared to 8.9% at the end of Q4 2022/24. It is worth noting although there is an increase it is not as high as 14.7% that was recorded in Q4 2019/20.



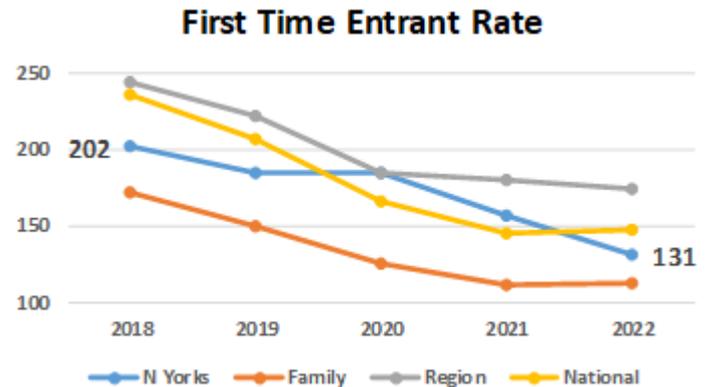
Health Assessments

The percentage of Children in Care with an up-to-date health assessment has seen an improvement again at the end of Q1 2023/24 to 88.0% from 87.5% at the end of Q4 2022/23. The service has worked hard on improving health outcomes for North Yorkshire children and young people in care, the rate is now sitting just below the national average of 89.0% and above that of statistical neighbours at 85.7%. Work within the service has involved a non-cancellation of initial health assessment appointments and improving timeliness of requests sent health partners.

There continues to be a shortage of paediatric appointments, however health partners have appointed some specialist providers to work with UASC children and young people initially and there has been some further discussion that there may be alternative providers for all children in care, which will hopefully drive a big improvement all round to the number of children and young people with an initial health assessment, review health assessments that are up to date.

Youth Justice Service

The Early Help Service continues to lead on the delivery of a 2-year Test & Learn Pilot Programme of work as part of the Regional Health & Youth Justice Vanguard. The primary focus is to build on existing work delivering action that brings about a reduction in the number of First Time Entrants (FTEs) into the criminal justice system as well as positively influencing the trajectory of those young people at risk of re-entering the system. Recent data suggests that this approach is having a positive impact. Our Test & Learn site has now received confirmation of an additional one year of full funding, which means the offer in place has now been extended through to March 2025. We also remain hopeful of a further extension beyond this period.



The latest official data for the 12 months ending December 2022 showed a further decrease in the rate of FTEs (r=131) into the criminal justice system in North Yorkshire compared with the rate 12 months previously (r=157). The rate of 131 relates to 72 young people and places North Yorkshire in the 2nd Quartile nationally.

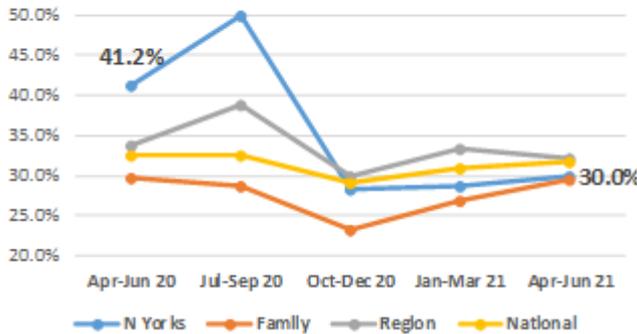
16 fewer young people entered the criminal justice system for the first time in the 12 months ending December 2022 when compared to the same period 12 months earlier.

The current rate in North Yorkshire is lower than the national (r=148) and regional (r=175) rates but higher than the family group average (r=113). The rate in North Yorkshire has decreased at a faster rate than any of the 3 comparators since 2020.

For the 3rd consecutive cohort, the Binary reoffending rate has remained at 30% or lower. This is the 1st time this has occurred in North Yorkshire and highlights the significant progress that has been seen since the very high rate of 50% was seen in the July-September 2020 cohort. Although the Covid-19 pandemic is likely to have impacted on offending, that will obviously have been the case nationally and, as the chart below highlights, the binary rate in North Yorkshire has moved and remained below the regional and national rates in each of the last 3 cohorts.

The current rate rate of 30.0% is lower than that seen regionally (32.2%) and nationally (31.7%) but remains higher than the family group average (29.6%).

Binary Reoffending Rate



The percentage of females in North Yorkshire cohorts remains a concern, with the 17 females in the April to June 2021 cohort being 28.3% of the overall cohort. This compares with the national average of approximately 14%. We have contacted other Youth Offending Teams with a view to carrying out a review of our practice in relation to supporting young females and to try and identify the best practice that is occurring elsewhere.

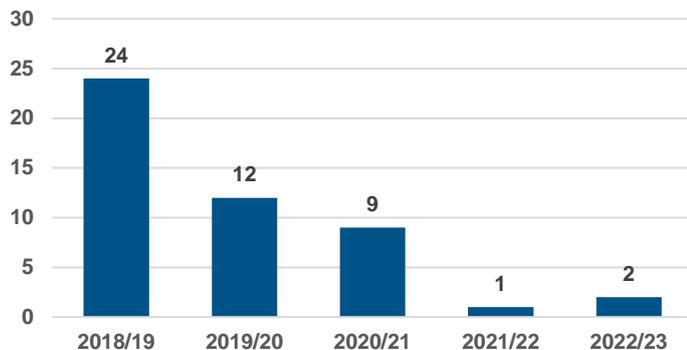
The Frequency reoffending rate (average number of reoffences per reoffender) decreased significantly from a rate of 5.00 seen in each of the 2 previous cohorts to 2.61 in the April to June 2021 cohort.

This is below the regional rate (4.59), national rate (3.86) and the family group average (3.40). The Frequency rate was heavily influenced by a very small number of individuals, with 3 of the 18 reoffenders responsible for 36% (n=17) of all reoffences.

The recent significant improvement in the rate of custodial sentences in North Yorkshire has continued. The number of custodial sentences received by young people in the 12 months ending March 2023 remained low, at 2. The 2 custodial sentences related to 1 incident in which both young people were found guilty of Aggravated Burglary with Intent.

The chart below shows the significant decrease in the actual number of custodial sentences in North Yorkshire in the last 5 years. The 24 custodial sentences received in the 12 months ending March 2019 equated to a rate per 1,000 of the 10-17 population in North Yorkshire of 0.45, compared with the then national rate of 0.30 and the regional rate of 0.39

No. of Custodial Sentences



Whilst the rate of custodial sentences has also decreased nationally in recent years, the current national rate (r=0.11) and regional rate (r=0.12) are both higher than the 0.04 in North Yorkshire.

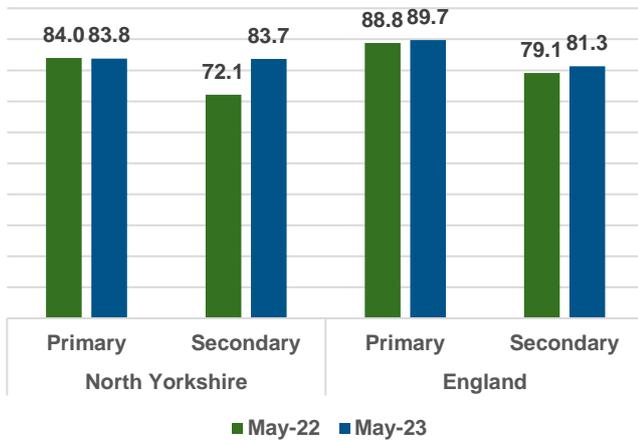
Young NY person wins award for ‘A day in the life’

The Koestler Awards for arts in criminal justice has been running for over 60 years and each year over 3,500 people in custody and in the community share their creative work by taking part. The Koestler vision is to ensure the arts are used within the criminal justice system as a springboard for positive change. The awards provide feedback and encouragement to entrants of all abilities in visual art, design, writing and music.

This year’s themed category was ‘A Day in the Life’ and a young person from North Yorkshire has recently received an award following support from their Youth Justice Officer.

Achieving: High aspirations, opportunities and achievements

% of schools - Good or Outstanding



Ofsted rating of Schools

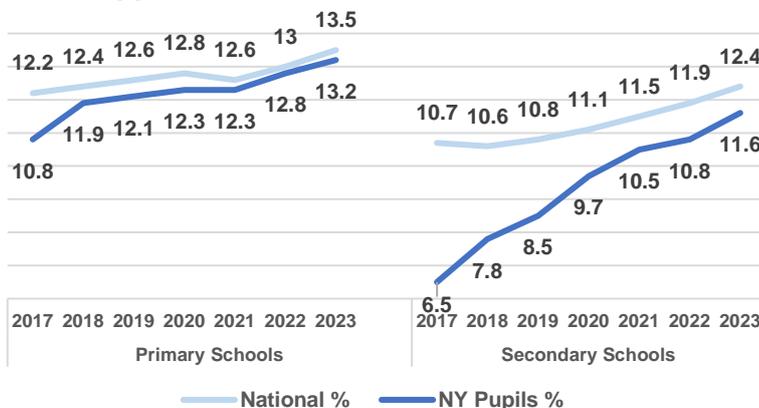
At the time of writing (most recently published, May 2023, DfE), 83.8% of primary schools in North Yorkshire have a ‘Good’ or ‘Outstanding’ Ofsted inspection outcome, this represents 248 of the 298 primary schools in the county. 83.8% is very similar to the 84% reported at the same point last year, it is however below the current national rate of 89.7%.

The rate of secondary schools in North Yorkshire with a ‘Good’ or ‘Outstanding’ Ofsted inspection outcome has increased considerably in the past year, 83.7% in May 2023 (36 of the 43 secondary schools) compared to 72.1% in May of 2022. The North Yorkshire rate of ‘Good’ or ‘Outstanding’ secondary schools is currently above the national rate of 81.3%.

Special Needs in schools

The rate of children recorded as receiving SEN Support in schools in North Yorkshire has been below that of national rates, we have however seen increases over the past few years and as of the January 2023 school census, rates in primary schools and secondary schools are similar to national rates.

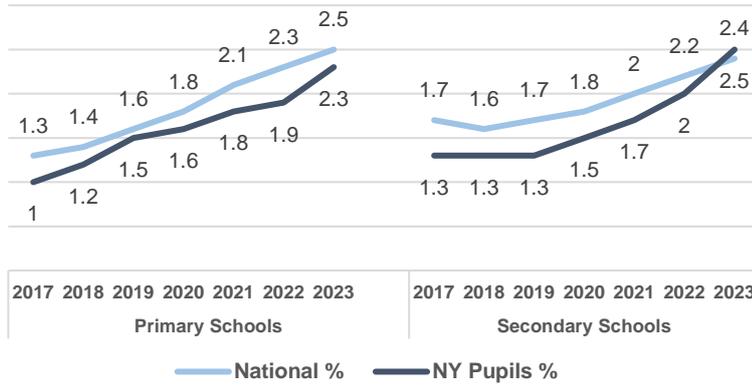
% SEN Support



The rate of children having SEN Support in North Yorkshire primary schools of 13.2% in January 2023 was very similar to the national rate of 13.5%, increasing from the 12.8% in 2022. The percentage of SEN Support in secondary schools has increased at a much greater rate in North Yorkshire than is the case nationally. The rate in January 2022 was 10.8% in North Yorkshire and 11.9% in England, the North Yorkshire rate has risen to 11.6% in 2023, just below the 12.4% reported nationally.

Similar to SEN Support rates, rates of EHC plans in North Yorkshire mainstream schools have been below national rates, however, increases seen in the past few years have now placed North Yorkshire on a par with the national picture.

EHC Plan

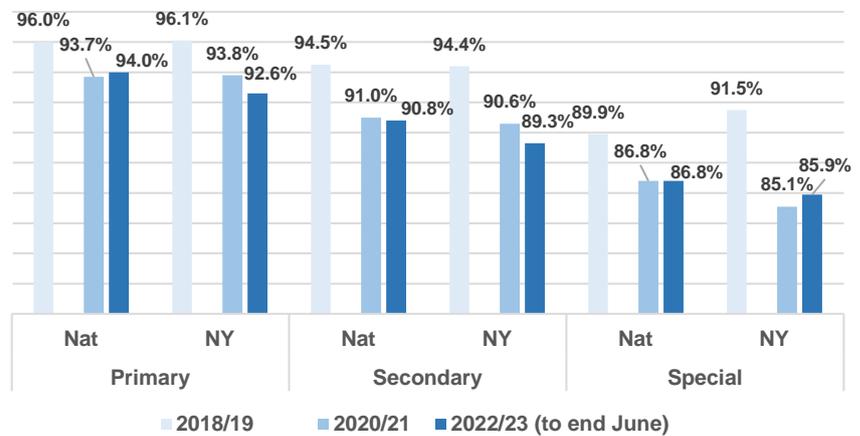


2.3% of children in North Yorkshire primary schools are now (January 2023 school census) recorded with an EHC plan, just below the 2.5% reported nationally in January 2023. 2.5% of children in North Yorkshire secondary schools are now (January 2023 school census) recorded with an EHC plan, now higher than the 2.4% reported nationally.

Attendance

Whilst the academic year is yet to finish, it is clear that attendance of children and young people in school has yet to recover from the Covid pandemic. Provisional (NB. Current DfE published data up to June is not based on all schools in the country and so is indicative and provisional) nationally available data is showing that attendance towards the end of the 2022/23 academic year is lower than attendance levels seen in 2018/19. In North Yorkshire, so far in 2022/23, the overall attendance rate in primary schools was 92.6% (national: 94.0%), compared to 96.1% (national: 96.0%) in the full 2018/19 academic year. In North Yorkshire secondary schools the 2022/23 rate has been 89.3% (national: 90.8%) compared to 94.4% (national: 94.5%) in the full 2018/19 academic year.

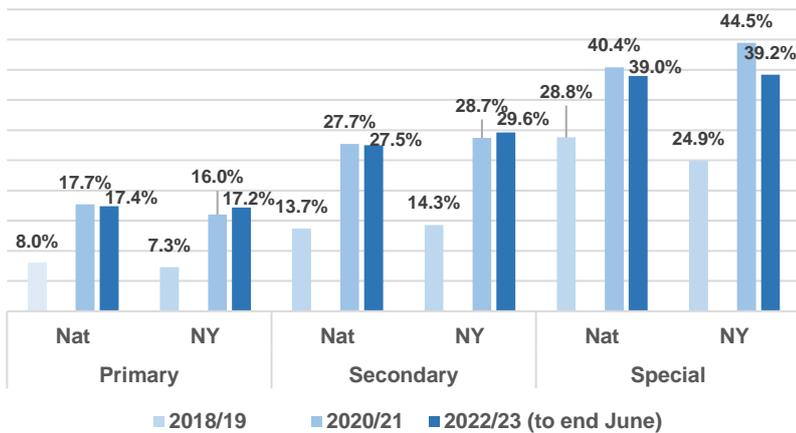
% Overall Attendance in Schools



Attendance in special schools in North Yorkshire has also dropped significantly since pre-pandemic rates, dropping to 85.9% compared to 91.5% in 2018/19, similar to the drop witnessed nationally.

Compared to pre-pandemic levels of attendance in 2018/19, there is some way to go before attendance is similar across all phases of education

% Persistent Absence

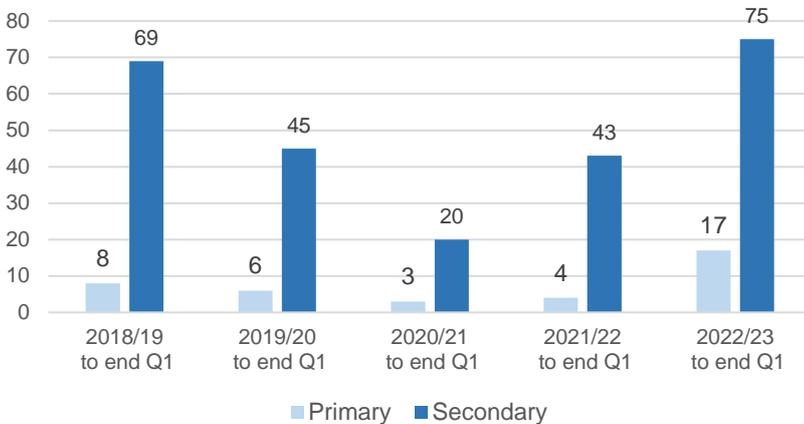


Children persistently absent have levels of attendance equal to or less than 90%. Rates of persistent absence into 2022/23 appear to be in line with rates witnessed in 2021/22 but again there is a significant difference to pre-pandemic rates (NB. Current DfE published data up to June is not based on all schools in the country and so is indicative and provisional). In 2018/19, 7.3% of children in North Yorkshire primary schools were persistently absent, rising to 16.0% by 2021/22, in North Yorkshire secondary schools the rise in this period was 14.3% to 28.7%. These increases have been very similar to what has been witnessed nationally.

Persistent absence in special schools has increased significantly compared to pre-pandemic rates. In North Yorkshire, the rise has been from 24.9% in 2018/19 to 44.5% in 2021/22, although this appears to have dropped marginally to just below 40% in 2022/23 to date. Current rates of persistent absence in special schools (39.2%) appear to be very similar to nationally reported rates (39.0%).

Exclusions and Suspensions

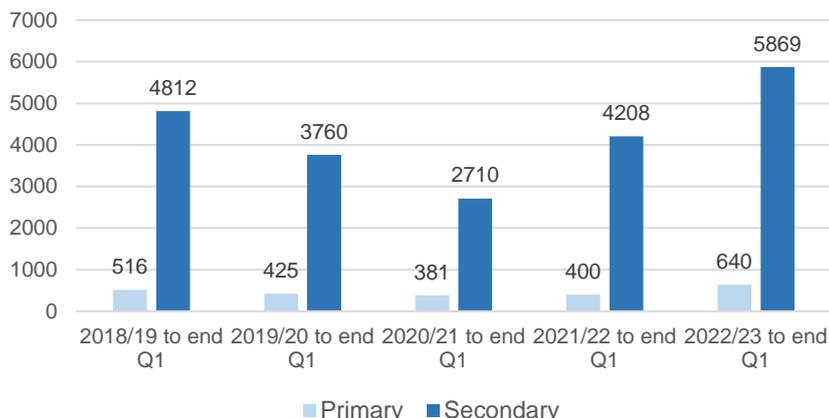
Permanent Exclusions



In keeping with a notable upward national trend, there has been a marked increase in the number of children being excluded for either a temporary period or permanently from North Yorkshire schools during the 2022/23 academic year to date, following a reduction during the pandemic. A total of 92 children were permanently excluded from North Yorkshire mainstream schools in the 2022/23 academic year to date (end June), considerably more than 47 (n=+45) than the same period of 2021/22. 17 of these permanent exclusions occurred in primary schools, a much higher number than in any previous year and 13 more than the same point in 2021/22 (n=4).

Comparisons with national rates of permanent exclusions, show that North Yorkshire has previously had fewer permanent exclusions as a percentage of the school population, since 2018/2019. The rate for North Yorkshire secondary schools in 2020/21 (0.05%), was approximately half that of the national rate (0.10%), during the height of the Covid pandemic. The rate did however increase in 2021/22 to 0.13%. 2021/22 national rates are yet to be published.

Suspensions



To the end of Q1, there have been a total of 6509 suspensions (i.e. exclusions from school for a fixed period of time) from mainstream schools in North Yorkshire in the 2022/23 academic year, 640 from primary schools and 5869 from secondary schools. This is a 41% increase (n= +1901) on the same period of the previous year.

Comparisons with national rates of suspensions show that having been higher than national rates in previous years North Yorkshire rates were very similar to national rates during

2020/21. The rate of suspensions in secondary schools did however increase during 2021/22 to 12.41%, similar to rates last seen in 2018/19. Rates of suspensions in primary schools have historically been very similar to national rates at approximately 1%.

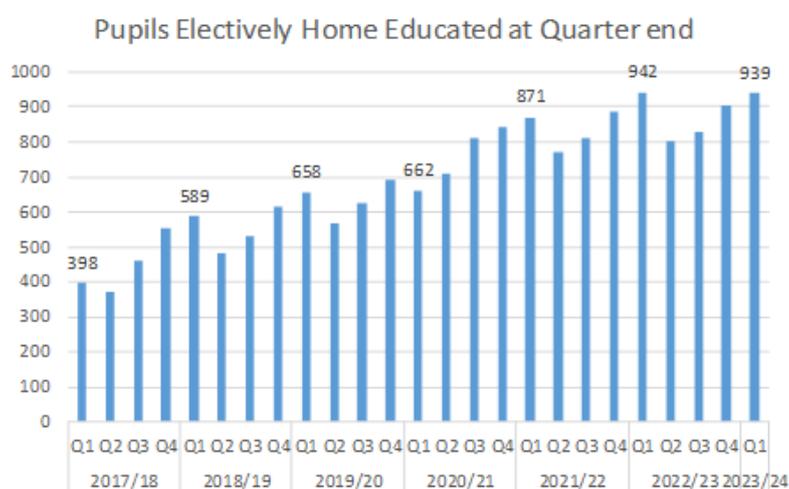
A decentralised Intensive Support Team (IST) has been operating to provide enhanced support for Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) needs support for pupils most vulnerable to exclusion. The inclusion service is increasing the number of SEMH support practitioners in each area in order to improve access to the intensive support offer, particularly in the primary phase; to more quickly identify SEND, upskilling school staff and providing individual pupils with regulation and self-help strategies.

Where children are excluded from mainstream education, the service is improving the curriculum offer for pupils receiving education in alternative provision through implementing a mainstream school base model for IST and reviewing the offer from the pupil referral service.

There is also a focus on ensuring permanently excluded pupils receive the support they need to return to mainstream (or special) provision as soon as possible.

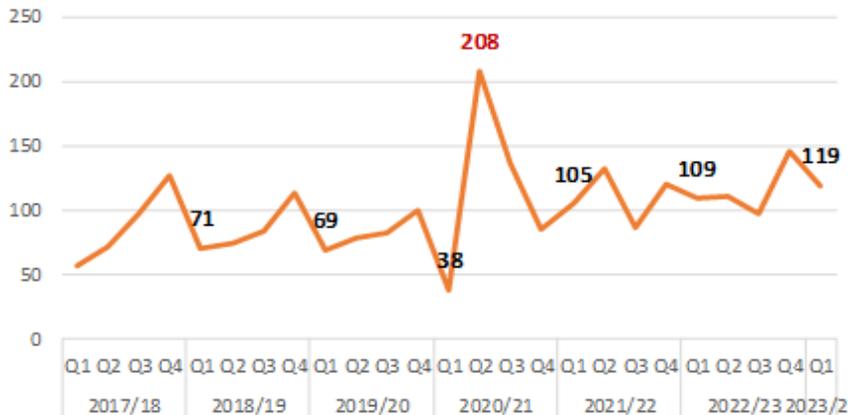
The Inclusion Service has introduced a new Locality-based approach to supporting secondary phase pupils to access alternative provision and managed moves via Inclusion Locality Panels. This has been welcomed by Headteachers as a more responsive approach to supporting very vulnerable young people.

Elective Home Education



The number of children recorded as being Electively Home Educated in North Yorkshire (EHE) is gradually increasing following a sharp increase during the Covid pandemic. By the end of Q1 of 2023/24 there were a total of 939 children recorded as being EHE in North Yorkshire an increase of 7.8% (n= +68) on the same point of 2021/22 and very similar to the same point last year (942). The highest increase was seen between Q1 of 2020/21 and Q1 of 2021/22, when we witnessed a 31.6% (n= +209) increase during that phase of the pandemic. The increased levels of children being home educated appear to be continuing.

Pupils becoming EHE each Quarter



Whilst the number of pupils Electively Home Educated remains high compared to the pre-pandemic figures, the total number of children becoming EHE has seen little variation in the past two years. During Quarter 1 of 2023/24, 119 children became EHE, compared to 109 in Q1 of 2022/23. At the high point, 208 children became EHE, in Q2 of 2020/21.

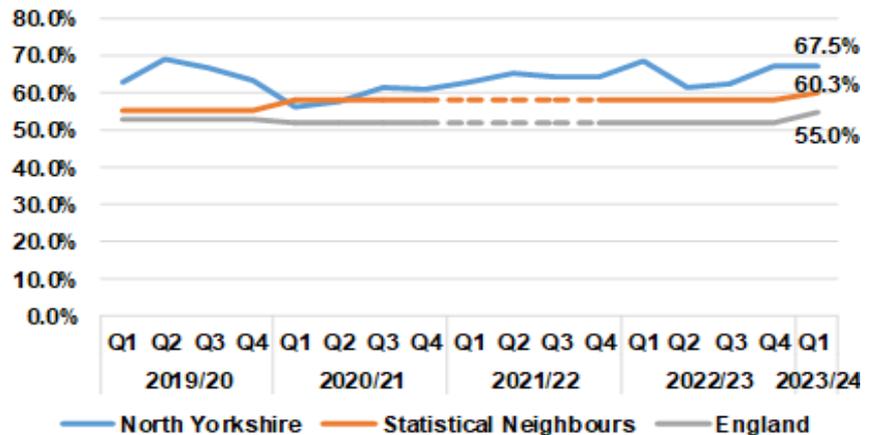
At the end of Q1 2023/24, approximately 1% of the mainstream school population in North Yorkshire are EHE, this is National rates available (DFE, Spring 2023).

National statistics have not previously been collected and released by the Department for Education, however, the first such survey of local authorities began in October of last year.

Care Leavers

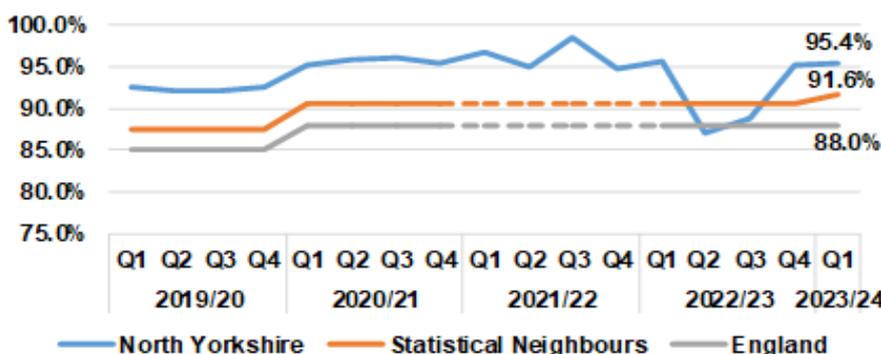
Education Training or Employment (according to the DFE Definition, all 19, 20 and 21-year-olds) has increased marginally at the end of Q1 2023/24, to 67.5% from 67.2% at the end of Q4 2022/23, this continues to improve each quarter, this is above the expected range for North Yorkshire and above national average data of 55%.

Percentage of Care Leavers in Education, Training or Employment



The number of care leavers in suitable accommodation (according to the DFE Definition all 19, 20 and 21-year-olds) has also improved marginally from 95.3% at the end of Q3 2022/23 to 95.4% at the end of Q1 2023/24. The service has worked hard to improve the accommodation outcomes for care leavers which is reflected in the currently living in suitable accommodation returning to the normal high performing range at the end of Q1 2023/24. When comparing this to the national average North Yorkshire are +7.4% above.

Percentage of Care Leavers in Suitable Accommodation



Adult Learning and Skills Service

At the end of Q1 2023/24 the overall qualification rate 68.8%, 1 month away from the end of the Adult Learning and Skills academic year, compared to the same time last year this is a decrease based on the same period last year Q1 2022/23, 75.8%. It is worth however noting that at this point in the academic year this rate is very changeable due to the number of learners completing their qualifications and awaiting results, so therefore there will be many learners with their achievements and completions not yet coming through on this current data set.

The Adult Learning and Skills Service also offer community learning which is for learners to develop their skills and confidence, with the hope of the learners moving onto accredited qualifications. At the end of Q1 2023/24 93% (2021/22 end of academic year 95.5%) of the learners have achieved the outcomes of the course, this is encouraging that learner's achievements maybe more at the end of academic year 2022/23 than 2021/22. Additionally, there are currently 2446 enrolments as a comparison there were 2223 enrolments at the end of 2021/22 +9.1% increase.



Environment

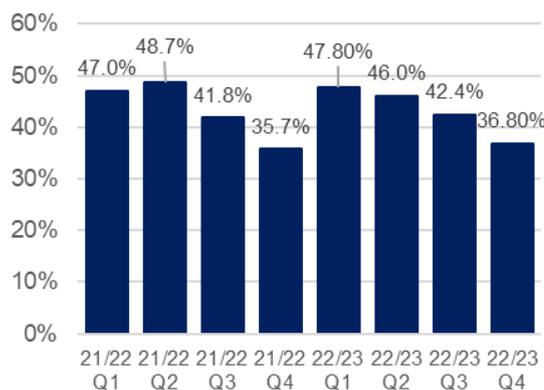
Environmental Services and Climate Change

Waste Collection and Disposal

Waste collection and disposal information is reported a quarter in arrears due to national reporting arrangements. The data reported here relates to Q4 2022/23.

Regarding the **percentage household waste sent for reuse, recycling or composting (NI192)**, the outturn for Q4 2022/23 was 36.8%. Performance in Q4 is always lower than other months due to kerbside green waste collections not being carried out by some of the former districts in January and February. Whilst Q4 showed a slight improvement compared to the same period last year (35.7%), the *overall* performance for the 2022/23 year is lower than the previous year. This may be due to the reduction in green waste collected in Q2 due to the hot, dry weather experienced in July 2022 and resulting overall tonnage decline. The table below shows the material difference (over 6,000 tonnes) between the amounts of household waste sent for composting between Q2 2021/22 and Q2 2022/23 - and the resulting fall in the percentage of household waste that was composted - whilst other amounts are broadly comparable.

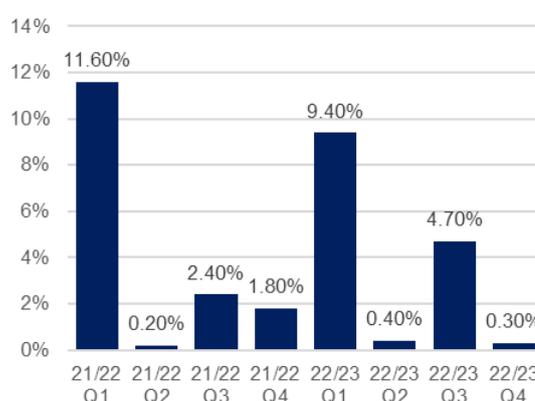
% Household Waste sent for Reuse, Recycling or Composting



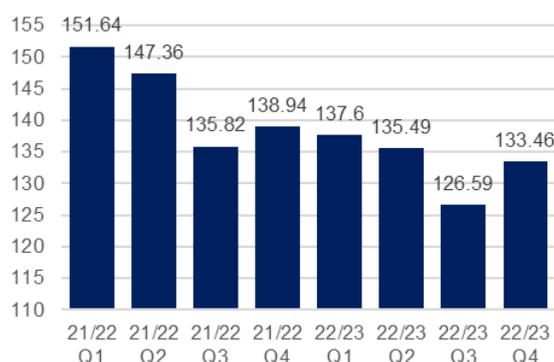
Percentage of household waste sent for composting or anaerobic digestion								
	Q1 21/22	Q2 21/22	Q3 21/22	Q4 21/22	Q1 22/23	Q2 22/23	Q3 22/23	Q4 22/23
Household Composting (tonnes)	19,437	21,838	10,866	7,144	19,112	15,746	10,685	6,208
Total Household Waste Collected (tonnes)	83,484	84,617	68,747	66,826	77,692	73,926	65,483	62,884
Composting rate (%)	23.3%	25.8%	15.8%	10.7%	24.6%	21.3%	16.3%	9.9%

With regard to the *percentage of municipal waste sent to landfill* (NI193), outturn for North Yorkshire in Q4 2022/23 was 0.3%. This was significantly lower than in the same quarter the previous year (1.8%). There was no planned shutdown or waste diverted to contingency sites required for Allerton Waste Recovery Park in Q4 2022/23, hence the very low percentage.

% Waste arising to Landfill



Residual Household Waste per Household (kg)



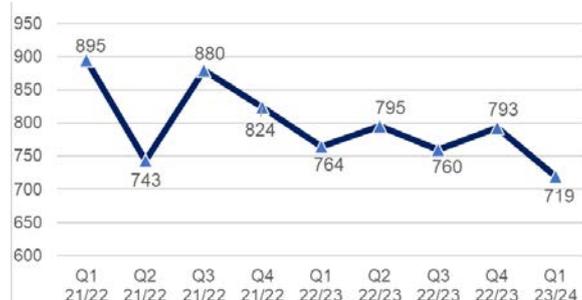
In terms of the amount of *residual household waste collected per household* (NI191), the outturn in Q4 2022/23 was 133.5kg. This was lower than in the same period the previous year (138.9kg). Residual waste tonnages continue to be lower than in 2021/22.

This may be due to the cost-of-living crisis currently affecting the country.

Missed bin collections

It is planned to report performance on 'missed bins' once a consistent, standardised approach to measuring and monitoring performance has been implemented. Throughout Q1, regular oversight of missed bin performance continues to be monitored at an operational level on a regular basis.

Number of Reported Fly Tipping Incidents per Quarter



Fly-tipping

A total of 719 fly-tipping incidents were reported across North Yorkshire in Q1. Over half of these were reported in the Scarborough (265) and Selby (150) areas. A number of factors could influence this, such as size of geographic area, population, actual number of incidents of fly tipped waste or ease of reporting. Data for the last two years shows a reducing trend in the number of reported fly tipping incidents.

Climate Change

The Climate Change Strategy consultation ended in April with the Young People's survey continuing into May. A team of officers took the strategy out to local community spaces such as libraries, markets and community events and we received over 1700 responses, including over 250 responses to the Young People's climate change survey that was co designed by Harrogate Youth Club. The themes of the Climate Change Strategy were well supported and are also evident in the emerging Economic Development Strategy and the Food Strategy, evidencing our commitment to embed climate change into and across all our services.

We continued to deliver climate actions in Q1, including bidding for Government and other funding to deliver programmes of work, such as:

- The Devolution Deal Net Zero Fund. Several NYC bids have been asked to progress to full business case stage. Whilst, this isn't a guarantee of funding, it does mean the bids have been shortlisted.
- The North Yorkshire Shared Prosperity Fund and Rural Development Programme for England, ensuring climate responsible actions are built into all the grant funding as the programme develops.
- Our bid for Home Upgrade Grant under the phase 2 scheme was approved by Government. The bid for £14m will enable us to improve energy efficiency and low carbon heating in 700 homes that are not on the gas grid throughout North Yorkshire over the next two years. We are currently procuring a delivery partner and will open this scheme in late spring. This follows on from our successful Sustainable Warmth programme which has been supporting home energy efficiency over the last year.
- Year 1 of the programme delivered:
 - 50 Community Building Decarbonisation Plans
 - Decarbonisation plan for elderly people's flats in Richmondshire
 - Housing Stock survey to support HUG2 implementation
 - Farm based decarbonisation / energy programme at contracting stage.
- For year 2 activity, workshops were held with communities and businesses in May and June to design the decarbonisation grant schemes and spend for year 2 of the programme which we hope to launch in the Autumn.
- Local Energy Advice Demonstrator – a bid for funding to this programme was made to provide locally based domestic energy efficiency advice, working with the LEP, and with community-based partners, to deliver in rural communities across North Yorkshire.
- Our support for Electric Vehicle Charging Point infrastructure continues with Scarborough EV Charge point rollout. 18 EV charging sockets are now available across 5 sites in the centre of Scarborough as part of the 96-socket rollout project, with the rest expected by the end of July.

Charging points have also been installed at County Hall ready for the EV Pool Car fleet which is on order.

- We continue to share information and best practice with communities through the climate change newsletter and at events such as Great Big Green Week. The Council supported Coast and Vale Community Action to hold the Climate Change Roundtable event as part of Great Big Green Week in Scarborough, bringing together key local stakeholders to discuss how to best build on the Council's Climate Change Strategy with a particular focus on community energy.
- The schools carbon reduction officer continues to be active delivering Environmental education to school customers. Feedback continues to be extremely positive, e.g.

"It enriches our learning having a visitor such as Pete. Thank you for such engaging sessions and for your enthusiasm." (Bishop Monkton School)

The Property Services Traded Team has delivered three heating boiler upgrade projects, resulting in reduction in gas consumption of up to 53.5%, an annual saving of £32k a year at May 2023 gas prices. The works will pay for themselves through savings in eight years. Additionally, six heating control upgrade projects have resulted in reduction in gas consumption of nearly 10%. With an annual saving of £40k a year, the works pay for themselves in five months.

The Display Energy Certificate (DEC) officers have completed 81 DEC's - part of a planned annual programme of delivery which ensures compliance with statutory regulations.

Progress to net zero and carbon pricing

We are developing a pathway tool which will help us to identify progress made against the target for ensuring the council is operationally net zero by 2030. We hope to be able to report on the Council's operational footprint later in the year. In addition, we are working with Finance to look at the best way to calculate 'carbon pricing' and report this in simple terms of the £ equivalent cost of our carbon emissions.

