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Meeting: Richmond and Northallerton Area Committee

Members: Councillors Alyson Baker, Caroline Dickinson (Vice-

Chair), Kevin Foster, Bryn Griffiths, David Hugill,

Tom Jones, Carl Les, Heather Moorhouse, Stuart Parsons,

Yvonne Peacock (Chair), Karin Sedgwick,

Angus Thompson, Steve Watson, David Webster,

John Weighell OBE, Annabel Wilkinson, Peter Wilkinson

and Malcolm Warne.

Date: Monday, 16th September, 2024

Time: 10.00 am

Venue: The Grand Meeting Room, County Hall, Northallerton, DL7

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

14. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Monday 18th November 2024 at 10am at a venue to be confirmed

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Friday, 6 September 2024

North Yorkshire Council

Richmond (Yorks) Area Constituency Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 17th June, 2024 commencing at 10.00 am at County Hall, Northallerton

Councillors Yvonne Peacock, Caroline Dickinson, Kevin Foster, David Hugill, Carl Les, Steve Watson, David Webster, John Weighell OBE and Annabel Wilkinson.

Councillor Heather Moorhouse attended remotely.

Officers present: Mark Ashton – Strategic Planning Officer, Louise Wilson – Head of School Improvement, Cerys Townend – Locality Manager (Inclusion), Steve Loach, Democratic Services Officer, Lucy Moss-Blundell – Migrant Programmes Manager, Sharon Hudson and Lisa Wilson – Localities West Team, Austin Gordon – Richmond Leisure Trust, Andy Clarke – Public and Community Transport Manager, Nigel Smith - Head of Highway Operations and Jayne Charlton - Area Manager Areas 1 and 2

Other Attendees: 8 members of the public and a representative of the press.

Apologies: Councillors Bryn Griffiths, Stuart Parsons, Karin Sedgwick Angus Thompson and Peter Wilkinson.

Copies of all documents considered are in the Minute Book

83 Election of Chair

Resolved -

That Councillor Yvonne Peacock be elected Chair of the Richmond (Yorks) ACC for 2024/25 until the meeting following the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2025

Councillor Peacock thanked Members for her election and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

She stated that Members would be aware of the pre-election period, with the General Election being held on 4 July 2024. Whilst the business of the Council continued, Members should be mindful of avoiding giving an individual or a political group a platform by which they could influence public opinion in the lead up to the election. She asked that all members were mindful of this during today's proceedings

84 Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 18 March 2024

The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 18 March 2024 having been printed and circulated, be taken as read and confirmed and signed by the Chair as an accurate record.

85 Election of Vice-Chair

Resolved -

That Councillor Caroline Dickinson be elected Vice-Chair of the Richmond (Yorks) ACC for 2024/25 until the meeting following the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2025

86 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Yvonne Peacock declared a non-pecuniary interest in respect of the agenda item Stronger Communities update in relation to her being a Board Member of the Upper Dales Community Partnership who had a great deal of involvement with the Stronger Communities service.

87 Public Participation

Questions/statements from Northallerton Town Council

Bus Provision to Serve New Residential Developments to the North of Northallerton.

In 2016 planning consent was granted by Hambleton District Council for some 900 houses forming part of the North Northallerton Development Area. Much of the residential element has now been constructed and is occupied. The signed Section 106 Agreement (dated 2nd December 2016) clearly includes the requirement to fully implement the incorporated Framework Travel Plan, which contains the statement that an hourly bus service would be funded for a five-year period by the applicant, along with associated infrastructure.

Whilst bus stops have been implemented no bus service has been provided to date

Given the large size of the development and its distance from the town centre, the Town Council would like to ask why no bus service has been provided to date, as referenced in the Section 106 Agreement, and what measures are now proposed to ensure that residents are able to access key town centre services by public transport?

Furthermore, the Town Council would like to understand how NYC can provide assurances that any future major planning applications, specifically relating to land to the east of Stokesley Road, will be serviced by public transport?

It should be noted that NYC's Let's Talk Transport consultation demonstrated that bus services in the Hambleton area was the main transport related issue for residents. This was confirmed and reinforced by a well-attended Transport Consultation Event held by the three Parish Councils in Northallerton on Saturday 10th February 2024.

Questions/statements from Northallerton Area Over Fifties Forum

Why does NYC Passenger Transport not give adequate time for consulting members of the public, in particular bus passengers, prior to making changes to all bus services?

A recent example of this is the Northallerton Town Bus Service 74a & 74b bus services which are being suddenly been adapted to incorporate a 74c service, totally to the detriment of the 74a & 74b services.

Whilst it is recognised that the North Moor Road development requires a bus service, it should not be to the major detriment of existing bus services, which is what has happened before with this bus service.

We did request that the introduction of the 74c service be PAUSED until a suitable alternative & acceptable proposal can be made available, a request which has been ignored.

Response from North Yorkshire Passenger Transport Services – Andy Clarke

When the Highway authority was initially consulted on planning application 15/01083/HYB, the North Northallerton development site, it was recommended a number of payments were sought, including money to help fund additional bus services. However, as detailed in the planning officers report for the applications.

at Hambleton DC, it was noted that some of the funding originally requested (not just the bus contribution but also some other payments) were not to be included due to the impact this would have on the viability of the scheme. The S106 that was eventually signed, dated 2/12/2016, did not detail a payment from the developer to the highway authority for bus services. With no specific funding being provided we have been unable to introduce a new service to the North Northallerton to date. However we are now proposing to extend the North Yorkshire Council town service to include some new off peak 74C journeys to the development. These will start on 10th June and a copy of the timetable is attached.

With regard to future applications the highway authority would review the proposals in due course but accessibility by all means of transport and all users will be a key requirement. On bus provision specifically should it be deemed the existing services do not adequately serve a proposed development the developer may put forward their own proposals or be requested to contribute towards or fund new services. However there can be competing financial demands and viability assessments for an application that have to be taken into account and it would be for members of the planning committee to assess the benefits of any development coming forward and what if any financial contributions can and should be sought for public transport.

In response to the issues raised by the Over Fifties Forum he stated that the changes were in response to requests from members of the public and councillors for a service to North Northallerton. Proposals had been shared with Councillors in April and then more widely in mid-May with the changes due to take effect from the 10th June. Subsequent feedback resulted in some timetable amendments and the start date was then delayed until 17th June to allow time for these to be communicated.

The Chair noted that local Members would like to have had a full discussion on the issues raised by the questions/statements but were restricted due to being in a pre-election period for the forthcoming General Election. It was agreed, therefore, that the questions/statements would be re-submitted to the September meeting of the Committee to allow a more extensive discussion to take place.

88 Updates from the Previous Meeting

The Chair referred to the discussion on the BT Digital Phone line roll out in Upper Dales Areas at the previous meeting and the subsequent press release which had highlighted what action residents could take and had provided useful contacts.

89 Appointments to Committees and Outside Bodies

Resolved -

That Valerie Margaret Nelson be appointed to the Atkinson and Clarke Educational Foundation, a Category 3 appointment, as nominated by the local Member, Councillor Tom Jones.

90 Annual Schools Educational Achievement & Finance Report - Report for Information Only

A report informing the Committee of the local educational landscape, educational achievement and the financial challenges which affect schools in the Richmond (Yorks) constituency committee area had been submitted to the previous meeting and a further report, providing the details requested by Members, was submitted to address those issues.

The report again included details of: Page 5

- The number of schools across the area and their status:
- School standards and attainment;
- Suspension incidents and exclusions;
- Special educational needs and disabilities;
- Elective home education;
- · School Finance; and
- Local school place planning issues.

Previously Members had request details in respect of the following:-

- The provisional key stage 4 data, specifically the attainment 8 score, which
 measures achievement of a pupil across eight qualifications. The score for pupils
 across the constituency area has been consistently below both the North Yorkshire
 and national average for a number of years. Clarification on what steps were being
 taken to address the situation was requested.
- The issue of school funding and budget management.
- The marked increase in suspensions and in particular the significant increase in 2022/23 with clarification sought on the reasons behind the increase and the measures being taken to bring about a reduction in the numbers. Separate figures showing the length of suspensions was also requested.

Appendices provided full details of the information requested, alongside the original report.

- A Member highlighted the fall in attainment for children in early years for 2023 and asked whether this was related to the affect of COVID. In response it was stated that this was the case but the attainment figures were now improving and were expected to improve further, going forward. The impact on pupils was at different stages, dependent upon their Key Stage level. Members stated that they would continue to monitor the data to determine whether improvements in attainment continued, going forward.
- A member referred to the SEN statistics provided within the report and sought clarification as to whether the figure of those children with an EHCP related to the Constituency area. In response it was stated that the figure was in relation to all school children in the North Yorkshire Council area that received additional funding in view of them having an EHCP.
- The Chair suggested that any further issues in relation to the report should be taken up directly with the appropriate officers outside of the meeting.

Resolved -

That the report and issues raised be noted.

91 Stronger Communities - Annual update

Considered – A report providing Members with an update on the Stronger Communities Programme and an overview of progress made in the Richmond Constituency area in 2023/24.

The report highlighted the following:-

- Core Stronger Communities Programme
 - Community Anchor Organisations (CAOs)
 - Inspire Grants
 - Community Partnerships
 - Capacity Building Page 6

- Broader Stronger Communities work
 - Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF)
 - Household Support Fund
 - North Yorkshire Local Assistance Fund (NYLAF)
 - Food Insecurity
 - Broader Cost of Living Activity
 - Homes for Ukraine Programme
 - UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF)
 - Digital Inclusion
 - Health & Wellbeing
- Progress in Richmond Constituency area
- Future arrangements Localities restructure

The Committee were introduced to Sharon Hudson (Manager) and Lisa Wilson (Lead Officer) for the Localities West Team.

Members welcomed the report and praised the work carried out by the Stronger Communities Team in local communities throughout the Constituency area. It was requested that further initiatives from the team be reported to subsequent meetings of the Committee.

Resolved -

That the report and the newly appointed Localities West Team be welcomed by the Committee.

92 Let's Talk Food - Feedback Session

The Chair noted that details of the consultation were provided in the report submitted to the Committee.

Members noted that a final report, with recommendations, was to be created from the feedback provided and suggested that this be brought to the Committee for consideration when it was available. Should members wish to discuss the issues raised within the report they could contact officers directly or submit details via the Clerk.

Resolved -

That the details submitted be noted and a further update be provided when the final report is in place.

93 Richmond Leisure Trust - Presentation

Considered:-

A presentation by Austin Gordon of the Richmond Leisure Trust highlighting the following:-

Summary of Richmondshire Leisure service and facilities

Total Annual Visits = 48,258, this was for 9.5 months due to closure of the Pool in July, August and half of September 2023. Expected visits for a full year 60,000

Total Health and Fitness Members: 659 as of 31st March 2024

Total Swim Lesson Numbers: 275, this number having dropped from 395 before the first closure in summer 2022

A deficit was incurred in 2023/24 of circa £52k, this would have been a surplus position of £50k had it not been for the additional £102k on utility consumption.

- Liberty Health Club Membership Trends
- Richmond Pool usage
- Current Organisation Challenges

Managing a deficit budget largely due to significant increase in utility consumption following the capital scheme.

Driving income especially learn to swim following a big reduction, following two closures in 2022 & 2023.

Managing the process of migrating the business from RLT to NYC along with winding up of RLT.

Managing building issues – ageing facility.

Long term future of Liberty's gym, current lease ends in 2026.

Future car park arrangements with nearby Station.

Transformation

Management at RLT were involved in the Strategic Leisure Review that shaped the new Sport and Active Wellbeing service.

Staff are all receptive and supportive of the transformation and the approved Executive Report to bring facilities back in house, at a yet to be determined timeframe.

The RLT management team have held an initial scoping meeting with NYC to discuss transition, ICT, HR, etc.

Alongside the requirement of 'business as usual', the flexibility of approach from the new service has been a positive.

Developing

Whilst still facing operational challenges such as energy costs, recent closures (impact on delivery), the balance of revenue / recovery; the facilities still provide a quality community offer that is developing.

RLT facilities are included in the scope for the NYC Leisure Investment Strategy.

Positive links have been established with the NYC Sport and Active Wellbeing team, and Brimhams Active to assist with management and operational aspects.

Continuing to develop work on energy efficiencies, decarbonisation and income generation, with the ongoing challenges to control increased energy consumption following improvement works.

Future Plans

Transition into the new North Yorkshire Council in house delivery model.

Create a service link to Sport and Active Wellbeing (Development) to improve accessibility and develop outreach offer.

Assist in the service strategic priority of the pivot to wellness.

Continue to deliver a quality service and invest in workforce development.

Members welcomed the presentation but noted that their various questions were limited by the pre-election period for the forthcoming General Election, and suggested that a subsequent discussion be arranged for a later date.

It was asked how the Liberty Gym, with it being a commercial enterprise, would fit into the new arrangements. In response it was stated that it was unknown at this stage. The Liberty Gym had been taken on as a commercial venture in 2011, and it was utilised to subsidise the other leisure facilities following reductions in funding for the provision of those services. As the provision of leisure services was now with North Yorkshire Council they would determine the future of the Gym.

Resolved -

That the presentation be noted and a further update be submitted to a subsequent meeting of the Committee.

94 Highways Works Programme and Delivery, including the A684 Morton Flatts, River Swale Flooding

Considered –

A report by Nigel Smith, Head of Highway Operations and Jayne Charlton Area Manager Areas 1 and 2 apprising Members of how flooding issues at Morton Flatts are being addressed alongside the current position on highways matters across the constituency committee area and how they are being addressed.

The main issues addressed in the report were as follows:-

Flooding at Morton Flatts.

How a decision is taken on which roads are to be repaired and the how priorities are determined.

The actual process undertaken for repairing potholes.

In relation to the flooding issues it was stated that the issues detailed related to flooding from the River Swale onto the A684 at Morton-on-Swale. The flooding had resulted in the road being closed on numerous occasions with eleven named storms, in recent years, creating a major impact. Diversion routes were implemented when flooding occurred but this, alongside the flooding, was creating pressure to the highways network and was inflicting additional damage that required repair.

Issues around communicating the diversions were outlined and it was emphasised that routes were only provided on an advisory basis.

In the short term a review of permanent signage & barriers would be undertaken. In the medium term electronic signage was being considered, given the success of the electronic road closure/flooding signage on the A684 at Wensleydale. Careful consideration would be required as to where best to place this signage to prevent people from approaching the diagram and utilising alternatives. In the long term

a plan had been devised to re-route the highway to try and eliminate the flooding issues. Further exploration of the potential to develop this route would be undertaken.

Discussion of the report with Members saw the following points raised:-

- It was essential that the deployment of electronic signs was carefully planned to ensure that diversions were in the appropriate place allowing vehicle users to use the appropriate route well in advance.
- The local Member stated that she was restricted in what she could say in view of the pre-election period but welcomed action being taken to address the situation.
- A Member referred to the difficulty in placing electronic signs for this purpose as they had to take account of where people had set off and where they are going. He noted that there was an appropriate diversion route between Catterick and Northallerton, but advising of the routes, in the appropriate places was the difficulty. He emphasised that the long-term solution of providing a by-pass was the most appropriate solution but that was dependent upon identifying the necessary funding.
- A communication plan is in place for when flooding occurs at the location with local Parish Councils and representatives of appropriate organisations contacted as soon as a flooding event was taking place. Further development of that communications network would be undertaken until the signage solution could be implemented. Further opportunities to enhance social media alerts were also being explored, enabling the wider community to be informed.
- Details requested by Members were included in the other sections of the report.
- It was requested that a further report be brought to a subsequent meeting in relation to the winter maintenance programme, particularly winter gritting details for the Constituency area. A Member suggested that this could be the subject of an all Member Seminar, however, other Members considered that this would require far too much information to be provided and suggested it would be better delivered on a Constituency area basis, which was agreed.
- It was noted that Members could raise any relevant issues with Highways Officers at their regular catch-up meetings.

Resolved -

That the report, and issues raised, be noted, with a further report on winter maintenance to be submitted to a subsequent meeting.

95. Update on Local Bus Services in the Stokesley Area

It was noted that a request for the item to be deferred had been received from a Member who had requested the report, however, at the request of other Members consideration of the report went ahead.

Councillor Yvonne Peacock declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to her being a Board Member of the Upper Dales Community Partnership in respect of the delivery of the Little White Bus Community Transport Scheme.

The report provided details in relation to the following:-

Stokesley local bus service update
National £2 fare cap scheme
Community Transport
Funding from central government
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Members raised the following issues in relation to the report:-

- It was asked if a "Little White Bus" Community Transport service would be suitable for Stokesley. In response it was stated that a community scheme could operate there but this had to be led locally and sufficient volunteers would be required to operate the service. North Yorkshire Council could only provide advice and seed funding for the promotion and creation of the service.
- A Member stated that she would welcome the operation of community transport service in the Stokesley and Great Ayton areas particularly if they were to use smaller vehicles as, currently, the larger busses had difficulty in negotiating some of the narrow routes in the area. She noted that many local residents were unwilling to use taxis and the lack of a bus service on an evening left them isolated. A community transport solution would help address this.
- Issues relating to the Arriva bus services in the Richmond area would be discussed with the Officer outside of the meeting.

Resolved -

That the update be noted, together with the issues raised, and further updates on bus services in the Constituency area be submitted to subsequent meetings of the Committee.

96 Yorkshire Ambulance Service - Response Times

Details of Ambulance response times had been provided by YAS, at the request of a Member. The details were for information only at this stage and no-one was in attendance to discuss them.

Members suggested that a follow up be requested with the attendance of representatives from YAS to discuss response times in the Constituency area. Detailed information would be required in advance of the meeting allowing Members to co-ordinate relevant questions.

Resolved -

That the information be noted and a further report be requested from YAS in respect of response times in the Constituency area to provide an opportunity for the Committee to discuss this matter.

97 Work Programme

Considered -

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

Members highlighted the following issues:-

- The issues highlighted at today's meeting for consideration at subsequent meetings would be added to the work programme.
- A Member noted that the elected Mayor was now in office and was keen to co-ordinate and attend the ACCs. It was suggested that communication with the Mayor's office should be undertaken to develop a timetable for his attendance at ACC meetings.

- (i) That the Work Programme be noted;
- (ii) That the issues raised above be added to the Work Programme;
- (iii) That further consideration be given as to the items to be considered at the next meeting of the ACC at the forthcoming mid-cycle briefing.