Scarborough South Bay water quality

Issues remain with poor bathing water quality in Scarborough's South Bay and the RNLI are advising beach users against bathing. Work is being done through the Bathing Water Partnership to resolve this; investment by McCains is taking place this year and Yorkshire Water are awaiting Ofwat approval to bring forward investment in Wheatcroft Storm Overflow from 2035 to 2025.

Environmental Services and Climate Change Operational Data

KPI operational data Table	2021-22			2022-23				2023-24
	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1
Percentage of municipal waste sent to landfill KPI = 0.3%	0.1%	2.4%	1.8%	9.4%	0.4%	4.7%	0.3%	N/A Reported a quarter in arrears
Residual household waste per household (kgs) KPI = 133.46kg	147.36	135.82	138.94	136.08	134.00	126.59	133.46	N/A Reported a quarter in arrears
Percentage household waste sent for reuse, recycling or composting KPI = 36.8%	48.6%	41.8%	38.5%	47.8%	46.0%	42.4%	36.8%	N/A Reported a quarter in arrears
Number of reported fly tipping incidents KPI = 719	743	880	824	764	795	760	793	719

Highways and Transportation, Parking Services, Street Scene and Parks and Grounds operational data

KPI operational data Table	2021-22				2022-23				2023-24
	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	
Highways customer service requests responded to within timescales. % Reports closed down or customer aware that a repair required. 10 days Response KPI = 90.0%	94.7% of 9,277	96.2% of 6,933	97.7% of 8,259	97.5% of 6,932	97.8% of 6,888	98.2% of 7,128	97.8% of 7,926	97.4% of 7,011	
Highway Inspections carried out within timescales KPI = 98.0%	97.7% of 13,010	93.6% of 11,516	96.9% of 10,851	98.3% of 14,072	96.5% of 12,790	96.1% of 11,379	98.9% of 10,822	96.7% of 14,546	
Highway dangerous defects made safe within 2 hours timescale KPI = 99.0%	94.5% of 1,364	96.2% of 1,174	97.1% of 1,632	98.0% of 1,627	97.6% of 1,403	95.8% of 1,206	97.7% of 2,338	97.1% of 2,138	
Average length of road works on-site occupancy – lower means less disruption KPI = 7.5 days	7.4 days	6.1 days	6.2 days	6.7 days	7.3 days	6.9 days	8.6 days	7.6 days	
Street lighting defects repaired within 7 days target KPI = 92%	86.9% of 1,058	81.7% of 2,168	83.6% of 1,521	85.2% of 770	93.5% of 967	91.0% of 1,625	98.4% of 1,618	97.0% of 831	
Successful insurance repudiation rate on closed cases KPI = 80.0%	91.9% of 74	82.4% of 106	86.2% of 65	73.7% of 57	74.3% of 75	84.8% of 93	80.9% of 90	N/A Reported a quarter in arrears	
Parking: On street pay and display income							£613,495	N/A Reported a quarter in arrears	
Parking: off-street pay and display income							£1,778,862	N/A Reported a quarter in arrears	
Parking: on-street and off-street permit income							£137,467	N/A Reported a quarter in arrears	

Note that the parking figures are not complete for all three measures. On-street pay and display contains only the data from the former districts of Scarborough, Ryedale and Hambleton. Data on off-street parking is missing three former districts.

During quarter one Highways received 7,011 customer service requests, which is slightly lower than the quarterly average for the preceding year (7,219), but more than the same period last year (6,932). Of these 7,011 requests, 97.4% were responded to within the target timescale, which although down slightly on last quarter (97.8%), it is well above the 90% target.

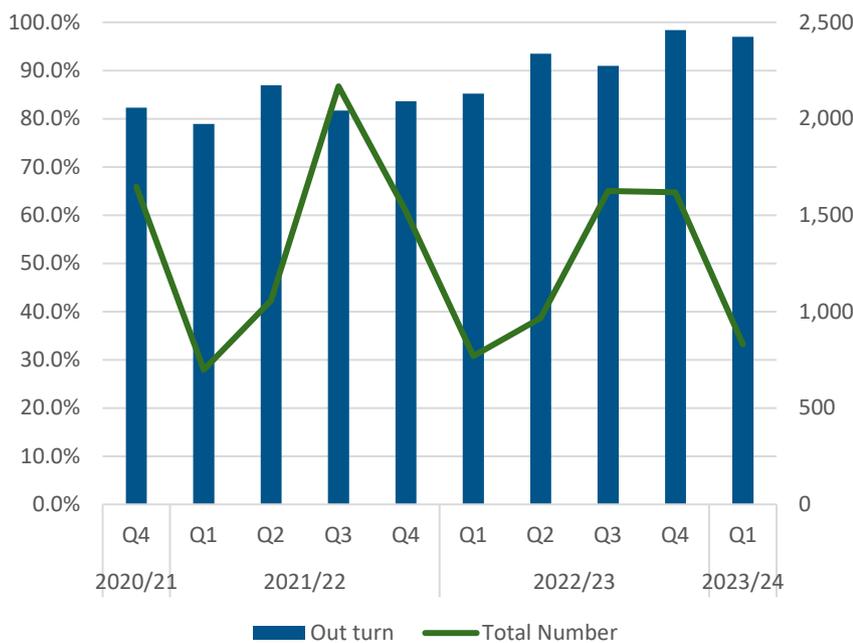
During the quarter there were also 14,456 highways inspections carried out, and although the number of inspections carried out in quarter one is usually higher than for other quarters, this is the highest quarterly figure in over 2 years. With the increase in volume of inspections, the number carried out in time fell from 98.9% in quarter four to 96.7% in quarter one. This is slightly below the demanding 98% target.

2,138 dangerous defects were reported during the quarter, which although down on the previous quarter (2,338), is still significantly above the quarterly average for the preceding year (1,641). Of these 2,138 defects, 97.1% of them were repaired within the two-hour target, which again is slightly below the demanding 99% target.

Street Lighting

The number of street lighting defects reported is always lower during quarters one and two when the days are longer as can be seen from the chart below. During quarter one 831 defects were reported of which 97% were repaired within the seven-day timescale, exceeding the 92% target.

Street Lighting Defects Repaired Within 7 Days



The target for the average length of on-site occupancy for road works is seven and a half days and can tend to fluctuate by more than a day either way from one quarter to the next. During quarter two the average length of on-site occupancy for road works was 7.6 days, only slightly above the target and down a full day from the previous quarter.

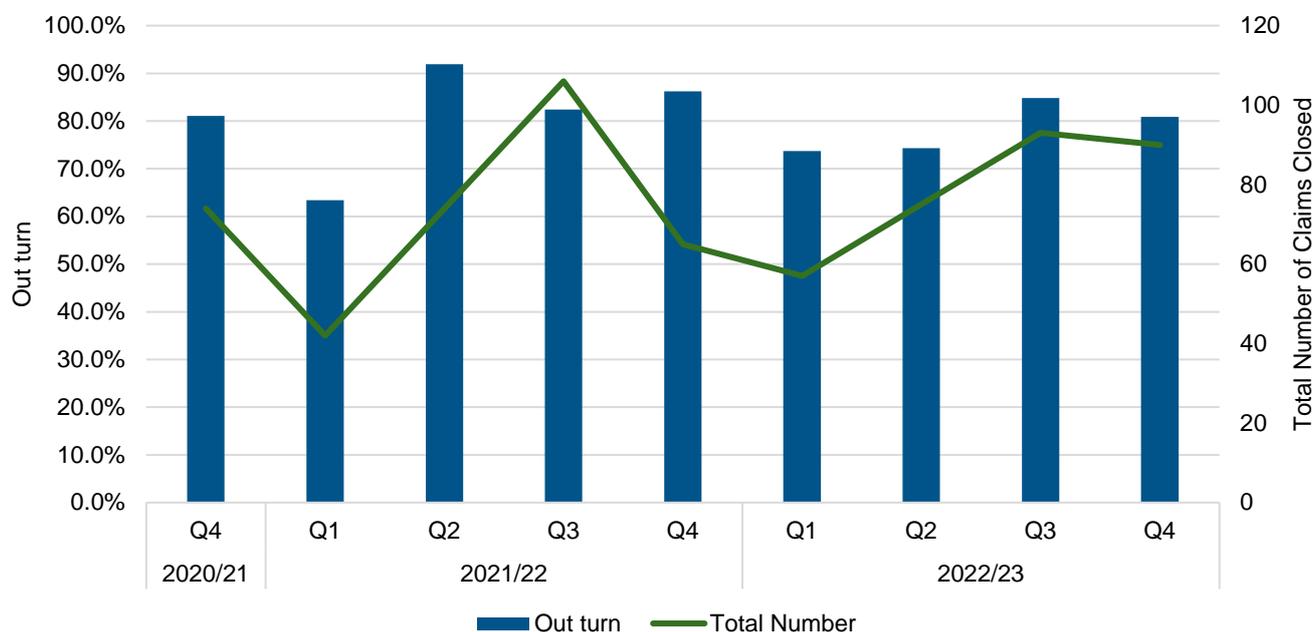
The highways operational data above shows continuing high levels of performance against demanding targets, however five out of the six main Highways performance indicators have dropped slightly in this quarter, with only customer responses and streetlighting above their respective targets. Despite these slight drops in quarter, the overall longer-term improvement and high levels of performance can be seen in the chart below.

Highways Performance



The insurance repudiation rate is the indicator that fluctuates most from one quarter to the next. During quarter four (data reported a quarter in arrears), 90 claims were closed, which is higher than the quarterly average (79). Of these 90 closed cases, 80.9% were successfully repudiated which although down on quarter three (84.8%) is above the 80% target.

Successful Insurance Repudiation Rate on Closed Cases



The availability of the 2022-23 Q4 data now enables us to provide an overview of the year’s performance (below).

Annual Insurance claim review

During the last financial year, 282 new claims were received which is lower than 2021-22 (323) and the second lowest since 2021-13. Of the 315 calls closed during the year, 78.9% were successfully repudiated which is lower than 2021-22 (83.0%) and slightly down on the 80% target.

During the year £385k was paid out which is far lower than in 2021-22 (£1.03m) and the lowest annual amount since 2018/19 (£375k)

Major Projects

Kex Gill

The contract for delivery of the main works has now been formally signed and sealed with Sisk. Early site activity includes the removal of dry-stone walling which has now been completed, the preparation for construction of the temporary haul road along the full length of the site, initial earthworks as part of three underpass structures and full site compound mobilisation.

The value engineering solutions are ongoing, with the full package expected in August, following which contractual implications of the solutions will be collaborated. The planning conditions partially discharged to allow current activity, remainder outstanding, expected Aug.

Local Transport Plan (LTP)

Public engagement on the future LTP has begun and a large number of responses have been received. It was expected that we would attract around 1,500 responses for the eight-week consultation however this was exceeded within two weeks of it starting in early June.

Meetings with all members via their Area Constituency Committees are underway and further meetings will be planned as the LTP develops. Over the summer the responses from all the public and stakeholder engagement will be collated and analysed. There will also be a series of stakeholder engagement sessions as well as an opportunity for stakeholder groups to complete a separate survey.

Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (LEVI)

An indicative allocation of £405k from the Capability Funding 2 pot has been received. This is intended to fund resource specifically allocated to the Electric Vehicle Charging Points (EVCP) rollout. The Capital Funding, for the actual EVCP rollout, indicative allocation of £4,880,000 has been received and must be spent by the end of March 2025.

Two project managers have been onboarded to support delivery of the programme and the strategy was formally adopted by Members at a meeting of the Executive on 2nd May 2023 and will now act as our network guide and aide to bidding for capital funds.

A capital bid was made to Deep Decarbonisation (DD) Net Zero Fund for delivery of EVCP's in priority locations identified in EV Strategy work (£502,000) and a full business case was provided to the funders on 31/05/2023. DD is described as the installation of technology to reduce/capture emissions without improving energy efficiency; or a switch to a less carbon-intensive fuel.



Community development

Planning

North Yorkshire's new Planning service combines the functions that were formerly carried out by the district and boroughs and by the county. There are a variety of processes, practices, and systems in use. Currently, local planning policies comprise local plans set out by former districts and boroughs, based on previous boundaries. The service has started working on a single local plan for North Yorkshire which will need to be in place within five years. Officers are bringing together a detailed work programme and engagement strategy to support plan preparation as well as undertaking scoping events with key partners to start to bring together key issues that the plan will need to address and to identify the evidence that will be needed to shape the new local plan.

The Statement of Community Involvement (a statutory document that must be prepared by all local planning authorities to show how the Council will involve those persons and organisations who have an interest in the preparation of planning policy documents and the consideration of planning applications) has been prepared and agreed by Executive (18th July meeting) for public consultation in autumn 2023.

The Local Development Scheme (LDS) sets out the key stages and milestones for preparing the new local plan and completing other plans that are in progress. The drafting of the LDS is well underway and will be recommended to Executive for publication once the timescales for work on the Maltkiln Development Plan Document and Selby Local Plan have been finalised.

At its July meeting, Council supported the recommendation to halt work on the Ryedale Local Plan and for that work to be progressed through the preparation of the new Local Plan for North Yorkshire.

Provisional performance figures (in the table below) for planning application processing in Q1 23/24 are encouraging and show the planning service has successfully focused on achieving a smooth transition through local government reorganisation. Compared to the national figure for Q4, North Yorkshire's planning application indicators are better than the England figure for "Other" types of development, on a par with "minor" types of development and only slightly behind the England figure for "major" developments. This puts the NY Planning service in a good position for further integration. Throughout Q1, the planning service has processed 43 major applications, 447 minor applications and 877 other applications.

Type of Planning Application	Percentage complete within permitted timescales/extension of time – North Yorkshire Q1 23/24 (provisional)	Percentage complete within permitted timescales/extension of time – England Q4 22/23 (last published data)
Major	81.4%	89%
Minor	81.9%	83%
Other	90%	88%

Culture, Leisure, Libraries and Archives

Culture and Venues

North Yorkshire has a broad, varied, and unique cultural offer that spans museums, galleries, performance venues, visitor attractions, built and landscape heritage, alongside active engagement opportunities through public festivals, events, workshops, studios, and community outreach projects. The market towns across North Yorkshire with their rural and coastal hinterlands provide a key focus for the local delivery of cultural services, whilst also offering opportunity to increase impact with larger interventions connecting these communities across the whole county.

North Yorkshire Council's cultural assets portfolio

The Council manages four directly-run cultural assets. Skipton Town Hall Cultural Hub (a museum, performance space, gallery, education and outreach venue), Harrogate Royal Pump Room Museum and Mercer Art Gallery, and Knaresborough Castle (with its museum), and one museum and gallery service outsourced for delivery through a service-level agreement with Scarborough Museums Trust. The Council cultural team also works with seven North Yorkshire-based Arts Council England (ACE) National Portfolio Organisations and supports a number of volunteer-run museums and heritage sites across the county, in conjunction with Museums Development Yorkshire (an Arts Council England-funded service). The service also runs three major venues along the coast - Scarborough Spa, Whitby Pavilion and Scarborough Open Air Theatre - in addition to Harrogate Convention Centre.

A priority for the service is the development of a new cultural strategy for North Yorkshire and a partnership structure to support its collaborative development and implementation. This will be developed jointly with City of York Council and supported by the Arts Council. Future performance indicators will be developed in line with the emerging priorities for the strategy.

The service is strengthening relationships with funders and maximising external funding. The opportunities arising from devolution are a priority. This quarter has seen the submission of the Selby Priority Place (Place Partnership) bid to the Arts Council worth £350,000, also supported by the Shared Prosperity Fund: if successful, this will be the first large-scale cultural project delivered as the new North Yorkshire Council. If successful, it will deliver a variety of cultural and creative schemes focussing on Selby, Tadcaster and Sherburn in Elmet.

Q1 saw the delivery of Armed Forces Day event in Scarborough, attended by over 20,000 people and bringing increases of 10-15% in footfall compared to the previous weekends to the town. The event was delivered in conjunction with a wide range of partners including the Ministry of Defence, community groups and local businesses. The major venues in Scarborough and Harrogate have delivered a full programme of events during the period, bringing significant economic benefits into the area.

Sport & Leisure

Sport & leisure services play a vital role in local communities. Being active is essential for improving population health and improving physical and mental well-being.

North Yorkshire has 25 indoor leisure facilities, including 16 pools and a wide range of outdoor pitches and facilities. In 2021/22 only three other unitary authorities invested more in sport and recreation facilities. The current provision includes a mix of providers alongside a strong partnership approach to sports development, which recognises the significant role of grass-roots community sports clubs and volunteers.

The Council is currently undertaking a comprehensive review that will develop a new vision and operating model for the service – one that builds on the current strengths and refocuses the service on delivering better health and well-being for communities across North Yorkshire. A comprehensive performance framework will be developed as part of the review, which includes a strong emphasis on impact, value for money and social value.

During Q1 immediate priorities for the service have been a focus on energy costs and the potential for further decarbonisation and energy efficiency works. Unfortunately, a bid to the Low Carbon Skills Fund was unsuccessful, but further work continues to support the development of comprehensive carbon reduction plans for all facilities. A bid is also being prepared for the recently announced Swimming Pool Support Fund, which recognises the financial challenges faced by operators of local authority and community swimming pool facilities.

Libraries & Archives

North Yorkshire's libraries provide vital support to our communities. There are 42 static libraries across the county, 31 of which are run in partnership with communities. Five operate under hybrid arrangement between the County and volunteer committees, and six core libraries are operated by the council. The archives service operates out of the County Records Office in Northallerton.

Scarborough Library reopened in May after a three-month closure to allow for a significant refurbishment. The £500k project was part-funded by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport's Library Improvement Fund. Scarborough Library had its first full month of use in June, having just under 13k visitors and issuing 10.4k books. Users were able to take advantage of the brand-new IT area, with public access computers being used for over 2k sessions.

In June, North Yorkshire Libraries were awarded Library of Sanctuary status. The Library of Sanctuary accreditation is a network of library staff and volunteers who raise awareness of issues facing people in the asylum system whilst also offering support and participation opportunities. NY Libraries have been working towards accreditation over the last year and assessors were impressed with the service, particularly noting the mobile library service visiting asylum seekers in hotel accommodation. 443 people have joined a library under one of our refugee categories in total; 45 of them through Q1.

Both Libraries and Archives celebrated Local and Community History Month. This annual promotion celebrates local history in all its forms including books, collections, maps, and archives. 63 events were delivered across the county, with nearly 1400 attendees, compared with 43 events and 644 attendees the previous year.

May saw the return of the Archives at Dusk open evening for the first time since 2019, with over 230 people attending an evening of archive entertainment on the theme of maps, travel and navigation, and very positive feedback received.

Economic Development, Regeneration, Tourism & Skills Service

Service Integration

The transfer of eight different services into the new Council on 1st April 2023 was successfully completed with generally positive feedback on how smoothly the transfer went. This was a result of the diligence of many people across the service, working with colleagues across the eight councils, which enabled NYC to deliver 'business as usual' for customers and maintain momentum on service, programme, and project delivery. Staff engagement continues and good progress made towards launching the Heads of Service restructure in July 2023.

The rest of the Service updates are ordered against the key priorities for the Economy set out in the Council Plan. The service also delivers against the other ambitions in the plan through delivery of these priorities.

Economically sustainable growth that enables people and places to prosper

Economic Growth Strategy

The first draft of the new Economic Growth Strategy for North Yorkshire has been produced and a variety of sessions are taking place with Members, internal directorates and key partners over June and July to test, challenge and shape the final strategy over the summer. Following revisions to reflect the comments received, the Strategy will be submitted to the Executive and then to Council for adoption in November 2023.

UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) and Rural England Prosperity Fund (REPF)

In Year 1 of UKSPF (ending March 2023) NYC achieved £1.5m against a £2m budget allocation despite not receiving final notification of funding until late 2022. A new Senior Programme Manager has been appointed to oversee the delivery of the UKSPF and REPF investment plans. The focus now is on year 2 and 3 delivery with a detailed call for projects launched, expressions of interest being considered. Applications are currently being received through the Building Pride in our Places theme; Communities, Decarbonisation, Sport & Active Travel, People & Skills, and Small Business grants are due to be launched in September 2023.

The Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities has approved the Council's Rural England Prosperity Fund Investment Plan, providing a further £5.4m of investment for rural communities in North Yorkshire. This is the largest allocation in the country.

Funding has been provided for a wide range of projects and initiatives to date, including:

- Decarbonisation plans and pilot initiatives including housing stock data analysis, farm energy audit pilot schemes and decarbonisation plans for community buildings. In addition, a series of workshops have been held to enable stakeholders to design future programmes in years 2 and 3 of the programme.
- Supporting local business, through inward investment promotion, including attendance at the UK Real Estates and Inward Investment Forum, and promoting innovation, research, and design.

Culture, heritage, arts and sustainable tourism all play their part in the economic growth of the county

Tourism Review – Development of Destination Management Plan

Work advancing on the approach to delivering tourism and the development of a new Destination Management Plan for North Yorkshire. The approach focuses both on the benefits of working at scale across North Yorkshire and on retaining important local brands e.g., Destination Harrogate or Visit Coast. Wide-ranging consultations with council members, stakeholders, business groups and internal senior

officers have taken place during April and May. The first draft of the plan will be circulated for consultation during July with a view to having the final draft plan to bring to Council in August/September. Work has been progressed with partners on a North Yorkshire tourism stand for the Great Yorkshire Show in July.

Yorkshire Tourism Project/Partnership

In addition to the North Yorkshire tourism review, officers and members have been working on the development of a new Yorkshire-wide Partnership with tourism leads from Councils across East, North, South and West Yorkshire and Visit England coming together to develop a new Marketing Strategy to promote the brand of Yorkshire nationally and internationally.

Promotion of North Yorkshire – Early Summer Digital Campaign

While the new North Yorkshire Destination Management Plan is being developed officers have secured Shared Prosperity Fund funding to carry out a digital marketing campaign that will take place throughout early summer. New photography and film footage is being taken to highlight the diversity of the tourism offered to key target markets in London and the South. The digital campaigns are running across Chronicle Live, Yorkshire Live and My London digital channels. The campaign has already exceeded expectations with over 3,000 click-throughs to the No Place Like North Yorkshire website in the first three weeks.

Whitby - Fish and Ships Festival

The Whitby Fish and Ships Festival was held over the weekend of 20-21st May. The event was attended by approximately 15,000 visitors over the two days. Of those who attended 30% were local, and 26% were visitors from within a 40-mile radius. 13% were from Yorkshire and 31% were from other English regions. 36% of respondents, who were predominantly 31-45, were staying in Whitby overnight with 33% staying for a week or more. The event was positively received with 80% confirming they would return to Whitby again after experiencing the event.



Treadmills Development, Northallerton

The new Everyman Cinema is now open (June 2023), and the main public square completed. At the end of July, a major piece of public art will be installed at the Treadmills Development, one of the finishing touches to this eight-year redevelopment project. 'The ballad of Sophia' is an eight-foot steel fabricated sculpture of a 10-year-old girl who was imprisoned but went on to have a successful life. Funding for delivery was secured through Historic England's Cultural Programme as part of the Northallerton High Street Heritage Action Zone. The project aims to create a visible legacy of the town's heritage.

Northallerton - Heritage Trail

This brand-new augmented reality app was launched at Easter. The free app is part of the Northallerton High Street Heritage Action Zone and takes you on a journey to discover more about the heritage of the town. As you step into portals to the past you will uncover hidden stories, fascinating people, places, and events that have shaped the historic town of Northallerton through the centuries. The launch has been very well received and shows real innovation in attracting visitors into the town.

Pop Up Friday Markets in Scarborough

This Shared Prosperity Fund project has been running fortnightly since April. The outdoor markets are bringing together new creatives and makers as well as providing a platform for local musicians and offering family-friendly arts activities. To date the pop ups have hosted over 44 different artists and are attracting around 1100 visitors every Friday. The event has generated an increase of 10% footfall to the Inside Market.

Northallerton - Food Festival

June saw the much-anticipated return of the award-winning and hugely successful Northallerton Homegrown Food Festival. Now in its ninth year the fun, free and family-friendly event attracted a huge

crowd and provided a showcase for artisan food and drink manufacturers from across the region. It is estimated that over 5000 people attended the event throughout the day with over 40 market stalls selling locally produced food and drinks, ranging from Syrian street food to gourmet scotch eggs from firm festival favourite The Clucking Pig.

North Yorkshire has a high profile, is influential nationally and receives its fair share of resources

Scarborough and Whitby Town Deals

In 2021, Government announced that Scarborough had been successful in securing £20.2m of Town Deal funding, and Whitby £17.1m. Through Town Investment Plans, the funds will enable projects boosting skills and enterprise, cultural activities, the environment, connectivity, well-being, and sustainability. Progress continues to be made across these comprehensive multi-year, multi-project deals with a strong drive for delivery through the Town Deal Boards. Although there are some technical challenges, these are being handled through adaptive project management. The Scarborough Cricket Club improvement project is on schedule for completion in June, allowing the club to continue to host first class cricket at the ground. The West Pier project in Scarborough is due to be submitted for planning in July. In Whitby, proposals for the renovation and improvements to the Old Town Hall and Market Place have now been submitted to the planning authority for determination in the summer. Plans to deliver the Whitby Maritime Training Hub are progressing, with a planning application due to be submitted in the summer.

Catterick Garrison Town Centre Levelling Up Fund project

The project is progressing well. Stage 2 designs and costings have been signed off. Stage 3 design work is near completion, focusing on the Community Engagement Centre, Public Realm and Accessibility/Connectivity. Pre-application designs have been review by Planning with the planning application expected to follow at the end of August 2023. Requests for Information for building contractors have been completed through two frameworks. The heads of terms agreement for the Land Transfer between North Yorkshire Council (NYC) and the Ministry of Defence/Defence Infrastructure Organisation is proceeding as expected and should be complete in October 2023. Through the lease and development agreements, this will enable the Council to develop the site in accordance with the successful bid, as well as formalising the partnership with the MOD/DIO through governance arrangements. A series of further public engagement events have taken place in the week commencing 3rd July across the Catterick Garrison area. The overall project is expected to complete in June 2025.

New and existing businesses can thrive and grow

UK Real Estate Inward Investment Forum (UKREiiF)

Under the banner of Invest in York & North Yorkshire (Y&NY), NYC has teamed up with inward investment colleagues from City of York Council and York & North Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership (YNYLEP) to represent Y&NY at the UK Real Estate Investment & Infrastructure Forum (UKREiiF) in May 2023. The annual event aims to link private sector investors with opportunities throughout the UK's regional authorities. While only in its second year, the Royal Armouries in Leeds saw around 7,500 visitors attend UKREiiF 2023, up from 4,000 last year. The Invest in York & North Yorkshire stand enjoyed a good flow of visitors interested to hear about our region's inward investment opportunities.

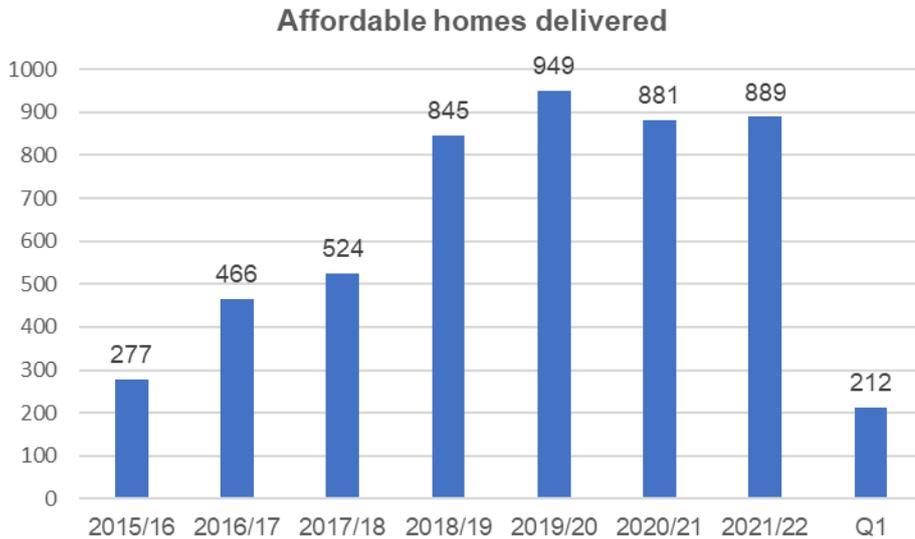
Church Fenton - Creative Industries Hub

Church Fenton Aerodrome near Sherburn in Elmet was recently granted planning permission for a Film & Creative Industries hub involving three new film studios plus 160,000 sq. ft. of new floor space for film-related ancillary businesses. The site expects to employ 1800 people and add £0.94bn to the GVA of the region over 10 years. The site is already being dubbed "the Hollywood of the North." This involved close joint working across Planning, Economic Development and Regeneration staff

Housing

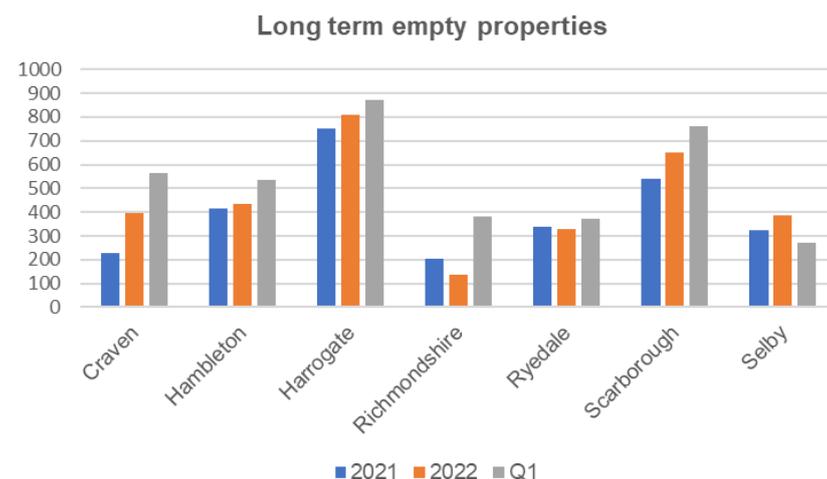
Number of affordable homes delivered

Q1 has seen a sizeable delivery of 212 new affordable units across the region. If this rate were to be sustained throughout the year, a total of 848 new affordable homes would be completed. A major proportion of these units have been built in the Harrogate area; accounting for 57% of the developments (121 units).



Sector Forecasting Downturn

Despite a positive start in Q1, a downturn in completions is forecast, driven by changes to planning policy, rising material costs and wider economic pressures linked to the cost of living. For affordable housing this is a unique problem as demand is expected to increase as residents struggle with mortgage payments and rental costs. Maintaining a robust affordable homes programme is essential to meet this future demand.



Number of long-term empty properties

Properties that are empty for over six months are classed as being 'long term empty' and can bring with them a range of challenges. In some cases, empty properties are created because of the need for additional care or when people pass away, meaning families must handle what happens with the property: this can take some time to resolve. In other cases, landowners may wish to keep a property empty to support wider redevelopment of an area.

Sadly, empty properties also contribute to wider issues: most notably they can become targets for anti-social behaviour but also can be an inhibitor in preventing people from accessing housing. A comprehensive approach to tackling empty homes is therefore essential to maintaining community cohesion but also supporting growth.

Across the county it is evident that empty homes are more prevalent in the urban areas of Harrogate and Scarborough than the rural communities. It is also clear that the number of empty homes is increasing; however, this is not unique to the county and is in line with national trends. Estimates from Action on Empty Homes suggests that there are 248,633 empty homes across England and therefore the 3,757 properties across North Yorkshire accounts for just 1.51% of these properties.

More work is needed to understand the context around these homes across the county; including work to establish the properties that have been vacant for the longest time and the measures undertaken to bring them back in to use.

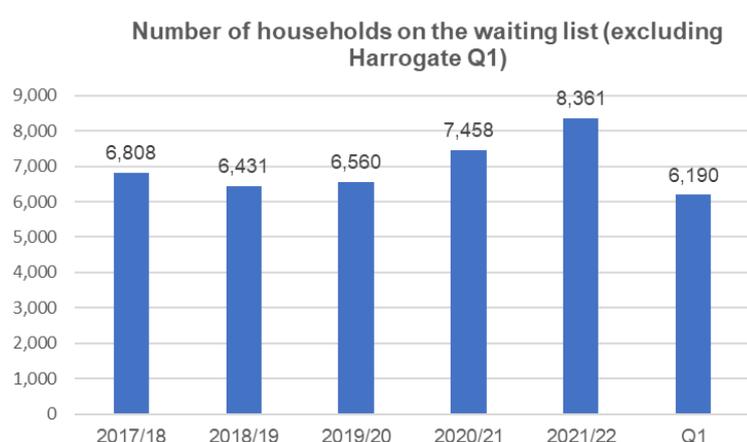
Additional issues exist around long term empty homes linked to wider council priorities: for example, such homes are often poorly maintained if left empty for a considerable time, with poor insulation and energy efficiency measures; therefore understanding the issues linked to empty homes and the climate change agenda will also be a valuable approach to take in order to establish future incentives and schemes for landlords to bring these properties back in to use.

Number of households on the housing waiting list

Housing across the county remains a key priority for many, especially the need to access secure and affordable housing. Allocations to social housing are achieved through two systems:

- North Yorkshire Home Choice; a partnership created between the former councils of Craven, Hambleton, Richmondshire, Ryedale, Scarborough, and Selby alongside a number of Registered Social Landlords (RSLs).
- Homes Online; a bespoke platform servicing the Harrogate area.

Demand for social housing has increased over recent years; and whilst final validated figures for 2022/23 are yet to be released it is likely they will be comparable to the 2021/22 figures.



The data for Q1 is based purely on the live applicants on the choice-based lettings platform and therefore excludes the Harrogate waiting list. Since 2018/19 the number of households on the waiting list has not only increased but since the pandemic has shown a degree of acceleration. This demand is exacerbated by a shortage of affordable housing meaning some applicants can be on the waiting list for a considerable time and some may never access social housing despite a need for it.

This presents several challenges for the authority. There is a need to consolidate the lettings system to allow for much better insight and intelligence into the demand across the county. The first step of this will be to migrate Harrogate to the North Yorkshire Home Choice system. Additional work to assess the volume of households in each band would also be beneficial to establish potential pinch points in terms of people needing to access specific property types or specialist accommodation. This mapping of the waiting list would also help inform future planning and development plans.

A wider concern relates to the increasing number of applicants on the waiting list. Due to the ongoing cost of living crisis and increases to mortgages there could be implications linked to more people looking for social rented housing or even increased homelessness. This could see some households linger on the waiting list for much longer whilst emergency cases are allocated housing; consequently, it is possible that even with a comprehensive development programme there will continue to be increases to the waiting list.

Total Social Lettings

To help contextualise the challenges facing the social housing sector it is worth considering the number of new lettings made over the quarter. In Q1 just 246 social lets were made across the county (including both council and RSL allocations); whilst the majority will be households from the waiting lists, a number will be allocated from the emergency or homeless bandings. This demonstrates that the issues facing the county regarding housing will not be solved by a single approach: rather, they will require considered work around the areas of development of new housing, bringing new homes back in to use, and effective use of the social housing stock to ensure the right people can access the right accommodation at the right time.

Households facing homelessness

Compared with the same quarter last year, Q1 saw more households threatened with homelessness (1.99 per 1000 households were owed a prevention duty, up from 1.18), but fewer approaching the Council after losing their accommodation (0.30 per 1000 households were owed a relief duty, down from 1.05). In absolute terms, 762 households were owed a prevention duty, and 133 found themselves in need of homelessness relief. Data recording around homelessness is challenging because of the volume of casework and the variety of household circumstances.

Substantial work is undertaken across both the prevention and relief duties by the Council. From a practical perspective the earlier the household engages with the authority the better as it often means more time can be spent assessing options usually under the 56-day prevention duty. Action may involve supporting households with income maximisation, engagement with third sector organisations or charities (such as Citizens Advice). In some instances (especially concerning young people) the service may engage with family mediation to prevent young people from becoming homeless or in some cases where substance misuse is contributing to unsettled housing liaise with specialist counselling services. Where possible the service will aim to maintain the existing housing however would also look for suitable alternatives if this was not possible.

In the case of homelessness relief, the support is more focussed on providing more secure accommodation for the household; although in some cases this would be through temporary accommodation, the use of night stop accommodation or bed and breakfast accommodation. Whether a household is presenting under the relief or prevention duty they would all be assessed and receive a tailored housing support plan and package relevant to their needs.

Private Rental Marketing Evaluation

Meanwhile, in the year to April 2023, average private rental prices increased more in Yorkshire & The Humber than in England's other regions. An increase of 5% year-on-year means the region is tied with London for rent increases. Although this figure responds slowly to changing rent levels because it includes all ongoing rentals, agents expect it to rise almost 6% per annum for the next five years. Across the region letting agents report increasing numbers of would-be tenants, while more landlords are looking to sell. As a result, the annual increase in cost for a new rental had exceeded 10% by the end of 2022. The median private rent is currently unaffordable for people with median earnings in Craven, Harrogate, and Ryedale.