98 Update on the £50k per ACC seed funding pot

The Chair stated that this issue was not in a position for a report to be submitted to the Committee at this stage. The Mid-Cycle Briefing Group had also taken on the role as Steering Group for the £50k seed funding initiative and were monitoring progress to ensure this got back on track. Notes from the initial meeting of the Steering Group were circulated prior to this meeting for Members' information. There was disappointment regarding the lack of progress on this issue but it was expected that a substantial report would be submitted to the September meeting of the ACC.

Resolved -

That the update be noted

99 Date and Time of Next Meeting

Resolved -

That it be noted that the next scheduled ordinary meeting of the Committee would be held on Monday 16th September 2024 at 10am at a venue to be confirmed.

The meeting concluded at 12.20pm

North Yorkshire Council

Richmondshire (Yorks) Area Constituency Committee

16 September 2024

Public Transport in the Constituency Area

Report of the Corporate Director - Environment

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To provide an update on local bus services in the Constituency area with particular focus on Richmond, Stokesley and North Northallerton.

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The legislation that governs local bus services was put in place in 1985 when bus services outside London were de-regulated. Bus companies are required to operate on a commercial basis, setting their own routes and timetables and covering their operating costs from the income generated from bus fares. Local authorities work closely with commercial bus operators and can also contract bus routes where no commercial service exists. However, councils don't have regulatory powers to compel companies to alter their timetables or run additional journeys without payment.
- 2.2 Local Bus services have been under significant pressure both locally and nationally since the Covid-19 pandemic. Passenger numbers have recovered to around 90% of pre covid levels although this figure much lower for concessionary pass users at around 70%. This has particularly affected rural routes where older passengers represented a greater proportion of users.
- 2.3 There has also been a significant increase in operating costs (vehicle procurement, maintenance, insurance, staffing, property rental and fuel) along with national difficulties with recruiting bus drivers, engineering staff and sourcing spare parts. As a result of these added pressures, providers are reviewing their services more than ever before, resulting in commercial service level reductions and higher prices for routes operating under contract to the council.
- 2.4 North Yorkshire Council (NYC) continues to support local bus services using our council budget and by accessing grant funding from central government. This is helping to keep the current bus network running and the council is now financially supporting many previously commercial bus routes that would otherwise have been withdrawn entirely in the last two years.

3.0 RICHMOND CONSITUENCY AREA BUS SERVICE UPDATE

3.1 We have seen some service reductions and contract price increases across the county recently as the industry struggles with higher costs. Our focus has been on maintaining the existing network and supporting the recovery in passenger numbers. Inevitably this has meant some routes are now operating less frequently but it is hoped that keeping a core level of service running will mean that these can be built back up again as passenger numbers improve.

- 3.2 Bus services in the Richmond constituency area have remained largely stable in recent years. Arriva have made some mileage reductions to less well used evening and early morning journeys on service X26/X27A and have withdrawn it from Catterick village. Service 18 (Stokesley Guisborough) was withdrawn as a commercial service in 2022 but North Yorkshire Council has been able to fund a replacement service to retain the link from Stokesley & Great Ayton to Guisborough.
- 3.3 Catterick and Richmond have regular services to Darlington via the X26/X27 with Richmond also connected to Northallerton, Leyburn, Ripon and Barnard Castle. There are also bus routes, largely funded by NYC, linking villages in the constituency area to a nearby town plus routes providing links to the Dales, mainly on Sundays and Bank Holidays. North Yorkshire Council operate town services in Richmond and Northallerton with the latter including journeys from the North Northallerton development.
- 3.4 Stokesley has regular bus links to Middlesborough and James Cook Hospital via Arriva Services 28/28A, to Northallerton and Friarage Hospital via Services 80/89 and to Guisborough on Service 18. There is also a demand responsive Friday market day bus from nearby villages into Stokesley. All routes except the 28/28A and the Friday market day bus are subsidised by NYC.

4.0 COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

4.1 Community Transport passenger usage has recovered to around 70% of pre covid usage. Some volunteer drivers did not return after the pandemic, and it is an ongoing challenge for all schemes to recruit and retain volunteer drivers. NYC has maintained its support for community transport with journey reimbursement and grants to extend services and recruit volunteer drivers. The Richmondshire Volunteer Car Scheme and Stokesley Community Care Association provides a community car service for shopping, leisure, and health trips in and around Richmond and Stokesley, with the Little White Bus and Car schemes offering journeys further to the west.

5.0 NATIONAL £2 FARE CAP SCHEME

- 5.1 In January 2023, a national scheme was introduced to lower bus fares and encourage more people to travel by bus. Funded by the Government, the scheme means that a single bus journey on all eligible bus routes run by participating operators will cost no more than £2 (or £4 return). The majority of the local bus operators in North Yorkshire are taking part in the scheme.
- 5.2 The fare scheme was originally due to run for 3 months but was then extended until 30 June 2023 and more recently further extended to December 2024. Feedback from bus companies is positive, with the scheme generating more passenger journeys. A decision on the future of the scheme is expected following the budget announcement in October.

6.0 FUNDING FROM CENTRAL GOVERNMENT AND THE COMBINED AUTHORITY

- Along with all local authorities in the country, NYC have received grants since the pandemic which help to offset the loss in bus fare revenue and recent cost increases. These are currently in place until late 2025 and have allowed us to keep the current bus network in place. However, there have been different funding streams, often provided for short periods of time and at very short notice which has made longer term planning of the bus network very difficult. Following the change in government in July we are waiting to hear what their approach to bus funding will be.
- 6.2 NYC received a Bus Service Improvement Programme (BSIP3) allocation of £3.5m for 2024/25 which is currently for one year only (2024/25). The Department for Transport (DfT)

expects us to use the funding to maintain existing service levels and also on improvements that can be delivered in this short timescale. Given the priority residents have placed on bus services in the recent Local Transport Plan engagement, this additional funding gives an opportunity to address some of the issues that were raised. With this in mind, we are focusing on some key areas of delivery:

- Strengthening bus routes through higher frequency and improvements to evening and weekend services
- Making bus travel more affordable for young people by introducing a £1 fare cap for a single journey for those under 19 years old.
- Improving information and customer experience though improved marketing and promotion as well as providing additional customer service support at very busy bus stations
- Providing additional journeys for rural communities
- Delivery of general maintenance improvements to bus service infrastructure such as bus stops and signage.

One of the schemes planned is the introduction of a Saturday timetable for Service 18.

- 6.3 BSIP3 grant proposals were approved by the Executive on 19 March 2024 and will be delivered from this summer onwards. The DfT have indicated that there could be future years of BSIP funding, but this will not be confirmed until after the new government's budget statement in October 2024.
- 6.4 Following the creation of the York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority (CA) and the election of a mayor in May 2024, the CA now has overall responsibility for public transport, but delivery of day-to-day operational functions is currently being delegated to North Yorkshire and City of York councils respectively. From 2025 onwards, any future bus funding from the government will be paid direct to the CA who will provide strategic direction for public transport and lead on the creation of a new joint Bus Service Improvement Plan for York and North Yorkshire from 2025 onwards.

7.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 There are no financial implications arising directly from this report as it is providing an update.

8.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

8.1 There are no legal implications arising directly from this report as it is providing an update.

9.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

9.1 There are no equalities implications arising directly from this report as it is providing an update.

10.0 CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS

10.1 There are no legal implications arising directly from this report as it is providing an update.one this is an update.

11.0 RECOMMENDATION

11.1 That members note the contents of this report.

APPENDICES: None

Karl Battersby Corporate Director – Environment County Hall Northallerton 29 August 2024

Report Author - Andy Clarke Public & Community Transport Manager

Presenter of Report – Andy Clarke Public & Community Transport Manager

North Yorkshire Council

Richmond (Yorks) Area Constituency Committee

16 September 2024

Resilience and Emergencies Annual Update 2024

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 This report provides an update on progress and incidents impacting emergency planning and community resilience within the Area Constituency Committee and wider council area.

2.0 BACKGROUND

2.1 Under the Civil Contingencies Act 2004 (CCA) North Yorkshire Council (NYC) is defined as a Category 1 organisation.

The CCA is the driver for how agencies prepare and plan for emergencies, working nationally, locally and co-operatively to ensure civil protection in the UK

The Act places a statutory duty on the NYC to:

- Assess the risk of emergencies occurring and use this to inform contingency planning;
- Put in place emergency plans;
- Put in place Business Continuity Management arrangements;
- Put in place arrangements to make information available to the public about civil protection matters and maintain arrangements to warn, inform and advise the public in the event of an emergency;
- Share information with other local responders to enhance co-ordination;
- Co-operate with other local responders to enhance co-ordination and efficiency; and
- Provide advice and assistance to businesses and voluntary organisations about business continuity management (Local Authorities only).

Emergency Planning and Community Resilience should aim where possible to prevent emergencies occurring, and when they do occur, good planning should reduce, control or mitigate the effects of the emergency. It is a systematic and ongoing process which should evolve as lessons are learnt and circumstances change.

3.0 INCIDENTS AFFECTING NORTH YORKSHIRE BETWEEN 2023/2024

3.1 Between April 2023 and the production of this report NYC and its Local Resilience Forum partner agencies have come together to respond and recover from the following incidents:

Incident	Locality	Date
Thornton Steward Water Treatment Works	Richmond and Northallerton	09.05.23
999 emergency calls outage	UK wide	25.06.23
Protest, Scarborough	Scarborough and Whitby	15.06.23
Marine Residence Hotel Fire, Scarborough	Scarborough and Whitby	16.06.23
Diesel Spillage A65, Settle	Skipton and Ripon	25.06.23
Domiciliary Care Provider incident		02.09.23
Prime Minister Northallerton Residence Protest	Richmond and Northallerton	03.09.23
Mass die off of birds on coastal beaches	Scarborough and Whitby	18.09.23
Fire in Skipton	Skipton and Ripon	01.10.23
Storm Babet	North Yorkshire wide	18.10.23
Influenza A(H1N2)v case	Thirsk and Malton	
Storm Ciaran	North Yorkshire wide	01.11.23
Storm Debi	North Yorkshire wide	13.11.23
Storm Elin	North Yorkshire wide	09.12.23
Storm Fergus	North Yorkshire wide	10.12.23
Storm Gerrit	North Yorkshire wide	27.12.23
Storm Henk	North Yorkshire wide	02.01.24
Storm Isha	North Yorkshire wide	21.01.24
Storm Jocelyn	North Yorkshire wide	23.01.24
Storm Kathleen	North Yorkshire wide	06.04.24
Knaresborough flash floods	Harrogate and Knaresborough	06.05.24
Critical incident, Carlton in Cleveland	Richmond and Northallerton	22.05.24
Fire at Molson Coors Brewery Company,	Selby and Ainsty	13.06.24
Tadcaster		
Fire at The Princess Fish & Chips,	Scarborough and Whitby	25.06.24
Scarborough		
Prison capacity pressures	UK wide	15.07.24
Potential public disorder	UK wide	08.08.24

- 3.2 Areas of good practice that will be further developed:
 - Working in partnership with the Chain Lane Community Anchor Organisation during the Knaresborough flood incident to support local residents from the Local Assistant Centre
 - The further development of the NYC sandbag offer to allow for members of public to self serve from key sites.
 - To embed a more resilience out of hours commander structure by having standby Bronze Commanders covering the East, West and Central Areas of the County.
- 3.3 If Elected Members have any views or recommendations on any of these incidents please send them through to emergency@northyorks.gov.uk.

4.0 NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCIL'S CORPORATE EMERGENCY PLANNING GROUP WORK PLAN AND PROGRESS 2024/25

- 4.1 The following is set out within the NYC Resilience and Emergencies Policy:
 - The organisation has appointed the Assistant Chief Executive for Local Engagement as the Accountable Emergency Officer (AEO) responsible for Resilience and Emergencies.
 - The Integrated Emergency Planning Cycle is co-ordinated for the Council by the Head of Resilience and Emergencies and the Resilience and Emergencies Team (RET).
 - The Assistant Chief Executive for Local Engagement chairs the Corporate Resilience and Emergencies Group (CREG). The CREG is made up of a number of Senior Managers within NYC who have a role to play in ensuring CCA Duties. The CREG hold responsibility for setting and delivering an annual work plan.
 - The current work plan and progress of the Corporate Emergency Planning Group is found at Appendix A.

5.0 ELECTED MEMBERS ROLE IN INTEGRATED EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

- 5.1 Each Area Constituency Committee is allocated a Resilience and Emergencies Officer. They will work with Elected members to ensure:
 - Elected members training,
 - that local risks are identified within your locality,
 - that community resilience has been developed,
 - that resources and capability gaps are identified, as well as difficulties in communicating these risks to specific groups within your electoral division are coordinated.
- 5.2 Elected members are then asked to provide ongoing support to develop Integrated Emergency Management within their electoral divisions. This will include:
 - Supporting the communication of community risks
 - Provide leadership in developing community resilience.
 - Work with the locality Resilience and Emergencies officers to identify opportunities for funding resource gaps.
 - Support training and exercises for community groups.
- 5.3 If Elected Members wish to discuss any of these roles and responsibilities with their allocated Resilience and Emergencies Officer please contact emergency@northyorks.gov.uk.

6.0 COMMUNITY RESILIENCE WORK PLAN AND PROGRESS 2023/24

- 6.1 For decades the Resilience and Emergencies Team have worked with Parish and Town Councils alongside local businesses to encourage them to develop Community Emergency Plans.
- 6.2 Following the community support during the Covid pandemic, Resilience and Emergencies has been working with the Council's Local Engagement Teams and the Community Anchor Organisations to develop a new Community Resilience Policy.

This policy will be developed by the end of 2024 and the role out and engagement on the policy will be delivered through three Community Resilience workshops which will be run prior to April 2025. Elected Members will be invited to these workshops.

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Elected Members – Community Resilience Profile

6.3 Last year Elected Members were provided with the opportunity of accessing their own Community Resilience Profile.

These are owned and reviewed by the Resilience and Emergencies Team and Elected Members can access their profile, as well as discuss their developments, via their allocated Resilience and Emergencies Officer.

7.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 There are no financial implications arising directly from this report as it provides information only.

8.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

8.1 There are no legal implications arising directly from this report as it provides information only.

9.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

9.1 There are no equalities implications arising directly from this report as it provides information only.

10.0 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS/BENEFITS INCLUDING CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACT ASSESSMENT

10.1 There are no equalities implications arising directly from this report as it provides information only.

11.0 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

11.1 The recommendations contained below are to engage with and invite comments from Members on the content of this report, which followings the agreement with Members' to provide an annual update.

12.0 RECOMMENDATION

12.1 Committee Members are requested to note the information within the report and offer comments.

APPENDICES:

Appendix A – Corporate Emergency Planning Group Work Plan 2024/2025 Appendix B – Community Emergency Plans within Area Constituency Committee Wards

Background Documents: None

Report author – Matt Robinson, Head of Resilience and Emergencies

Corporate Emergency Planning Group Work Plan 2024/2025

Corporate EP Group – Area of work	Comment			
Locality response to incidents Bronze Commander Forward Liaison Officers Integrated Emergency Management Groups Share organisation learning Locality training	A priority for this year is to understand how the ongoing restructures affect the Council's ability to anticipate, assess, prevent, prepare, respond and recover to emergencies. This involves building new networks of staff and where required develop new processes.			
 Operational Flood Plans Sandbag response – new BAU NYC flood assets – before and during incidents Community impact 	A priority for this year is to focus on how the Council approaches its flooding responsibilities before, during and after events.			
Community Resilience (Humanitarian Assistance)	A priority for this year will be the continuation of community resilience and the integration within community partnerships. This will accumulates with three Community Resilience workshops in the new year.			
Horizon Scanning of risk update for Management Board	To provide (twice yearly, quarterly) updates on the community risks within North Yorkshire.			
Annual Exercise (November)	Going forward NYC will do one large internal exercise each November			
2 x Bronze Commander Training	Going forward NYC will always offer 2 x Bronze Commander Training			
2 x Service Silver Training	Going forward NYC will always offer 2 x Service Silver Training			
Ongoing Silver Commander Training	Going forward NYC will always offer ongoing Silver Commander Training			
Ongoing Incident Support Officer Training	Going forward NYC will always offer ongoing Incident Support Officer Training			

Flood warning sign up and Community Emergency Plans within Area Constituency Committee wards