The cost of servicing mortgages has also risen rapidly, such that the average monthly payment for a detached home in North Yorkshire –the most common type of accommodation –stands at £2,345 (calculated by the Office for National Statistics based on a 5-year fixed mortgage for 25 years, with a £30,000 deposit.) Household income would need to exceed £84,000 for this to be affordable.

Some landlords are exiting the private rental market in anticipation of the renters' reform bill, tabled in May, which promises an end to no-fault 'Section 21' evictions. Citizens Advice reported helping a record number of households affected by no-fault evictions in May before the new regulation comes into force. This might explain why the number of households assessed and found to be threatened with homelessness was so much higher in quarter one than during the same period last year.

The rate of landlord and mortgage issuer possession claims per person did increase between 2021 and 2023 but remained at roughly half the level seen in other unitary authorities. Coupled with the decrease observed in the rate of households owed a prevention duty, this could indicate that households are successfully seeking help at an earlier stage, while their current accommodation is under threat, rather than acting only when they are required to leave. It is also an indication of the Council's success in intervening to prevent threatened households from becoming homeless.

Housing performance management framework for the Council

Over the next few months the Council will prioritise a new performance management framework across the housing service aligned to its restructure. This will allow for greater insight and analysis of key metrics attached to the following areas:

- Analysis of homelessness vs numbers of preventions and reliefs
- Use of temporary accommodation
- Levels of rough sleeping
- Number of affordable homes developed including those within the Housing Revenue Account (HRA)
- Retrofit/decarbonisation of the housing stock
- Management of the LA stock including re-let times
- Rent collection

Whilst some of these indicators already exist, work is needed to standardise definitions and means of measuring performance which will help with the ongoing evaluation of the service.

Looking Ahead

Moving into Q2 the priority will remain to align services and make data more accessible and transparent, allowing for better insight and intelligence. Issues around standardising how performance is measured will feature heavily in the transformation plan and allow for much more effective reporting on issues such as the performance of the retained stock.

Customer Feedback

It has not been possible to recreate the Customer Feedback section for the entirety of the new North Yorkshire Council, covering Complaints, LGO, and Compliments. This is down to various complexities including the data collection system platforms used, differing methods of data collection and recording.

Efforts are ongoing to ensure complaints are collected and recorded in a uniformed manner.

Limited data is available for Health and Adult Services and Children and Young People Services.

Data will be updated over the coming week for the Executive version of the report

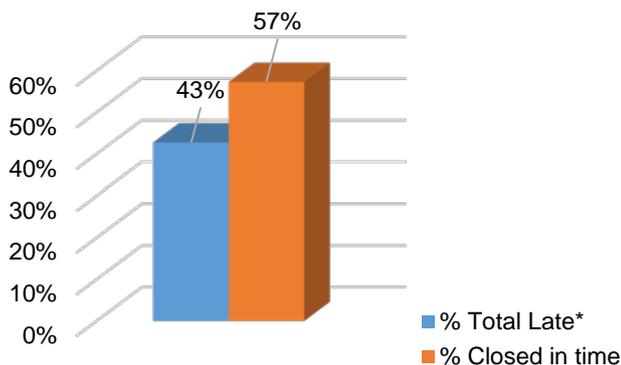
In addition, there is a new section on FOIs received by the council. This is a new section for the Q report and will be expanded on in future quarters.

Freedom of Information Requests

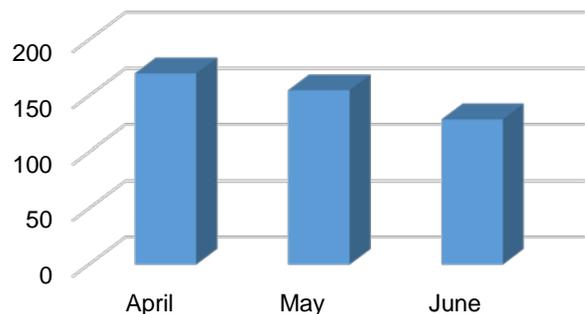
County wide, some 454 requests were received in the first quarter, an average of 150 per month. The top three areas for requests were Environment 145, Resources 114, and Community Development 62. Topics covered Parking, Council tax / Business rates, Planning and Housing issues.

Over the period 57% were closed within the 20 days' time limit, however in June 81% were closed on time.

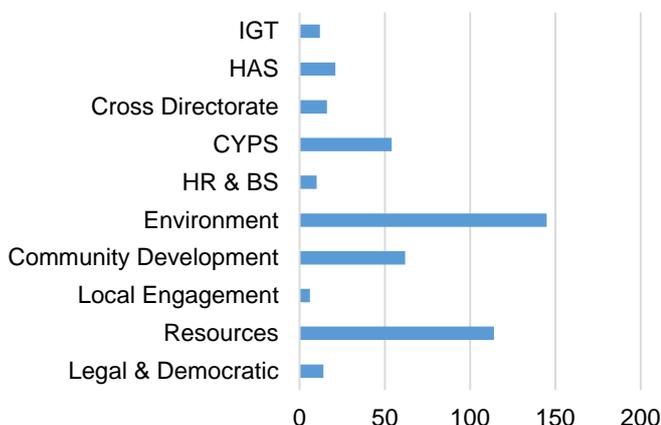
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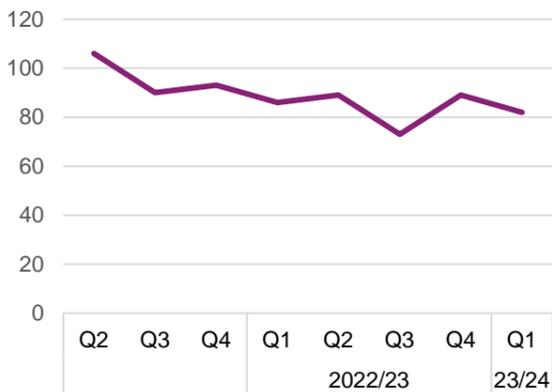


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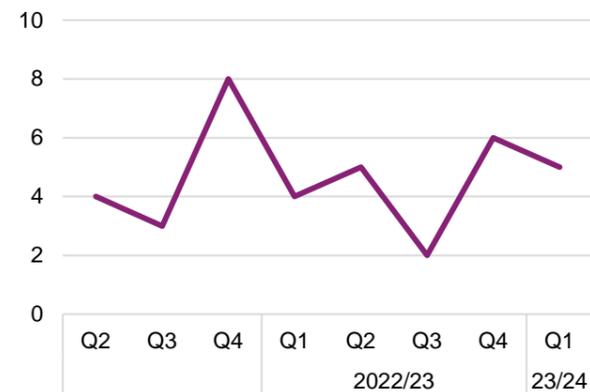


Health and Adult Services – Customer Feedback

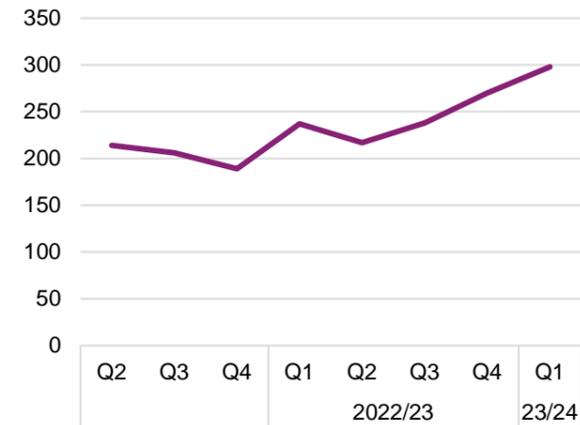
Stage 1-2 complaints received



LGSO complaints Received



Compliments received



	21/22 Q2	21/22 Q3	21/22 Q4	22/23 Q1	22/23 Q2	22/23 Q3	22/23 Q4	23/24 Q1
Stg1	106	90	93	86	89	73	89	82
Stg2								

We received 82 Stage 1 complaints in Q1, of those 93% were acknowledged within time, this means we continue to exceed our 90% target.

Root Cause

Pricing and charges	27 (33%)
Disagrees with action/decision	22 (27%)
Service and care	22 (27%)
Communication	10 (12%)
Staffing	1 (1%)

Timeliness

In quarter 1, we closed 79 complaints; out of these 67 (85%) were closed within time. We have unfortunately, fallen short of our 90% target. Of the complaints that were out of time, 9 were due to being received late from the Teams, the other three were complex cases.

15 Complaint reviews were responded to; 9 were within time (60%). Three of the out of time responses were received late from the service area and the other three were complex.

VoY have received 34% of the complaints in Q4, the highest amount, with S/W receiving 28%. HRA received 23%, Ham / Rich 14% and Craven receiving least with 1%. The Continuous Learning and Improvement Officer (CLIO) monitors these figures and the Head of Service is in regular contact with teams to find out what is happening in their respective areas.

Outcomes

Not Upheld 32 (41%), Partly Upheld 19 (24%), Upheld 23 (29%), Not Pursued/Investigated 5 (6%).

Learning

Over the next year, we intend to undertake further work to identify trends and lessons learnt that can influence improved working practices as a direct result of the customer feedback that we receive. We need to ensure that we are utilizing customer feedback to its full potential and work with both the CLIO and RIO so that we have a clear demonstrable audit trail of “You said – We did”.

We will look for new ways to develop the “Shout Out Wall” to promote and celebrate the fantastic work being carried out by HAS staff across the board. We need to celebrate and promote the great work of staff. Given the current situation, it is more important than ever that we promote examples of positive feedback.

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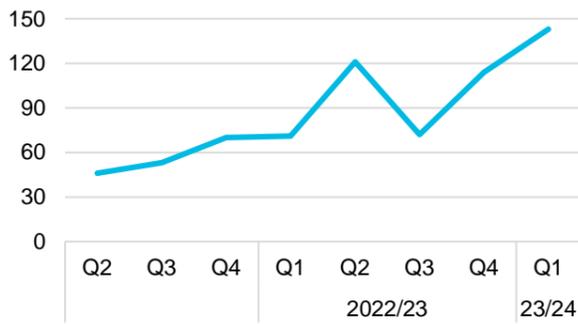
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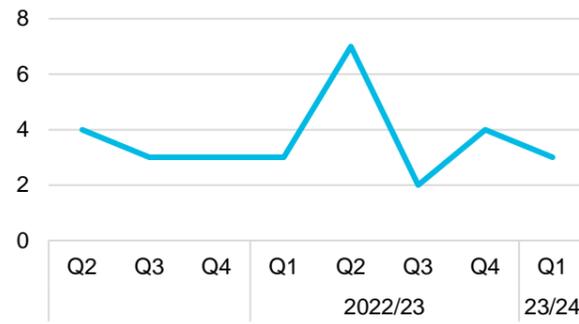
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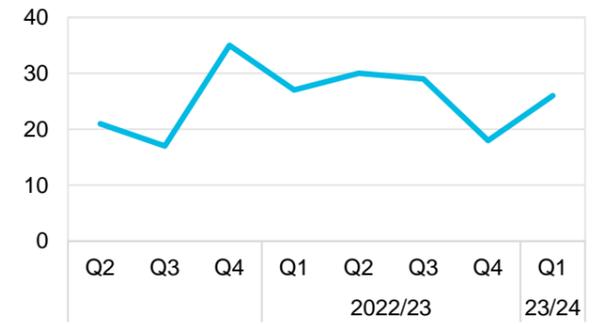
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LGSO complaints received



Compliments received



	21/22 Q2	21/22 Q3	21/22 Q4	22/23 Q1	22/23 Q2	22/23 Q3	22/23 Q4	23/24 Q1
Stg1	106	90	93	86	89	73	89	82
Stg2								

We received 82 Stage 1 complaints in Q1, of those 93% were acknowledged within time, this means we continue to exceed our 90% target.

Root Cause

Pricing and charges	27 (33%)
Disagrees with action/decision	22 (27%)
Service and care	22 (27%)
Communication	10 (12%)
Staffing	1 (1%)

Timeliness

In quarter 1, we closed 79 complaints; out of these 67 (85%) were closed within time. We have unfortunately, fallen short of our 90% target. Of the complaints that were out of time, 9 were due to being received late from the Teams, the other three were complex cases.

15 Complaint reviews were responded to; 9 were within time (60%). Three of the out of time responses were received late from the service area and the other three were complex.

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Outcomes

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Executive Performance Report Appendix

Quarter 1 2023-24

Report produced by Strategy and Performance



Appendix

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“Improvement since last” – Current direction of travel when compared to the last annual or quarterly figures. This is a measure of how the indicator is moving over two periods – Annual and Quarterly.

Key

	Direction of travel is positive compared to the year-end or last quarter figures		Direction of Travel is negative compared to the year-end or last quarter figures
	Performance is static to last year's outturn or last quarter's figures	N/A	Data either at a yearly or quarterly level not available

Place and Environment

- A clean, environmentally sustainable, and attractive place to live, work and visit
- A well connected and planned place with good transport links and digital connectivity
- Communities are supported and work together to improve their local area
- Good quality, affordable and sustainable housing that meets the needs of our communities

Primary indicators	Latest data/figures	RAG status	Benchmarking data	Comments	Improvement since last:	
					Quarter	Year
EN1 Total greenhouse gas emissions in North Yorkshire	6,386.70 Kt CO ₂ e	For information only		<p>This indicator is updated on an annual basis. Next update is June 2024. 2023 data will be available in Q2</p> <p>This indicator covers territorial emissions of CO₂, CH₄ and N₂O. North Yorkshire as a locality emitted 6,386.7kt CO₂e in 2021, this is an increase from 2020, when 5,828.7kt CO₂e of greenhouse gases was emitted in North Yorkshire. This is a national trend and is likely due to the impact of the covid pandemic.</p>	N/A	N/A
EN2 Residual household waste per household (Kg/household)	Q4 22/23 = 133.5kg Q3 22/23= 126.59kg		Q4 21/22 = 138.9kg	<p>Reported one quarter in arrears: The outturn in Q4 2022/23 was 133.5kg. RAG rated Green because this was lower than in the same period the previous year (138.9kg). Residual waste tonnages continue to be lower than in 2021/22. This may be due to the cost-of-living crisis currently affecting the country.</p>		
EN3 % of Household waste recycled/sent for reuse, recycling or composting	Q4 22/23 = 36.8% Q3 22/23= 42.4%		Q4 21/22 = 35.7%	<p>Reported one quarter in arrears. The outturn for Q4 2022/23 was 36.8%. Performance in Q4 is always lower than other months due to kerbside green waste collections not being carried out by some of the former districts in January and February. RAG rated Amber because, whilst Q4 showed a slight improvement compared to the same period last year (35.7%), the overall performance for the year is lower than the previous year. This may be due to the reduction in green waste collected in Q2 due to the hot, dry weather experienced in July 2022 and resulting overall tonnage decline.</p>		
EN4 % of waste arising to landfill	Q4 22/23 = 0.3%		Q4 21/22 = 1.8%	<p>Reported one quarter in arrears: The outturn for North Yorkshire in Q4 2022/23 was 0.3%. RAG rated Green as this was significantly lower than in the same quarter the previous year (1.8%). There was no planned shutdown</p>		

				or waste diverted to contingency sites required for Allerton Waste Recovery Park in Q4 2022/23, hence the very low percentage.		
EN5 Number of fly tipping incidents reported per quarter	719		Q1 21/22 = 895 Q1 22/23 = 764	A total of 719 fly-tipping incidents were reported across North Yorkshire in Q1. Over half of these were reported in the Scarborough and Selby areas (265 and 150 respectively). Data for the last two years shows a reducing trend in the number of reported fly tipping incidents.	N/A	N/A
EN6 Parking: pay and display income	£2.392m		Historic data not yet available	There is no historic data for this measure. In addition, the data is incomplete and is missing information from a number of former districts. This will be corrected in Q2 This indicator is updated quarterly RAG rating is not available because there is missing data and no historic data available at a council level.	N/A	N/A
EN7 Parking: permit income	£137,467		Historic data not yet available	There is no historic data for this measure. In addition, the data is incomplete and is missing information from a number of former districts. This will be corrected in Q2 This indicator is updated quarterly RAG rating is not available because there is missing data and no historic data available	N/A	N/A
EN8 Highway Maintenance Efficiency Programme Rating-annual rating	No data for 2022/23		No comparative data available.	There was no HMEP incentive questionnaire for the 2023/24 funding year and so the full incentive amount (c.£5m) was automatically allocated to North Yorkshire Council. Hence the Green rag rating Although no announcements have been made there is an expectation that a revised questionnaire will begin again for the 2024/25 funding year.	N/A	N/A
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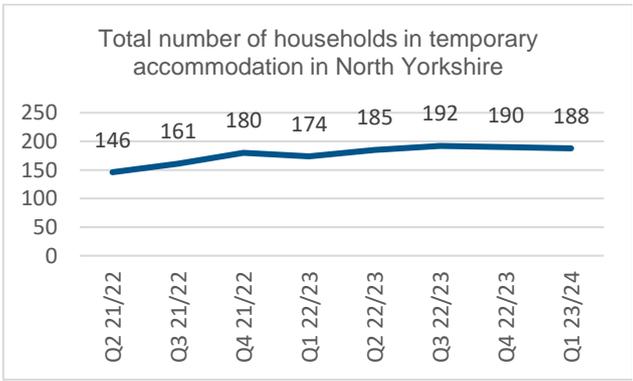
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CD2 % Minor planning applications within statutory or extension of time	Q1 23/24 81.88%		Q4 22/23 figure for England – 83% (there is a lag between data being published nationally. .	There were a total of 447 minor planning decisions made across NYC in the period, 366 of which were made with the statutory period or EoT which equates to 81.88%. Whilst the statutory performance of 70.00% has been met, the county figure is close to the national % for the last available quarter so it is rated green. This indicator relates to a requirement under section 62A of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990 that LPAs making 70% or fewer of decisions on time, are at risk of being designated by Central Government as being subject to “Special Measures” to improve their performance. Our figure means that we are currently not at risk	N/A	N/A
CD3 % Other planning applications within statutory or extension of time	Q1 23/24 90.08%		Q4 22/23 figure for England – 88% (there is a lag between data being published nationally. .	There were a total of 877 other planning decisions made across NYC in the period, 790 of which were made with the statutory period or EoT which equates to 90.08%. The statutory performance of 70.00% has been met, and the PI is performing better than the national % for the last available quarter so it is rated green. This indicator relates to a requirement under section 62A of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990 that LPAs making 70% or fewer of decisions on time, are at risk of being designated by Central Government as being subject to “Special Measures” to improve their performance. Our figure means that we are currently not at risk	N/A	N/A
CD4 County matter planning applications determined within 13/ 16-week timescales or within agreed extension of time 2- year rolling measure	Q1 23/24 78% Q4 81.1% Q3 80.5% Q2 84% Q1 87% Q4 90.6% Q3 90.5% Q2 89.7% Q1 90% Q4 89.5% Q3 100% Q2 93% Q1 89.7%		According to data from LG Inform, the England figure is 90% across the two year period from 01/04/21 to 31/03/2023 (Source: Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities) , Table P151b. NB: 3-month time lag on national data*	The percentage of minerals & waste applications determined within 13/16 weeks or within an agreed extension of time (two year rolling measure) is 78%. This covers Q1 21/22 to Q1 23/24. There were 33 minerals & waste applications over the past 2 years, 26 of which were completed within permitted timeframes. In quarter 1 23/24 there were 2 minerals & waste applications both of which were determined within permitted timescales meaning 100% was achieved. This indicator relates to a requirement under section 62A of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990 that LPAs making 60% or fewer of decisions on time, are at risk of being designated by Central Government as being subject to “Special Measures” in order to improve their performance. Our figure means that we are currently not at risk Although the trend is down performance is well above the statutory target of 60% so RAG rated amber.		
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CD16 % Emergency/ urgent repairs to council houses completed in agreed timescales		No RAG rating- Data not available this quarter		All emergency or urgent repairs to council houses were completed on time in Richmondshire, and 93% in Harrogate. The percentage for Selby is not yet known.	N/A	N/A																		
CD17 Households assessed as threatened with homelessnes s per 1000 households	1.99	No RAG rating- data still being validated	Q1 2022/23: 1.18	The Council is working to ensure consistency in the measure throughout the area. Regional and national data reporting lags, but today's figure is significantly higher than the same period last year. The apparent increase could be related to forthcoming legislation banning no-fault evictions. After the renters' reform bill was tabled in May, Citizens Advice reported it had helped a record number of renters faced with section 21 evictions.	N/A	N/A																		
CD18 Households assessed as homeless per 1000 households	0.30	NO RAG rating- data still be validated	Q1 2022/23: 1.05	The Council is working to ensure consistency in the measure throughout the area. Compared to this time last year, it seems a smaller proportion of households were assessed as homeless.	N/A	N/A																		
CD19 % of homelessnes s preventions successful	45.14%	No RAG rating		344 successful prevention and relief duties were carried out, while 762 households were assessed and found to be owed a duty. Longitudinal comparisons will be possible once incoming Heads of Service approve a single definition for the county: at present, diverse terminology affects the reliability of this measure. No RAG rating as first time this indicator has been published, and further work needed to establish baseline.	N/A	N/A																		
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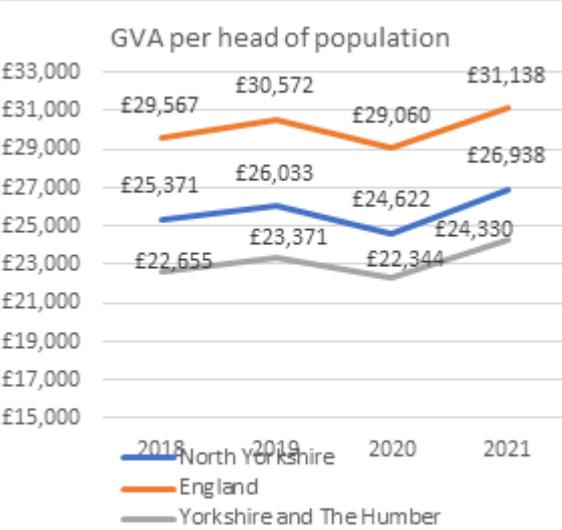
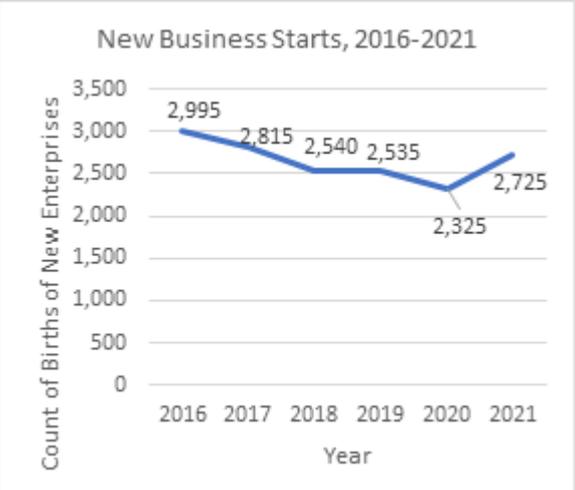
Quarter	Total number of grants paid	Total value (£s)
Q1 2021/22	84	485,247
Q2 2021/22	110	387,270
Q3 2021/22	86	568,533
Q4 2021/22	56	122,101
Q1 2022/23	58	445,238
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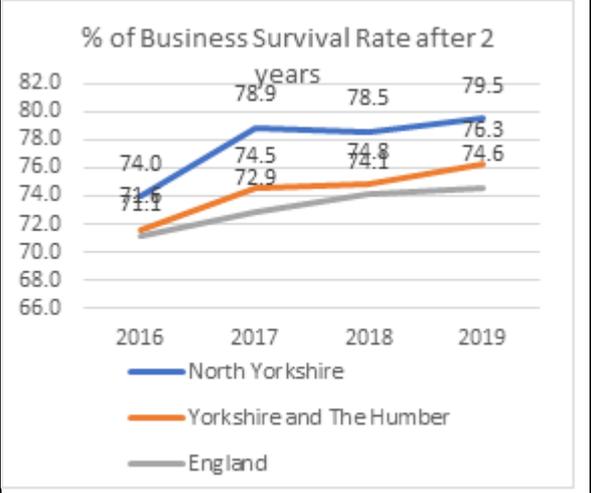
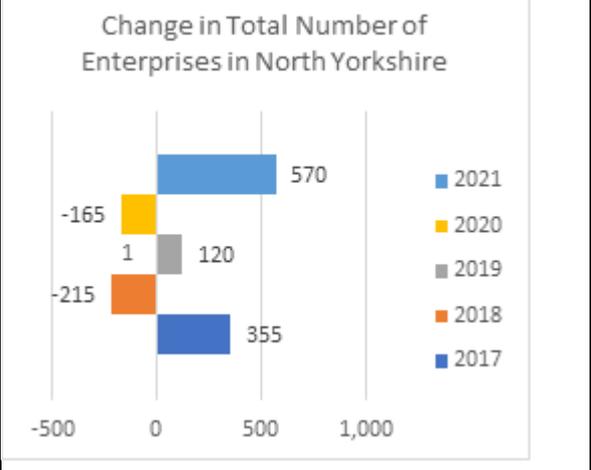
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Economy

- Economically sustainable growth that enables people and places to prosper
- Culture, heritage, arts and sustainable tourism all play their part in the economic growth of the county
- New and existing businesses can thrive and grow
- North Yorkshire has a high profile, is influential nationally and receives its fair share of resources

Primary indicators	Latest data/figures	RAG status	Benchmarking data	Comments	Improvement since last:																													
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CD21 Total employee jobs in North Yorkshire Source: NOMIS Area Profile: total jobs – FT+PT. (Excludes self-employed, HM Forces and farm based agriculture.)	266,000 (2019) 255,000 (2020) 266,000 (2021)	County wide economic indicators	Using job density (the ratio of total jobs to resident population aged 16-64) as a comparator.	<p>This indicator is updated on an ad hoc basis. 2023 data not yet available.</p> <p>Not Rag rated as this indicator is for information only.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>NY</th> <th>Y&H</th> <th>GB</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2016</td> <td>0.96</td> <td>0.80</td> <td>0.85</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2017</td> <td>0.95</td> <td>0.81</td> <td>0.86</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2018</td> <td>0.96</td> <td>0.81</td> <td>0.86</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2019</td> <td>0.94</td> <td>0.81</td> <td>0.87</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2020</td> <td>0.89</td> <td>0.79</td> <td>0.84</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2021</td> <td>0.93</td> <td>0.81</td> <td>0.86</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Data for 2020 showed a decrease in the total number of employees in North Yorkshire, decreasing from 266,000 full and part time jobs in 2019 to 255,000 in 2020. (-11,000). This was due to the Coronavirus Pandemic and its impact on employment. By 2021 the figure returned to the pre-pandemic level of 266,000.</p>		NY	Y&H	GB	2016	0.96	0.80	0.85	2017	0.95	0.81	0.86	2018	0.96	0.81	0.86	2019	0.94	0.81	0.87	2020	0.89	0.79	0.84	2021	0.93	0.81	0.86	N/A	
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<p>CD23 Earnings (Gross weekly pay FT workers) by place of residence (average weekly wage (based on residence))</p>	<p>2022 £589.6 2021 £584.6</p>	<p>County wide economic indicators</p>		<p>This indicator is updated on an annual basis. The next update will be Q4 2023/24. The long-term trend shows gross full time weekly wages continuing to rise in North Yorkshire.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>£</th> <th>NY</th> <th>Y&H</th> <th>GB</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2018</td> <td>529.7</td> <td>520.4</td> <td>570.5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2019</td> <td>568.2</td> <td>540.8</td> <td>587.5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2020</td> <td>548.4</td> <td>539.7</td> <td>587.4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2021</td> <td>584.6</td> <td>568.5</td> <td>613.1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2022</td> <td>589.6</td> <td>594.1</td> <td>642.2</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>In 2022 the gross weekly pay for full-time workers was £589.6 up from £584.6 in 2021 however it should be noted this is below the national and now regional averages. The North Yorkshire rate has not been lower than the regional rate since 2016.</p>	£	NY	Y&H	GB	2018	529.7	520.4	570.5	2019	568.2	540.8	587.5	2020	548.4	539.7	587.4	2021	584.6	568.5	613.1	2022	589.6	594.1	642.2	<p>N/A</p>	
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			86 LSOAs in 2010 and 134 in 2015. 153 out of 373 NY LSOAs in worst 20% in England for the 'Geographical Barriers to Services': road distance to shops, GPs, etc.		
CD29 Visitor economic impact for North Yorkshire: % increase in footfall in selected towns	Most recent estimate 2019 from Visit Britain shows that Tourism supports 41,200 jobs in NY, (14% of employment). Tourism generates £1.7bn of spend (including domestic & international visitors)		North Yorkshire has the 5 th highest number of visitors in the country when compared with other English Counties.	Tourism data is updated by Visit Britain. No Rag rating or Improvement measures are available for 2020 and beyond due to the impact of Covid.	N/A N/A
CD30 Tourism spend on area				This indicator is not available for Q1.	N/A N/A
CD31 Museum attendances				This indicator is not available for Q1.	N/A N/A
CD32 Performance and Event attendances				This indicator is not available for Q1	N/A N/A
EN15 Trading standards: % of high-risk inspections undertaken	23/24 Q1 11% 22/23 Q4 98% 22/23 Q3 45% 22/23 Q2 26% 22/23 Q1 7%		Local measure – no comparative data available 22/23 98% 21/22 79% 20/21 17% 19/20 78% 18/19 99% 17/18 96% 16/17 84%	This indicator is updated Q1 2023/24. The high-risk inspection profile (target) is as follows: Q1 - 15% Q2 - 35% Q3 - 70% Q4 - 100% At the end of Q1 11% of high-risk inspections had been undertaken. This Q1 figure is down slightly in comparison to the inspection programme profile but is ahead of the Q1 Figure in 2022/23. T This is due to the seasonal nature of Trading Standards activity and the majority of inspections not being due until later in the year. RAG rated green because ahead of last year, not too different to profile and majority planned later in the year.	N/A



Health and Wellbeing

- People are supported to have a good quality of life and enjoy active and healthy lifestyles
- Reduced variations in health through tackling the root causes of inequality
- People can access good public health services and social care across our different communities
- People have control and choice in relation to their independence and social care support

Primary indicators	Latest data/figures	RAG status	Benchmarking data	Comments	Improvement since last:	
					Quarter	Year
PH1 Life expectancy at birth (male / female)	Male: 80.4 Female: 84.3 (2018-20)		M: England = 79.4 CIPFA: 79.0 to 81.1 F: England = 83.1 CIPFA: 82.6 to 84.6	This indicator will be updated when new data is released. RAG rated green because life expectancy at birth for both males and females are significantly higher compared with England, from 2001-03 to 2018-20. For males, North Yorkshire is 6 th highest among 16 similar areas (one area without data), and for female, it is 3 rd highest. The LE have dropped slightly from the previously period (2017-19), --0.1 for females and -0.2 for males. Data as currently shown on Public Health Profiles – Fingertips	N/A	M:  F: 
PH2 Slope index of inequality in Life Expectancy at birth (male / female)	Male: 6.3 Female: 4.9 (2018-20)	1 st (best) quintile	M: England = 9.7 CIPFA: 6.0 to 9.3 F: England = 7.9 CIPFA: 3.9 to 7.9	This indicator will be updated when new data is released. RAG rated: 1st (best) quintile The slope index of inequality in life expectancy at birth for both male and female are within the 1st (best) quintile in England. For males, North Yorkshire is 3 rd lowest among 16 similar areas (one area without data), and for females, it is joint 3 rd . Data as currently shown on Public Health Profiles – Fingertips	N/A	M:  F: 
PH 3 Life expectancy at 65 - (male / female)	Male: 19.5 Female: 22.0 (2018-20)		M: England = 18.7 CIPFA: 18.5 to 19.6 F: England = 21.1 CIPFA: 20.6 to 22.3	This indicator will be updated when new data is released. RAG rated green because life expectancy at 65 for both male and female are significantly higher compared with England, from 2001-03 to 2018-20. For males, North Yorkshire is joint 5 th highest among 16 similar areas (one area without data), and for females, it is joint 3 rd . The LE at 65 for both males and females stayed the same compared to the previously period (2017-19). Data as currently shown on Public Health Profiles – Fingertip	N/A	M:  F: 
PH4 Suicide rate	11.3 per 100,000 (2019-2021)		England = 10.4 per 100,000 CIPFA: 8.7 to 15.5	This indicator will be updated when new data is released. RAG rated amber because the suicide rate in North Yorkshire is similar compared to England. It is joint 8 th highest in a group of 16 similar areas (one area without data). There were 25 less suicides in 2019-21 compared with 2018-20. Data as currently shown on Public Health Profiles – Fingertips	N/A	
PH5 Under 18 conceptions (annual)	2021 10.8 per 1,000		England = 13.1 per 1,000 CIPFA: 8.1 to 16.2 per 1,000	This indicator will be updated when new data is released. RAG rated green because the under 18 conception rates in North Yorkshire is significantly better compared with England.	N/A	*

				North Yorkshire has the 6th lowest rate amongst 16 similar areas. Data as currently shown on Public Health Profiles – Fingertips * Following Census 2021, the Office for National Statistics (ONS) is carrying out reconciliation and rebasing of the mid-year population estimates (MYE) it produces. The official population estimates for mid-2012 to mid-2020 will be revised, to incorporate the data now available from Census 2021. As such, this indicator is currently only presenting data for 2021.		
PH6 Face-to-face new birth visits undertaken within 14 days by a health visitor (%)	<u>2021/22</u> 91.1%		England = 82.7% CIPFA: 10.3% to 92.9%	This indicator will be updated when new data is released. RAG rated green because the percentage of face-to-face new birth visits undertaken within 14 days by a health visitor in North Yorkshire is significantly better compared to England. It is the 2nd highest among 16 similar areas. Data as currently shown on Public Health Profiles – Fingertips	N/A	
PH7 Eligible infants that receive a 12-month review by 15 months of age (%)	<u>2021/22</u> 96.7%		England = 82.0% CIPFA: 22.6% to 99.1%	This indicator will be updated when new data is released. RAG rated green because the percentage of infants that receive a 12-month review by 15 months of age in North Yorkshire is significantly better compared to England. It is the 3rd highest among 16 similar areas. Data as currently shown on Public Health Profiles – Fingertips	N/A	
PH8 Eligible children receiving a 2-2.5 year review by the time they were 2.5 years (%)	<u>2021/22</u> 88.4%		England = 74.1% CIPFA: 20.1% to 90.7%	This indicator will be updated when new data is released. RAG rated green because the percentage of children who received a 2-2½ year review by the time they turned 2½ years old in North Yorkshire is significantly better compared to the England average. It is the 2nd highest among 16 similar areas (one area with no data). Data as currently shown on Public Health Profiles – Fingertips	N/A	
PH9 Reception aged children completing a check (%)	<u>2020/21</u> 6.9% <u>2018/19</u> Q4 57.3% 2017/18 Q4 66.2%		Local measure - no benchmarking data available	Due to Covid the national NCMP team requested local authority to carry out measurements of reception children in 10% of schools. 413 schools were measured between Sept 20 and July 21. 2017/18 data showed 66.2% for same quarter last year, so a little lower. Cumulative towards an annual target of 85%, so just below track. This is under review as part of re-commissioning.	N/A	
PH10 Year 6 children completing a check (%)	<u>2020/21</u> 6.8% <u>2018/19</u> Q4 30.5% 2017/18 Q4 30%		Local measure - no benchmarking data available	Due to Covid the national NCMP team requested local authority to carry out measurements of year 6 children in 10% of schools. 420 schools were measured between Sept 20 and July 21. 2017/18 data showed 30.0% for same quarter last year so broadly similar. Cumulative towards an annual target of 85%, so below track. This is under review as part of re-commissioning.	N/A	
PH11 Proportion of children aged 2-2.5 years old receiving ASQ-3 as part of the Healthy Child Programme or integrated review	<u>2021/22</u> 99.3% (4,580 children aged 2-2.5 years old)		England: 90.3% CIPFA: 82.2% to 100%	This indicator will be updated when new data is released. RAG rated green because the proportion of children aged 2-2.5 years old receiving ASQ-3 as part of the Healthy Child Programme in North Yorkshire is significantly higher than the England proportion. It is the 4th highest among 16 similar areas (three areas with no data published).	N/A	