Electoral_Div	Elected Member	Flood warning (FW) name	Properties in FW	% of residents signed up FW	Community Emergency Plan
Bedale	Councillor David Webster	Bedale Beck at Bedale	81	70.4	Old plan not updated NYC for a while.
Bedale	Councillor David Webster	River Swale at Howe village and by Skipton Bridge	14	64.3	Old plan not updated NYC for a while.
Bedale	Councillor David Webster	Other areas not affected by flood warning			NYC are not aware of a plan in area
Catterick Village & Brompton-on-Swale	Councillor Carl Les	River Swale at Brompton-on-Swale	306	71.2	NYC are not aware of a plan in area
Catterick Village & Brompton-on-Swale	Councillor Carl Les	River Swale at Brompton-on-Swale caravan park and Brompton Lakes	4	50	NYC are not aware of a plan in area
Catterick Village & Brompton-on-Swale	Councillor Carl Les	River Swale at Catterick Bridge	10	30	NYC are not aware of a plan in area
Catterick Village & Brompton-on-Swale	Councillor Carl Les	Brough Beck at Catterick - Swale Pasture Lane and Oran Lane	53	88.7	NYC are not aware of a plan in area
Catterick Village & Brompton-on-Swale	Councillor Carl Les	Brough Beck at Catterick - Low Green and the High Street	183	76.5	NYC are not aware of a plan in area
Catterick Village & Brompton-on-Swale	Councillor Carl Les	Brough Beck at Catterick - Mowbray Road and Brough Meadows	333	81.1	NYC are not aware of a plan in area
Catterick Village & Brompton-on-Swale	Councillor Carl Les	Brough Beck at Catterick - Kings Close and the High Street	61	77	NYC are not aware of a plan in area
Catterick Village & Brompton-on-Swale	Councillor Carl Les	Other areas not affected by flood warning			NYC are not aware of a plan in area
Great Ayton	Councillor Heather Moorhouse	Other areas not affected by flood warning			NYC are not aware of a plan in area
Hipswell & Colburn	Councillor Kevin Foster	River Swale at Richmond and Easby	34	76.5	Richmond town plan
Hipswell & Colburn	Councillor Kevin Foster	Other areas not affected by flood warning			NYC are not aware of a plan in area
Hutton Rudby & Osmotherley division	Councillor David Hugill	Other areas not affected by flood warning			Old plan not updated NYC for a while.
Leyburn & Middleham division	Councillor Karin Sedgwick	Other areas not affected by flood warning			Middleham parish plan, Leyburn in progress
Morton-on-Swale & Appleton Wiske	Councillor Annabel Wilkinson	River Swale at Great Langton	45	88.9	NYC are not aware of a plan in area
Morton-on-Swale & Appleton Wiske	Councillor Annabel Wilkinson	Other areas not affected by flood warning			NYC are not aware of a plan in area
North Richmondshire division	Councillor Angus Thompson	Croft information not available at time of report	TBC	TBC	Croft On Tees plan in progress
Northallerton North & Brompton	Councillor Steve Watson	Brompton Beck at North of Station Road in Brompton	106	84.9	Northallerton plan in progress
Northallerton North & Brompton	Councillor Steve Watson	Brompton Beck at South of Station Road in Brompton	270	64.1	Northallerton plan in progress
Northallerton North & Brompton	Councillor Steve Watson	Willow Beck at Low Gates	11	18.2	Northallerton plan in progress
Northallerton North & Brompton	Councillor Steve Watson	Turker Beck at Northallerton	308	78.9	Northallerton plan in progress
Northallerton North & Brompton	Councillor Steve Watson	Willow Beck at Northallerton	60	45	Northallerton plan in progress
Northallerton North & Brompton	Councillor Steve Watson	Other areas not affected by flood warning			NYC are not aware of a plan in area
Northallerton South	Councillor Caroline Dickinson	Confluence of Sun Beck and Turker Beck at Northallerton	112	43.8	Northallerton plan in progress
Northallerton South	Councillor Caroline Dickinson	Sun Beck at Northallerton	251	79.3	Northallerton plan in progress
Northallerton South	Councillor Caroline Dickinson	Other areas not affected by flood warning			NYC are not aware of a plan in area
Richmond	Councillor Stuart Parsons	Gilling Beck at Gilling West	53	71.7	NYC are not aware of a plan
Richmond	Councillor Stuart Parsons	Other areas not affected by flood warning			NYC are not aware of a plan in area
Romanby	Councillor Peter Wilkinson	Willow Beck at Romanby	28	89.3	Romanby plan
Romanby	Councillor Peter Wilkinson	Willow Beck at Water Treatment Works in Romanby	1	0	Romanby plan
Romanby	Councillor Peter Wilkinson	Other areas not affected by flood warning			NYC are not aware of a plan in area
Scotton & Lower Wensleydale division	Councillor Tom Jones	Other areas not affected by flood warning			Scotton parish plan, Patrick Brompton parish in progress
Stokesley division	Councillor Bryn Griffiths	Other areas not affected by flood warning			Stokesley plan
Upper Dales	Councillor Yvonne Peacock	River Swale Caravan Parks at Richmond and properties at Lownthwaite Bridge	67	80.6	Richmond Town
Upper Dales	Councillor Yvonne Peacock	Widdale Beck at Appersett	25	64	NYC are not aware of a plan
Upper Dales	Councillor Yvonne Peacock	Arkle Beck at Reeth and Low Fremington	56	67.9	Upper dales inc Swaledale locality, Arkengarthdale plan in progress
Upper Dales	Councillor Yvonne Peacock	Other areas not affected by flood warning			NYC are not aware of a plan in area

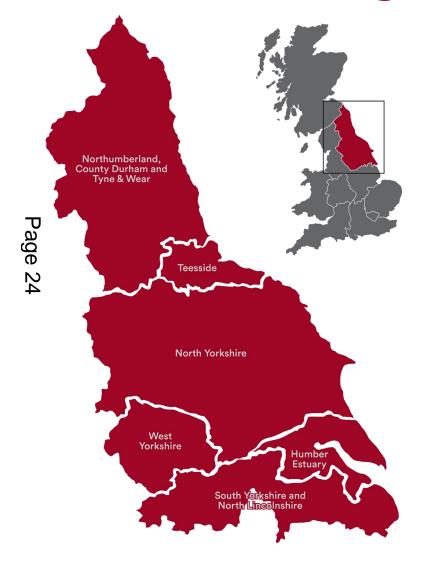






Northern Powergrid Enabling regional decarbonisation

Northern Powergrid



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

What we do for our customers

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

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













Providing Connections: Growth and Decarbonisation across our region

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

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



Decarbonisation: Meeting the challenge

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











30 GW IN OUR CONNECTIONS PIPELINE

Network is ready
to connect
381 Projects
(45%)

DNO reinforcement required 55 Projects (6%) Transmission reinforcement
- under review
227 Projects
(27%)

Transmission reinforcement required 186 Projects (22%)



Providing Connections: Timescales

Type of work

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

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

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

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

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

Network Impact

When to engage

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

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

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

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



Providing Connection: Costs to connect

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

 Connections charges

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





Working with Local Authorities

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









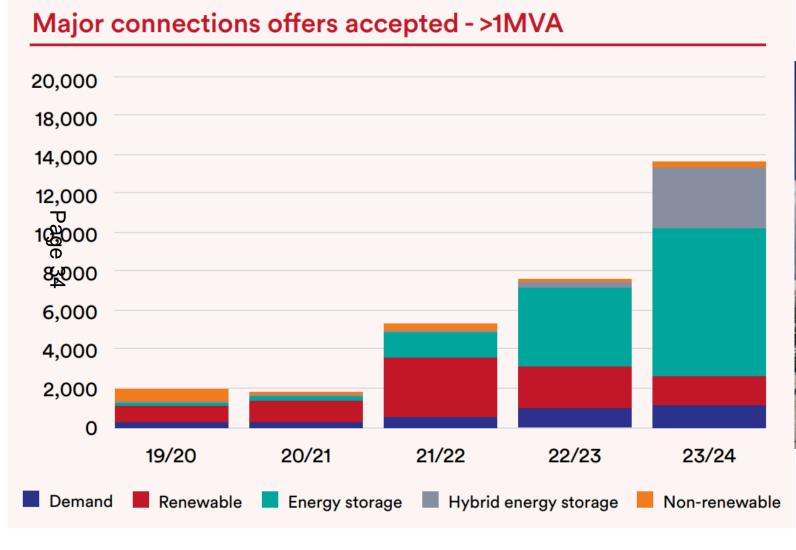
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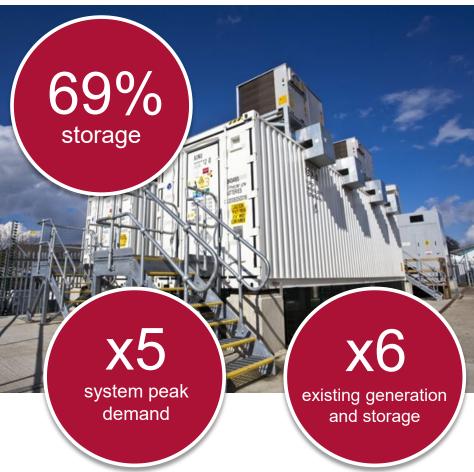
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APPETITE FOR MAJOR CONNECTIONS IS BOOMING



Connections pipeline





PROGRESSING MAJOR CONNECTIONS FOR THOSE READY TO PROCEED

Providing accelerated connections

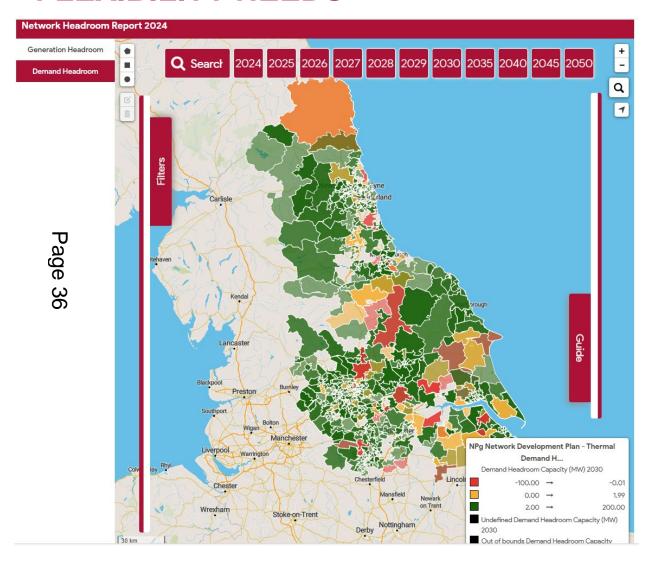
New policies, right incentives

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- Contacted 90 of the 230 impacted
- Already made 33 offers with typical
 6.5 year improvement
- Significant movement in the queue
- Expect ca. 110 to connect

- Capacity being freed up for those ready to connect
- >200MW from managing milestones
- User commitment and queue access all under scrutiny



NEW LOAD GROWTH VISUALISATIONS HIGHLIGHTING FUTURE FLEXIBILITY NEEDS



- Network Development Plan sets out network impacts of load growth
- New visualisations use heat map technology
- Users produce different views and access the underlying data







Winter Maintenance

key facts, figures and info....

Richmond ACC, September 2024

Jayne Charlton – Area Manager



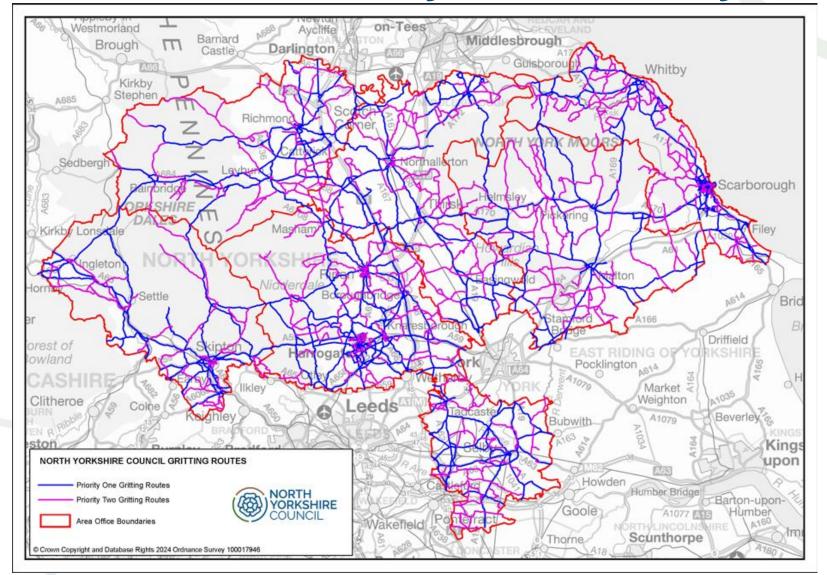
Hierarchy of routes, taken from winter maintenance policy: www.northyorks.gov.uk/road-gritting

್ದಿ Routes

- Priority 1 includes all principal roads and important B Class, C Class and unclassified routes as approved by Members.
 - Priority 2 includes the remainder of B Class and appropriate C class and unclassified roads as approved by Members. Note not all remaining C Class roads will be Priority 2.
 - Priority 3 the remainder of the network including estate roads.

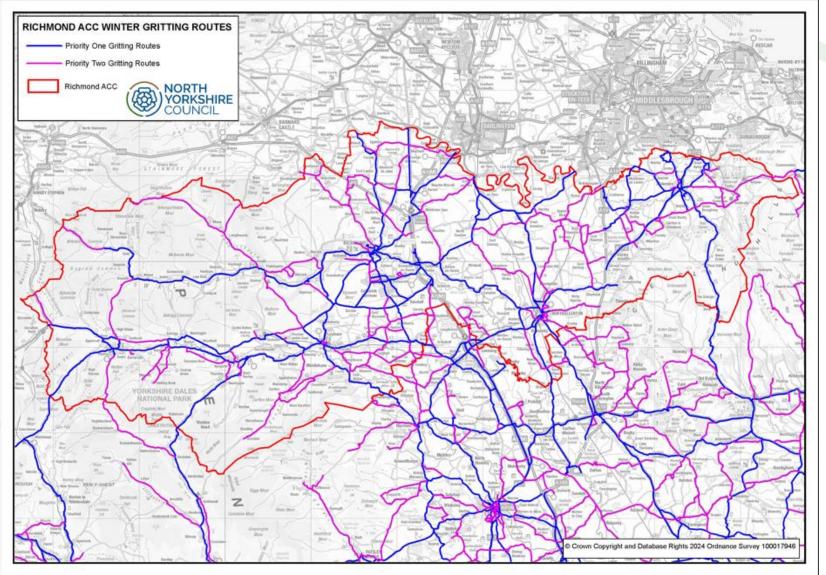


How much of the county we routinely salt





Routes in the ACC Area we routinely salt





Putting it in numbers #1

- Budget: £8.3m for 24/25 season covers cost of duty managers, operatives, standby, fleet and salt
- 70 gritters in countywide fleet, which includes provision of spare gritters in each main and satellite depot
- Well over 200 NYC / NY Highways staff involved
- Service delivered by NYHighways, supplemented 100+ farming & ploughing contractors



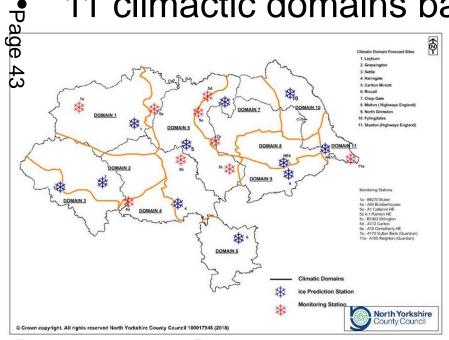
Putting it in numbers #2

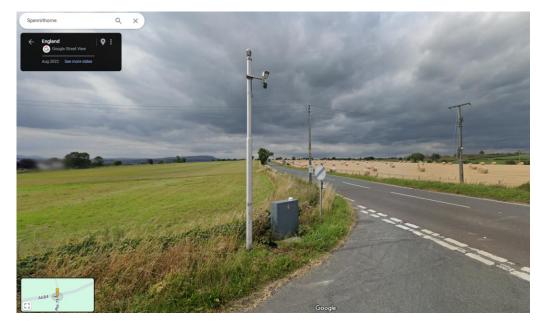
- 55,000t salt (40,000t stored in barns); 5,000+ salt heaps/bins
- In 23/24 season, some 23,563t salt used across the county, compared with 32,163 in 22/23 (and over 80,000t in 2017/18 Beast from the East year)
 - Lower salt usage: more 'marginal'/less-cold nights' this season where temps at or just below zero, so lower spread rates but not a pro-rata reduction in number of treatments undertaken

Our technology helps keep the network as safe as possible during winter...

Weather stations across the county, most up to date in country

11 climactic domains based on geography and topography







...and assists with journey planning

Most weather stations have cameras



Some sites have had in excess of 1.6 million views in previous winter seasons







Decision Making - Treatments

Winter service policy on website: <u>www.northyorks.gov.uk/road-gritting</u>
 Treatment

Winter Maintenance involves treating the highway to:

- 1. prevent ice from forming known as "precautionary salting" or "pre-salting"
- 2. melt ice and snow already formed, "post-salting"

Priority 1 routes will receive preferential treatment in all conditions. Pre-salting will only be carried out on Priority 1 routes unless the forecast is for extreme winter conditions in which case pre-salting of Priority 2 may be considered. Treatment will be completed within the times stated in this policy.

Pre-salting will normally be completed on an evening except where precipitation is likely to occur overnight. Where an evening pre-salt takes place with no precipitation some Priority 2 post-salting may take place the following morning subject to resources. If precipitation occurs after an evening pre-salt then Priority 1 post-salting will take place the following morning before any Priority 2 treatment is considered.

In widespread freezing and wet conditions Priority 1 and Priority 2 routes will be treated, as resources permit, but with preference to Priority 1 routes.

Priority 3 routes will not normally receive treatment unless freezing conditions persist for more than 72 hours. Treatment of Priority 3 routes in advance of the 72 hour rule in certain weather conditions will be allowed.



Decision Making – Timing of Treatments

Winter service policy on website: <u>www.northyorks.gov.uk/road-gritting</u>

Timing

The majority of Priority 1 routes should be treated by 7am with the remainder by 7:30am, subject to changes in forecast and/or weather conditions.

In general, treatment will not take place between 11pm and 5am, however specific conditions may require attention.

Priority 2 and 3 routes will be treated as soon as practicable after Priority 1 routes have been completed.

Priority 2 routes are treated every morning (when the weather requires it) after the Priority 1 routes are completed unless the prevailing conditions and the forecast in the judgment of the Local Area Manager renders further treatment unnecessary.

For guidance this would mean that, in general, Priority 2 routes will be treated unless conditions were improving and any ice/frost would thaw before the treatment of the route is completed.



Decision Making – Snow Clearance

Winter service policy on website: www.northyorks.gov.uk/road-gritting
 Snow clearance priority

Carriageways

- · light snow (up to 25mm) as pre-salting
- moderate snowfall (25mm to 100mm)
 - Priority 1 routes passable in three hours
 - o Priority 2 routes will be cleared when conditions allow resources to be freed from Priority 1 routes
- heavy snowfall (over 100mm)
 - in these circumstances available resources including reserves, contractors and farmers will be mobilised to keep Priority 1 routes passable and to maintain at least one route to all centres of population

It should be noted that continuous snowfall and strong winds will influence snow clearing operations considerably and will therefore delay completion times.



Decision Making – Use of Farming Contractors

 Invaluable support to NYH operation, especially in rural locations / high ground

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Assistance requested during times of snowfall

- Instructions issued from NYC Duty Manager or Highway Officer
- Instruction to plough (if deep enough) and / or treat will be given in advance of known snowfall event in order to minimise delay in deploying

Thank you for listening – Any Questions?



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Richmond (Yorks) Area Committee

Parish Sector Liaison:

Principal Democratic Services Officer Christine Philipson

Parish Liaison and Local Devolution Manager

Mark Codman

16 September 2024



Presentation format

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- Parish Liaison, Local Devolution and Community Rights Team
- Local Area Support Team
- Questions



North Yorkshire Council Parish Sector (1)

Published by the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC)

gThere are 211 councils with Parish Councils within their boundary:

- 51% have less than 30 (108)
- 97.5% of councils have less than 200 (205)
- There are only 6 councils with over 200 Parish Councils
- Only 2 councils have over 300 Parish Councils
- NYC has 664 (the next nearest council has 327 Somerset Council)



North Yorkshire Council Parish Sector (2)

NYC Parish Sector by type:

- City Council 0.2% (1)
- Town/Parish Council 74% (492)
- Parish Meeting 24% (156)
- Groups 1.8% (11) In two areas only



North Yorkshire Council Parish Sector (3)

Parish Precept

- In England 86.7% of Parishes in Council areas charge a precept in NYC area this is 74.1%
- In NYC area the average precept charge is 75% less than the national average (£20,212)
- 46.6% of Parish Councils have total annual precept income less than £5k
- Only 5.6% (28) Parish Councils have total annual precept income more than £100k
- Only 4 (0.8%) Parish Councils have total annual precept income more than £300k



Richmond (York) Area Committee

Richmond (York) Area Parish Sector

- There are 168 Parish Meetings/Parish/Town Councils (25.3%) made up of:
- 117 (69.6%) Town/Parish Councils (4% less than NYC overall)
- 51 (30.3%) Parish Meetings (6% more than NYC overall)
- 41 (24.4%) Parish Meetings/Town Councils do not charge a precept (less than NYC average)
- The average precept income is £14,823 (£6k below NYC average)



Parish Liaison:

There are two teams with Parish Liaison responsibilities:

Localities

- Parish Liaison, Local Devolution and Community Rights Team

Democratic Services

Local Area Support Team



Parish Liaison, Local Devolution and Community Rights Team

ocalities.