				Data as currently shown on Public Health Profiles – Fingertips.		
PH12 Excess weight in adults	61.4% (2020/21)		England = 63.8% CIPFA: 60.0% to 68.2%	This indicator will be updated when data is released. RAG rated green because the excess weight in adults in North Yorkshire is significantly better compared with England. Among 16 similar areas, North Yorkshire has the 3 rd lowest rate. Data as currently shown on Public Health Profiles – Fingertips	N/A	
PH13 The percentage of children aged 4 or 5 (reception) who have excess weight	<u>2021/22</u> 23.1%		England = 22.3% CIPFA: 18.5% to 26.2%	This indicator will be updated when new data is released. RAG rated amber because the proportion of children in Reception classes with excess weight is similar compared to England. North Yorkshire is ranked 3 rd highest out of 16 similar areas. Data as currently shown on Public Health Profiles – Fingertips *LA Figures for 2020/21 have not been released due to the impact of the pandemic on the measurement programme.	N/A	 *Compared with 2019/20
PH14 The percentage of children aged 10 or 11 (year 6) who have excess weight	<u>2021/22</u> 34.4%		England = 37.8% CIPFA: 31.3% to 37.8%	This indicator will be updated when new data is released. RAG rated green because the proportion of children in Year 6 classes with excess weight is significantly lower compared with England. North Yorkshire is ranked 7 th lowest out of 16 similar areas. Data as currently shown on Public Health Profiles – Fingertips *LA Figures for 2020/21 have not been released due to the impact of the pandemic on the measurement programme.	N/A	 *Compared with 2019/20
PH15 % of physically active adults	70.1% (2021/22)		England = 67.3% CIPFA: 66.8% to 75.0%	This indicator will be updated when new data is released. RAG rated green because the proportion of physically active adults in North Yorkshire is significantly higher than England. It is 6 th highest among 16 similar areas. The percentage has been significantly higher compared to England from 2015/16 to 2021/22. Data as currently shown on Public Health Profiles – Fingertips	N/A	
PH16 Cumulative % of eligible population aged 40- 74 invited for an NHS health check	63.6% (2018/19 – 2022/23)		England = 64.7% CIPFA: 20.8% to 81.8%	This indicator will be updated when new data is released. RAG rated red because the cumulative percentage of the eligible population aged 40-74 offered an NHS Health Check is lower compared with England. Amongst 16 similar areas (one area with data quality issues), North Yorkshire has the 9 th lowest rate. There has been a marked decrease compared to previous years: 73.3% in 2017/18 - 21/22, 78.5% in 2016/17 - 20/21, 93.9% in 2015/16 - 19/20, in line with the national trend.	N/A	

				Data as currently shown on Public Health Profiles – Fingertips		
PH17 Cumulative % of the eligible population aged 40- 74 who received an NHS Health check	28.9% (2018/19 – 2022/23)		England = 27.4% CIPFA: 6.2% to 34.7%	This indicator will be updated when new data is released. RAG rated green because the cumulative percentage of the eligible population aged 40-74 who received an NHS Health Check in North Yorkshire is higher compared with England. Amongst 16 similar areas, North Yorkshire has the 5 th highest rate. There has been a marked decrease compared to previous years: 34.7% in 2017/18 - 21/22, 37.9% in 2016/17 - 20/21, 45.2% in 2015/16 - 19/20, in line with the national trend. Data as currently shown on Public Health Profiles – Fingertips	N/A	
PH18 Flu vaccination coverage 65+	87.3% (2021/22)		England = 82.3% CIPFA: 84.2% to 87.3%	This indicator will be updated when new data is released. RAG rated green because the benchmarked goal is: <75% >=75% Government policy is to recommend immunisation for people aged 65 years and over and those under 65 years in at risk groups. The ambition is to achieve 75% uptake in those aged 65 years and over, which North Yorkshire has achieved. It is 1 st among 16 similar areas (one area without data). Data as currently shown on Public Health Profiles – Fingertips	N/A	
PH19 Hospital admissions caused by unintentional and deliberate injuries to children under 15 years per 100,000.	<u>2021/22</u> 99.9 per 10,000 (925 admissions)		England = 84.3 per 10,000 CIPFA: 51.4 to 120.6 per 10,000	This indicator will be updated when new data is released. RAG rated red because North Yorkshire is significantly worse compared to England. There were 925 admissions for injuries in children aged 0-14. Some individuals may have been admitted on more than one occasion, so the number of children admitted is likely to be lower. North Yorkshire has the 4 th highest rate among 16 similar areas. Data as currently shown on Public Health Profiles – Fingertips * Following Census 2021, the Office for National Statistics (ONS) is carrying out reconciliation and rebasing of the mid-year population estimates (MYE) it produces. The official population estimates for mid-2012 to mid-2020 will be revised, to incorporate the data now available from Census 2021. As such, this indicator is currently only presenting data for 2021. Once revised populations for mid-2012 to mid-2020 are published, the updated back series for this indicator will be published.	N/A	*
PH20 The rate of children and young people admitted to hospital as a result of self-harm	<u>2021/22</u> 408.6 per 100,000 population		England = 427.3 per 100,000 CIPFA: 265.6 to 765.7 per 100,000	This indicator will be updated when new data is released. RAG rated amber because North Yorkshire's rate of admissions is similar compared with England's. North Yorkshire is 4 th lowest among 16 similar areas. Data as currently shown on Public Health Profiles – Fingertips. Updated: Q4 22-23 * Following Census 2021, the Office for National Statistics (ONS) is carrying out reconciliation and rebasing of the mid-year population estimates (MYE) it produces.	N/A	*

				The official population estimates for mid-2012 to mid-2020 will be revised, to incorporate the data now available from Census 2021. As such, this indicator is currently only presenting data for 2021. Once revised populations for mid-2012 to mid-2020 are published, the updated back series for this indicator will be published.		
PH21 The rate of children and young people admitted to hospital for mental health conditions per 100,000 (under 18s)	2021/22 118.6 per 100,000 population (135 admissions)		England = 99.8 per 100,000 CIPFA: 56.9 to 182.7 per 100,000	This indicator will be updated when new data is released. RAG rated amber because North Yorkshire's rate of admissions is similar compared with England's. There were 135 admissions for mental health conditions in 2021/22. Some individuals may have been admitted on more than one occasion, so the number of children admitted is likely to be lower. North Yorkshire is the 5 th highest among 16 similar areas. Data as currently shown on Public Health Profiles – Fingertips * Following Census 2021, the Office for National Statistics (ONS) is carrying out reconciliation and rebasing of the mid-year population estimates (MYE) it produces. The official population estimates for mid-2012 to mid-2020 will be revised, to incorporate the data now available from Census 2021. As such, this indicator is currently only presenting data for 2021. Once revised populations for mid-2012 to mid-2020 are published, the updated back series for this indicator will be published.	N/A	*
PH22 Smoking prevalence in adults	11.1% (2021)		England = 13.0% CIPFA: 9.9% to 15.8%	This indicator will be updated when new data is released. RAG rated amber because the smoking prevalence is not significantly different from England. Among 16 similar areas, North Yorkshire has the 4 th lowest rate. Data as currently shown on Public Health Profiles – Fingertips	N/A	
PH23 Smoking at time of delivery	2021/22 8.3% (equates to 406 women)		England = 9.1% CIPFA: 6.1% to 12.1%	This indicator will be updated when new data is released. RAG rated amber because the percentage for smoking at time of delivery in North Yorkshire is not significantly different compared with England. Smoking status at time of delivery continues to fall. Among 16 similar areas, North Yorkshire is ranked joint 4 th lowest. Data as currently shown on Public Health Profiles – Fingertips	N/A	
PH24 Successful quitters at 4 weeks (smokers)	1,217 per 100,000 smokers aged 16+ (2019/20)		England = 1,808 per 100,000 CIPFA: 166 to 2,997	This indicator will be updated when new data is released. RAG rated red because the rate of smokers successfully quitting at 4 weeks in North Yorkshire is significantly lower than to England. It is 10 th of 16 similar areas. The rates have been significantly lower compared to England from 2013/14 to 2019/20. The quit rate was lower in 2019/20 compared with the previous year. Data as currently shown on Public Health Profiles – Fingertips	N/A	

PH25 Successful completions of treatment for opiate use	7.7% (2021)		England = 5.0% CIPFA: 3.0% to 9.7%	<p>This indicator will be updated when new data is released.</p> <p>RAG rated green because the percentage of successful completion of treatment for opiate use in North Yorkshire is significantly higher than England.</p> <p>Amongst 16 similar areas, North Yorkshire is 4th highest. The completion rate has increased from the previous year, with the long-term trend being broadly unchanged.</p> <p>Data as currently shown on Public Health Profiles – Fingertips</p>	N/A	
PH26 Successful completions of treatment for non-opiate use	27.8% (2021)		England = 34.0% CIPFA: 25.1% to 59.2%	<p>This indicator will be updated when the new data is released.</p> <p>RAG rated red because the successful completion of treatment for non-opiate use is significantly lower than England.</p> <p>Amongst 16 similar areas, North Yorkshire is the 3rd lowest. The completion rate has decreased from the previous year, with a static long-term trend.</p> <p>Data as currently shown on Public Health Profiles – Fingertips</p>	N/A	
PH27 Successful completions of alcohol treatment	36.9% (2021)		England = 36.6% CIPFA: 28.3% to 55.3%	<p>This indicator will be updated when the new data is released.</p> <p>RAG rated amber because the successful completion of treatment for alcohol use is not significantly different from England.</p> <p>Amongst 16 similar areas, North Yorkshire is the 6th highest. The completion rate has increased from the previous year.</p> <p>Data as currently shown on Public Health Profiles – Fingertips</p>	N/A	
PH28 Proportion of dependent drinkers not in treatment	75.5% (2020/21)		England = 81.9% CIPFA: 75.5% to 90.1%	<p>This indicator will be updated when new data is released.</p> <p>RAG rated green because the estimated proportion of dependent drinkers who are not in treatment is significantly lower in North Yorkshire compared with England.</p> <p>North Yorkshire has the lowest proportion compared with 16 similar areas.</p> <p>Data as currently shown on Public Health Profiles – Fingertips</p>	N/A	
PH29 New STI diagnoses (excluding chlamydia aged <25)	218 per 100,000 (2022)		England = 496 per 100,000 CIPFA: Data unavailable	<p>This indicator will be updated when new data is released.</p> <p>RAG rated green because North Yorkshire has a significantly lower STI diagnosis rate compared with England.</p> <p>The rate has increased from 161 per 100,000 in 2021.</p> <p>Data as currently shown on Public Health Profiles – Fingertips</p>	N/A	
PH30 Excess winter deaths index	21.4% (Aug 2020 – Jul 2021)		England = 36.2% CIPFA: 15.7% to 59.5%	<p>This indicator will be updated when new data is released.</p> <p>RAG rated green because in North Yorkshire is significantly better compared with England</p> <p>There were 21.4% more deaths in winter months compared with other times of year in North</p>	N/A	

				Yorkshire. North Yorkshire was the 3 rd lowest among 16 similar areas. The index was higher in winter 2020/21 compared with the previous year, but this is a volatile indicator, dependent on many factors such as weather and flu viruses. Data as currently shown on Public Health Profiles – Fingertips		
CD33 Number of visits to leisure centres				This indicator is not available for Q1	N/A	N/A
CD34 Number of memberships at combined leisure centres				This indicator is not available for Q1	N/A	N/A
ED16 Number of cremations held (per quarter)	1153 Q1 2022/23			In Q1 2023/24 there were 1153 cremations held. This equates to a capacity take up for cremations of 62%.	N/A	N/A
HAS1 Admissions to residential and nursing care homes, per 100,000 population for people aged 18-64	18.4 Q1 2023/24 18.1 Q4 2022/23		Nat: 13.9 YHR: 17.5 (2021/22 full year) 13.5 Q1 2022/23	This indicator is updated quarterly. Ranked as RAG amber in Q1 as admissions show a small increase between quarters. Projected admissions in Q1 of 2022/23 looked significantly lower at 13.5 but actual admissions reached 19.5 when all processes and recording were completed retrospectively for activity in the period as the year progressed.		
HAS2 Admissions to residential and nursing care homes, per 100,000 population for people aged 65+	650 Q1 2023/24 713 Q4 2022/23		Nat: 538.5 YHR: 611.4 (2021/22 full year) 707 Q1 2022/23	This indicator is updated quarterly. Performance is ranked as RAG amber in Q1 as performance shows an improvement between quarters and year on year. The 8.8% improvement in the full year projection against the Q4 position remains below the 10% reduction target. Local performance remains below the most recent national and regional comparators.		
HAS3 % of adult social care contacts that were diverted from service provision	52.8% Q1 2023/24 60.2% Q4 2022/23		Benchmarking n/a 50.3% Q1 2022/23	This indicator is updated quarterly. Ranked as RAG green in Q1 as performance remains above the established pattern for the front door arrangements for adult social care despite the significant drop against the exceptional performance in Q4. After Q4, this is the second highest quarterly figure in the last two years and compares with 42.2% in Q1 of 2021/22.		
HAS4 % of hospital discharges to adult social care managed on pathways 0 or 1, i.e. home first	63% Q1 2023/24 60% Q4 2022/23		Benchmarking n/a 66% Q1 2022/23	This indicator is updated quarterly. Ranked as RAG amber in Q1 as overall performance improved and for 4/5 acute hospital trusts the figures for June exceeded 65%, with 2 above 70%. Sustained improvement in Q2 is required to trigger a green RAG rating.		
HAS5 People waiting for an initial assessment as a % of current service users	5.3% Q1 2023/24 4.7% Q4 2022/23		n/a 5.5% Q1 2022/23	This indicator is updated quarterly. Ranked as RAG amber in Q1 as performance returned to the levels reported in Q2 and Q3. Two localities achieved significant reductions in their caseload, which produced disproportionate increases in their waiting list % figures where there had been minimal change in the number of people waiting. The target level is 5% and the 3 remaining localities were below that level.		
HAS6 % of reablement clients not receiving a subsequent package of social care support within 91 days	68.8% Q1 2023/24 70.7% Q4 2022/23		Benchmarking n/a 70.7% Q1 2022/23	This indicator is updated quarterly. Ranked as RAG red in Q1 as performance declined and remains well below the established and stable position pre-pandemic. Reablement activity continues to run at significantly reduced levels due to capacity issues caused by the on-going pressures arising from hospital discharges and the need to respond to provider failure. It is		

				identified as one of the directorate's 7 improvement priorities.		
HAS7 Reablement packages delivered per 10,000 of adult population (Cumulative over the year)	7.2 Q1 2023/24 8.3 Q4 2022/23		Benchmarking n/a 6.4 Q1 2022/23	This indicator is updated quarterly. Ranked as RAG red in Q1 as, despite year on year improvement, reablement activity continues to run at significantly reduced levels due to capacity issues caused by the on-going pressures arising from hospital discharges and the need to respond to provider failure. Further signs of improvement are evident in the continuing reduction in the proportion of reablement team capacity being used to provide cover for urgent domiciliary care needs to support hospital discharges. This was down to 28% as the start of Q2 compared with 36% for Q4.		
HAS8 Clients receiving long term support for 12+ months who have received an annual review the last 12 months	57.8% Q1 2023/24 57.8% Q4 2022/23		Nat: 55% YHR: 48% (2021/22 full year) 60.7% Q1 2022/23	This indicator is updated quarterly. Ranked as RAG amber in Q1 as performance was unchanged between quarters and remains significantly down year on year. Despite the year on year reduction, local performance remains better than the most recent comparator averages. The new review team is making an impact, picking up overdue reviews for people in care homes and had achieved a 51% completion rate at the end of Q1 compared with 40% in Q4.		
HAS9 % of people receiving long term support who are in a community- based setting	66.2% Q1 2023/24 66.2% Q4 2022/23		Benchmarking n/a 68.5% Q1 2022/23	This indicator is updated quarterly. Ranked as RAG amber as performance in Q1 was unchanged but remains down year on year. The sustained high use of short-term beds has a significant impact on this indicator, especially as domiciliary care continues to be difficult to source and people are temporarily in bed-based care rather than the long-term, community-based care identified in the care assessment and planning process. This is an overarching KPI for the directorate's improvement work in 2023/24		
HAS10 Direct payments per 100,000 of population	153.9 Q1 2023/24 149.3 Q4 2022/23		Benchmarking n/a 142.2 Q1 2022/23	This indicator is updated quarterly. Ranked as RAG amber as performance in Q1 shows improvement both between quarters and years, but North Yorkshire consistently compares poorly with other local authorities in national data sets. This is an improvement priority for 2023/24 and the main report highlights key lines of action.		
HAS11 Average weekly cost for new admissions to residential and nursing beds for older people (65+)	£1071 Q1 2023/24 £1,105 Q4 2022/23		Benchmarking n/a £1039 Q1 2022/23	This indicator is updated quarterly. Ranked as RAG amber in Q1 as the average cost reduced between quarters and the % increase year on year was low. Rising costs is a significant issue and the directorate is completing the implementation of its new commissioning arrangements (APLs) and is committed to setting out clearly what these should be achieving in terms of costs and outcomes for service users.		
HAS12 Average community- based personal budget (PB) weekly cost 65+	£412 Q1 2023/24 £394 Q4 2022/23		Benchmarking n/a £371 Q1 2022/23	This indicator is updated quarterly. Ranked as RAG red in Q1 as the average cost increased both between quarters and years. Rising costs is a significant issue and the domiciliary care market has been a significant pressure point in some parts of the county. The APL work referenced above is a key factor here also, as is the directorate's Home First improvement priority.		
HAS13 % of CQC care home ratings- 'Good' or better	83.2% Q1 2023/24 81.8% Q4 2022/23		Benchmarking Q1 Nat: 81.6% YHR: 78.7% 77.7% Q1 2022/23	This indicator is updated quarterly. Ranked as RAG green in Q1 as performance improved between quarters and year on year. Local performance is also better than the comparator averages. The main report includes a summary of quality work undertaken with care providers during Q1.		

HAS14 Number of living well referrals	998 Q1 2023/24 1,034 Q4 222/23		Quarterly target: 725	This indicator is updated quarterly. Ranked as RAG green in Q1 as performance exceeded the target. The number of referrals was 3.5% lower than for Q4 and 1% down year on year, but numbers consistently exceed those of the pre-COVID period. To achieve the 2022/23 total of 3,920 referrals, a target of 980 is needed per quarter. Growth in referrals from health has been maintained year on year (45%).		
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People

- People are free from harm and feel safe and protected
- People can achieve their full potential through lifelong education and learning
- People are better supported, by strengthening families or other appropriate networks
- In times of hardship, support is provided to those that need it most

Primary indicators	Latest data/figures	RAG status	Benchmarking data	Comments	Improvement since last:	
					Quarter	Year
CYPS1 The % of children achieving a good level of development at Early Years Foundation Stage Profile	<u>2021/22</u> 68.3%		<u>England 2021/22</u> 65.2%	This is a key indicator in relation to school readiness. The percentage of children reaching a Good Level of Development in the Early Years Foundation Stage Profile is significantly better compared to England. It is 2nd highest among 16 similar areas. Data as currently shown on Public Health Profiles – Fingertips This is the first publication since the 2021 to 2022 EYFS reforms were introduced in September 2021. As part of those reforms, the EYFS profile was significantly revised. It is therefore not possible to directly compare 2021 to 2022 assessment outcomes with earlier years. It is also the first release since the publication of the 2018 to 2019 statistics, as the 2019 to 2020 and 2020 to 2021 data collections were cancelled due to coronavirus (COVID19) Data Refresh as at Q4 22/23	N/A	N/A
CYPS2 School Readiness: the % of children with free school meal status achieving a good level of development at the end of reception	2021/22 46.6%		England = 49.1% CIPFA: 36.0% to 50.1%	The percentage of children with free school meal status achieving a good Level of development at the end of reception is similar compared to England. It is 7th highest among 16 similar areas. Data as currently shown on Public Health Profiles – Fingertips This is the first publication since the 2021 to 2022 EYFS reforms were introduced in September 2021. As part of those reforms, the EYFS profile was significantly revised. It is therefore not possible to directly compare 2021 to 2022 assessment outcomes with earlier years. It is also the first release since the publication of the 2018 to 2019 statistics, as the 2019 to 2020 and 2020 to 2021 data collections were cancelled due to coronavirus (COVID19) Data is as of Q4 22/23	N/A	N/A
CYPS3 The % of pupils achieving the expected level or above in reading, writing and maths combined Key Stage 1	<u>2021/22</u> Reading 67.1% Writing 57.9% Maths 68.1%		<u>England 2021/22</u> Reading 66.9% Writing 57.6% Maths 67.7%	Performance at key stage 1 has declined between 2019 and 2022 at a local and national level. North Yorkshire is above the national position for reading, writing and maths. Data Refresh as at October 2022	N/A	

CYPS4 The % of pupils achieving the expected level or above in reading, writing and maths combined Key Stage 2	<u>2021/22</u> 55.3%		<u>England 2021/22</u> 58.7%	Performance at key stage 2 has declined between 2019 and 2022 at a local and national level. The percentage of children achieving the expected level in Reading, Writing and Maths has reduced by 8% and the gap between North Yorkshire and National has widened to 3.4%. Data Refresh as at October 2022	N/A	
CYPS5 Average Attainment 8 score at Key Stage 4	<u>2021/22</u> 50.2		<u>2021/22 national</u> 48.8	The Attainment 8 average score at Key Stage 4 is above the national average but has reduced by since 2019 (last available data) Data Refresh as at January 2023	N/A	
CYPS6 Progress 8 score at Key Stage 4	<u>2021/22</u> 0.04		<u>2021/22 national</u> -0.03	The progress 8 score at Key Stage 4 is above the national average but has reduced by 0.06 since 2019 (last available data) Data Refresh as at January 2023	N/A	
CYPS7 Overall absence rate as % of total possible sessions (primary/secondary)	Provisional data: Primary: 92.6% Secondary: 89.3%			In North Yorkshire, so far in 2022/23, the overall attendance rate in primary schools was 92.6% (national: 94.0%), compared to 96.1% (national: 96.0%) in the full 2018/19 academic year. In North Yorkshire secondary schools the 2022/23 rate has been 89.3% (national: 90.8%) compared to 94.4% (national: 94.5%) in the full 2018/19 academic year. The issue is that not all schools report using a 'new' product from DfE. There might be a change come the new academic year. Provisional (NB. Current DfE published data up to June is not based on all schools in the country and so is indicative and provisional)	N/A	N/A
CYPS8 % of young people with a qualification by age 19 (Level 2 / Level 3)	<u>2020/21</u> Level 2: 84.7% Level 3: 62.6%		<u>National</u> Level 2: 81.6% Level 3: 59.8%	North Yorkshire remains above the national average for Level 2 and has improved at Level 3 to be above the national average. Updated data will be available in the Spring of 2023		
CYPS9 The % of young people who are not in education, employment, or training (NEET) in academic year 12 and year 13	<u>2021/22</u> Q2 109 (0.9%) Q3 199 (1.7%) Q4 199 (1.7%) <u>2022/23</u> Q1 185 (1.6%) Q2 120 (1%) Q3 179 (1.5%) Q4 251 (2.5%) <u>2023/24</u> Q1 234 (2%)		National NEET 3.2% (June 2023) Y&H NEET 3.8% (June 2023) National Situation Not Known 1.8% (June 2023) Y&H Situation Not Known 1.8% (June 2023) NYCC Situation Not Known 1.5% (June 2023) <u>2021/22</u> Q2 109 (0.9%) Q3 199 (1.7%) Q4 199 (1.7%) <u>2022/23</u> Q1 185 (1.6%) Q2 120 (1%) Q3 179 (1.52%) Q4 251 (2.1%) <u>2023/24</u> Q1 234 (2%)	The percentage of young people who are not in education, employment or training (NEET) in academic year 12 and year 13 in North Yorkshire is still below the national and regional figures. It has reduced by 17 in North Yorkshire since the last quarter. The NEET figure is up by 49 compared to the same period in 2022 (by 0.4%). The percentage of Unknown young people has now reduced and is (1.5%) this is below both the National figure and the Regional figure		
CYPS10 The % of care leavers aged 19, 20 and 21 that are in education, employment, or training	<u>2021/22</u> Q1 63.3% Q2 69.7% Q3 63.0% Q4 61.4% <u>2022/23</u> Q1 68.1% Q2 66.4% Q3 66.9% Q3 67.2%		<u>2018/19</u> Q1 63.9% Q2 66.5% Q3 71.5% Q4 68.3% <u>2019/20</u> Q1 72.0% Q2 71% Q3 66% Q4 63.4% <u>2020/21</u>	The percentage of care leavers in EET remains lower than the pre-pandemic peak of 72% in 2019/20. The innovative approaches used by the service is paying dividends, with 67.5% of Care Leavers in EET at the end of Q1. However, based on the same point last year the % is a marginal -0.6% lower.		

	2023/24 Q1 67.5%		Q1 55.5% Q2 57.6% Q3 61.6% Q4 65.4%			
CYPS11 The % of pupils who attend a good or outstanding school (primary/ secondary)	2022/23 Q1 84.4%		2022/23 Q1 87.6%	This indicator is updated at Q1 2023/24 RAG rated red because the percentage of pupils who attend a good or outstanding school has reduced by 0.3%. The national comparator has also reduced by the same amount.		
CYPS12 The % of Education Health and Care Plans (EHCP) issued within 20 weeks	2022/23 Q1 22.6% Q2 50.4% Q3 43.0% Q4 55.7% 2023/24 Q1 59.5%		National 57.9% (2022 Calendar Year) 50% (Q3 2022/23 – 110 of 152 LAs) 50% (Q4 2022/23 – 102 of 152 LAs)	Performance for timeliness of issuing EHC (Education, Health and Care) plans has improved in recent quarters. As of Q1 2023/24, 59.5% of all EHC plans issued were issued within a 20-week period of a request. This rate is now well above reported national rates. Whilst we are seeing an improvement, performance remains lower than the position pre-pandemic.		
CYPS13 Rate of children with an Education Health Care Plan as % of school population	Jan 2023 Primary: 2.3% of school population Secondary: 2.5% of school population Jan 2022 Primary: 1.9% of school population Secondary: 2.0% of school population Jan 2021 Primary: 1.75% of school population Secondary: 1.66% of school population Jan 2020 Primary: 1.62% of school population Secondary: 1.44% of school population		National Jan 2023 Primary 2.5% of school population Secondary 2.4% of school population Jan 2022 Primary 2.3% of school population Secondary 2.2% of school population Jan 2021 Primary 2.1% of school population Secondary 2.2% of school population	As of January 2023, the % of the primary school population with EHC plans was 2.3% up from the 1.9% in January 2022 when there was a gap to the January 2021 national rate of -0.2pp (2.5%). As of January 2023, the % of the secondary school population with EHC plans was 2.5% up from the 2.0% in January 2022. The rate of children with EHC plans in secondary schools in North Yorkshire has now increased to be higher than the national rate (+0.1pp) of 2.4%.	n/a	
CYPS14 The number of children receiving SEN Support as a % of school population	Jan 2023 Primary: 13.2% of school population Secondary: 11.6% of school population Jan 2022 Primary: 12.8% of school population Secondary: 10.8% of school population Jan 2021 Primary: 12.3% of school population Secondary: 10.4% of school population Jan 2020 Primary: 12.4% of school population Secondary: 9.6% of school population		National Jan 2023 Primary: 13.5% of school population Secondary: 12.4% of school population Jan 2022 Primary: 13.0% of school population Secondary: 11.9% of school population Jan 2021 Primary: 12.6% of school population Secondary: 11.5% of school population	As of January 2023, the % of the primary school population recorded as receiving SEN Support was 13.2% up from the 12.8% in January 2022. The gap to the National rate is -0.3pp (13.5%). As of January 2023, the % of the secondary school population recorded as receiving SEN Support was 11.6% up from the 10.8% in January 2023. The gap to the National rate is -0.8pp (12.4%).	N/A	
CYPS15 GCSE 9-5 pass in English and Maths (Basics) at KS4	2021/22 53.6%		National 49.8%	The percentage achieving Basics at Key Stage 4 is above the national average but has reduced slightly since 2019 (last available data) Data Refresh in Spring 2023		
CYPS16 Persistent absence as % of school population (primary/secondary)	North Yorkshire Schools: 2018/19 Primary: 7.3% Secondary: 14.3%		National: 2018/19 Primary: 8.2% Secondary: 13.7%	Rates of persistent absence into 2022/23 appear to be in line with rates witnessed in 2021/22 but again there is a significant difference to pre-pandemic rates. In 2018/19, 7.3% of children in North Yorkshire primary schools were persistently absent, rising	n/a	

	<p><u>2019/20 (Autumn-Term)</u> Primary: 12.2% Secondary: 16.9%</p> <p><u>2022/23 (end Q1 23/24)</u> Primary: 17.2% Secondary: 29.6%</p>		<p><u>2019/20 (Autumn-Term)</u> Primary: 11.2% Secondary: 15.0%</p> <p><u>2022/23 (end Q1 23/24)</u> Primary: 17.4% Secondary: 27.5%</p>	<p>to 16.0% by 2021/22, in North Yorkshire secondary schools the rise in this period was 14.3% to 28.7%.</p> <p>These increases have been very similar to what has been witnessed nationally.</p>		
<p>CYPS17 Exclusion rate as % of school population (fixed term permanent)</p>	<p>Children Fixed term excluded at least once: 2020/21 1st Sep to end Q1 1476 pupils excluded for a fixed period 2021/22 1st Sep to end Q1 1872 pupils excluded for a fixed period 2022/23 1st Sep to end Q1 2528 pupils excluded for a fixed period</p> <p>Permanent Exclusions: 2020/21 1st Sep to end Q1 24 permanent exclusions 2021/22 1st Sep to end Q1 48 permanent exclusions 2022/23 1st Sep to end Q1 93 permanent exclusions</p>		<p><u>2019/20</u> Suspensions: 3.76% Permanent: 0.06%</p> <p><u>2020/21</u> Suspensions: 4.25% Permanent: 0.06%</p> <p><u>2021/22</u></p> <p>North Yorkshire <u>2019/20</u> Suspensions: 5.40% Permanent: 0.05%</p> <p><u>2020/21</u> Suspensions: 4.32% Permanent: 0.03%</p> <p><u>2021/22</u></p>	<p>There have been more permanent exclusions and more children fixed-period excluded from North Yorkshire schools, in the 2022/23 academic year in Q3, compared to the same period in 2021/22.</p> <p>Total exclusions are also slightly higher than the period just before the Covid pandemic.</p> <p>A national update is expected in Spring 2023</p>	n/a	
<p>CYPS18 Adult Learning - 19+ Adult Skills funded learners - Overall Achievement Rates</p>	<p><u>2023/24 Q1</u> 68.8% (Academic year 2022/23)</p> <p><u>2022/23 Q1</u> 75.8% (Academic Year 21/22)</p> <p><u>Q2</u> 77.1% (End of Academic Year 2021/22)</p> <p><u>Q3</u> 77.1% (End of academic year 310722) End Of Academic Year</p> <p><u>2021/22</u> 75.4% End of Academic Year</p>		<p><u>2019/20</u> End of Academic Year (31/07/20) 83.0%</p> <p><u>2018/19</u> End of Academic Year (31/07/19) 84.5%</p>	<p>The Adult Learning and Skills Service current picture at Q1 2023/24 for overall qualification and achievement rate is 68.8%, when doing a year-on-year comparison the rate at Q1 2022/23 was reported as 75.8%.</p> <p>National figures have now been released for the first time since pre-covid last set dated 2018/19, this was due to qualifications being awarded teacher assessed grades. At the end of 2021/22 the national average rate for Education and Training Qualification Rate was 83.6%.</p> <p>Data refreshed as at Q1 2023/24.</p>		

	<u>2020/21</u> 76.9% End Of Academic Year 2019/20 83.4%					
CYPS19 Proportion of Education, Health and Care Plans placed in independent/ non-maintained out of authority specialist settings (i.e. non-maintained special school and independent special school).	<u>2021/22</u> 4.3% <u>2020/21</u> 4.2% <u>2019//20</u> 4.6%		<u>National</u> <u>2021/22</u> 5.2% <u>2020/21</u> 5.1% <u>2019/20</u> 5.0%	There is a slightly increasing trend in children being placed in Out of Authority independent or non-maintained special school, increasing by 97% between 2016/17 (76) and 2020/21 (150). However the rate of increase has slowed, in 2020/21 the rate of EHC plans placed in independent or non-maintained special schools was 4.2%, in 2021/22 it was 4.3%. The Rag rating for this measure is based on the stable proportion of an increasing EHCP population, equating to a higher population of young people in independent/non-maintained specialist settings.		
CYPS20 First time entrants to the youth justice system aged 10-17 (per 100,000 population)	<u>Jan22-Dec22</u> 131 per 100,000 (72 young people)		England = 149 per 100,000 Family Group average = 126 per 100,000	The 12 months ending December 2022 saw a decrease in the rate of First Time Entrant's in North Yorkshire compared with the same period 12 months earlier, to 131. This is higher than the lowest rate ever seen in North Yorkshire (116 in the 12 months ending June 2022) but remains better than the region (175) and national (149) rates but higher than the Family Group average (126). Data as currently shown on the Youth Justice Data Summary.		
CYPS21 The number of open early help cases (Prevention)	<u>2023/24</u> <u>Q1 2,975</u>		<u>2022/23</u> Q1 2,535 Q2 2,592 Q3 2,620 Q4 2,933	The number of ongoing Early Help cases (0-19) increased by 1.5% (n=42) between Quarter 4 2022/23 and Quarter 1 2023/24 from 2,933 to 2,975. The number of cases is now also 14.8% higher than the number seen prior to the pandemic – March 2020 2,591.		
CYPS22 The total number of children subject to a child protection plan (rate per 10,000)	<u>2023/24</u> Q1 33.1 (390)		<u>2019/20</u> Q1 29.8 (349) Q2 32.6 (384) Q3 30.1 (354) Q4 27.8 (327) <u>2020/21</u> Q1 26.8 (315) Q2 30.8 (362) Q3 27.6 (325) Q4 29.2 (343) <u>2021/22</u> Q1 31.8 (373) Q2 32.1 (377) Q3 35.6 (418) Q4 37.5 (440) <u>2022/23</u> Q1 35.3 (415) Q2 35.0 (411) Q3 32.9 (363) Q4 31.9 (375)	This indicator is updated Q1 2023/24 RAG rated amber because the number of open CPP is following an increasing trend, but remains in the range of what would be considered "normal" in North Yorkshire (between 350 and 430 open CPP)		
CYPS23 The total number of Children in Need ((Number of Children recorded as Child in Need by the service, excluding children in care and those subject to a child protection plan)	<u>2022/23</u> Q1 – 1,407 Q2 – 1,367 Q3 – 1,018 Q4 – 996		<u>2019/20</u> Q1 1,069 Q2 1,094 Q3 1,118 Q4 1,118 <u>2020/21</u> Q1 960 Q2 975 Q3 1,226 Q4 1,208	This indicator is updated Q1 2023/24 RAG rated green because we have seen a sustained fall in the number of CiN from a peak of 1,407 at the end of Q4.		

			<u>2021/22</u> Q1 1,232 Q2 1,467 Q3 1,457 Q4 1,181			
CYPS24 The total number of children in care	<u>2023/24</u> Q1 437 <u>2022/23</u> Q1 406 Q2 398 Q3 417 Q4 412 <u>2021/22</u> Q1 410 Q2 403 Q3 402 Q4 405		<u>2018/19</u> Q1 434 Q2 447 Q3 454 Q4 435 <u>2019/20</u> Q1 460 Q2 440 Q3 443 Q4 447 <u>2020/21</u> Q1 457 Q2 458 Q3 442 Q4 433	The number of Children in Care has increased significantly to 437 with a further 44 UASCs in the care of the LA.		 
CYPS25 The percentage of referrals to children's social care that are repeat referrals	<u>2023/24</u> Q1 – 17.1%		<u>2019/20</u> Q1 14.6% Q2 17.9% Q3 17.7% Q4 16.3% Full year 16.3% <u>2020/21</u> Q1 21.2% Q2 15.1% Q3 12.9% Q4 15.0% Full Year – 15.7% <u>2021/22</u> Q1 15.7% Q2 17.0% Q3 15.4% Q4 14.1% Full Year – 15.9% <u>2022/23</u> Q1 12.4% Q2 18.9% Q3 18.3% Q4 18% Full Year –17.0%	This indicator is updated Q1 2023/24 RAG rated green because performance remains statistically significantly better than national and is sector leading.		 
CYPS26 % of Care Leavers (aged 19, 20 or 21) that the local authority is 'in-touch' with	<u>2022/23</u> Q1 97.3% Q2 95.1% Q3 95.2% Q4 98.9% <u>2023/24</u> Q1 99.5%		<u>2019/20</u> Q1 98.2% Q2 97% Q3 97% Q4 97.5% <u>2020/21</u> Q1 98.1% Q2 98.3% Q3 96.6% Q4 99.4% <u>2021/22</u> Q2 97.7% Q3 100% Q4 96.6%	Performance for Care Leavers in-touch with the local authority is remaining consistently strong, 99.5% as of Q1 2023/24 and is higher than the 97.3% reported at the same point last year. Whilst it does fluctuate from one Quarter to the next, it is stronger than the latest national figure of 95% (based on 5% not in touch).		 
CYPS27 % of Care Leavers (aged 19, 20 or 21) in suitable accommodation	<u>2022/23</u> Q1 95.6% Q2 93.9% Q3 94.7% Q4 95.3% <u>2023/24</u> Q1 95.4%		<u>2018/19</u> Q1 92.7% Q2 91.7% Q3 91.4% Q4 91.5% <u>2020/21</u> Q1 94.2% Q2 95.8% Q3 96.1% Q4 95.7%	We continue to perform strongly compared to the latest national average (88%) and the latest statistical neighbour average (92%). Q1 has seen performance improve slightly, increasing to 95.4%.		 

			2021/22 Q1 96.8% Q2 95.9% Q3 92.3% Q4 92.1%			
CYPS28 The percentage of parents/carers who strongly agree/agree that the Education, Health & Care Plan identifies realistic and positive outcomes for their child.	End Q4 2021/22 83.5% End Q4 2020/21 85%		End Q4 2019/20 85.4%	Based on the online survey undertaken by parents/carers and children as part of the annual review of EHC plans or the production of a new EHC plan. Data refreshed at end of Q1 23/24		
CYPS29 The percentage of parents/carers who strongly agree/agree that the Education, Health & Care Plan identifies the right support to achieve the outcomes.	End Q4 2021/22 80.7% End Q4 2020/21 83%		End Q4 2019/20 81.5%	Based on the online survey undertaken by parents/carers and children as part of the annual review of EHC plans or the production of a new EHC plan. Data refreshed at end of Q1 23/24		
CYPS30 % of respondents who were either satisfied or very satisfied with the involvement from the Children & Families Service	2021/22 Q2: 98% Q3: 96% Q4: 96.1% 2022/23 Q1: 94.0% Q3: 96% 2023/24 Q1: 97.6%		2018/19 Q4 95.3% Q3 98.6% Q2 96.7% Q1 96% End Q1 2019/20 96.9% Q2: 96% 2020/21 Q1: 92.6% Q3: 94%	This quarter there has been a marginal decrease in family feedback satisfaction score down to 97.6% from 100%. However, when looking at an annual comparison the overall feedback is +1.6% Overall, service user feedback is positive. We consistently see more than 90% of service users completing family feedback responding that they are either satisfied or very satisfied with the service that they receive.		
HAS 15 % of safeguarding concerns progressing to informal/ formal discussions	18.7% Q1 2023/24 19.1% Q4 2022/23		Benchmarking n/a 19.3% Q1 2022/23	This indicator is updated quarterly. Ranked as RAG green in Q1 as performance improved between quarters and year on year. Performance was consistently around 20% pre-pandemic.		
HAS16 DoLS				New indicator to be defined for the deprivation of liberty safeguards (DoLS) activity. The Government announced on 5th April 2023 that the implementation of the Liberty Protection Safeguards (LPS) would be delayed "beyond the life of this Parliament. LPS is due to replace DoLS and will bring a new performance framework but it has, and continues to be long-delayed.		
HAS17 Rate of safeguarding concerns per 100,000 population	339.6 Q1 2023/24 305.0 Q4 2022/23		Nat: 1,218 (2021/22 full year) 207.2 Q1 2022/23	This indicator is updated quarterly. Ranked as RAG amber in Q1. Activity shows a continuation of the upward trend started in Q3. The deep dive detailed in the main body of the report indicates that this is due to increased reporting rather than an increase in safeguarding incidents. It is proposed that the performance measure is changed to report on safeguarding adults referrals, which is a more accurate reflection of safeguarding incidents. Benchmarking data included in the main body indicates that North Yorkshire sits mid performance range amongst authorities in the region.		

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Primary indicators	Latest data/figures	RAG status	Benchmarking data	Comments	Improvement since last:	
					Quarter	Year
RE1 % Council Tax collected	31.93%**		N/A	** For technical reasons this includes an additional 20 days of collection data for the old Craven area of North Yorkshire so is slightly over-stated. For comparison, collection rates across North Yorkshire in Q1 last year ranged between 29.1% and 35.7%. Baseline data is still being collated and will be provided in Q2.	N/A	N/A
RE2 % Council Housing rent and arrears collected	90.86%*		N/A	*This represents performance on the HRA housing provided by the former Selby and Richmond areas only. Data for Harrogate should be available for Q2. Q1 outturn for Richmondshire and Selby in Q1 last year was 88.7% and 90.9% respectively. Performance has therefore been maintained but without Harrogate data it is not possible to provide a RAG rating for this quarter.	N/A	N/A
RE3 % Non- domestic rate collected	34.96%		TBC	** For technical reasons this includes an additional 20 days of collection data for the old Craven area of North Yorkshire so is slightly over-stated. For comparison, NNDR collection rates in Q1 last year ranged from 29.5% to 44.8% (although 44.8% was an outlier – next highest was 38.2%). Baseline data is still being collated and will be provided in Q2.	N/A	N/A
RE4 Time to process new Council Tax Support claims (days)	21.8		N/A	Overall performance across North Yorkshire is 21.8 days. Data for all seven former district and borough councils suggests this is a little higher than the same period last year (18.8 days). Mitigating factors include the launch of a new CTS scheme in April 2023. Therefore, the RAG rating is Amber.	N/A	
RE5 Time to process new Housing Benefit claims (days)	23.12		The DWP-reported figure for all England for the same period last year was 22 days.	Overall performance across North Yorkshire is 23.1 days. Data for all seven former district and borough councils suggests this is slightly higher than the same period last year (21.9 days). RAG rated Amber because performance is only slightly worse than the all England average for Q1 last year (22 days).	N/A	
RE6 Time to process Council Tax Support changes in circumstances (days)	6.33		N/A	Overall performance across North Yorkshire is 6.3 days. Data for all seven former district and borough councils suggests this better than the same period last year (7.4 days). This is positive performance considering the launch of a new CTS scheme in April 2023. Therefore, the RAG rating is Green.	N/A	
RE7 Time to process Housing Benefit changes in circumstances (days)	6.62		The DWP-reported figure for all England for the same period last year was 8 days	Overall performance across North Yorkshire is 6.6 days. Data for all seven former district and borough councils suggests this is higher than the same period last year (4.8 days). RAG rated Amber because whilst performance is slightly down on the same period last year, it is better than the all England average for Q1 last year (8 days).	N/A	
RE10 % of telephone calls answered in 4 minutes [^]	78%		N/A	[^] This indicator relates to calls dealt with by Customer Services only. Performance improved month by month: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April - 72% • May - 79% • June - 83% RAG rated Amber due to the level of improvement being achieved over a relatively short period.	N/A	N/A

RE14 Procurement: % of total council spend with local suppliers	Q1 23/24 51%			New figures for NYC Actual 51% against a target of 50% Rag rated Green	N/A	N/A
RE15 Procurement: % of total council spend with SME suppliers	Q1 23/24 41%			New figures for NYC Actual 41% against a target of 50% Rag rated Amber Due to the migration of data from the ex-borough and districts there is a large number of suppliers that require categorising by local, SME and VCSE	N/A	N/A
RE16 Procurement: % of total council spend with the voluntary and community sector	Q1 23/24 3%			New figures for NYC Actual 3% against a target of 3% Rag rated Green as matching target	N/A	N/A
RE17 % of customers rated the procurement service they received 'fully meets expectation' or above	Q1 23/24 100%			Overall, the Procurement & Contract Management Team service is meeting the customer satisfaction ratings based on surveys with internal stakeholders. Currently, the number of survey's being completed is quite low and therefore opportunities to improve feedback will be investigated Rag rated Green as matching target	N/A	N/A
HR1 Number of days lost to staff absence (sickness absence) per FTE	Q1 3.05 days lost per FTE (NYC only – excluding schools). Q1 2.77 days lost per FTE (full workforce)		10.0 days lost annually per FTE all English authorities 11.7 days lost annually per FTE county and single tier councils LGA workforce survey equivalent full year based on Q3 22/23 report.	Excluding schools, the Q1 figure is up from Q4 22/23 (2.39), and on Q1 22/23 (2.05). The Q1 full workforce figure is up on last quarter (2.47), and on Q1 22/23 (2.10). Rag rated red because the rolling full year sickness absence is 10.31 days per FTE, an increase on the previous rolling figure of 9.31 days per FTE		
HR2 Staff turnover rate	Q1 Leavers – NYC staff only (excluding schools) 301 (2.99%).		15.1% annually for all English authorities 14.6% annually for county and single tier councils LGA workforce survey equivalent full year based on Q3 22/23 report.	This figure has significantly decreased to Q4 22/23 (306, 4.18%) and on Q1 22/23 (254, 3.55%). Involuntary leavers are 18, a decrease on Q4 at 24 (please note Q4 was NYCC only). Rag rated amber because the rolling full year turnover figure is 14.51%, a decrease from the previous rolling full year figure of 15.07%. This is also below the annual average for all English authorities.		
HR3 Spend on agency staff	Q1 - £1,686,939 (full workforce)		Average annual spend estimated for comparable regional authorities is c£11.5m.	Rag rated red because the total spend has increased this quarter, compared to Q4 22/23 (£1, 251,757). It is also up on Q1 22/23 £1,446,083) as expected as Q1 22/23 was NYCC only. Q4 was NYCC only and therefore not comparable data.		
HR4 Spend against apprenticeship levy	Q4 2022/23 Levy Spend Core Council – £118,938 Community & VC Schools - £49,545 Total - £168,483 Q1 2023/24 Levy Spend Core Council – £199,008 Community & VC Schools - £55,580 Total - £55,779		Levy in Q1 Levy In £543,773	Not RAG rated		

HR5 Transferred Levy Funds	Q4 2022/23 Transferred Levy Funds Total - £69,966 Q1 Transferred Levy Funds Total £81,119			Not Rag Rated																											
HR6 Grey fleet mileage claimed per quarter	Q1. Data unavailable		No benchmarking other than our own trend data available	This information has not been updated for Q1 as there is a technical issue with the collation of the data.																											
HR7 Corporate resources - printing	Q1. Number of sheets printed 2,313,752 and cost of printing £17,602.54		No benchmarking other than our own trend data available	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Q1 22/23</td> <td>£15,491</td> <td>2,067,284</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Q2 22/23</td> <td>£15,864</td> <td>2,108,030</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Q3 22/23</td> <td>£16,103</td> <td>2,023,505</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Q4 22/23</td> <td>£16,006</td> <td>1,968,592</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Q1 23/24</td> <td>£17,602</td> <td>2,313,752</td> </tr> </table>	Q1 22/23	£15,491	2,067,284	Q2 22/23	£15,864	2,108,030	Q3 22/23	£16,103	2,023,505	Q4 22/23	£16,006	1,968,592	Q1 23/24	£17,602	2,313,752												
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HR9 Gender pay gap (NYC)	March 2022 (reported in March 2023) Mean gender pay gap 9.8%(11.6%) Median gender pay gap 11.7% (16.3%)			<p>New RAG not rated Proportion of men and women in each quartile of the pay structure</p> <p>The high-level figures show a positive trend: the mean GPG is down from 11.6% to 9.8% and the median is down from 16.3% to 11.7%. The proportion of women in the upper quartile (which covers Grade K and above) has dropped slightly from 68.2% to 67.6%, to the level it was in the previous year. But the % of women in the lowest quartile has dropped significantly from 79% to 73.6%, representing a significant drop in the proportion of women in the lowest paid roles.</p> <p>It is difficult to compare like with like since 2019 with a combination of factors impacting on the figures which have little relevance for measuring progress in gender pay equality. There has been Covid and high numbers of furloughed employees, additional care resources to deal with Covid, labour market turmoil, high turnover in lower paid roles, facilities contracts won and lost, and bottom loaded pay awards. There has been no steady state to enable comparison between years.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Men %</th> <th>Women %</th> <th>£/hr</th> <th>Band</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Upper quartile</td> <td>32.4</td> <td>67.6</td> <td>£17.36+</td> <td>K+</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Upper mid Q</td> <td>19.2</td> <td>80.8</td> <td>£13.18 - £17.36</td> <td>H - J</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lower mid Q</td> <td>17.9</td> <td>82.1</td> <td>£10.45 - £13.18</td> <td>E - G</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lower quartile</td> <td>26.4</td> <td>73.6</td> <td>Apprentice-£10.45</td> <td>A - D</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Men %	Women %	£/hr	Band	Upper quartile	32.4	67.6	£17.36+	K+	Upper mid Q	19.2	80.8	£13.18 - £17.36	H - J	Lower mid Q	17.9	82.1	£10.45 - £13.18	E - G	Lower quartile	26.4	73.6	Apprentice-£10.45	A - D		
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HR10 Number of volunteers directly supporting the local authority	4,468 volunteers providing 38,134 hours of support		No benchmarking other than our own trend data available	This indicator is 4,468 updated Q1. Note; this is an estimated figure based on returns for past quarters and does not include all service areas. RAG rated green as volunteers continue to support the council and there has been a successful campaign for School Governors.	N/A	N/A																									
CD35 Libraries: total issues per 1000 population (including books, e-books, e-audio)	Q1 23/24 - 746.4 Q4 22/23 -776 Q3 22/23 – 744.4 Q2 22/23 – 912.1		No benchmarking available	<p>This indicator is updated as of Q1 23/24.</p> <p>It includes both physical books (379,573) and E-Books/E-Audio books (82,350).</p> <p>This figure for this quarter (746.4) is slightly lower than the same quarter for the previous year (766.7). However this remains within the previous trends so is RAG rated green.</p>																											

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CD36 Libraries: active users per 1000 population	Q1 23/24 - 59.6 Q4 22/23 – 118 Q3 22/23 – 101.9 Q2 22/23 – 86.2 Q1 22/23 – 56.4		No benchmarking available	This indicator is updated as of Q1 23/24. There were 36,882 active users in Q1 The figure for this quarter (59.6) is better than the same quarter for the previous years (56.4 active users per 1,000), so this is RAG rated green.	N/A	
CD37 Libraries: physical visits to libraries per 1000 population	Q1 23/24 - 707.7 Q4 22/23 - 657.5 Q3 22/23 – 657.3 Q2 22/23 – 723.9 Q1 22/23 – 575.4		No benchmarking available	This indicator is updated as of Q1 23/24. There were 437,987 physical visits in Q1 The figure for this quarter (707.7 physical visits per 1000 people) is significantly higher than this quarter the previous year, which is a 20% increase. It is also showing an improvement on the previous quarter which is a more modest 7.4%. This PI is RAG rated green because of the improvement.		
CD38 Libraries: virtual visits to Libraries per 1000 population	Q1 23/24 - 752.4 Q4 22/23 - 565.3 Q3 22/23 – 600.9 Q2 22/23 - 640 Q1 22/23 – 529.5		No benchmarking available	This indicator is updated as of Q1 23/24. There were 465,599 physical visits in Q1, this includes both pages viewed and the number of library app launches. The figure for this quarter (752.4 virtual visits per 1000 people) is significantly higher than the same quarter for the previous year (529.5). This represents a 34.8% increase, which is a strong improvement. It also represents the first time that virtual visits to libraries has outpaced physical visits. This PI is RAG rated green.		
CD39 Libraries: assisted IT sessions	Q1 23/24 – 3211 Q4 22/23 - 4543 Q3 22/23 - 3482 Q2 22/23 - 4338 Q1 22/23 - 2262		No benchmarking available	This indicator is updated as of Q1 23/24. This is across 26,334 number of IT sessions and is made up of 23,022 hours across Libraries IT facilities. This quarter's figure (3,211 assisted IT sessions) is lower than the previous quarter (4,543), however it is performing significantly better than the number of assisted IT sessions for the same period last year (2,262). As this represents an increase of 34.7%, this PI is RAG rated green.		
EN17 Council operationally net zero by 2030				This indicator will be updated in Q2.		
EN18 Level of CO2e from scope 1,2,3 Scope 1 – direct emissions through activities owned or controlled by the council, for example boilers in council buildings and council owned vehicles Scope 2 – indirect energy emissions through the consumption of purchased electricity Scope 3 – all other indirect emissions that occur in the value chain, for example business travel using staff's own cars, waste or procurement				This indicator will be updated in Q2.		

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2.0 REVENUE BUDGET 2023/24

2.1 BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY

- 2.1.1 This is the first quarterly financial report for the new Council. Significant work has been undertaken in order to reach a consolidated budget in merging eight into one but, as a result, it is inevitable that this year will see more variations than would normally be expected. A new set of restructured services with new management / budget managers will identify different opportunities and priorities and the quarterly reporting regime will be essential to ensure good monitoring.
- 2.1.2 This section of the report presents details of the Council's forecast revenue outturn for the 2023/24 financial year. The 2023/24 net budget is £559,629k. However, it should be noted that the 2023/24 Budget is an in-year deficit budget of £30,350k. This was due to the essential work to bring the eight councils together and the use of Reserves to bridge the financial gap was to be seen as "a valuable investment that delivers lasting, sensible and deliverable savings proposals. These proposals can be brought forward at any time but the Budget report for 2024/25 will be a key acid-test of this approach" (section 25 statement – 22 February 2023). The 2023/24 position therefore needs to be seen in the light of this recurring deficit.
- 2.1.3 As a reminder, the current cumulative deficit stands at £30,350k but this increases to £45,331k by the end of 2025/26 based on the MTFS report that was approved by members in February 2023.

	23/24	24/25	25/26
In-year shortfall	12,446	-1,245	16,226
Cumulative Shortfall	30,350	29,105	45,331
Cumulative use of reserves	30,350	59,455	104,786

- 2.1.4 At the end of Q1, the council is reporting a projected underspend of £5,199k (0.9%) against operational budgets. (Please note that this equates to a £25.2M structural in-year deficit given the issues raised in para 2.1.2 above). Further detail is provided in **section 2.2**.

2.2 OPERATIONAL BUDGETS

- 2.2.1 The most significant factor for the changes in quarter 1 is lower energy costs compared with the assumptions included within the budget when it was approved in February 2023 (achieved through international price changes and a positive outcome on contract switching). Other major areas of variance include overspends within two of the largest directorates, Health and Adult Services and Children and Young Peoples Services as well as a predicted significant shortfall on income within Planning. These in turn are largely offset by underspends elsewhere including staff vacancy savings.
- 2.2.2 The following table identifies the operational budgets for each of the Directorates in 2023/24 to give an overall view for the new North Yorkshire Council.

Directorate	Budget (£k)	Draft Outturn (£k)	Variance (£k)
Health and Adult Services (HAS) Gross	222,181	230,953	8,771
Other Grant Funding	-	(8,239)	(8,239)
HAS Net	222,181	222,714	+532
Children and Young People Services (CYPS) Gross	104,352	105,081	+729
LA Provision for High Needs*	2,500	2,500	0
CYPS Net	106,852	107,851	+729
Community Development Directorate	29,132	30,116	+984
Environment Directorate	109,750	104,300	-5,450
Resources, Central Services and Corporate Miscellaneous	91,714	89,719	-1,995
Total	559,629	554,430	(5,199)

*Provision established to ensure an equal and opposite mirror reserve to the High Needs Deficit as under temporary funding regulations LA budget cannot be used to fund Dedicated Schools Grant Deficits.

2.2.3 A summary of the overall **Health and Adult Services (HAS)** position across public health and adult social care (ASC) is outlined in **Appendix B** and shows a forecast overspend against budget of £0.5m for the 2023/24 financial year.

2.2.4 The outturn position demonstrates that pressures in ASC are continuing to have an impact on the directorate. This can be seen within **Care and Support** in particular, which is showing an increased forecast spend of £20.7m since the 2022/23 outturn position. This was largely covered by inflation and additional growth in the budget set by the Council in February. The pressures are a result of the following:

Market Pressures

- Increasing average costs - average costs will increase due to the implementation of the new Approved Provider Lists which will continue as more packages of care move on to these new higher rates. As mentioned above, this was provided for in the budget. In particular, the average cost for 18 - 64 year olds has increased by £314 per week since last year. This alone could equate to an additional gross cost of £6.8m per year.
- Individual placements which, as a result of the care required and/or supply issues in the market can be **very high cost**, particularly around younger adults with multiple disabilities and older people with complex dementia. The current 20 most expensive placements show an average gross annual cost of £290k per year each – or £5.8m in total. As part of the Directorate's Transformation plans, work

is being undertaken to reduce costs while continuing to provide appropriate care for people. This includes regular monitoring to ensure that there are appropriate reviews, that temporary increases do not become permanent, and also that the NHS pays for its share of the costs where this is appropriate.

- Inflationary pressures arising from cost of living and issues in the provider market resulting in an increased number of sustainability requests from care providers, seeking additional support to continue to operate. Since April 2023 we have received 5 sustainability requests from care providers, pre-pandemic we would expect to see four or five per year. These requests, if agreed, amount to additional annual costs of £221k in rate increases and £90k in one off hardship payments. We expect this trend to continue and perhaps accelerate.

Hospital Discharge

- **Increased Discharge Costs** – We continue to see very high levels of hospital discharge activity, with an average of 14.5 per day in Q1. At times however this figure exceeded 20 per day over a 7-day period and compares with an average of 10 per day pre-pandemic. The directorate has received £2.4m in additional discharge funding for 2023/24. Additional funding has also been given to the Integrated Care Board (ICB) and we have been working with them to develop up to 30 schemes to a value of over £6m. The Fund can be used flexibly on the interventions that best enable the discharge of patients from hospital to the most appropriate location for their ongoing care. Funding should prioritise those approaches that are most effective in freeing up the maximum number of hospital beds and reducing bed days lost within the funding available, including from mental health inpatient settings.

We have increased capacity in the Discharge Hubs – with an additional 10 social care assessors and have retained additional brokers, enhanced brokers and discharge flow posts. This will enable better flow through our Intermediate Care beds, as well as a focus on pathway 1 discharges home. We continue to fund additional Home from Hospital capacity across North Yorkshire Place and Craven and have allocated funds to support the market specifically around winter pressures. Market development work has started with providers.

We anticipate a further £3.685m in 2023/24 paid in September 2023 in one grant instalment as part of the NHS Winter Plan. Work is ongoing with ICB colleagues on how this money will be spent according to the grant conditions. This is not yet reflected in forecasts.

Other Pressures and variances

- There are also pressures within **Care Provider Services** which is forecasting an overspend of £0.9m. This is mainly as a result of staffing pressures within the service, of which approximately £150k is due to **additional Health and Safety measures** put in place in Council's care homes, other staffing demands relating to CQC regulations around acuity of admissions and residents, and also some delays in the achievement of planned savings. The service has received discharge funding to partially offset pressures.

- **Assistant Director/ Cross area budgets**- is showing an overspend of £0.4m mainly due to additional agency costs on Best Interest assessments to support the directorate duties around the Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards.
- **Prevention and Service Development** is showing a forecast underspend of £0.7m, mainly due to contract efficiencies, contingencies, and other additional funding into the service.
- Schemes funded through the **Winter/ASC Plan** are currently showing an underspend of £0.7m. This is as a result of delays in the delivery of projects and delays in recruitment.

2.2.5 Public Health

Funded entirely from grant, Public Health is currently forecasting additional planned use of the earmarked reserve of £764k. This is to cover agreed investments and projects while the service reduces cost to match grant.

2.2.6 A summary of the revenue outturn for **Children and Young Peoples Services (CYPS)** is available within **Appendix C** and shows a projected net overspend position of £729k for 2023/24. The main variances of the forecast compared to budget are:

- **Children and Families**
 - **Operational Delivery** – the service has a predicted overspend of £937k. The cost of transporting looked after children is predicted to be higher than anticipated at £370k. Staffing vacancies have continued in parts of the service but are considerably reduced this year and the savings here have been offset by staffing pressures around the in-house residential care at Dovedale and Stephney Road.
 - **Child Placement** – the predicted overall outturn for the area is below budget (£297k), an increase in demand for placements has been offset by increased income from central government associated with support for Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children.
- **Inclusion** – the financial pressure within the service is predicted to be £643k, taking the service to a 17% projected overspend for the year. The projected overspend for inclusion includes an additional £800k growth that was added to the 2023/24 Budget, without which the overspend would have been £1,443k. The main driver continues to be the demand for occupational therapy equipment which is projected to be £300k over budget. The other principal reason relates to the cost of directed remediation payments to parents of children following complaints around assessments (£130k). There is also continued pressure around the availability of Educational Psychologists to support with the increased demand of assessments for Education Health and Care Plans (EHCPs).
- Whilst **Disabled Children's Services** and **Pooled Budgets** are both forecasting underspends (£49k and £297k respectively), it is worth noting that both of these services received temporary funding as part of the 2023/24 budget setting process (£3,500k) and whilst this is containing the pressures for 2023/24 this will result in an increased savings requirement if savings in these areas are not delivered over the next two years.

2.2.7 High Needs Block Funding (HN)

- As previously reported, the unprecedented demand within the High Needs Block has continued throughout the system with pressures in SEN Assessments, Educational Psychology and SEN Transport.
- Within the High Needs block of the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG), insufficient funding from DfE continues to place pressure on the LA and schools to be able to meet demand. The overspend on the High Needs Block for the year is estimated to be just over £3m for the financial year 2023/24. If confirmed, this will increase the accumulated deficit to £13m. The medium-term outlook continues to show demand increases and inflationary pressures outstripping likely funding increases which will potentially significantly increase the accumulated deficit position.
- Although the local authority is prohibited from using LA funds to meet the cost of the deficit, an equal and opposite reserve has been established as a prudent and responsible financial management approach. This is, however, not a sustainable position particularly in light of other council financial pressures.

2.2.8 **Appendix D** includes details of the projected variance within the **Environment Directorate** and includes a net forecast underspend of £5,450k for 2023/24. Areas of significant variance are;

Concessionary Fares – Passenger numbers continue to remain lower than budgeted resulting in lower costs for concessionary tickets driving an expected underspend of (£873k).

Waste Management – The forecast underspend of (£1,212k) is due to the additional tonnages of commercial waste disposed under the current waste contract at Allerton Waste Recovery Plant resulting in expected increased income of (£825k), fuel prices have reduced against budget (£145k), staffing vacancies resulting in a saving of (£124k) and increases of contract prices for disposal of waste were lower than expected providing a forecast underspend of (£96k).

Parking Services – A forecast underspend of (£149k) is due to additional expected income. This position will be better understood at Q2 and beyond as the impact of seasonal parking becomes clearer.

The overall **Highways & Transportation services** underspend is (£3,176k). Areas of significant variation are;

- **Street Lighting** – Energy prices were expected to increase significantly during 2023/24 and the budget was increased accordingly, however, new contractual prices were agreed at much lower rates, resulting in an expected underspend of £3,927k for the year.
- **Highways Maintenance** – Deterioration of the network has resulted in additional maintenance works and an expected overspend of £1,030k. However, the service continues to explore alternative methods to carry out maintenance works, including the spray injection patching programme, which is expected to reduce the number of repeated defects on the network and provides a more cost-effective method for an increased number of repairs to be carried out using a quicker process than traditional methods.

It is expected that additional grass cutting across the county based on severity of growth could result in a pressure of up to £130k.

- **Winter Maintenance** – Additional contractual costs associated with the disposal of winter gritters is forecast to cost £363k.
- **Highways Fees and Charges** - £260k underspend because of additional income from Streetworks licensing/permitting and fixed penalty notices.
- **Staffing** – Temporary vacancies forecast to be £354k across highways teams contribute to offset other areas of overspend within the highways service.
- **Registrars** – (£182k) underspend due to additional income from increased demand for ceremonies and registration certificates.
- **Coroners** – Increasing coroners' salaries which are set by the chief coroner are not covered by the current budget. This, along with additional costs for post mortems and forensic testing, are resulting in a forecast overspend of £314k.

Further areas with expected in year vacancies contributing to the directorate underspend are **Harbour Services** (£50k), **Regulation Services** (£130k) and **Licensing Services** (£60k).

2.2.9 A summary of the revenue outturn for the **Community Development Directorate** is available within **Appendix E** and shows a projected net overspend position of £984k for the 2023/24 financial year. The main variances of the forecast compared to budget are:

- **Planning** - a reduction in application number across the County has resulted in an income forecast shortfall of £1,314k for the year, with the reduction in application volumes expected to continue throughout the year. The service continues to have recruitment issues which require agency cover. The latter has been accommodated in the budget, but vacancies continue in the service, the forecasts suggest at this stage a saving of circa £420k against budget which helps to partly offset the income shortfall. Work is underway to understand staffing levels in comparison to application volumes and both income and staffing will be monitored closely over the next quarter.
- **Housing (Non HRA)** – the financial pressure within the service is predicted to be £628k, the main driver of which is the costs of accommodation requirements for homelessness where both volume and type of requests is driving the £424k overspend position. A project is underway to look at ways to reduce the costs of this in the future.
- At Q1, **Leisure** is forecasting to deploy the £1m contingency following difficult trading conditions within the Selby area, although it should be noted this was included within the 2023/24 budget. In addition, Leisure is reporting a small shortfall on income following the pool closure at Northallerton (£56k). Patronage levels and impact on income levels should be more apparent at Q2.
- **Other** - there are staff savings across most services in Community Development. There are also higher lettings income than anticipated on the Harrogate Convention Centre (£281k). These are helping to offset a number of areas where income is forecast to fall short of budget including an in year loss of £160k rents on Cinema Block Phase 3 in Northallerton.

2.2.10 **Resources, Central Services and Corporate Miscellaneous** variance details are included within **Appendix F** and shows a forecast net underspend position of £1,995k for 2023/24. Areas of significant variation include:

Property - £1,810k underspend on utilities due to a reduction in price against the estimated costs, £440k underspend on staffing due to vacancies. £116k shortfall in income targets due to not achieving inflation increases, £134k overspend as a result of depleted income at Travellers sites not covering costs to manage the premises, £190k overspend due to temporary additional security costs at three sites.

Customer – A £214k overspend is forecast in Emergency Duty team staffing. An in-depth review is currently underway focussing on all out of hour services across the council, including the Emergency Duty team.

Business Support and HR - £1,478k forecast overspend on staffing, net of additional income, this is partially due to an increased vacancy factor and therefore expected to reduce as the year progresses. £171k underspend on the central venue hire budget and £147k on transport and stationery costs due to reduced demand.

Legal and Democratic Services – the service is reporting a total underspend of £284k which is largely driven by current estimated salary underspends.

- 2.2.11 The outturn statement for the County Council's **NYES** traded service is also attached at **Appendix G** for information. These services are mainly provided to schools in the County and the figures reported do not have any further impact on those in the above table because, where relevant, the charges are already incorporated in Directorate forecast budget outturn positions. NYES are projecting a small surplus (£1k).

2.3 Housing Revenue Account (HRA)

- 2.3.1 The table below sets out the HRA forecast outturn position for year ending 31 March 2024.

Authority	Budget £k	Forecast Outturn 2023/24 £k	Variance £k
Harrogate	2,046	2,455	408
Richmondshire	128	119	-9
Selby*	0	-112	-112
Total across all councils	2,174	2,462	288

The overall position on the HRA is a forecast overspend against budget of £288k. This is essentially due to an increase in the contribution from HRA revenue to the housing capital programme funding in the year, to fund spending that slipped from 2022/23. However, there was an underspend of £3.8m on this budget in 2022/23 and so there is still a significant underspend across 2022/23 and 2023/24 when taken together.

The forecast increase in expenditure will be met from the HRA working balance, which sat at approximately £22m as at 1 April 2023. This area will be the subject of significant review as part of a wider review of Housing including internal provision through the HRA.

2.4 BUDGET/ MTFS SAVINGS TARGETS

- 2.4.1 The 2023/24 revenue budgets include budget savings of £14.7m. As at the end of Q1, some savings are at risk of not being delivered this year including savings that were due to be delivered under legacy authorities, however it should be noted that

the impact of these delays are already incorporated into the forecast outturn position in paragraph 2.2.1.

At Risk/ Cash-funded of Projects		£000's
Current Year	Environment – Waste	350
Prior Year	CYPS – Pension Enhancements	50
Prior Year	HAS – Reablement	250
Prior Year	HAS – Extra Care	540
	TOTAL	1,190

2.5 GENERAL WORKING BALANCE

2.5.1 An update on reserve balances was due to be provided as part of the Q1 Monitoring report, this has been rescheduled to Q2.

2.6 INVESTMENT APPROVALS

2.6.1 To remind Members a fund of £38m was created in order to provide for the costs of implementing Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) and the subsequent Transformation Programme. To date £16,955k has been committed and the detail was set out in the Q4 report for 2022/23 with no further allocations having been made since. A new funding request and an approach for authorisation of future funding requests are now submitted for approval in the remainder of this section.

2.6.2 The preparation of a new Local Plan for the whole of North Yorkshire is now required and involves pulling together multiple workstreams across Council services. Discussions are underway with several services including Highways to fully understand the technical evidence required to support a new plan and the resource implications involved. Benchmarking is also underway to understand any cost efficiencies of pulling together evidence for seven former District Authorities. A full report on budgets will be pulled together which addresses the resource and staffing implications for developing a Local Plan over the next five years. However, to make progress on the local plan it is crucial that a budget is set aside for Year 1 (2023/24) so that several key technical evidence can be commissioned, this will include:

- consultation software
- engagement software
- initial transport scoping work
- Habitats Regulations and Sustainability Appraisal scoping
- Strategic Flood Risk Assessment
- Renewable Energy Capacity Study
- Housing and Economic Development Needs Assessment
- Site of Importance for Nature Conservation reviews

- Neighbourhood Plan support

2.6.3 A preliminary budget of £400k is therefore requested from the LGR Reserve to progress work on the North Yorkshire Local Plan in the first year (2023/24). There will be further reports to the Executive on this area but to progress the initial work it is recommended that £400k is delegated to the Corporate Director Community Development in consultation with the Executive Member for Open to Business.

2.6.4 The Council is now in a phase of converging services while beginning transformation of certain areas, all of which are essential for effective service delivery and / or to bring forward savings proposals to meet the challenges of the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS). The pace of this work is now such that there is a need for a more flexible and responsive approvals process for requests for funding from the LGR Reserve whilst still ensuring accountability and transparency. It is therefore proposed that authority is delegated to the Corporate Director, Resources in consultation with the Chief Executive, Leader and Deputy Leader / Executive Member for Finance to implement a scheme for requests for funding from the LGR Reserve that total less than £1m with any proposals in excess of that requiring prior approval of the Executive. Having determined an appropriate scheme this will be reported back to the Executive in the Q2 report alongside any allocations that have been made in the period. It is envisaged that the scheme would feature recognition of: -

- Deminimus requests
- Urgent issues that were not foreseeable
- Some practical operational “must-haves”
- Not less than weekly updates to the Executive Member for Finance on any approvals with the intention that as many as possible are consulted in advance
- Any areas perceived as sensitive or contentious are brought formally to the Executive.

2.7 GRANT APPROVALS

2.7.1 The current finance procedure rules require grants over £1m to be approved by the Executive. As currently written, this includes all grants including mainstream recurring government grants, grants linked to government compensation for business rates reliefs, passported school grants etc.

2.7.2 It is recommended that, to comply with the current rules, the comprehensive list of grants over £1m, as listed in **Appendix I**, are approved. It is then proposed that the finance rules are reviewed to clarify the process and ensure the appropriate focus can be given to those grants with an element of ‘choice’ (e.g. grants subject to a bidding process) and/or which entail a greater degree of risk of unfunded commitments. Any such recommended changes to the rules would require approval by full council having been assessed by the Constitution Members Working Group.