Who we are:

Mark Codman
Parish Liaison and Local Devolution Manager

Claire Wilson

Devolution and Community Rights Officer

Peter Cole

Parish Liaison, Partnerships and Participation Officer



What we do:

- Parish Charter Development, support, oversight
 - **Local Devolution**
 - Parish Liaison:
 - Consultation
 - Communication/Engagement
 - Support
- Parish Portal
- Community Rights



Current Work:

- Parish Charter review
- Parish Liaison Meetings (Skipton and Ripon Area Early February for drop-in session and late February for liaison meeting)
- Double Devolution and devolution generally
- Parish Sector engagement Panel
- Parish Portal
- Parish Sector consultation engagement review
- Review of Community Rights Process
- Training
- Single point of contact <u>parishliaison@northyorks.gov.uk</u>



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Local Area Support Team

Democratic Services

Who we are;

Christine Phillipson

Principal Democratic Services Officer

Harriet Clarke

Charlie Casey

Senior Democratic Services Officers



Who we are - cont.

Lead officer in each Area Team

Democratic Services East DemocraticServices.East@northyorks.gov.uk

Covering Thirsk & Malton and Scarborough & Whitby Constituencies

Democratic Services Central DemocraticServices.Central@northyorks.gov.uk

Covering Harrogate & Knaresborough and Selby & Ainsty Constituencies

Democratic Services West DemocraticServices.West@northyorks.gov.uk

Covering Richmond and Skipton & Ripon Constituencies



What we do; Parish and Town Council Support

- Maintain Parish and Town Council information YLCA clerk info-buddy up
- Support on frequently asked questions and queries
- Ensure Register of Interests are recorded
- Page 65 Temporary appointments
- Sensitive interests
- Website accuracy
- Work with Elections
- Work with Localities
- Monitoring Officer Inbox
- CGR's



Governance

- North Yorkshire Council is the Principal Authority for Parish and Town Councils in North Yorkshire for the purposes of the standards provisions in the Localism Act 2011 Page*****66
 - It is responsible for receiving and handling complaints that a Parish/Town Councillor may have breached that authority's code of conduct for Members
- That is the extent of North Yorkshire Council's jurisdiction in respect Of Parish/Town Council governance
- Parish/Town Councils are separate legal entities and North Yorkshire Council has no jurisdiction to consider other complaints, for example about the way in which the Parish/Town Council has or has not done something, or about particular decisions or employees

Complaints

- During the period 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024, the Council received 174 complaints that Members may have breached the relevant authority's code of conduct for Members
 - During the period 1 April 2024 to 28 August 2024, a further 83 complaints have been received
- Page 67 Since Vesting Day on 1 April 2023 to 6 June 2024, a total of 257 standards complaints have therefore been received
- 214 assessments completed by Monitoring Officer/DMO & IP
 - 180 no further action
 - 6 informal resolution
 - 28 referred for investigation
 - 1 closed as no longer in office
 - remainder are in prep stage or awaiting assessment



Upcoming Training - Understanding the Code of Conduct and Declarations of Interests

East Area 5th September 2024 @ 3pm

Central Area 9th September 2024 @ 11am

West Area 13th September 2024 @ 10am



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North Yorkshire Council

Richmond and Northallerton Area Committee

16 September 2024

Proposals for the Allocation of the Economic, Regeneration, Tourism and Transport Project Development Fund

Report of the Corporate Director (Community Development)

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 For Members to consider project proposals under the Economic, Regeneration, Tourism and Transport Project Development Fund;
- to agree the proposals put forward by the Steering Committee that meet the objectives of the fund and can be completed within the required timescales; and
- to approve an emergency in-person meeting in October to agree the Scoping documents for the endorsement of proposals;

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 A previous report to the (then) Area Constituency Committee (ACC) on 18 September 2023 set out the background to the Economic, Regeneration, Tourism and Transport Project Development Fund (the "Development Fund"), its scope, and the process for allocation for funding. In summary, the purpose of the fund is to stimulate and directly support a pipeline of locally important economic, regeneration and tourism destination development projects that will benefit from existing and future funding and delivery opportunities within the respective Areas.
- 2.2 The £50k Development Fund allocation for 2023/24 has already been carried forward into 2024/25. Together with the £50k budget for 2024/25, this gives an overall amount of £100k available in the current financial year. To date, none of the funding has been allocated to a project so the full £100k is still available.
- 2.3 It is understood that carry forwards are only considered in exceptional circumstances, so further carry forwards beyond March 2025 are not considered to be an option. This means that the £100k will need to be allocated and spent before the end of 2024/25 otherwise the funding will transfer to the general reserve and be 'lost' to the area.

3.0 PROPOSED PROCESS

- 3.1 Any projects endorsed by the Area Committee (AC) will each have to have Project Scoping Reports and both Climate Change and Equalities Impact Assessments completed. These will need to be evaluated and discussed with the Executive Member for Open to Business, and then signed off by the Director of Community Development.
- 3.2 Rather than seeking Committee approval to a list of projects for which Scoping Reports are subsequently completed and reported to the *next* Committee in three months' time, Officers

are proposing to hold an extraordinary meeting in October to review the Scoping Reports and endorse the projects to take forward for final approval and sign-off.

- 3.3 Each of the projects endorsed by the Committee in September and agreed following a full scoping in October would then be subject to the following process:
 - Evaluation of proposal
 - Discuss with Executive Member for Open to Business
 - Final approval & sign-off by the Director of Community Development

4.0 CONSIDERATION OF PROJECT SHORTLIST

- 4.1 A number of project ideas have been put forward since the scheme was launched, with 5 taken forward to be explored further. From this list, 3 have been recommended by the steering committee to be reviewed at this meeting, with 2 not recommended due to them not meeting the scheme criteria.
- 4.2 The following table sets out the shortlist of the 5 projects which were reviewed at the steering group on 30th August 2024. Those Recommended to proceed meet the fund criteria and can be delivered by March 2025:

Proposed Project	Description & Preliminary Investigations	Indicative Cost	Recommended by Steering Group to Proceed
Parking Spaces for Private Hire Taxis at Hildyard Row (White Shops)	Taxi companies operating at Hildyard Row in Catterick (known as White Shops) had utilised space just off the highway to park when taxis are not being used. This space was taken by EV charging points leaving the taxi companies with limited parking options. 30 mins free is available on the highway and at the neighbouring NYC car park, but a longer period of free parking has been requested. After consultation with NYC parking services, any removal of public parking spaces for commercial business parking would require a financial address, such as the purchase of a permit but this fund could not be used to purchase individual permits. However, the fund could be used to cover the cost of two spaces, to be utilised by any local taxi firms, which could be marked out for a set period. The cost of each space would be £930 per year and multiple licence plates could be associated with these spaces. The additional cost of the Traffic Regulation Order and lining will also be covered. The spaces would either revert back to public spaces after this time or alternative funding	£7,000 for three years	Yes
	cost of the Traffic Regulation Order and lining will also be covered.		

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	The project would provide support to providers of a key service to residents in the local area whilst a more long term solution is sought. Please note that this change will require a sign off process via the Environment directorate which will be reviewed through the full scoping document if approved. In addition, TRO's are subject to consultation that may impact delivery.		
Transport scheme to support individuals to get to places of work, study and health provision	Issues have been raised by both employers and residents around the provision of public transport options in our more rural areas. It can be difficult for those without their own transport, to access transport at the right times (or at all) for work, study and health needs. Similarly, employers can struggle to take on workers who do not have their own transport due to the lack of provision. This project proposes conducting research into the gaps in public transport provision across Richmond's rural areas, identifying where it is hardest to reach employment and places of study and health provision. It will work with large employers in the area (Wensleydale Creamery and Leeming bar have been identified) and a sample of small businesses to understand the issues they have with employment and transport and also look at the transport issues faced by existing staff at the employment sites. A feasibility study will then be produced, identifying short term opportunities to improve transport to work, study and health provision options and any funding requirements, and also identify longer term opportunities that could feed into the Local Transport Plan, and the Mayor Combined Authority. This works supports the economic growth of both residents of our rural areas and our large employers and supports longer term considerations for the Local Transport Plan. It is identified that results from this more localised study will be relevant for many rural areas and large employers across the county.	Estimated that the cost of the study is £50k	Yes
A684 Morton Flatts Responsive signage project	The A684 provides a strategic route from Northallerton to the A1, and the employment centre of Leeming Bar. It also provides a key route for tourism linking the nations parks of	The total cost of the signage and installation is	Yes