2.8 RECOMMENDATION

That the Executive

- (i) notes the forecast outturn position against the 2023/24 Revenue Budget, as summarised in **paragraph 2.2.2**.
- (ii) notes the forecast outturn position for the Housing Revenue Account as set out in **paragraph 2.3.1**.
- (iii) approves a preliminary allocation of £400k from the LGR Reserve to progress work on the North Yorkshire Local Plan in the first year (2023/24) and that the funding is delegated to the Corporate Director Community Development in consultation with the Executive Member for Open to Business as set out in **paragraphs 2.6.2 to 2.6.3**.
- (iv) authorises the Corporate Director, Resources in consultation with the Chief Executive, Leader and Deputy Leader / Executive Member for Finance to implement a scheme for requests for funding from the LGR Reserve that total less than £1m with any proposals in excess of that requiring prior approval of the Executive as set out in **paragraph 2.6.4**.
- (v) approves the acceptance of the grants as set out in **Appendix I** as described in **paragraphs 2.7.1 to 2.7.2**

REVENUE BUDGET APPENDICES

A	2023/24 Latest NYC Revenue Budgets
B	Health and Adult Services
C	Children and Young Peoples' Service
D	Environment Directorate
E	Community Development Directorate
F	Resources, Central Services and Corporate Miscellaneous
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	Original Budgets agreed by Cty Cncl on 22nd Feb 23 £000s	Other agreed transfers and adjustments £000s	Latest Revised Budgets £000s
Children & Young Peoples' Services	107,381	(529)	106,852
Environmental Services	100,671	9,079	109,750
Health & Adult Services	230,921	(8,740)	222,181
Resources, Central Services & Corporate M	150,005	(58,291)	91,714
Community Development	46,476	(17,344)	29,132
NYES	-	-	-
Total Directorate Spending	635,454	(75,826)	559,629
Contribution From (-) General Working Bala	(12,446)	-	(12,446)
Net Revenue Budget	623,008	(75,826)	547,183
NNDR	119,453		119,453
Council Tax Revenue	427,730		427,730
=Net Budget Requirement	547,183	-	547,183

HEALTH AND ADULT SERVICES
Appendix B

2023-24 REVENUE BUDGET OUTTURN REPORT

BUDGET HEAD	REVISED BUDGET 2023-24 £000	FORECAST OUTTURN 2023-24 £000	VARIANCE (-) = saving £000	COMMENTS
Care & Support - Area Budgets				
Care & Support - Hambleton & Richmond	26,849	28,333	1,484	The forecast outturn position for Care and Support shows continued pressures impacting the service, particularly in the Harrogate area, as a result of increases in average costs and high cost packages of care, increasing hospital discharge costs, inflationary pressures and increasing provider sustainability issues. The overspend has mainly been financed by growth funding and other additional funding (see below), including from the NHS.
Care & Support - Harrogate	51,643	59,758	8,115	
Care & Support - Craven	17,166	18,842	1,676	
Care & Support - Vale of York	42,785	46,974	4,189	
Care & Support - Scarborough & Whitby	46,148	49,187	3,040	
CHC Income and Other Budgets	-	(2,137)	(2,137)	
Growth Funding	6,969	-	(6,969)	
Area Budgets	191,560	200,958	9,398	
Provider Services & EC/PCAH	20,000	20,863	863	Cost pressures within the service on staffing (including agency costs), some of which is due to additional staffing requirements to increase Health and Safety measures within care home, demands arising from CQC regulations around acuity of admissions/residents, and delays in the achievement of savings, partially offset by underspends in energy costs, discharge funding and contingencies within the service
Mental Health Services	9,301	8,838	(463)	Underspends within the Mental Health Service, largely as a result of staffing underspends and reduced care costs, partially offset by staffing overspends within the TCP team.
Assistant Director/Cross-area budgets	(12,937)	(12,493)	444	Overspend as a result of additional agency costs for assessments
Prevention & Service Development	10,921	10,204	(717)	Underspends due to contract efficiencies, contingencies and additional funding into the service
Quality	1,120	1,087	(33)	Small staffing underspend
Winter Plan	1,219	552	(667)	Underspend due to delays in spending on specific projects within the winter plan
Area Budgets Total	221,184	230,007	8,824	
Public Health - Spend	24,503	25,267	764	Overspend as a result of planned use of reserves to fund specific schemes
- Income	(24,503)	(25,267)	(764)	
Integration & Engagement	989	894	(96)	Underspend primarily due to staffing vacancies and reductions in activity levels
Resources Unit	(208)	(192)	16	
Director & Cross-Directorate	216	243	28	
TOTAL	222,181	230,953	8,771	
Discharge Funding	-	(2,298)	(2,298)	Discharge funding received by the Council, to be allocated to fund existing discharge costs within the service
Supplementary Adult Social Care Grant Funding (IBCF)	-	(941)	(941)	Use of temporary IBCF grant to fund increasing adult social care pressures
Market Sustainability Funding	-	(5,000)	(5,000)	Market sustainability funding to be allocated to fund increasing fees to external care providers
REVISED TOTAL	222,181	222,714	532	

CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES
Appendix C

2023-24 REVENUE BUDGET OUTTURN REPORT

BUDGET HEAD	REVISED BUDGET 2023-24 £000	FORECAST OUTTURN 2023-24 £000	VARIANCE (-) = saving £000	COMMENTS
Local Authority				
Inclusion				
Inclusion	3,733	4,376	643	Spending on Occupational Therapy equipment remains higher than anticipated, generating a financial pressure of c.£300k. Recruitment for Educational Psychologists remains challenging, resulting in an ongoing requirement to use an agency workers, resulting in a financial pressure of £120k. Complaint resolution has also resulted in higher than expected costs.
Alternative Provision	92	92	0	
CYPS Commissioning	1,024	905	(120)	Non-recurring savings resulting from contracted arrangements.
SEND - Special Education Needs & Disabilities				
High Needs Commissioning	2,496	2,496	-	LA provision to mirror anticipated in-year high needs deficits.
Disabled Children's Services	6,947	6,898	(49)	A £1m temporary additional budget allocation for 2023-24 has resulted in a small underspend. However, the underlying financial pressure remains including: - a reduction in financial contributions from Health partners for Continuing Care (£334k). - continued staffing pressure in Children's Resource Centres (£380k) - increases in direct payments partially due to additional demand and partially due to reduced short break availability (£650k), offset in part by lower short breaks costs due to unavailability.
Home to School Transport	41,345	41,424	79	The provisional assessment of costs for Home to School Transport indicate a projected overspend of £426k, offset in part by additional income from Extended Rights to Free Travel grant of £347k. The daily rate is running around 2% higher than the budgeted value.
Children & Families	32,378	33,315	937	£650k pressure on in-house residential staffing costs within children's homes and £370k higher than expected transport costs.
Child Placement	11,236	11,002	(234)	
CYPS Pooled Budgets	4,268	3,970	(297)	
Director's Unit	71	60	(12)	
Education & Skills				
Education & Skills Other	107	110	3	
School Improvement	801	787	(14)	Following changes to the staffing structure during 2023-24, there is an increased focus on delivering core work. Additional £41k de-delegated income received from Special Schools.
Strategic Planning Team	13	14	1	
Music Service	-	23	23	
Outdoor Learning Service	-	(306)	(306)	Outdoor Learning centres are forecasting a combined surplus of c.£200k driven by anticipated additional income. In addition, income arising from the Educational Visits service is projected to be a c.£105k surplus.
Finance & Management Support				
Finance & Management Support	923	957	35	
Early Years Review	18	18	-	
School Redundancies & Employment Related Costs	926	967	41	Higher than anticipated costs for historic pension enhancements driven by inflation increases (£165k). Redundancy costs are expected to be lower than anticipated.
Safeguarding Unit	473	474	1	
LA TOTAL	106,852	107,581	729	
DSG				
Inclusion				
Inclusion	5,088	5,008	(80)	Projected underspend on staffing within Inclusion hubs.
Alternative Provision	1,729	1,824	95	Locality Board expenditure is higher in 2023-24 reflecting the implementation of plans over an academic year.
CYPS Commissioning	70	70	-	
SEND - Special Education Needs & Disabilities				
High Needs Commissioning	60,198	64,137	3,939	A higher number of children and young people assessed as requiring an Education, Health and Care Plan has led to higher anticipated costs of provision.
Children & Families	967	967	-	
CYPS Pooled Budgets	3,835	2,948	(887)	Low availability of places for complex needs have led to lower number of placements with shared education and care.
Director's Unit	207	173	(33)	
Education & Skills				
Education & Skills Other	12	12	-	
School Improvement	1,248	1,248	(0)	
Strategic Planning Team	717	797	80	
Music Service	65	65	-	
Outdoor Learning Service	44	44	-	
Finance & Management Support				
Finance & Management Support	(74,294)	(74,302)	(8)	
School Redundancies & Employment Related Costs	115	115	(0)	
DSG TOTAL	-	3,106	3,106	
DSG Net overspend funded by DSG reserve		(3,106)	(3,106)	
TOTAL	106,852	107,581	729	

ENVIRONMENT
Appendix D

2023-24 REVENUE BUDGET OUTTURN REPORT

BUDGET HEAD	START BUDGET 2023-24 £000	FORECAST OUTTURN 2023-24 £000	VARIANCE (-) = saving £000	COMMENTS
Highways and Transportation	42,501	39,325	(3,176)	The underspend position is due to a combination of factors; Energy pricing for street lighting less than budgeted (£3,927k), in-year staffing vacancies across Highways and Transportation teams (£354k), additional income from street works licensing/permits and Fixed Penalty Notices (£260k). This is partially offset by expected overspends of £1,030k for additional routine maintenance works required as result of road network deterioration, £130k for expected additional grass cutting and £363k contractual costs associated with the disposal of winter gritters.
Parking Services & Street Scene	(4,085)	(4,234)	(149)	The underspend is due to expected additional income from parking services
Environmental Services excl. waste	2,320	2,269	(51)	
Waste Services	51,314	50,102	(1,212)	The underspend is due to the following areas; Additional income due to increased tonnages of commercial waste (£825k), staff vacancies of (£124k), contractual price variances for disposal of waste saving (£96k). Added to this, expected savings on fuel against expected budget prices (£145k).
Integrated Passenger Transport	13,052	12,205	(847)	£873k of the underspend is due to reduced concessionary ticket costs and passenger numbers remaining low following the pandemic.
Licensing Services	(516)	(586)	(70)	
Public Rights of Way	907	935	27	
Harbour Services	(345)	(395)	(50)	
Regulation Services	6,485	6,329	(156)	Underspend due to in year staffing vacancies across regulation services
Bereavement Services	(2,840)	(2,738)	102	Overspend due to reduction in Cremation Income
Registration Services	(438)	(620)	(182)	Underspend due to additional income partially offset by additional ceremonies costs.
Coroners Service	839	1,153	314	Overspend due to increased Coroners salaries (£211k), increased spend on Post mortems and forensic testing (£76k) and £27k pressure in the cost of inquests and use of mortuaries.
Environment Service Management	555	555	-	
TOTAL	109,750	104,300	(5,450)	

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Appendix E

2023-24 REVENUE BUDGET OUTTURN REPORT

BUDGET HEAD	START BUDGET 2023-24 £000	FORECAST OUTTURN 2023-24 £000	VARIANCE (-) = saving £000	COMMENTS
Culture, Arts, Libraries, Museums, Archives, Key Venues and Leisure	12,493	12,376	(117)	Improved income performance of £392k from Scarborough area attractions such as Peasholme Park attractions and the Scarborough Spa Bar. £56k income loss from the closure of Northallerton Pool for repairs. Also loss of income and cost of repairs to the Whitby lift (£68k). Higher costs to Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) for the Whitby, Scarborough and Filey beaches. Staff costs overall £110k higher. £25k loss of income at Falsgrave Community Centre.
Economic Development, Regeneration, Tourism and Skills	5,821	5,595	(227)	Staff savings in the services and increased income on Harrogate Spa Water partly offset by losses of income on Cinema Block Phase 3, Northallerton of £160k and marketing related sales £50k.
Housing (excluding HRA)	6,572	7,101	529	Homelessness services are expected to overspend by £424k, largely driven by accommodation costs which are expected to exceed budget by £382k. Lifeline fee income is expected to fall short of budget by £55k.
Planning	4,890	5,785	895	Planning income forecasts indicate a shortfall of £1,314k due to reducing application volumes. This is partly offset by savings on staff vacancies.
Harrogate Convention Centre	(1,036)	(1,317)	(281)	Improved rental income performance.
Economic Partnership Unit	205	204	(0)	
Community Development Management	187	372	186	Salaries to be offset across the whole service.
TOTAL	29,132	30,116	984	

RESOURCES DIRECTORATE, CENTRAL SERVICES AND CORPORATE MISCELLANEOUS

Appendix F

2023-24 REVENUE BUDGET OUTTURN REPORT

BUDGET HEAD	REVISED BUDGET 2023-24 £000	FORECAST OUTTURN 2023-24 £000	VARIANCE (-) = saving £000	COMMENTS
Resources				
Technology	24,005	23,822	(183)	One-off underspend relating to Office 365 as a result of procurement efficiencies (£173k) as well as additional external income expected (£152k). Offset by a number of smaller variances.
Transformation	3,784	3,793	9	
Property	29,848	28,054	(1,794)	Predominantly linked to underspend on utilities due to reduction in price estimates (£1,810k), as well as £440k underspend on staffing due to vacancies. Offset by shortfall in income targets due to not achieving inflation increases (£116k), an overspend as a result of income not covering costs at Travellers sites (£134k), and £190k due to temporary additional security costs at 3 sites.
Procurement	2,255	2,205	(50)	
Commercial	548	554	6	
Financial Services	14,478	14,433	(45)	
Customer	5,329	5,557	227	Staffing overspend forecast in the Emergency Duty team (£214k)
Revenue and Benefits	4,493	4,504	11	
Central Services				
Business Support and HR	23,891	25,051	1,160	£1,478k overspend on staffing, net of additional income- partially due to increased vacancy factor and therefore expected to reduce as the year progresses. Underspend on central venue hire budget (£171k) and transport and stationery costs (£147k).
Local Engagement	10,970	11,076	105	Staffing pressures within Strategy and Performance area (£92k).
Legal and Democratic Services	10,925	10,641	(284)	Largely linked to staffing vacancies
Corporate Miscellaneous				
Contingency Budgets	18,243	17,179	(1,064)	A number of contingencies included within the 2023/24 budget report are forecasted to be required as at Q1.
Treasury Management				
Capital Financing Costs	23,743	23,553	(191)	
Dividends & Interest Earned	(25,790)	(25,791)	(0)	
Commercial Investments	(727)	(727)	-	
	(2,774)	(2,965)	(191)	
Corporate Budgets				
Corporate Funds	400	387	(13)	
Other Corporate Budgets	13,925	13,808	(117)	
	14,325	14,195	(130)	
Corporate Funding	(69,427)	(69,201)	225	
Waste Budget Strategy Provision	821	821	-	
Total	91,714	89,719	(1,995)	

**NORTH YORKSHIRE EDUCATION SERVICES
APPENDIX G**

2023-24 REVENUE BUDGET OUTTURN REPORT

BUDGET HEAD	BUDGET Profit(-) / Loss(+) 2023-24 £000	FORECAST Profit (-) / Loss (+) 2023-24 £000	VARIANCE Increase(-) / Decrease (+) £000	COMMENTS
TRADED SERVICES PROFIT & LOSS SUMMARY				
Cleaning Service	(530)	(526)	4	The underachievement is due to an overspend on the Peripatetic staff.
County Caterers Service	(300)	(259)	41	
Grounds Maintenance Service	-	(23)	(23)	
Health and Safety Service (Hands)	(59)	(59)	0	
Health and Safety Commercial	(78)	(78)	0	
Energy Traded Service	(26)	(26)	(0)	
Maintenance and Servicing Scheme	(120)	(130)	(10)	
Property & Facilities	(1,113)	(1,101)	12	
School Improvement Service	(8)	(8)	0	
LA Clerking Service	-	0	0	
Education & Skills	(8)	(8)	0	
Employment Support Service - Traded	(65)	(59)	6	An increase in staffing costs has meant the current forecast is slightly below target. Work is ongoing to secure new contracts and bring the profit forecast back in line.
Financial Management Services	(134)	(172)	(38)	
Health and Wellbeing Service	(175)	(170)	5	Linked to temporary staffing savings.
HR Advisory Service	(69)	(56)	13	
Legal Services Traded	(28)	(26)	2	
North Yorkshire Procurement Service	(54)	(54)	-	
Schools ICT Service	(86)	(86)	(0)	
Training and Learning	(14)	(14)	0	
Professional Support Services	(625)	(637)	(12)	
	(1,746)	(1,746)	0	
Central Traded Establishment	829	828	(1)	Currently forecasting an underachievement on commissioned income. Work is ongoing to build this up by the year end.
North Yorkshire Education Solutions (NYES)	917	917	(0)	
TOTAL	-	(1)	(1)	

**Housing Revenue Account
Appendix H**

2023-24 REVENUE BUDGET OUTTURN REPORT

BUDGET HEAD	START BUDGET 2023-24 £000	FORECAST OUTTURN 2023-24 £000	VARIANCE (-) = saving £000	COMMENTS
Area C (Harrogate)	2,046	2,455	408	The increase in net expenditure - which would be met by a drawdown from the HRA working balance - is mainly due to the forecast contribution to capital increasing by £388k, because of slippage from 2022/23. Overall the revenue contribution to the Housing capital programme in 2022/23 was £3.8m lower than budgeted, so there are funds carried forward within the HRA working balance to more than cover the forecast increased expenditure in 2023/24. The only other significant increase in spend is £100k for legal fees in respect of disrepair claims; the number of claims is increasing and, whilst many are being successfully defended, there are legal costs associated with this. Offsetting these increases are forecast salary savings totalling £99k, £61k of which is within the in-house maintenance team.
	-	-	-	
	128	119	(9)	Overall, there is a small £9k decrease in net expenditure forecast. £101k of salary vacancies within the building maintenance team are offset by a £76k increase in expected payments to external repairs contractors. Dwellings rental income is forecast to be £21k lower than budgeted, due to Right to Buy sales and voids, whilst garage rental income is forecast to be £8k more than budgeted. Although there are a number of salary and overtime variances, they are minor overall, with a £3k net saving forecast.
Area E (Richmondshire)	-	-	-	
	-	(112)	(112)	The budget setup is slightly different at Selby compared to Harrogate and Richmondshire; a transfer to the Major Repairs Reserve is used as the balancing figure to bring the net budget back to zero. Overall there is a £112k underspend forecast, which will be transferred to the Major Repairs Reserve. The underspend is made up of a number of items, including a forecast £59k reduction in interest payments; £28k saving on Housing IT system charges; £22k reduction in central heating costs; £20k reduction in contingency budget. Offsetting these savings is a forecast reduction in income for internally rechargeable works, due to capacity issues.
Area H (Selby)	-	-	-	
TOTAL	2,174	2,462	288	

Appendix I

Revenue Grant Summary
Awarding Body

Revenue Grant

23-24 Amount

E-Crime (Environment)	Dept. for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy	1,130,488
Public Health	Dept of Health	22,971,763
Improved Better Care Fund	Dept of Health	17,328,446
Social Care Grant (SR19, SR20 & SR21)	Dept of Health	33,359,399
Adult Social Care Discharge Fund	Dept of Health	2,429,421
Market Sustainability and Improvement Fund	Dept of Health	5,675,265
Pupil Premium	Dept. for Education	20,957,580
Strengthening Families Protecting Children	Dept. for Education	2,100,929
High Needs	Dept. for Education	71,095,938
Schools	Dept. for Education	416,884,127
Early Years	Dept. for Education	36,249,343
Schools Central Services	Dept. for Education	3,406,141
Holiday Activity Fund	Dept. for Education	1,194,456
Homelessness Prevention Grant (including top-up grant for Ukraine - £830,715)	Dept. for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities	2,276,600
Compensation for change in business rates multiplier	Dept. for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities	14,469,749
Doubling of Small Business Rates Relief	Dept. for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities	13,951,395
Other Rates Relief	Dept. for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities	19,050,113
Rural Services Delivery Grant	Dept. for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities	12,342,732
New Homes Bonus	Dept. for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities	4,332,486
Services Grant	Dept. for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities	3,434,521
Supporting Families Programme	Dept. for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities	1,689,800
Domestic Abuse Statutory Duty	Dept. for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities	1,307,346
Housing Benefit Administration Subsidy	Dept. for Work and Pensions	1,267,311
Housing Benefit Rent Rebates	Dept. for Work and Pensions	11,807,604
Housing Benefit Rent Allowances	Dept. for Work and Pensions	63,948,420
Household Support Fund	Dept. for Work and Pensions	7,075,100

Estimate
Estimate

3.0 TREASURY MANAGEMENT

Overview

- 3.1 This section of the report presents details of the Council's Treasury Management Activity during Q1 2023/24, changes to the Approved Lending List and other current policy issues and considerations.
- 3.2 Treasury Management in Local Government is governed by the CIPFA Code of Practice on Treasury Management in the Public Services and in this context is the management of the Council's borrowing, cash flows, its banking and capital market transactions, the effective control of the risks associated with those activities and the pursuit of optimum performance consistent with those risks. The Council has adopted the Code and complies with its requirements.
- 3.3 The CIPFA Code of Practice for Treasury Management recommends that Members should be informed of Treasury Management activities at least twice a year but preferably quarterly. This report ensures, therefore, that the Council is adopting Best Practice in accordance with CIPFA's Code of Practice.

Economic Update

- 3.4 The Council's treasury advisors, Link Group, summarised the key points associated with economic activity in Q1 2023/24 up to 30 June 2023:
- a 0.2% m/m rise in real GDP in April, partly due to fewer strikes;
 - CPI inflation falling from 10.1% to 8.7% in April, before remaining at 8.7% in May. This was the highest reading in the G7;
 - core CPI inflation rise in both April and May, reaching a new 31-year high of 7.1%;
 - a tighter labour market in April, as the 3myy growth of average earnings rose from 6.1% to 6.5%; and
 - interest rates rise by a further 75bps over the quarter, taking Bank Rate from 4.25% to 5.00%.

A more detailed economic commentary on developments during Q1 2023/24 is included in **Appendix E**.

Interest Rate Forecasts

- 3.5 The current interest rate forecasts (26 June 2023) of Link Group are as follows

Link Group Interest Rate View	26.06.23												
	Jun-23	Sep-23	Dec-23	Mar-24	Jun-24	Sep-24	Dec-24	Mar-25	Jun-25	Sep-25	Dec-25	Mar-26	Jun-26
BANK RATE	5.00	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.25	4.75	4.25	3.75	3.25	2.75	2.75	2.50	2.50
3 month ave earnings	5.30	5.60	5.50	5.30	5.00	4.50	4.00	3.50	3.00	2.70	2.60	2.50	2.50
6 month ave earnings	5.80	5.90	5.70	5.50	5.10	4.60	4.00	3.50	3.00	2.70	2.60	2.60	2.60
12 month ave earnings	6.30	6.20	6.00	5.70	5.30	4.80	4.10	3.60	3.10	2.80	2.70	2.70	2.70
5 yr PWLB	5.50	5.60	5.30	5.10	4.80	4.50	4.20	3.90	3.60	3.40	3.30	3.30	3.20
10 yr PWLB	5.10	5.20	5.00	4.90	4.70	4.40	4.20	3.90	3.70	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.40
25 yr PWLB	5.30	5.40	5.20	5.10	4.90	4.70	4.50	4.20	4.00	3.90	3.80	3.80	3.70
50 yr PWLB	5.00	5.10	5.00	4.90	4.70	4.50	4.30	4.00	3.80	3.60	3.60	3.50	3.50

* PWLB Rates are shown net of certainty rate 0.2% discount

The above forecast reflects a view that the MPC will continue to increase interest rates to reduce inflation. This has happened to a degree, especially as it moved to a more aggressive 0.5% rise in June but, with inflation remaining elevated, it is anticipated that Bank Rate will need to increase to at least 5.5%, if not higher, to sufficiently slow the UK economy and loosen the labour market.

It is expected that rates will have to increase and stay at their peak until the second quarter of 2024 as a minimum.

In the longer term, it is anticipated that the Bank of England will be keen to loosen monetary policy when the worst of the inflationary pressures are over.

In the upcoming months, the forecasts will be guided not only by economic data releases and clarifications from the MPC over its monetary policies and the Government over its fiscal policies, but also international factors such as policy development in the US and Europe, the on-going conflict between Russia and Ukraine and economic issues in China.

Annual Investment Strategy

3.6 The Treasury Management Strategy Statement (TMSS) for 2023/24, which includes the Annual Investment Strategy, was approved by the Council on 22 February 2023. It sets out the Council's investment priorities as being:

- Security of capital;
- Liquidity; and
- Yield.

3.7 The Council will aim to achieve the optimum return (yield) on its investments commensurate with proper levels of security and liquidity. In the current economic climate it is considered appropriate to keep investments short term to cover cash flow needs, but also to seek out value available in periods up to 12 months with high credit rated financial institutions, using our suggested creditworthiness approach, including a minimum sovereign credit rating and Credit Default Swap (CDS) overlay information.

3.8 The approved limits within the Annual Investment Strategy were not breached during the quarter ended 30 June 2023.

3.9 The investment activity up to Q1 2023/24 was as follows:

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|--|---------|
| • Balance invested at 30 June 2023: | £573.6m |
| • Average Daily Balance 2023/24 up to 30 June 2023: | £563.4m |
| • Average Interest Rate Achieved up to 30 June 2023: | 4.29% |

These funds were available on a temporary basis and the level of funds available was mainly dependent on the timing of precept payments, receipt of grant and progress on the capital programme.

3.10 The average return to Q1 2023/24 compares with the backward looking SONIA rates as follows:

- 4.93% 7 day
- 4.94% 1 month
- 5.27% 3 months
- 5.67% 6 months
- 6.06% 12 months

3.11 It is also a key requirement of the CIPFA Code of Practice that annual Treasury Management Strategies should be kept under constant review throughout the year and reported to Members as appropriate. Although there continues to be uncertainty in the financial and banking market, both globally and in the UK, **it is considered that the Strategy approved in February 2023 is still fit for purpose in the current economic climate.** No changes are therefore considered necessary to the Strategy at this stage.

Approved Lending List

3.12 The Approved Lending List as at 30 June 2023 is attached as **Appendix B** with changes made during Q1 2023/24 being reported in **Appendix C**.

Debt and borrowing

3.13 The Council's external debt outstanding at 30 June 2023 and forecast position for 2023/24 is as follows:-

Detail	PWLB		Money Market Loans		Total	
	£m	%	£m	%	£m	%
At 31 March 2023	355.8	3.73	24.0	4.04	379.8	3.75
Loan Repayments	0.6		0.0		0.6	
New Loans Taken	0.0		0.0		0.0	
= Loans Outstanding at 30 June 2023	355.2	3.73	24.0	4.04	379.2	3.75
Further Scheduled In Year Repayments	1.5		0.0		1.5	
Forecast Additional Loans to be Taken	0.0		0.0		0.0	
= Estimated Loans Outstanding at 31 March 2023	353.7	3.74	24.0	4.05	377.7	3.76

3.14 Any change to the forecast debt outstanding by the end of 2023/24 will be largely determined by whether the borrowing requirement for 2023/24 is ultimately financed by external borrowing or internal borrowing.

3.15 Based on the Q1 Capital Plan update the total external borrowing requirement for 2023/24 is currently forecast to be:-

Detail	£m
2023/24 Borrowing Requirement	
Borrowing Requirement	35.3
Less Company Loans advanced in year to be Repaid	
Revenue Provision for Debt Repayment (MRP)	-15.0
Refinance 2022/23 PWLB Loan Repayments	2.1
= Total 2023/24 Borrowing Requirement	22.4

3.16 A value for money assessment would therefore indicate that value could be best obtained by avoiding/delaying new borrowing and continuing to use internal cash balances to finance new capital expenditure or to replace maturing external debt. This would maximise short term revenue savings and produce other benefits, but is not risk free.

3.17 This Internal capital financing option will therefore continue to be actively adopted on an ongoing basis in order to achieve short term revenue savings and mitigate the credit risk incurred by holding investments in the market.

3.18 New external borrowing rates (fixed interest maturity rates from the PWLB reflecting the 0.2% 'certainty discounts') during Q1 2023/24 were as follows:-

FINANCIAL YEAR TO QUARTER ENDED 30/6/2023						
	Bank Rate	SONIA	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
High	5.00	4.93	4.94	5.27	5.67	6.06
High Date	22/06/2023	30/06/2023	29/06/2023	30/06/2023	30/06/2023	30/06/2023
Low	4.25	4.18	4.17	4.31	4.46	4.47
Low Date	03/04/2023	04/04/2023	03/04/2023	03/04/2023	06/04/2023	06/04/2023
Average	4.44	4.37	4.46	4.66	4.90	5.08
Spread	0.75	0.75	0.77	0.96	1.21	1.59

3.19 No debt repayment or rescheduling exercises have been affected to date in 2023/24 or are in the pipeline but the situation continues to be monitored to identify any opportunities that may arise. Such opportunities, however, have been limited in the current economic climate and structure of interest rates.

Treasury and Prudential Indicators

3.20 It is a statutory duty for the Council to determine and keep under review its *Affordable Borrowing Limits*.

3.21 During the quarter ended 30 June 2023, the Council has operated within the treasury and prudential indicators set out in the Council's Treasury Management Strategy Statement for 2023/24. The Corporate Direct - Resources reports that no difficulties are envisaged for the current or future years in complying with these indicators.

3.22 The prudential and treasury Indicators are shown in Appendix F.

Impact of Treasury Management Activities on the Revenue Budget

3.23 Based on the Treasury Management activity at Q1 2023/24 and a forecast for the remainder of the year, the revenue impact is as follows:

Interest rates have been higher than originally forecast due to recent increases in base rate. Returns will reviewed in advance of Q2 as uncertainties over inflation continue.

The forecast outturn for interest paid on long term borrowing is £14.9m.

The forecast outturn for the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) is £15.0m.

Capital Strategy

3.24 The Capital Strategy was included as part of the Council's Annual Treasury Management and Investment Strategy 2023/24, approved in February 2023. The Capital Strategy sets out how capital expenditure, capital financing and treasury management contribute to the provision of Corporate and service objectives and properly takes account of stewardship, value for money, prudence, sustainability and affordability. It sets out the long term context in which capital expenditure and investment decisions are made and gives due consideration to both risk and reward and impact on the achievement of priority outcomes.

3.25 Alternative non-treasury investments are considered as part of the Capital Strategy. Given the technical nature of potential alternative investments and strong linkages to the Council's Treasury Management function, appropriate governance and decision making arrangements are needed to ensure robust due diligence in order to make recommendations for implementation. As a result, all investments are subject to consideration and where necessary recommendations of the Commercial Investment Board.

3.26 The alternative investments considered by the Commercial Investment Board are as follows:

Type of Investment	Maximum Limit £m	Invested as at 30/06/2023 £m	Rate of Return %
Alternative Treasury Instruments			
Money Market Funds	20.0	0.0	0.00
Enhanced Cash Funds	20.0	0.0	0.00
Certificates of Deposit (CDs)	20.0	0.0	0.00
Property Funds	20.0	15.9	1.91
Total Alternative Treasury Instruments	80.0	15.9	1.91
Alternative Investments			
Loans to Council Companies			
- Yorwaste	25.0	3.7	9.00
- Brierley		1.5	11.00
- First North Law		0.1	8.00
- NY Highways		11.0	11.50
- Broadacres Housing Association		33.6	4.30
- Bracewell Housing Ltd		0.7	10.50
- Selby & District Housing Trust		2.7	4.20
Total Loans to Council Companies	25.0	62.2	7.03
Other Alternative Investments			
Spend to Save	5.0	0.0	0.00
Loans to Housing Associations	10.0	0.0	0.00
Local Economic Growth Projects	15.0	0.0	0.00
Solar Farm (or similar) Projects	5.0	0.0	0.00
Commercial Investments	20.0	13.6	4.61
Total Other Alternative Investments	45.0	13.6	4.61
Total Alternative Investments*	60.0	75.8	6.59

* Total Alternative Investments capped at £60m

3.27 The position on Property Funds at 30 June is as follows:-

In Year Performance

Fund	Bwd Investment Valuation	Valuation as at 30/06/23	In Year Performance Q1 2023/24			
			Capital Gain / (Loss)		Revenue Return	
			£000	%	£000	%
Blackrock	5,095.6	5,043.3	(52.3)	-1.0	35.1	1.8
Threadneedle	4,791.2	4,798.7	7.5	0.2	55.8	2.9
Hermes	1,921.2	1,897.1	(24.1)	-1.3	2.5	0.8
Fidelity	2,864.1	2,811.2	(52.9)	-1.8	32.8	1.1
Total	14,672.1	14,550.3	(121.8)	-0.8	126.2	1.9

Total Fund Performance

Fund	Investment £k	Valuation as at 30/06/2023	Total Performance			
			Capital Gain / (Loss)		Forecasted Revenue Return	
			£000	%	£000	%
Blackrock	5,505.5	5,043.3	(462.2)	-8.4	443.2	8.1
Threadneedle	5,366.3	4,798.7	(567.6)	-10.6	608.4	11.3
Hermes	2,000.0	1,897.1	(102.9)	-5.1	236.1	11.8
Fidelity	3,000.0	2,811.2	(188.8)	-6.3	452.8	15.1
Total	15,871.8	14,550.3	(1,321.5)	-8.3	1,740.5	11.0

3.28 While Property Funds continue to provide a revenue return as noted in the table above, the funds have experienced some capital losses.

3.29 Property funds are long term investments and valuations can, therefore, rise as well as fall, over the period they are held. In order to mitigate any potential future loss, funds will be set aside to ensure there is no impact on the General Fund until units in the funds are sold.

3.30 Given the volatility and risk within the market, all property funds will be reviewed in terms of their strategies to mitigate risk within their portfolios, in the context of the longer term nature of these investments. Should any changes to these investments be considered necessary, these will be reported to the Executive and to Council if required.

3.31 The position on Commercial Property investments at 30 June 2023 is as follows:-

Property	Investment £k	Valuation as at 31/03/23	Performance		
			Total Capital Gain / (Loss)		Forecasted Return
			£000	%	%
Harrogate Royal Baths	9,504.0	7,000.0	(2,504.0)	(26.3)	1.00
Bank Unit in Stafford Town Centre	876.0	790.0	(86.0)	(9.8)	5.75
Co-op Store in Somercotes	1,497.3	1290.0	(207.3)	(13.8)	5.06
Shopping centre – Harrogate	925.0	925.0	0.0	0.0	3.07
Secondary industrial land - Harrogate	792.0	792.0	0.0	0.0	6.58
Total	13,594.3	10,797.0	(2,797.3)	(23.6)	4.61

3.32 The value of Commercial Property investments will continue to be assessed as markets recover from the impact of Covid-19. Commercial Property is a long term investment and valuations can, therefore, rise as well as fall, over the period they are held. In order to mitigate any potential future loss funds will be set aside to ensure that there is no impact on the General Fund at the point of any future sale.

3.33 The Council continues to review potential commercial investments, but will now consider any potential investment opportunities alongside the implications for PWLB borrowing going forward, however, the 2023/24 Capital Plan does not include any plans to purchase commercial assets primarily for yield.

Other Loans

3.34 The County Council has also provided the following loan facilities:-

Lender	Date Advanced	Original Loan	Interest Rate	Loan Outstanding as at 31/12/22	Revenue Return (as at 31/12/22)	
		£000	%	%	£000	%
Ryedale Learning Trust	Feb-21	1,455.0	6.60	1,326.8	41.6	3.14

3.35 Ryedale Learning Trust

The Ryedale Federation of four schools (Ryedale School, Helmsley CPS, Sinnington CPS and Kirkbymoorside CPS) converted to a new Multi Academy Trust, The Ryedale Learning Trust, in February 2021. As part of the conversion process, a novation was agreed to transfer the school loans currently in place with the federated schools to the Multi Academy Trust on commercial terms.

Local authorities are prohibited from using resources to financially support academy schools by regulation and, consequently, the loan was funded from General Reserves (not Schools Block Reserves) at a commercial rate of 3.1% + Base Rate. The loan is to be repaid in line with an agreed schedule and fully repaid by 2032/33.

Other Treasury Management Development and Issues

3.36 The DLUHC has issued the Consultation on Local Government capital risk mitigation measures in the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill (LUR Bill) in July 2023. The LUR Bill was introduced in May 2022 and sets out four risk metrics for local authorities in England, which, if breached would mean the authority comes into scope of the new powers which provide the government with the flexibility to intercede where it is appropriate to do so. The detailed methods of calculation are to be included in regulations, reflecting the fact that specific risks evolve and emerge, and the consultation is now seeking views on appropriate calculations which give a reasonable reflection of an authority's level of risk for that metric. The consultation will last for 10 weeks.

RECOMMENDATIONS

3.37 That Executive

- i. notes the position on the Council's Treasury Management activities during the first quarter of 2023/24
- ii. refers this report to the Audit Committee for their consideration as part of the overall monitoring arrangements for Treasury Management.

TREASURY MANAGEMENT APPENDICES

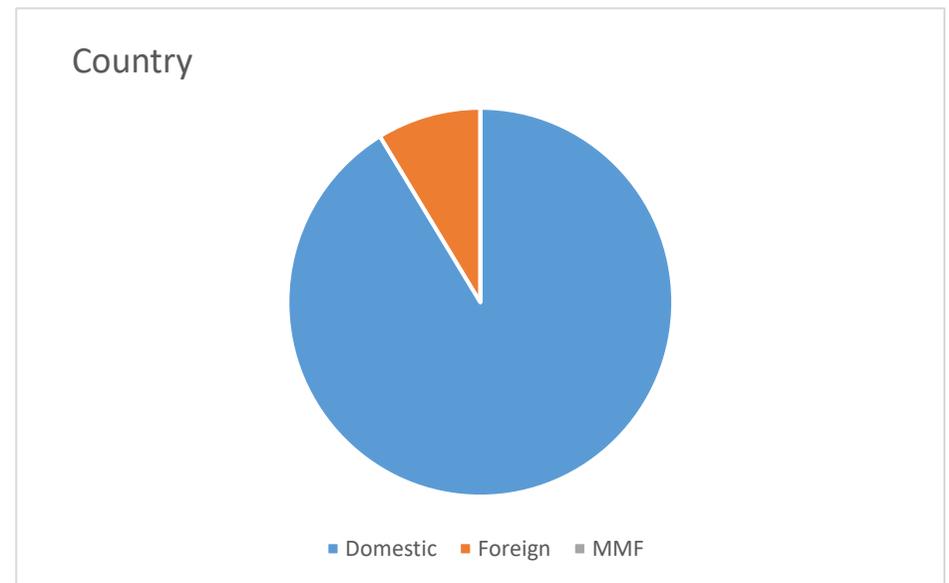
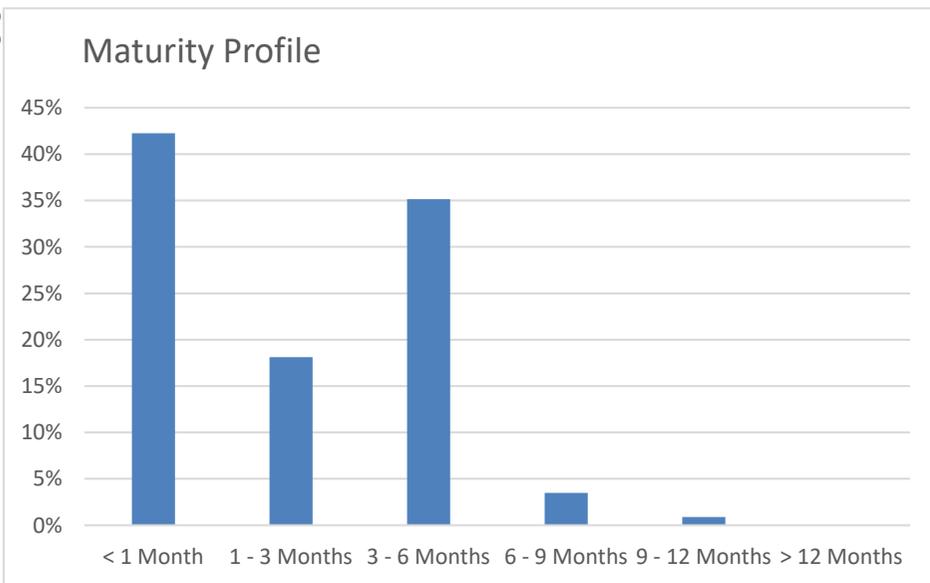
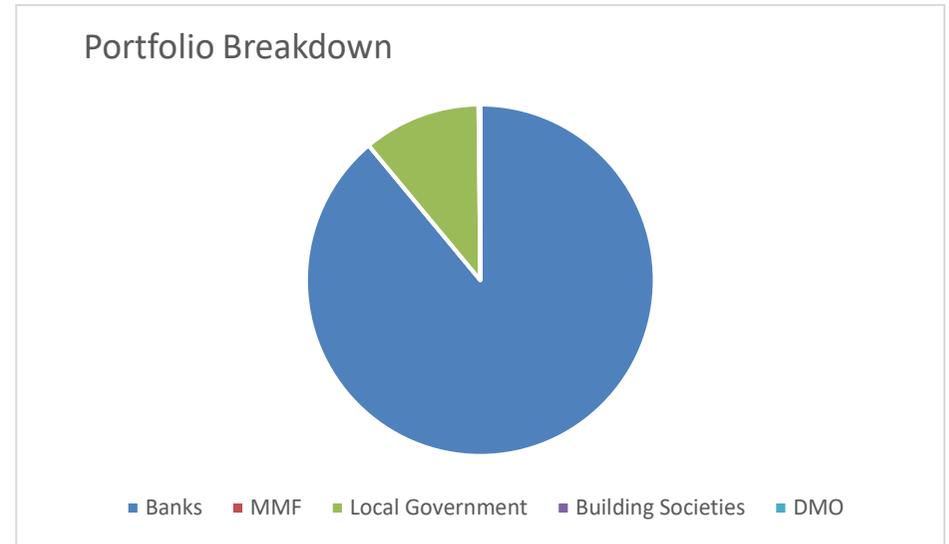
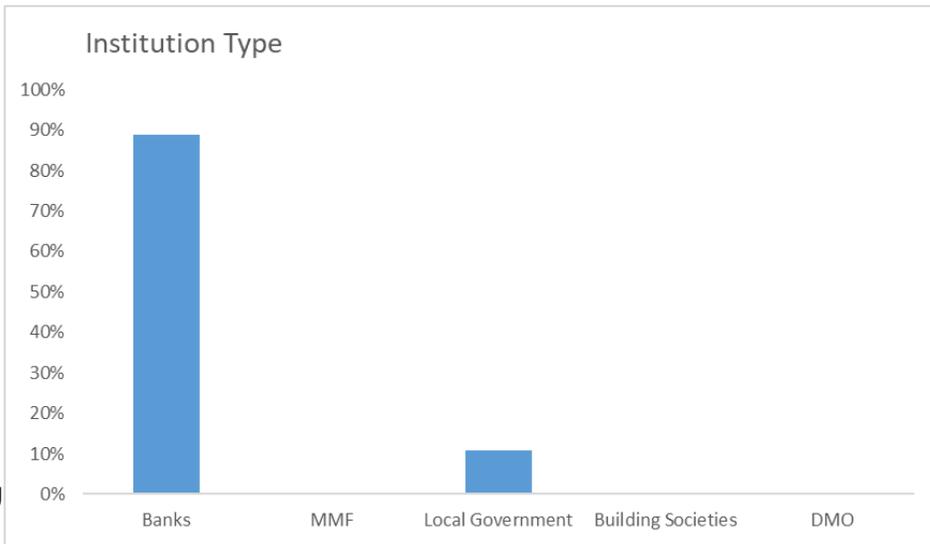
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- Appendix D Treasury Management Monitoring and Reporting Arrangements 2023/24
- Appendix E Detailed Economic Commentary on Developments during Q1 2023/24
- Appendix F Treasury and Prudential Indicators

Analysis of loans outstanding as at 30 June 2023

Actual Loans Outstanding – Summarised by Organisation	
	£m
Local Authority	62.5
Santander	42.0
Standard Chartered	65.0
Goldman Sachs	76.0
National Westminster	55.0
Helaba	25.0
DBS	25.0
Sumitomo Mitsui BCE	75.0
Handelsbanken	70.0
Barclays	42.1
Bank of Scotland	30.0
Furness Building Society	1.0
National Bank of Canada	5.0
	573.6

Other Bodies				
	30-Jun-23		31-Mar-23	
	£m	%	£m	%
NY Pension Fund	-14.7		1.8	0.3
NY Fire and Rescue Authority	6.7		7.2	1.3
Richmondshire DC	0.0		7.8	1.4
Yorkshire Dales National Park	4.6		4.0	0.7
North York Moors National Park	6.0		6.4	1.1
Peak District National Park	8.0		7.5	1.3
Selby District Council	0.0		77.9	13.9
National Parks England	0.4		0.2	0.0
Align Property Partners	1.9		1.9	0.3
NYnet Limited	12.7		11.7	2.1
Total Other Bodies	25.6	4.5	126.4	22.6
Cash Balances held by NYC	548.0	95.5		
Cash Balances held by NYCC			315.9	56.4
Cash Balances held by Legacy Councils			118.3	21.1
Total Investment	573.6	100.0	560.1	100.0

Rates as at 30 June 2023	
	%
Bank Rate	5.00
Investment Rates	
- NYCC overnight (on call)	4.55
- 1 month	5.00
- 6 months	5.80
- 1 year	6.00
- Government Debt Management Office Account	5.00



APPROVED LENDING LIST Q1

Maximum sum invested at any time (The overall total exposure figure covers both Specified and Non-Specified investments)

	Country	Specified Investments (up to 1 year)		Non-Specified Investments (> 1 year £40m limit)	
		Total Exposure £m	Time Limit *	Total Exposure £m	Time Limit *
UK "Nationalised" banks / UK banks with UK Central Government involvement					
Royal Bank of Scotland PLC (RFB)	GBR	90.0	365 days	-	-
National Westminster Bank PLC (RFB)	GBR				
UK "Clearing Banks", other UK based banks and Building Societies					
Santander UK PLC (includes Cater Allen)	GBR	80.0	6 months	-	-
Barclays Bank PLC (NRFB)	GBR	90.0	100 days	-	-
Barclays Bank UK PLC (RFB)	GBR		6 months		
Bank of Scotland PLC (RFB)	GBR	80.0	6 months	-	-
Lloyds Bank PLC (RFB)	GBR				
Lloyds Bank Corporate Markets PLC (NRFB)	GBR				
Goldman Sachs International Bank	GBR	80.0	6 months	-	-
Sumitomo Mitsui	GBR	80.0	6 months	-	-
Standard Chartered Bank	GBR	80.0	6 months	-	-
Handelsbanken	GBR	80.0	365 days	-	-
Nationwide Building Society	GBR	40.0	6 months	-	-
Leeds Building Society	GBR	40.0	3 months	-	-
Coventry Building Society	GBR	40.0	6 months	-	-
High Quality Foreign Banks					
National Australia Bank	AUS	40.0	365 days	-	-
Credit Industriel et Commercial	FRA	40.0	365 days	-	-
Landesbank Hessen-Thuringen Girozentrale (Helaba)	GER	40.0	365 days	-	-
DBS (Singapore)	SING	40.0	365 days	-	-
Bayerische Landesbank	GER	40.0	6 months	-	-
National Bank of Canada	CAN	40.0	6 months	-	-
Local Authorities					
County / Unitary / Metropolitan / District Councils		30.0	365 days	5.0	5 years
Police / Fire Authorities		30.0	365 days	5.0	5 years
National Park Authorities		30.0	365 days	5.0	5 years
Other Deposit Takers					
Money Market Funds		40.0	n/a liquid	-	-
Property Funds		5.0	365 days	5.0	10 years
UK Debt Management Account		150.0	365 days	-	-

* Based on data 30 June 2023

CHANGES TO THE APPROVED LENDING LIST DURING Q1

There have been no changes to the Lending List from the 1 April 2023.

Organisation	Original Investment Limit / Term	Date Amended	Revised Investment Limit / Term	Reason

It should be noted, however, that changes can be made on a daily basis in reaction to market sentiment, with maximum investment durations being adjusted accordingly.

Maximum investment durations for other organisations may have, therefore, been changed during this quarter, but have since returned to the level at 1 April 2023.

Treasury Management and Reporting Arrangements

The current monitoring and reporting arrangements in relation to Treasury Management activities are as follows:

- (a) an annual report to Executive and Full Council as part of the Budget/MTFS process that sets out the Council's **Treasury Management and Investment Strategy and Policy** for the forthcoming financial year. For 2023/24 this report was submitted to Executive on 24 January 2023 followed by Full Council on 22 February 2023;
- (b) an annual report to Executive and Full Council as part of the Budget/MTFS process that sets the various **Prudential Indicators** (submitted to Executive on 24 January 2023 and Full Council on 22 February 2023)
- (c) **annual outturn reports** to the Executive for both Treasury Management and Prudential Indicators setting out full details of activities and performance during the preceding financial year. The outturn reports for 2022/23 were submitted to Executive on 30 June 2023;
- (d) a quarterly report on Treasury Management to the Executive (this report) as part of the **Quarterly Performance Monitoring** report;
- (e) **periodic meetings** between the Corporate Director – Resources, the Corporate Affairs Portfolio Holder and the Chairman of the Audit Committee to discuss issues arising from the day to day management of Treasury Management activities;
- (f) reports on proposed changes to the Council's Treasury Management activities are submitted to the **Audit Committee** for consideration and comment. A copy of this report is also provided to Audit Committee Members.

Detailed Economic Commentary on Developments during Q1 2023/24**Economic Background - UK**

The first quarter of 2023/24 saw:

- A 0.2% m/m rise in real GDP in April, partly due to fewer strikes;
- CPI inflation falling from 10.1% to 8.7% in April, before remaining at 8.7% in May. This was the highest reading in the G7;
- Core CPI inflation rise in both April and May, reaching a new 31-year high of 7.1%;
- A tighter labour market in April, as the 3myy growth of average earnings rose from 6.1% to 6.5%;
- Interest rates rise by a further 75bps over the quarter, taking Bank Rate from 4.25% to 5.00%;
- 10-year gilt yields nearing the “mini-Budget” peaks, as inflation surprised to the upside.

The economy has weathered the drag from higher inflation better than was widely expected. The 0.2% m/m rise in real GDP in April, following March’s 0.3% m/m contraction will further raise hopes that the economy will escape a recession this year. Some of the strength in April was due to fewer strikes by train workers and teachers in that month. Moreover, some of the falls in activity in other areas in April were probably temporary too. Strikes by junior doctors and civil servants contributed to the fall in health output (0.9% m/m) and the meagre 0.1% m/m increase in public administration.

Meanwhile, a rise in retail sales volumes in May was far better than the forecasted decline and followed the robust rise in April. Some of the rise was due to the warmer weather, however, department stores also managed a rise in sales and the household goods sub-sector enjoyed a reasonable performance too. Overall, the figures were far better than analysts had expected.

The recent resilience of the economy has been due to a confluence of factors including the continued rebound in activity after the pandemic, households spending some of their pandemic savings, and the tight labour market and government handouts both supporting household incomes. That said, as government financial support reduces, real household incomes are unlikely to grow rapidly. Furthermore, higher interest rates will mean GDP is likely to contract later this year. Central assumption is that inflation will drop to the 2.0% target only if the Bank triggers a recession by raising rates from 5.00% now to at least 5.5% and keeps rates there until at least mid-2024.

The labour market became tighter over the quarter and wage growth reaccelerated. Labour demand was stronger than the consensus had expected. The three-month change in employment rose from +182,000 in March to +250,000 in April. Meanwhile, labour supply continued to recover as the size of the labour force grew by 303,000 in the three months to April. That was supported by a further 140,000 decline in inactivity as people returned to work from retirement and caring responsibilities (while inactivity due to long-term sick continued to rise). But it was not enough to offset the big rise in employment, which meant the unemployment rate fell from 3.9% to 3.8%

The tighter labour market supported wage growth in April, although the 9.7% rise in the National Living Wage on 1st April (compared to the 6.6% increase in April last year) probably contributed and UK wage growth remains much faster than in the US and the Euro-zone. Overall, the loosening in

the labour market appears to have stalled in April and regular private sector wage growth was well above the Bank's forecast.

CPI inflation stayed at 8.7% in May and core CPI inflation rose again, from 6.8% to a new 31-year high of 7.1%. The rise in core inflation built on the leap from 6.2% in March to 6.8% and means it is accelerating in the UK while it is slowing in the US and the Euro-zone (both fell to 5.3%). A further decline in fuel inflation, from -8.9% to -13.1%, and the second fall in food inflation in as many months, from 19.3% to 18.7%, explained why overall CPI inflation didn't rise. And the scheduled fall in the average annual utility price from £2,500 to £2,074 on 1st July means overall CPI inflation will probably ease in the coming months. But the problem is that the recent surge in core inflation and the reacceleration in wage growth shows that domestic inflationary pressures are still strengthening.

This suggests the Bank may have more work to do than the Fed or ECB. Indeed, the Bank of England sounded somewhat hawkish in the June meeting. This came through most in the MPC's decision to step up the pace of increases from the 25bps at the previous two meetings. The 7-2 vote, with only two members voting to leave rates unchanged at 4.50%, revealed support for stepping up the fight against high inflation.

However, the Bank has not committed to raising rates again or suggested that 50bps rises will continue. The bank stated "the scale of the recent upside surprises in official estimates of wage growth and services CPI inflation suggested a 0.5 percentage point increase in interest rates was required at this particular meeting". Moreover, the Committee did not strengthen its forward guidance that any further rate increases would be conditional on the data. However, it looks highly probable, given the on-going strength of inflation and employment data, that the Bank will need to raise rates to at least 5.5% and to keep rates at their peak until the mid-point of 2024. Forecasts suggest that the rise in rates may weaken the economy sufficiently to push it into recession. Consequently, instead of rising to between 6.00%-6.25%, as is currently priced in by markets, Link Group forecast that rates are more likely to peak between 5.50-6.00%. The forecast is also for rates to be cut in the second half of 2024, and we expect rates to then fall further than markets are pricing in.

The pound strengthened from the start of April to a one-year high at \$1.26 in early May, which was partly due to the risks from the global banking issues being seen as a bigger problem for the US than the UK. The pound then fell back to \$1.23 at the end of May, before rising again to \$1.28 in the middle of June as the strong core CPI inflation data released in June suggested the Bank of England was going to have to raise rates more than the Fed or ECB in order to tame domestic inflation.

On 11 May 2023, the Bank of England's Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) increased Bank Rate by 25 basis points to 4.50%, and on 22nd June moved rates up a further 50 basis points to 5.00%. Both increases reflected a split vote – seven members voting for an increase and two for none.

Nonetheless, with UK inflation significantly higher than in other G7 countries.

The US FOMC has already increased short-term rates to a range of 5.00%-5.25%, but a further increase is pencilled in for July, whilst the ECB looks likely to raise its Deposit rate at least once more to a peak of 3.75%, with upside risk of higher to come.

Prudential and Treasury Indicators for 2023-24 as of 30 June 2023

Capital Expenditure

	2023/24 Forecast £m	2022/23 Actual £m
New Capital Expenditure	353.9	183.6
New Finance Leases and PFI	0.0	0.0
Total Capital Expenditure	353.9	183.6
Financed by		
- Capital grants and contributions	221.2	97.3
- Direct Revenue Funding	77.4	40.4
- Capital receipts	20.0	22.7
Capital Borrowing Requirement	35.3	23.2

Capital Financing Requirement (CFR)

	2023/24 Forecast			2022/23 Actual		
	Borrowing £m	Other Long Term Liabilities £m	Total £m	Borrowing £m	Other Long Term Liabilities £m	Total £m
Total CFR	584.9	140.0	724.9	564.6	143.6	708.2
Net Financing need for year	35.3	0.0	35.3			
MRP	-15.0	-3.7	-18.6			
Movement in CFR	20.3	-3.7	16.6			

Authorised Limit, Operational Boundary and Actual Debt

	2023/24 Forecast		
	Borrowing £m	Other Long Term Liabilities £m	Total £m
Authorised Limit	639.2	140.0	779.1
Operational Boundary	619.2	140.0	759.1
External Debt	377.7	140.0	517.7

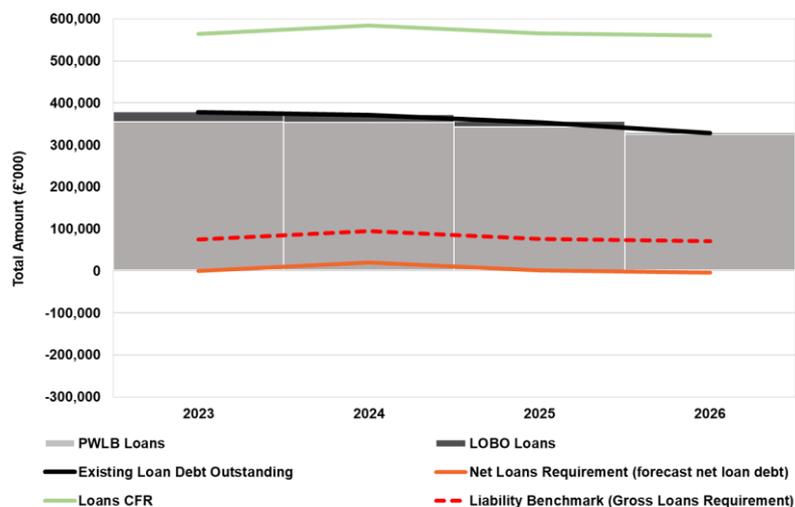
Gross Debt and the CFR

	2023/24 Forecast		
	Borrowing £m	Other Long Term Liabilities £m	Total £m
CFR	584.9	140.0	724.9
Gross Borrowing	377.7	140.0	517.7
Under / (over) borrowing	207.2	0.0	207.2

Ratios

	2023/24 Forecast %
Financing costs to net revenue stream	4.9
Net income from commercial and service investments to net revenue stream	-2.1

Liability Benchmark



Maturity Structure of Borrowing

	2023/24 Forecast		
	Lower Limit %	Upper Limit %	Forecast %
Under 12 months	0	15	2
12 months to 2 years	0	15	4
2 years to 5 years	0	15	8
5 years to 10 years	0	25	15
10 years to 20 years	0	25	11
20 years to 30 years	0	45	40
30 years to 40 years	0	45	16
40 years to 50 years	0	45	4

Limits for Long Term Treasury Management Investments

	2023/24 Forecast	
	Limit £m	Forecast £m
Limit on investments > 1 year	60.0	0.0

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4.0 CAPITAL FIVE YEAR SPENDING PLAN 2023/24

4.1 OVERVIEW

4.1.1 The Capital Plan sets out the Council's longer term capital investment plans. These plans support the Council's strategic and service objectives by maximising the assets and infrastructure necessary to support service delivery whilst minimising the impact on the revenue budget. Sitting behind the Plan is the Council's Capital Strategy which provides a high-level overview of how capital expenditure, capital financing and treasury management contribute to this end.

4.1.2 This is the first capital plan monitoring update for the new Council and the totality of the Capital Plan is very significant with all of the duties of a unitary council. In addition, there are significant grant-funded capital projects that are in progress, many of which began life pre-vesting day for North Yorkshire Council. It is recognised that there is now a need for even stronger capital governance arrangements and a series of operational Capital Boards are about to be implemented to strengthen existing reporting structures.

4.2 REFRESHING THE CAPITAL PLAN

4.2.1 The schemes and programmes within the Capital Plan are reviewed regularly to track whether they are being delivered to both schedule and budget. Refreshed on a quarterly basis, this report details the Capital Plan for Q1 2023/24, 1 April to 30 June 2023, and reflects the additions and adjustments, including the reprofiling of budgets, since the last version was approved.

4.2.2 The Council is currently planning to invest £353.9m on capital schemes across the County in 2023/24 and £598.3m, in total, over the next 5 years. Included this Quarter are the unspent capital allocations from 2022/23 that were reported to Executive on 30 May 2023.

4.2.3 The latest Capital Plan is set out, by directorate, at Appendices A-D. A summary of gross expenditure, by directorate, summarised in the following table:

	Quarter 1 1 April to 30 June 2023				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	Later Years	Total
	£k	£k	£k	£k	£k
Resources/Central Services	20,533.8	1,160.8	5,316.4	886.4	27,897.4
Children & Young People's Service	54,703.9	13,873.4	7,989.5	17,973.4	94,540.2
Community Development	171,256.5	53,013.3	31,281.2	19,006.0	274,557.0
Environment	105,894.5	84,947.3	1,549.7	798.7	193,190.2
Health & Adult Services	1,468.4	0.0	0.0	6,669.3	8,137.7
	353,857.1	152,994.8	46,136.8	45,333.8	598,322.5

Additions to the Capital Plan this Quarter

- 4.2.4 Only individual additions to the Capital Plan that are of a value in excess of £250k are detailed in this report.
- 4.2.5 The following table highlights updates referred to in earlier reports and new additions that have been added to the Capital Plan this quarter:

Directorate	Scheme Heading	Scheme Detail	Budget £k
ENV	Kex Gill	DfT funding, having been confirmed, has been added to the programme (across 2 yrs)	56,100.0
ENV	Highways Annual Programme	Additional Pothole Funding 2023/24 confirmed and added to the annual programme	6,581.6
ENV	Rural England Prosperity Fund	Funding to improve productivity and strengthen the rural economy and rural communities	5,417.1
CDEV	Catterick Garrison Levelling Up Fund	DLUHC funding and reserve top up to regenerate Catterick town centre	19,499.0
CDEV	Eskside Harbour Scheme		337.0
CDEV	Selby P4G Schemes		1,422.1
CYPS	School Condition Programme 2023/24	School Condition Grant 2023/24	6,045.0
		High Needs Provision Capital Allocations for 2023/24	4,539.7
CYPS	SEND Programme	Further to the approval of the Proposed programme by Executive on 18 April 2023, reserve funding added to the	4,000.0

		Capital Plan. Any future grant funding allocations from DfE will be used in lieu of this.	
CYPS	Self Help Schemes	School's Devolved Formula Capital 2023/24	1,237.7
CYPS	Strategic Priorities	Funding to support requirements of Council to DfE build of new SEN school in the Selby area	1,088.9
Resources/ Central	Loans to Ltd Companies	Loan to Bracewell Homes (repayment expected within year)	500.0
Resources/ Central	Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme 2023/24	Phase 3b of BEIS programme to support the decarbonisation of heat in non-domestic public buildings and energy efficiency in 2023/24. This scheme relates to corporate properties and is supported by Property Reserve.	398.4 (grant) + 232.2 (reserve)

4.2.6 The loan repayment schedule relating to Yorwaste has been removed this quarter following the early settlement, in full, at the end of the 2022/23 financial year (£1,943.2k).

Reprofiling of Approved Schemes within the Capital Plan

4.2.7 This quarter, there has been a light touch approach to the reprofiling of budgets. Further refinements will be undertaken during Q2. The following table sets out the reprofiling and accelerated spend since the last Plan was presented to Executive (Reduction (-) or increase in the annual profiled spend):

	REPROFILED EXPENDITURE AS AT Q1 2023/24				
	Quarter 1				
	1 April to 30 June 2023				
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	Later Years	Total
£k	£k	£k	£k	£k	
Resources/Central Services	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Children & Young People's Service					
Schools					
Basic Need programme	93.0	115.7	0.0	-208.7	0.0
Strategic Priorities (Other)	-250.0	0.0	250.0	0.0	0.0
	-157.0	115.7	250.0	-208.7	0.0
Community Development					
Culture & Heritage	-12.3	12.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Transforming Cities Programme	-4854.7	4500.0	354.7	0.0	0.0
	-4,867.0	4,512.3	354.7	0.0	0.0
Business & Environmental Services					
Highways & Transportation Annual Programme	-2,910.7	2,347.5	295.3	267.9	0.0
Major Highways Schemes	-1,816.7	2,013.4	0.0	-196.7	0.0
Waste & Countryside Services	78.3	0.0	0.0	-78.3	0.0
	-4,649.1	4,360.9	295.3	-7.1	0.0
Health & Social Care					
Extra Care Facilities	186.2	0.0	0.0	-186.2	0.0
	186.2	0.0	0.0	-186.2	0.0
Total Capital Expenditure	-4,619.9	4,476.6	545.3	-402.0	0.0

4.2.8 The Basic Need Programme has been bolstered by the earlier than expected receipt of outstanding S106 developer contributions for works completed and underwritten by grant funding. This has increased the value of available funds to support the programme between 2023 and 2025.

4.2.9 The approval of the SEND capital programme by Executive in April, in which £250k was committed to the new SEND school in the Selby area, has been reprofiled between 2023/24 and 2025/26 in line with the delivery programme.

4.2.10 In Community Development, the main reprofiling of budget has been in relation to the Programme 4 Growth support to the Selby Transforming Cities scheme. The majority of the expenditure is scheduled to be incurred at the end of the scheme, with this element of funding being allocated to the final element of the scheme, the work to be delivered on the Selby Station Plaza. Delays to the start of construction works has resulted in this expenditure slipping from 2023/24 and is now scheduled to be incurred in the 2024/25 financial year.

4.2.11 The £12.3k reprofiling between 2023/24 and 2024/25 relates to the capitalisation of salaries in relation to the redevelopment of the Harrogate Convention Centre in the post-delivery stage.

4.2.12 The delivery of a range of Local Transport Plan (LTP) grant funded schemes across roads and bridges have been rescheduled from 2023/24 to 2024/25

and 2025/26 and make up the totals in the table at 4.2.7. The Highways annual programme is kept under constant review to ensure that delivery is within budget which results in adjustments due to prioritisation and tender timescales.

4.2.13 The remaining £267.9k of funding in relation to the Malton/Norton highways project has been reprofiled to Later Years to reflect the fact that the works are yet to be scheduled for delivery.

4.2.14 The reprofiling of funding from Later Years to 2023/24 was necessary to address the unexpected 2022/23 overspend on the Bedale Aiskew Leeming Bar major scheme relating to land transfers (£196.7k). A review of planned expenditure in 2023/24 is to be undertaken during Q2.

4.2.15 With the addition of the DfT funding for Kex Gill to the Capital Plan and the Department's request to utilise grant funding in advance of remaining local reserves, £2,013.4k has been reprofiled from 2023/24 to 2024/25 and the completion of the scheme.

4.2.16 A drawing down of uncommitted funding from Later Years was necessary to offset the 2022/23 overspend in relation to the works undertaken at Household Waste Recycling Centres (£78.3k) and Extra Care Facilities (£186.2k).

4.2.17 The changes to the Capital Plan outlined above are summarised in the table below:

SUMMARY OF CHANGES SINCE THE LAST CAPITAL PLAN UPDATE	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	Later Years	Total
	Capital Plan as at Q1 2023/24				
	£k	£k	£k	£k	£k
	245,093.5	93,876.4	42,191.8	45,389.9	426,551.6
Changes this Quarter:					
Total schemes carried forward from 2022/23	54,811.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	54,811.4
Total reprofiling between years	-9,486.9	8,988.9	900.0	-402.0	0.0
Total variations in the funding of schemes	63,439.1	50,129.5	3,045.0	345.9	116,959.5
Updated Gross Capital Spend	353,857.1	152,994.8	46,136.8	45,333.8	598,322.5

Other Capital Updates

Eskside Wharf

4.2.18 The Council's Harbours have a legacy of significant infrastructure challenges, largely in relation to the condition of the sheet pile walls. Over time, wind and tidal action erodes the piles resulting in the need for either repair and/or replacement. There is significant risk associated with one specific site,

namely the sheet piling at Eskside Wharf, Whitby Harbour, which is owned by the Council and leased to a successful marine engineer/shipbuilder supporting 30 local jobs in Whitby. Dive surveys have revealed that the piles have lost almost 40% of their original thickness and urgent action is now required as they are beyond their serviceable life. An engineer's report, commissioned by the former Scarborough Borough Council in October 2022, sets out the risk associated with this site and recommends that works should be undertaken within a 1-2 year time from the date of the report due to the significant risk of collapse.

4.2.19 Scarborough Borough Council commenced work on the project in late 2022 and committed funding to procure a specialist consultant to undertake the design and build phase. This procurement has now concluded and the next phase of the project, the detailed design stage, requires additional funding of £287k from Reserves to progress. Unfortunately, whilst officers have considered opportunities for external funding, there are no open funding streams that could be utilised to support this project at the present time.

Levelling Up Bid – Catterick Garrison

4.2.20 A successful public engagement event has shown community support at 75% / 10% neutral / 15% negative. Designs are at RIBA 3 stage and live contractor ECI partner discovery sessions are taking place, with an Expression of Interest via the YORBuild framework eliciting 5 interested companies. The programme is on track with no reportable issues to the fore.

Fleet Replacement

4.2.21 Additional funding of £1.0m is required to complete the proposed replacement of 23 minibuses which was curtailed during 2022/23 due to rising costs, additional District and Borough RCV requirements and lack of available funding. The funding will enable Fleet to order the remaining 13 vehicles. On an invest to save basis, the annual principal and interest repayments will be recharged to the service directorates using the minibuses in year. If approved, the funding will be added to the Capital Plan at Q2.

Acquisition of Property

4.2.22 During Q1, Children and Families acquired a property with a view to reducing the escalating costs of sourcing privately owned accommodation. Approval was given, in principle, to a loan arrangement being put in place when the acquisition was initially proposed, however, the terms of the loan arrangement were to be determined as and when it happened. Officers are working to determine the loan arrangements for inclusion in the Capital plan at Q2.

4.3 RISKS

- 4.3.1 Every effort is made to identify, assess and minimise the level of risk associated with a scheme or programme within the Capital Plan. Larger schemes and programmes are subject to assessment and monitoring under the Council's Risk Management Strategy.
- 4.3.2 Inflationary pressures are currently the most common risk factor across all five directorate Capital Plans. Construction costs and tender prices are being carefully monitored to assess the potential impact on the delivery of the Capital Programme. Whilst funds have been earmarked for potential general price rises, should the need arise, the scaling back of programmes may still be necessary.

Annual Highways Programme

- 4.3.3 As previously reported, in order to maximise spend against plan each year, Business and Environmental Services set a rolling two-year capital works programme for Highways which includes additional schemes that, on paper, would result in an over-programming of works against available funding. In reality, this is unlikely to result in a budget overspend as approved schemes will either (i) be programmed together as a single package of works thereby reducing costs, (ii) be reprofiled into the following year or (iii) be removed from the programme altogether.
- 4.3.4 At the time of this report, the current value of the over-programming of approved budget in 2023/24 is £7.3m. This level is in excess of agreed tolerances (10% of annual grant funding) resulting in the need to review and take necessary action to manage it appropriately. The service continues to prepare a Highways Capital Forward Programme (HCFP) of approved schemes which are 'shovel ready' and can be brought forward into the current annual programme to manage programming, delivery and funding challenges. In 2020, Executive approved the facility of a recurring annual short term cashflow arrangement of up to £2m that would allow Highways to bridge the funding gap over year end until LTP Grant is available to repay the loan amount in the new financial year. The over-programming position is compounded by the service's overspend of £1.9m last financial year.
- 4.3.5 DfT have confirmed the funding allocation for 2023/24 and have given an indicative allocation for 2024/25. Whilst this provides the service with some certainty as to funding levels for programme-planning purposes, the lack of any inflationary growth within those allocations (£40m pa from 2022/23 to 2024/25) indicates a real terms cut in funding which will result in a reduction in programme delivery.

4.3.6 DfT have yet to provide any indicative funding beyond 2024/25 and this is reflected in the Capital Plan. Current programme planning is based on the assumption that current funding levels will be maintained from 2025/26.

A59 Kex Gill Diversion

4.3.7 The main works contract to the value of £50,783,496 was signed with John Sisk & Son on the 22 June 2023. The spend profile for 2023/24 forecasts expenditure of £23.157m. Work activity on site is initially focusing upon establishing the main site village, 2km of drystone walling works, construction of a 3km long temporary haul road to access the works areas and earthworks related to underpass structures towards the end of August.

4.3.8 Value Engineering detail designs have now been issued to the contractor who is analysing the impact upon programme/cost with revision to both expected.

4.3.9 Planning Conditions are now substantially discharged; however, Condition 4 (Ecological Impact) has reached an impasse with Natural England who are seeking to impose a 55db noise limit via solid baffle screens. These are not supported by the LPA and are physically impractical, so legal advice is being sought and stop notice being issued unlikely in the meantime.

Transforming Cities Fund

4.3.10 The Selby and Skipton projects are on course to submit FBC to the West Yorkshire Combined Authority (WYCA) on 1 October. Currently, finalised ECI cost information is being sought to inform the FBC and enable calculation of the BCR.

4.3.11 Of the 3 projects, we are in receipt of this information for the Selby project already with a works construction price of £19,082,816; this compares to the last ECI estimate base dated March 2023 of £21,969,026.13, therefore presenting a saving of £2,886,210 vis market conditions without deferring to a value engineering exercise. Further work is required to save a further £1.5m to bring the project back within the funding envelope, so a Value Engineering exercise is still live.

4.3.12 The Skipton project is awaiting price submission and progress on the Harrogate project has been halted in light of the live Judicial Review proceedings. A potential descoped, more deliverable Harrogate project could be developed and, initially as a concept, has WYCA support. The DfT's position on this proposition is currently being sought.

Basic Need, School Condition and Capital Planned Maintenance Programmes

- 4.3.13 The DfE's School Condition Grant allocation for 2023/24 is £6,045.0k, £1,292.6k lower than the previous year. A new funding methodology based on the 2019 Condition Data Collection was introduced in 2022/23, which has resulted in a staged reduction in funding. It is expected that the overall reduction in the level of grant between 2020/21 and 2025/26 will be c.35%. In addition, should any LA maintained schools convert to academy status in year, funding will also reduce in the following year as the associated grant is redirected to the academy.
- 4.3.14 This reduction in School Condition funding has been somewhat offset by an increase in High Needs capital funding which, although welcome, has been long in coming. Between 2018/19 and 2022/23, the Council received a total of £1.5m in capital funding specifically for special provision. The allocations for 2023/24 and 2024/25 are £3.9m and £4.5m respectively. In terms of the Basic Need Grant, the Council will not now be receiving any further grant until 2025/26.
- 4.3.15 Any reduction in funding presents severe challenges to the Council's ability to deliver a programme of works. The 2023/24 School Condition Programme is much leaner than in previous years. The existing backlog of works across the school estate is only increasing as the programme has to be reduced in response to reduced funding and higher prices, which has a knock-on effect on other services within the Council such as Property Services and APP, both of which play a significant role in the delivery of the CYPS Capital Programme. The next Condition Data Collection, which would inform future funding levels, is not expected to complete before 2026.

4.4 CAPITAL FORWARD PLAN

- 4.4.1 The intention of the Capital Forward Plan is to ensure that there is a methodical approach to developing proposals for new capital schemes to be added to the Capital Plan and, in particular, the process for securing funding.
- 4.4.2 The Corporate (Capital) and Strategic teams within Finance, are the key contacts for officers developing funding proposals that require both grant applications and access to central funding reserves.
- 4.4.3 In light of local government reorganisation, the Capital Forward Plan and procedures for (i) proposing new schemes for capital investment and for (ii) seeking approval to apply for and accept external funding are currently under review. Further information will be issued in the near future.

4.5 CAPITAL FINANCING

4.5.1 The financing of the Capital Plan is realised, primarily, through the receipt of Government grants. In addition, the Council can utilise revenue contributions, reserves, capital receipts from the sale of assets such as surplus land and buildings, and, as a last resort, it can borrow from either the Public Works Loan Board or money markets.

4.5.2 The main grants received and included in the Capital Plan relate to Highways and Schools and, as such, the Council's Capital Plan can be heavily influenced by Government department priorities. Grants, in total, fund 57% of the total 2023/24 Capital programme. Where confirmed, grants have been added to the Capital Plan in the years to which they are due to be received.

4.5.3 Revenue contributions to capital budgets are also reflected in the associated revenue budgets.

4.5.4 Details of confirmed grant allocations for 2023/24 are shown in the table below:

Directorate	Grant	Grant Value £
ENV	Local Transport Plan Grant: - Integrated Transport Block - Highways Maintenance Block – Needs - Highways Maintenance Block - Incentive	3,046,000 16,454,000 4,113,000
ENV	Pothole Fund	16,454,000
ENV	Additional Pothole Fund Allocation 2023/24	6,581,600
CYPS	School Condition Grant	6,044,988
CDEV	Disabled Facilities Grant	5,114,924
CYPS	High Needs Provision Grant	4,539,669
CYPS	Devolved Formula Capital Grant (Schools)	1,237,680
CS	Public Sector Decarbonisation Grant	403,075

4.5.5 Provisional grant allocations have also been made to the Council and will be confirmed pending the submission and evaluation of proposed spending plans:

Directorate	Grant	Grant Value £
ENV	Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (LEVI) Fund (revenue capability funding to support the delivery of the investment programme has also been provisionally made)	4,880,000

4.5.6 Details of the 2025/26 Basic Need Grant have also been received. The allocation of £3,449.5k equates to the provision of an additional 157 school places needed by September 2026 and is based on data provided in the 2022 School Capacity Survey (SCAP).

Financing the Refreshed Capital Plan

4.5.7 The following table indicates that there is potentially £20.3m of unallocated capital funding that might become available over the Capital Plan period (depending upon the realisation of forecast capital receipts).

Source	2023/24 £k	2025/26 £k	2026/27 £k	Later Yrs £k
Forecast Sources of Finance				
Borrowing	42,465	-4,944	4,027	-4,707
Grants and Capital Contributions	221,234	110,866	16,410	33,742
Schemes financed from Revenue	77,373	33,754	23,656	4,521
Capital Receipts	19,970	16,741	2,045	21,449
= Total Forecast Capital Funding	361,042	156,417	46,138	55,005
- Updated Capital Plan	-353,857	-152,995	-46,137	-45,334
= Unallocated Capital Resources	7,185	3,422	1	9,671
Total potentially unallocated available over full capital reserves resources Capital Plan period	 20,279			

4.5.8 Some of the forecast receipts making up this 'Corporate Capital pot' are not expected to be realised for some time yet. As a result, the availability of this unallocated funding is speculative in terms of both timing and amount. Against this background, any material spending of the 'pot' combined with significant reductions in the expected value of potential capital receipts in the pipeline could result in its becoming 'overdrawn'. Such a scenario would result in the requirement for additional Prudential Borrowing to finance the existing Capital plan.

4.5.9 Assuming that the forecasts remain accurate, the options for this unallocated resource are:

- a) To retain, resulting in the earning of short term interest within Corporate Miscellaneous; or
- b) To make available for either new capital investment or for reducing Prudential Borrowing which would, in turn, result in financing cost savings in the Revenue Budget.

4.5.10 The current position, as previously agreed by Members, remains to retain any surplus capital funding for the time being.

4.6 RECOMMENDATIONS

4.6.1 The Executive is recommended to:

- (a) Approve the refreshed Capital Plan summarised at **paragraph 4.2.3**;
- (b) Approve the provision of £1.0m of corporate capital pot funding to meet the cost of completing the fleet replacement programme commenced last financial year (**paragraph 4.2.21**); and
- (c) Agree that no action be taken at this stage to allocate any additional capital resources (**paragraph 4.5.10**).

APPENDICES TO THE CAPITAL PLAN

- A CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICE
- B COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
- C ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
- D HEALTH & ADULT SERVICES
- E RESOURCES & CENTRAL SERVICES
- F FINANCING OF THE CAPITAL PLAN

ITEM	2023/24 CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING POSITION TO 30 JUNE 2023					
	CENTRAL SERVICES					
	Total £000	Expenditure 31/03/2023 £000	2023/24 £000	2024/25 £000	2025/26 £000	Later Years £000
GROSS EXPENDITURE						
County Hall Redevelopment	7,523	6,927	596	-	-	-
Property Rationalisation	1,378	969	410	-	-	-
Library Service Property Schemes	588	257	331	-	-	-
Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme 2021/22	3,257	2,557	700	-	-	-
Travellers Sites	-	-	-	-	-	-
Property Schemes funded from Insurance	91	74	17	-	-	-
T&C Projects	60	-	60	-	-	-
T&C Roadmap 2020/2025	3,625	1,938	1,126	561	-	-
GBF Digital Infrastructure Programme	3,624	3,624	-	-	-	-
Super Fast Broadband Scheme	686	-	-	-	-	686
Purchase of Vehicles, Plant & Equipment	5,285	-	5,085	100	100	-
Material Damage Provision	1,500	-	500	500	500	-
Capital Loan Provisions	1,955	1,955	-	-	-	-
Loans to Limited Companies	53,328	36,703	11,709	-	4,716	200
Investments in Limited Companies	1,000	1,000	-	-	-	-
TOTAL GROSS SPEND	83,901	56,004	20,534	1,161	5,316	886
Last Update	66,773	45,736	13,674	1,161	5,316	886
CAPITAL GRANTS & CONTRIBUTIONS						
Capital Grants						
- Getting Building Fund	3,603 CR	3,603 CR	-	-	-	-
- Performance Reward Grant	3,409 CR	2,334 CR	398 CR	-	-	676 CR
Capital Contributions						
- Insurance Payouts	74 CR	74 CR	-	-	-	-
Loan Repayments	55,283 CR	12,227 CR	6,612 CR	13,601 CR	2,045 CR	20,799 CR
Revenue Contributions						
- Revenue Contributions - Property	7,815 CR	7,117 CR	698 CR	-	-	-
- Revenue Contribution - Technology & Change	3,245 CR	1,959 CR	1,186 CR	90 CR	-	11 CR
- Revenue Contribution - Other	616 CR	257 CR	360 CR	-	-	-
- Revenue Contributions - Limited Companies	1,000 CR	1,000 CR	-	-	-	-
TOTAL GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS	75,945 CR	28,571 CR	9,254 CR	13,691 CR	2,045 CR	21,405 CR
Last Update	59,070 CR	14,938 CR	5,357 CR	14,079 CR	2,434 CR	22,262 CR
TOTAL NET EXPENDITURE	8,856	27,433	11,280	12,530 CR	3,272	20,599 CR
Last Update	7,703	30,798	8,317	12,918	2,882	21,376

2023/24 CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING POSITION TO 30 JUNE 2023

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICE

ITEM	Total £000	Expenditure 31/03/2023 £000	2023/24 £000	2024/25 £000	2025/26 £000	Later Years £000
GROSS EXPENDITURE						
NYCC MANAGED SCHOOL SCHEMES						
Basic Need Schemes	48,775	-	19,725	8,119	3,450	17,482
School Condition Schemes	24,699	-	23,934	383	-	382
Capital Maintenance Programme	5,217	-	5,217	-	-	-
General Compliance & Health and Safety	200	-	200	-	-	-
Strategic Management of Capital	313	-	313	-	-	-
SCHOOL MANAGED SCHEMES						
Self Help Schemes	9,933	-	3,933	3,000	3,000	-
Devolved Formula Capital Grant Funding	3,188	-	1,088	1,050	1,050	-
STRATEGIC PRIORITIES (OTHER)	1,450	71	47	1,082	250	-
NYCC NON-SCHOOL MANAGED SCHEMES						
Catering Equipment	720	-	240	240	240	-
Prevention & Commissioning	109	-	-	-	-	109
Children & Families	-	-	-	-	-	-
Outdoor Learning Service	400	391	9	-	-	-
Social Care Maintaining Fabric - No Wrong Door	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aiming High for Disabled Children - Short Breaks	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL GROSS SPEND	95,003	463	54,704	13,873	7,990	17,973
Last Update	63,439	75	30,016	12,585	4,600	16,238
CAPITAL GRANTS & CONTRIBUTIONS						
NYCC MANAGED SCHOOL SCHEMES						
Capital Grants						
- Basic Need Grant	20,480 CR	-	10,885 CR	3,144 CR	3,450 CR	3,000 CR
- Devolved Capital Grant	160 CR	-	160 CR	-	-	-
- School Condition Grant	16,841 CR	-	16,209 CR	383 CR	250 CR	-
- Special Provision Capital Fund Grant	8,844 CR	-	8,844 CR	-	-	-
Capital Contributions						
- Community Infrastructure Levy	2,000 CR	-	2,000 CR	-	-	-
- Section 106 Income	24,485 CR	-	7,290 CR	2,477 CR	-	14,718 CR
- Other Capital Contributions	-	-	-	-	-	-
Revenue Contributions						
- Other Revenue Contributions	4,000 CR	-	4,000 CR	-	-	-
SCHOOL MANAGED SCHEMES						
Capital Grants						
- Devolved Capital Grant	3,188 CR	-	1,088 CR	1,050 CR	1,050 CR	-
- Sport Organisation Grants	723 CR	-	723 CR	-	-	-
Capital Contributions						
- Self Help Capital Contributions	1,500 CR	-	500 CR	500 CR	500 CR	-
- School Budgets Revenue Contributions	7,500 CR	-	2,500 CR	2,500 CR	2,500 CR	-
NYCC NON-SCHOOL MANAGED SCHEMES						
Capital Grants						
- Other Capital Grants	109 CR	-	-	-	-	109 CR
Revenue Contributions						
- Catering Equipment	720 CR	-	240 CR	240 CR	240 CR	-
- Other Revenue Contributions	400 CR	391 CR	9 CR	-	-	-
TOTAL GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS	80,949 CR	391 CR	54,447 CR	10,294 CR	7,990 CR	17,828 CR
Last Update	60,912 CR	-	30,016 CR	10,204 CR	4,600 CR	16,092 CR
TOTAL NET EXPENDITURE	4,054	71	257	3,580	-	146
Last Update	2,527	75	CR	2,381	-	146

ITEM	2023/24 CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING POSITION TO 30 JUNE 2023					
	LEGACY CAPITAL PROGRAMME					
	Total	Expenditure	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	Later Years
	£000	31/03/2023 £000	£000	£000	£000	£000
GROSS EXPENDITURE						
Roads, Street Lighting & Road Safety	7,879	-	7,807	36	36	-
Parking of Vehicles	1,327	-	1,207	40	-	80
Local Authority Ports & Piers	8,156	-	8,156	-	-	-
Social Care	135	-	15	15	15	90
Housing (HRA)	75,319	-	30,276	15,511	17,122	12,410
Disabled Facilities Grant Funded Programme	15,948	-	5,638	4,742	3,714	1,854
Housing Programmes (Non-HRA)	29,723	-	24,407	5,315	-	-
Culture & Heritage	8,798	-	8,603	125	70	-
Recreation & Sport	26,533	-	25,403	525	415	190
Open Spaces	3,780	-	2,782	383	215	400
Cemeteries, Cremation & Mortuary	2,489	-	918	510	426	635
Coast Protection	7,851	-	6,377	739	735	-
Community Safety	629	-	629	-	-	-
Flood Defence & Land Drainage	50	-	50	-	-	-
Agricultural & Fisheries Services	11,596	-	11,596	-	-	-
Regulatory Services (Environmental Health)	689	-	669	-	20	-
Waste	1,643	-	1,202	137	94	210
Transforming Cities Programme	6,855	-	500	6,000	355	-
Programme 4 Growth (Selby)	2,032	-	1,648	384	-	-
Planning & Development Services	10,002	-	10,002	-	-	-
ICT	9,224	-	4,192	1,642	1,251	2,140
Property	3,678	-	3,468	160	50	-
Vehicles	8,412	-	2,732	1,661	3,081	937
Central Services - Other	20,508	-	2,058	14,878	3,572	-
Infrastructure	1,325	-	1,325	-	-	-
Real Estate Activities	9,635	-	9,255	210	110	60
Other Commercial Activity	341	-	341	-	-	-
TOTAL GROSS SPEND	274,557	-	171,257	53,013	31,281	19,006
Last Update	222,372		140,822	29,603	31,331	20,617
CAPITAL GRANTS & CONTRIBUTIONS						
Capital Grants						
- Disabled Facilities Grant	15,833 CR	-	5,523 CR	4,742 CR	3,714 CR	1,854 CR
- Other Grants	92,858 CR	-	51,792 CR	22,878 CR	5,738 CR	12,450 CR
Capital Contributions						
- Capital Contributions - Other	153 CR	-	153 CR	-	-	-
- CIL Contributions	856 CR	-	856 CR	-	-	-
- Section 106 Contributions	8,759 CR	-	8,204 CR	185 CR	185 CR	185 CR
Revenue Contributions						
- Direct revenue Contributions - Other	113,399 CR	-	66,559 CR	21,484 CR	20,889 CR	4,467 CR
Capital Receipts						
- Earmarked Capital Receipts	11,297 CR	-	8,437 CR	2,860 CR	-	-
- Loan Repayments	55 CR	-	55 CR	-	-	-
TOTAL GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS	243,311 CR	-	141,579 CR	52,150 CR	30,527 CR	18,956 CR
Last Update	192,477 CR		112,593 CR	28,741 CR	30,577 CR	20,567 CR
TOTAL NET EXPENDITURE	31,346	-	29,678	863	754	50
Last Update	29,894	-	28,229	861	754	50

2023/24 CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING POSITION TO 30 JUNE 2023

BUSINESS AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

ITEM	Total	Expenditure	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	Later Years
	£000	31/03/2023 £000	£000	£000	£000	£000
GROSS EXPENDITURE						
HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION ANNUAL PROGRAMME						
New and Replacement Road Lighting Columns	1,062	-	1,062	-	-	-
Structural Maintenance - Roads	32,666	-	30,908	1,758	-	-
Structural Maintenance - Bridges	5,319	-	3,589	565	1,165	-
Integrated Transport Block Provision	4,678	-	1,632	3,046	-	-
Central Overheads (inc unprogrammed works in future years)	12,464	-	12,464	-	-	-
Other Grant Funded Highways	14,843	-	6,705	7,673	198	268
Other Funded Highways Programme	50	-	50	-	-	-
Other Programme Items	29,430	-	5,325 CR	34,754	-	-
Flood Risk Management	1,971	-	1,736	235	-	-
HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION MAJOR PROJECTS						
Kex Gill Realignment	68,800	5,417	32,963	30,419	-	-
Junction 47 Improvements	11,573	11,525	12	12	12	12
Bedale-Aiskew-Leeming Bar Major Scheme	25,394	25,362	-	-	-	32
Transforming Cities	14,191	3,967	10,224	-	-	-
WASTE & COUNTRYSIDE SERVICES						
Waste Management Service	621	159	15	15	15	416
Countryside Services	48	48	-	-	-	-
Travel - Zero Emission Bus Regional Areas Grant	7,800	-	7,800	-	-	-
GROWTH, PLANNING & TRADED SERVICES						
Rural Connected Communities (5G)	692	672	20	-	-	-
UK Shared Prosperity Fund	8,168	-	1,905	6,263	-	-
Heritage Services	506	-	115	160	160	71
Howardian Hills AONB Capital	96	28	20	49	-	-
TOTAL GROSS SPEND	240,370	47,179	105,894.5	84,947.3	1,549.7	798.7
Last Update	159,038	67,263	50,184	40,829	27	735
CAPITAL GRANTS & CONTRIBUTIONS						
Capital Grants						
- Local Transport Plan Grant	47,417 CR	-	22,584 CR	23,668 CR	1,165 CR	-
- National Productivity Investment Fund	1,752 CR	1,160 CR	100 CR	492 CR	-	-
- Safer Roads Fund	4,879 CR	-	3,445 CR	1,236 CR	198 CR	-
- Highways England Grant	3,126 CR	3,126 CR	-	-	-	-
- Section 31 DFT Grants	88,021 CR	25,070 CR	36,001 CR	26,950 CR	-	-
- Transforming Cities Fund Grant	13,808 CR	3,885 CR	9,924 CR	-	-	-
- EA Grant	720 CR	76 CR	240 CR	344 CR	60 CR	-
- Waste Capital Grants	411 CR	-	-	-	-	411 CR
- DFT Grant	39,490 CR	-	23,036 CR	16,454 CR	-	-
- DLUHC Grant	8,168 CR	-	1,905 CR	6,263 CR	-	-
- ZEBRA Grant	7,800 CR	-	7,800 CR	-	-	-
- Local Growth Deal	3,773 CR	3,773 CR	-	-	-	-
- DCMS Grant	692 CR	672 CR	20 CR	-	-	-
Capital Contributions	3,604 CR	2,919 CR	685 CR	-	-	-
S106 Contributions	758 CR	-	219 CR	100 CR	100 CR	339 CR
Revenue Contributions						
- Road Lighting Columns	15 CR	-	15 CR	-	-	-
- Kex Gill	12,700 CR	3,487 CR	-	9,213 CR	-	-
- Flood Risk Management	1,182 CR	-	1,182 CR	-	-	-
- Junction 47	684 CR	636 CR	12 CR	12 CR	12 CR	12 CR
- Transforming Cities	300 CR	-	300 CR	-	-	-
- BALB (PIP)	2,144 CR	2,113 CR	-	-	-	32 CR
- Other Revenue Contributions	747 CR	104 CR	413 CR	215 CR	15 CR	-
TOTAL GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS	333,199 CR	47,089 CR	107,899 CR	84,947 CR	1,659 CR	794 CR
Last Update	153,472 CR	61,780 CR	50,184 CR	40,829 CR	27 CR	652 CR
TOTAL NET EXPENDITURE	1,821 CR	159	1,995.4 CR	-	-	5.2
Last Update	5,566	5,483	-	-	-	83

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HEALTH AND ADULT SERVICES

ITEM	Total	Expenditure	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	Later Years
	£000	31/03/2023 £000	£000	£000	£000	£000
GROSS EXPENDITURE						
Maintaining Fabric / Facilities of Properties	865	-	865	-	-	-
Extra Care Scheme (Invest to Save)	7,169	-	500	-	-	6,669
Public Health Schemes	104	-	104	-	-	-
TOTAL GROSS SPEND	8,138	-	1,468	-	-	6,669
Last Update	8,283	-	1,000	-	-	7,283
CAPITAL GRANTS & CONTRIBUTIONS						
Capital Grants						
- PSS Capital Grant	447 CR	-	447 CR	-	-	-
- Other Grants	104 CR	-	104 CR	-	-	-
TOTAL GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS	551 CR	-	551 CR	-	-	-
Last Update	82 CR	-	82 CR	-	-	-
TOTAL NET EXPENDITURE	7,587	-	917	-	-	6,669
Last Update	8,201	-	918	-	-	7,283

FINANCING OF CAPITAL PLAN					
Q1 2023/24					
A FORECAST FUNDING AVAILABLE	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	Later Yrs
	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s
1 Borrowing					
Prudential (Unsupported) Borrowing	32,811	2,935	1,744	0	-46,152
Rephased borrowing (capital expenditure & receipts slippage)	9,654	-7,879	2,283	0	41,445
	42,465	-4,944	4,027	0	-4,707
2 Capital Grants and Contributions					
Central Services	498	0	0	0	676
Children & Young People's Service	47,698	7,554	5,250	0	17,828
Community Development	66,528	27,806	9,637	0	14,489
Environment	105,958	75,507	1,523	0	750
Health & Adult Services	551	0	0	0	0
	221,234	110,866	16,410	0	33,742
3 Schemes financed from Revenue					
Central Services	2,144	90	0	0	11
Children & Young People's Service	6,749	2,740	2,740	0	0
Community Development	66,559	21,484	20,889	0	4,467
Environment	1,922	9,440	27	0	44
Health & Adult Services	0	0	0	0	0
	77,373	33,754	23,656	0	4,521
4 Capital Receipts available to finance Capital Spending					
Other capital receipts from sale of properties	4,866	280	0	0	650
Company & Other Loan Repayments (treated as capital receipts)	15,104	16,461	2,045	0	20,799
	19,970	16,741	2,045	0	21,449
= Total Forecast Funding Available	361,042	156,417	46,138	0	55,005
B CAPITAL PLAN Updated gross spend	-353,857	-152,995	-46,137	0	-45,334
C FUNDING REMAINING	7,184	3,422	1	0	9,672
D TOTAL FUNDING REMAINING					20,279

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5.0 Legal Implications

5.1 There are no specific legal implications

6.0 Consultation and Responses

6.1 This report has been the subject of full consultation with Directorates and is agreed by Management Board

7.0 Conclusions and Recommendations

7.1 That the Executive

- a. notes the information in the Q1 Performance Report
- b. notes the forecast outturn position against the 2023/24 Revenue Budget, as summarised in **paragraph 2.2.2**.
- c. notes the forecast outturn position for the Housing Revenue Account as set out in **paragraph 2.3.1**.
- d. approves a preliminary allocation of £400k from the LGR Reserve to progress work on the North Yorkshire Local Plan in the first year (2023/24) and that the funding is delegated to the Corporate Director Community Development in consultation with the Executive Member for Open to Business as set out in **paragraphs 2.6.2 to 2.6.3**.
- e. authorises the Corporate Director, Resources in consultation with the Chief Executive, Leader and Deputy Leader / Executive Member for Finance to implement a scheme for requests for funding from the LGR Reserve that total less than £1m with any proposals in excess of that requiring prior approval of the Executive as set out in **paragraph 2.6.4**.
- f. approves the acceptance of the grants as set out in **Appendix I** as described in **paragraphs 2.7.1 to 2.7.2**
- g. notes the position on the Council's Treasury Management activities during the first quarter of 2023/24
- h. refers this report to the Audit Committee for their consideration as part of the overall monitoring arrangements for Treasury Management.
- i. approve the refreshed Capital Plan summarised at **paragraph 4.2.3**;
- j. approve the provision of £1.0m of corporate capital pot funding to meet the cost of completing the fleet replacement programme commenced last financial year (**paragraph 4.2.21**); and
- k. agree that no action be taken at this stage to allocate any additional capital resources (**paragraph 4.5.10**).

Richard Flinton
Chief Executive
29 August 2023

Gary Fielding
Corporate Director, Strategic Resources



FORWARD PLAN

The decisions likely to be taken by North Yorkshire Council in the following 12 months are set out below:

Publication Date: 21 August 2023

Last updated: 18 August 2023

Period covered by Plan: 31 August 2024

PLEASE NOTE:-

In accordance with the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements)(Meetings and Access to information)(England) Regulations 2012, at least **28 clear days' notice**, including the day of notification and the day of decision taking, must be published on the Forward Plan of any intended key decision. It is also a requirement that **28 clear days' notice** is published of the intention to hold an Executive meeting or any part of it in private for the consideration of confidential or exempt information. For further information and advice please contact the Democratic Services and Scrutiny Manager on 01609 533531.

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29 Aug 2023	Executive		Q1 Performance Monitoring and Budget Report	Yes	Q1 Performance Monitoring and Budget report including: Revenue Plan; Capital Plan; Treasury Management and Prudential Indicators.	Management Board	Meetings	Gary Fielding, Corporate Director of Resources gary.fielding@northyorks.gov.uk	Q1 Performance Monitoring and Budget Report
19 Sep 2023	Executive		Future arrangements for the Harrogate and Rural Alliance	Yes	To approve the continuation of the Harrogate and Rural Alliance and agree the proposed legal framework and consultation process.	NHS Commissioners and Providers	Correspondence, meetings and Council website	Chris Watson chris.watson@northyorks.gov.uk	
19 Sep 2023	Executive		Managing Adult Social Care Pressures	Yes	To update Members on actions being taken to address adult social care waiting times and workforce pressures and to set out the evaluation of the Ethical Decision-Making Framework that was put in place in January 2022			Richard Webb, Corporate Director of Health and Adult Services richard.webb@northyorks.gov.uk	
19 Sep 2023	Executive		Footway Lighting Energy Reduction	Yes	To seek approval for a three step plan to address significant			Paul Gilmore, Electrical Engineering	Footway Lighting

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Page 199					ongoing maintenance and energy issues associated with Footway and Amenity lighting that has transferred to North Yorkshire Council following the recent Local Government Reorganisation. Executive will be asked to consider an Invest to Save opportunity and approve a £2.46m capital investment that has the potential for £440k annual saving (at current energy rates).			Manager, Highways and Transportation Paul.gilmore@northyorks.gov.uk	Energy Reduction
	19 Sep 2023	Executive		Asset Disposal	No	Disposal of Assets		Kerry Metcalfe, AD Property, Procurement & Commercial kerry.metcalfe@northyorks.gov.uk	Asset Disposal
	19 Sep 2023	Executive		Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP+) - Grant Funding Acceptance	Yes	To outline the allocating of funding the Department for Transport (DfT) recently announced		Catherine Price catherine.price@northyorks.gov.uk	Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP+) - Grant

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					entitled BSIP+. Approval is required to accept the £2,927,376 funding, to be split equally across 2023/24 and 2024/25, upon receipt of the terms and conditions from the DfT.				Funding Acceptance
19 Sep 2023	Executive		Neighbourhood Planning – Making of the Bradleys Both Neighbourhood Development Plan	Yes	1.1 To present the results of the Bradleys Both Neighbourhood Development Plan referendum and the requirements of North Yorkshire Council as the Local Planning Authority to formally 'make' the Bradleys Both Neighbourhood Development Plan. 1.2 To present the Regulation 19 Decision Statement, set out at Appendix A to this report, which sets out the Local Planning Authorities' decision in terms of making or adopting the Bradleys	Equalities: Stephen.Lilgert@northyorks.gov.uk Climate Change: climatechange@northyorks.gov.uk Legal: Glenn.Sharpe@northyorks.gov.uk Finance: Paul.Foster@northyorks.gov.uk Trevor Watson Nic Harne	Via Email	Trevor Watson, AD Planning trevor.watson@northyorks.gov.uk	Neighbourhood Planning – Making of the Bradleys Both Neighbourhood Development Plan

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Page 201					Both Neighbourhood Development Plan and the reasons for making that decision. The Executive is asked to recommend to Full Council that the Bradleys Both NDP is made and that the Decision Statement set out at Appendix A to the report is approved.	Councillors Bastiman and Myers			
	19 Sep 2023	Executive		No	The report seeks permission from the Executive for North Yorkshire Council to apply to Homes England for Investment Partner status and to submit an associated bid to Homes England for grant funding under the Affordable Housing Programme (AHP) 2021-26.	Financial; Legal; Equalities; and Climate Change	Internal officers will be consulted in full.	Marie Woodhouse victoria.young@northyorks.gov.uk	Application for Homes England Investment Partner Status and Associated Affordable Housing Programme 2021-26 Bid
19 Sep 2023	Executive		Redeployment of land to the north and south of	Yes	To approve the proposed	Executive members and		Philip Cowan, Non-Operational Property	

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			Crosshills Lane, Selby		redeployment of the property	Management Board at the informal Executive meeting held on 8 June 2021		Manager, NYCC Property Services Philip.Cowan@northyorks.gov.uk	
Page 202 9 Sep 2023	Executive		Outdoor Learning Service	Yes	To consider the outcome of the strategic review and full business case for the Outdoor Learning Service.	Not applicable	Not applicable	Amanda Newbold, AD Education Services amanda.newbold@northyorks.gov.uk	
17 Oct 2023	Executive		North Yorkshire Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy	Yes	To consider the proposed North Yorkshire Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy and recommend it for adoption to the Council. NOTE: The North Yorkshire Health and Wellbeing Board's Terms of Reference state that "The Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy will be referred to the Council for approval as part of	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The public and partners •North Yorkshire Health and Wellbeing Board (finalised draft) on 20th September 2023 •Executive on 17th October 2023 •Council on 15th November 	In terms of the public and partners, a period of public consultation is planned for spring/summer 2023. In terms of the formal meetings referred to above, the process will be via presentation and discussion of the proposed Strategy at the relevant	Louise Wallace, AD Health and Integration louise.wallace@northyorks.gov.uk	North Yorkshire Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy

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Page 203					the Council's Policy Framework."	2023 NOTE: There is on-going liaison with the North Yorkshire Health and Wellbeing Board, who will be asked to approve a draft Strategy to be consulted on, at its meeting on 17th March 2023.	Committee meetings.		
	17 Oct 2023	Executive		To accept grant funding from the National Institute for Health Research should our bid be successful	Yes	To ask for approval to accept funding up to £5million across a 5 year period, should our bid be successful. The funding is intended to improve the capacity and capability for research within the local authority to aid evidence driven decision making.		Katie Needham, Public Health Consultant, Health and Adult Services katie.needham@northyorks.gov.uk	To accept grant funding from the National Institute for Health Research should our bid be successful
	17 Oct 2023	Executive		Asset Disposal	No	Disposal of Assets		Kerry Metcalfe, AD Property,	Asset Disposal

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								Procurement & Commercial kerry.metcalfe@northyorks.gov.uk	
17 Oct 2023	Executive		Double Devolution	Yes	The purpose of the report is to ask Executive to agree the recommended expressions of interest (EOI) of council services to be devolved to town or parish councils (Double Devolution) to take forward to the next stage of decision making following full business case of individual EOI. 12 expressions of interest (EOI) were received from Town and Parish councils by March 2023, and these have subsequently been evaluated. We are proposing to take 7 of these forward to business case and are seeking agreement from Executive of the 7 EOI recommended.	Members-relevant to the areas identified to be recommended to take forward to double devolution business stage. Town and Parish Councils to reflect on which areas have been recommended to take forward and where they have not	Direct contact through meeting and written feedback.	Rachel Joyce, Assistant Chief Executive for Localities, Alison Szustakowski, Senior Project Manager rachel.joyce@northyorks.gov.uk; alison.szustakowski@northyorks.gov.uk,	Double Devolution

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					It is proposed that we will devolve assets and or services from April 2024.				
17 Oct 2023	Executive		Amendments to the Council's Constitution	Yes	Consideration of proposed amendments to the Council's Constitution for recommendation to full Council. Subject to any comments Members may have, to recommend the proposed amendments to the Constitution to full Council for approval.	Relevant NYC Officers and Members. The Members' Working Group on the Constitution.	Correspondence and meetings	Moira Beighton moira.beighton@northyorks.gov.uk	Amendments to the Council's Constitution
17 Oct 2023	Executive		North Yorkshire Economic Growth Strategy for adoption	Yes	To consider and adopt an Economic Development Strategy for North Yorkshire	The Draft Strategy has been subject to several stages of consultation during its development, including:	Following an extensive review of data and information, the draft Strategy has been developed and refined through a series of:	David Caulfield, AD Economic Development, Regeneration, Tourism & Skills david.caulfield@northyorks.gov.uk	North Yorkshire Economic Growth Strategy for adoption

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Page 206						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Leader of the Council - Executive Members for Open for Business, Highways and Transportation, and Culture, Arts and Housing - All member briefing - Chief Executive - York, North Yorkshire, and East Riding Directors of Development - York and North Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership (officers) - North Yorkshire economic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • one to one interviews • presentations followed by group discussions • larger workshops with facilitated debates <p>The development of the Strategy has been guided by officers from economic development and led by the Assistant Director for Economic Development, Regeneration, Tourism and Skills. The Strategy is based upon a North Yorkshire Economic Framework that was agreed in consultation with the Executive member for Open to Business.</p>		

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Page 207						development officer group - Transport, Economy, Environment and Enterprise Overview and Scrutiny Committee - Transition (LGR) Overview and Scrutiny Committee - Federation of Small Businesses - Adjoining Local Enterprise Partnerships - West and North Yorkshire Chamber of Commerce - Skills providers - A range of developers and businesses			

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7 Nov 2023	Executive		Proposed extra care housing scheme	Yes	To approve funding to support the development of an extra care housing scheme in Whitby. To review the proposed scheme and outcome of the procurement.			Michael Rudd, Head of Housing Marketing Development (Commissioning), Health and Adult Services michael.rudd@northyorks.gov.uk	
7 Nov 2023	Executive		Member Allowances 2024/25	Yes	To make a recommendation to Full Council based on Independent Remuneration Panel Recommendations	Independent Remuneration Panel and Members	IRP Meetings	Barry Khan, Assistant Chief Executive (Legal & Democratic Services) barry.khan@northyorks.gov.uk	Member Allowances 2024/25
28 Nov 2023	Executive		Q2 Performance Monitoring and Budget Report	Yes	Q2 Performance Monitoring and Budget report including: Revenue Plan; Capital Plan; Treasury Management and Prudential Indicators.	Management Board	Meetings	Gary Fielding, Corporate Director of Resources gary.fielding@northyorks.gov.uk	Q2 Performance Monitoring and Budget Report
28 Nov 2023	Executive		Asset Disposal	No	Disposal of Assets			Kerry Metcalfe, AD Property, Procurement & Commercial kerry.metcalfe@northyorks.gov.uk	Asset Disposal

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28 Nov 2023	Executive		Outdoor Learning Service	Yes	To consider the outcome of the strategic review and full business case for the Outdoor Learning Service.	Not applicable.	Not applicable.	Amanda Newbold, AD Education Services amanda.newbold@northyorks.gov.uk	Outdoor Learning Service
12 Dec 2023	Executive		Asset Disposal	No	Disposal of Assets			Kerry Metcalfe, AD Property, Procurement & Commercial kerry.metcalfe@northyorks.gov.uk	Asset Disposal
12 Dec 2023	Executive		Asset Disposal	No	Disposal of Assets			Kerry Metcalfe, AD Property, Procurement & Commercial kerry.metcalfe@northyorks.gov.uk	Asset Disposal
9 Jan 2024	Executive		Review of Outside Bodies	Yes	Following the amalgamation of the District and Borough Councils all Outside Bodies now fall under the remit of North Yorkshire Council. It was agreed at Council AGM in May 2023 to complete a review of Outside Bodies within 12 months in order to	N/A.		Christine Phillipson, Democratic Services & Scrutiny Officer christine.phillipson@northyorks.gov.uk	Review of Outside Bodies

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					review and reduce the numbers to a more manageable amount. This will be completed against an agreed criteria and scored accordingly.				
Jan 2024	Executive		Shaping the future of Leisure Services in North Yorkshire: Outcomes of the Strategic Leisure Review	Yes	To consider and agree the outcomes and recommendations from the Strategic Leisure Review	There is a Members Working Group already established. LGR Transition O&S committee meeting on the 4th December. Please can you confirm that we are on the forward plan for this meeting and any deadlines for papers etc	Engagement and consultation taking place with stakeholders to inform the findings and recommendations of the review. This includes individual discussions, focus groups, webinars, webpage, workshops and a survey.	Jo Ireland, AD Culture, Arts & Leisure jo.ireland@north.yorks.gov.uk	Shaping the future of Leisure Services in North Yorkshire: Outcomes of the Strategic Leisure Review

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Page 211						Internal engagement (not formal consultation) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • within the service • affected services e.g. public health, HAS, CYPS • Leisure operators External <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stakeholders and partners (e.g. Sport England, National Governing Bodies, health organisations, local sports groups) • Key focus groups for impacted community groups e.g. Older people, Children and 			

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						Young persons			
9 Jan 2024 Page 212	Executive		Shaping the future of Leisure Services in North Yorkshire: Outcomes of the Strategic Leisure Review	Yes	To consider and agree the outcomes and recommendations from the Strategic Leisure Review.	There is a Members Working Group already established. LGR Transition O&S Internal engagement (not formal consultation) • within the service • affected services e.g. public health, HAS, CYPS • Leisure operators External • Stakeholders and partners (e.g. Sport England, National	Engagement and consultation taking place with stakeholders to inform the findings and recommendations of the review. This includes individual discussions, focus groups, webinars, webpage, workshops and a survey	Jo Ireland, AD Culture, Arts & Leisure jo.ireland@north.yorks.gov.uk	Shaping the future of Leisure Services in North Yorkshire: Outcomes of the Strategic Leisure Review

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Page 213						Governing Bodies, health organisations , local sports groups) • Key focus groups for impacted community groups e.g Older people, Children and Young persons				
	23 Jan 2024	Executive		Revenue Budget 2024/25 and Medium Term Financial Strategy - To make recommendation to Full Council	Yes	To consider and recommend to Council the Revenue Budget for 2024/25 and the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) including the: • Revenue Plan • Capital Plan • Treasury Management • Prudential Indicators	Management Board	Budget consultation process	Gary Fielding, Corporate Director of Resources gary.fielding@northyorks.gov.uk	Revenue Budget 2024/25 and Medium Term Financial Strategy - To make recommendation to Full Council
	23 Jan 2024	Executive		Council Plan 2024- 2028	Yes	To consider and recommend to council	Corporate and Partnerships	Meetings	Simon Moss, Strategy &	Council Plan 2024- 2028

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					the Council Plan for 2024-2028	Overview and Scrutiny Committee Management Board		Performance Team Leader simon.moss@northyorks.gov.uk	
19 Feb 2024	Executive		Q3 Performance Monitoring and Budget Report	Yes	Q3 Performance Monitoring and Budget report including: Revenue Plan; Capital Plan; Treasury Management and Prudential Indicators	Management Board	Meetings	Gary Fielding, Corporate Director of Resources gary.fielding@northyorks.gov.uk	Q3 Performance Monitoring and Budget Report
19 Mar 2024	Executive		Future arrangements for the Harrogate and Rural Alliance	Yes	To consider feedback from the consultation and approve the final legal framework.	NHS Commissioners and Providers	Correspondence and meetings	Chris Watson chris.watson@northyorks.gov.uk	

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