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	the Moors and Dales. The closure of the road due to flooding causes significant impact to road users. The proposal will provide signs that will illuminate to advise that the road is closed upon the point of water breach which will give traffic an instant message as they approach the locations. This gives them the opportunity to turn round and utilise the signed diversion. This will also assist the Area highways team and emergency services in their flood response as it gives an instant message to traffic this should reduce the reduce the numbers of abandoned/trapped vehicles in the floods, allowing the emergency services to focus on other priority areas and the highways team time to focus on getting the hard closure in place. The works would involve:	£102k which cannot all be sourced from current funds but match funding will be available from NYC capital funds if £40k can be obtained from this fund.	
	Installation of sensor at point where flood water breaches the carriageway		
	Provision and installation of Electronic signage ('Road closed due to flooding') at Warlaby Cross Roads and to the west at the eastern roundabout junction with Bedale By pass		
	Moving existing flip type signage at the above locations to new locations		
	The work to reduce flooding on the A684 at Morton Flatts is a significant infrastructure project which is being explored independently of this proposal but these measures would reduce the impact that flooding will have on road users (up to 12,000 a day), highways teams and emergency services. It improves safety for the travelling public and supports the usage of the diversion at times of flooding, inturn, reducing the time people will pick up the diversion route, improving traffic flow times on the diversion.		
Osmotherley Toilets	Osmotherley toilets are in need of repair and funds originally allocated to the parish council	£16k	No
	to cover such works have been used up on previous repairs and ongoing running costs.		
	Improvements to the facilities have been costed at £40k to generally improve the toilets and reduce ongoing electricity and water costs.		

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	In addition to this, the disabled toilets also need improvements which have currently been descoped due to cost but this is an additional £10k.		
	Parish council reserves can cover some of the cost but to complete the work £16k is required		
	The parish council would oversee the work which is due to start in Sept 24		
	The work could fall into the eligibility criteria: "Targeted contributions that provide added value to small scale regeneration activity such as public art, town centre improvement or small-scale enhancement to a local park or footpath/cycle network", and supports regeneration and tourism for the village.		
	However, there is an issue giving the money to the parish council to undertake the work as the scope states that it cannot be used for delegated grant schemes to external parties.		
Multi-use track from Garsdale to Hawes	This is a Yorkshire Dales National Park project to create a multi-use track along an old Railway track bed. The project is in its early stages and not enough information is available to know how the council would be involved so that this isn't a delegated grant scheme. There may be an option to support the project in the future, via other funding / support mechanisms.	Est £10k	No
	Total	£123k	
	Total Recommended by the Steering	£97k	
	Group		

4.3 Members should note that at this stage the above figures are *indicative only* and so specific allocations will vary, subject to securing detailed quotes/fee proposals. Final decisions will be made by the Director of Community Development in consultation with the Executive Member for Open to Business.

5.0 RICHMOND AND NORTHALLERTON AC BUDGET INFORMATION

5.1 The financial position of the budget allocated to the Richmond and Northallerton AC through the Economic, Regeneration, Tourism and Transport Project Development Fund is as detailed in the table below:

Item	Value
Budget Available (2023/24)	£50,000

Budget Available (2024/25)	£50,000
Value of projects approved to date	£0
Balance of budget currently available	£100,000

5.2 As the total of the projects recommended by the steering committee shown in the table under 4.2 is within the £100k, it is proposed to proceed with the three projects and updated costings will be provided as the projects progress.

6.0 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN AND RESPONSES

6.1 The project proposals contained in this report have been put forward following consultation with Officers from various services across the Council. The steering group for the Richmond and Northallerton Committee have been consulted and the proposals have been discussed at the Richmond and Northallerton Steering group Committee Review on 30 August 2024.

7.0 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

7.1 Members may choose not to progress any of the schemes outlined in this report, however, given that there is such limited time available to secure AC endorsement for any alternative proposals, finalise approvals, procure and undertake the project work, this is highly likely to result in the remaining Development Fund allocation being 'lost' to the area.

8.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

8.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from the recommendations of this report.

9.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 Whilst there are no direct legal implications from the recommendations of this report, the following legal implications should be noted if the projects are progressed:
- 9.2 The proposal relating to the provision of parking spaces will be subject to the statutory process for Traffic Regulation Orders (TRO) which includes a public consultation. The outcome of that consultation has to be considered before any decision is taken regarding the TRO. The Council also has to have regard to its duty under Section 122 Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 before making any TRO.
- 9.3 With regard to the project regarding public transport provision the appointment of any consultants will need to be undertaken in line with Council's Constitution and the Contract and Procedure Rules.
- 9.4 In respect of proposed signage this will be complaint with the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016.

10.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

10.1 There are no direct equality implications from the recommendations in this report.

11.0 CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS

11.1 There are no direct climate implications from the recommendations in this report.

12.0 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

12.1 To progress the allocation of the Economic, Regeneration, Tourism and Transport Project Development Fund available to this Committee and to maximise benefit to the Richmond and Northallerton area.

13.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

13.1

It is recommended that the Committee:

- approves the process as outlined in 3.2 3.3 (above);
- considers the proposals set out in 4.2 (above)
- agrees the proposals which have been put forward to the Committee and which contribute to the objectives of the fund which will then be put forward for a full scoping review and endorsement in October

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16 September 2024

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



Richmond ACC Work Programme 2024-25		
Monday 18 March 2024 @ 10am		
Development of the Catterick Integrated Care Campus	Verbal update on the development of the CICC from Lisa Pope, Deputy Place Director, North Yorkshire, NHS Humber and North Yorkshire Integrated Care Board	
Appointments to Outside Bodies	To confirm the appointment to the Richmond School Trust – Daniel Harry	
Schools Educational Achievement & Finance Report	Annual Update – Christopher Watson, Strategy and Performance Team Leader CYPS, (information only item)	
Draft Work Programme 2023-24	To consider the draft Work Programme for 2023-24	
Monday 17 June 2024 @ 10am		
Let's Talk Food – Survey Feedback	To present the feedback from the latest 'Let's Talk' campaign - 'Let's Talk Food'.	
Schools Educational Achievement & Finance Report	Annual Update – Amanda Newbold, Assistant Director – Education and Skills, Howard Emmett, Assistant Director – Strategic Resources, Janet Crawford, Assistant Director – Inclusion (Deferred from March meeting)	
Highways, including the A684, Morton Flatts, River Swale Flooding	Update on the current position in relation to the highways across the constituency area – Nigel Smith, Head of Highway Operations & Jayne Charlton, Area Manager (Areas 1 & 2)	
Integrated Passenger Transport – Stokesley	Details on the Integrated Passenger Transport provision for Stokesley to be outlined	
Richmondshire Leisure Trust	Update on the position and work of Richmondshire Leisure Trust	
Yorkshire Ambulance Service	Details of Yorkshire Ambulance response times (information only item)	

Work Programme	To consider the Committee's Work Programme	
Monday 16 September 2024 @ 10am		
Council's Resilience & Emergency Planning procedures and response	Update on the Council's Resilience and Emergency Planning procedures and response – Matthew Robinson, Head of Resilience and Emergencies	
Subsidised Educational Transport	To consider the implications of the recently adopted Policy on the Constituency area.	
Northern Powergrid – Regional decarbonisation	To consider a presentation from Northern Powergrid regarding regional decarbonisation.	
Parish Liaison, Local Devolution and Community Rights Team – Parish Liaison	To discuss the development of the relationship between the Council and local Parishes and the development of a liaison team.	
Integrated Passenger Transport – bus services	To discuss bus services and their connectivity in the Committee area.	
Highways - winter maintenance programme and gritting routes	To consider the Constituency area's winter maintenance programme and gritting routes	
£50k Seed Funding - update	To consider an update on the development of proposals for the use of the ACs £50k seed funding.	
Work Programme	To consider the Committee's Work Programme	
Monday 18 November 2024 @ 11am		
Yorkshire Ambulance Service – response times	To discuss response times in the Constituency area with representatives of YAS	
Community Safety Update	To consider an update from the Community Safety and CCTV Service, together with North Yorkshire Police on local community safety	

Climate Strategy Delivery	To discuss the delivery of the Climate Strategy in the Area Committee area	
Work Programme	To consider the Committee's Work Programme	
Monday 13 January 2025 @ 10am Informal TEAMs Meeting		
Budget Proposals 2025 - 2026	Gary Fielding to present	
Monday 17 March 2025 @ 10am		
Schools Educational Achievement & Finance	Annual Update - Andrew Dixon, Strategic Planning Manager, Education & Skills & colleagues (information item)	
Local Nature Recovery Strategy	Timothy Johns – Senior Policy Officer - Sustainability	
Draft Work Programme 2024-25	To consider the Committee's draft Work Programme for the coming municipal year	

Issues identified for future work programme		
Supported Living	Update on implementation of review	
Lorry Driver parking	Follow up to consider how issue is being addressed following earlier consideration	
Friary and Friarage Hospitals	To consider updates on these facilities.	
Provision of a Northallerton Relief Road	To consider any progress on the provision of a Relief Road.	

Safety on the Constituency Area's roads	A Joint report by Highways and Public Health to consider data relating to incidents that have occurred on the Constituency Area's roads and the work being carried out to address these.
Mental Health	A report on how mental health issues are being addressed in the area.
Delayed Transfers of Care	Further review of work by Health and Social Care to reduce Delayed Transfers of Care following consultation – linked to the Care and Independence Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Small Schools	Review of educational outcomes at small schools – linked to the Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Healthy Child Programme	An update on the position regarding the Healthy Child Programme following the end of the current contract and the development of a new provision.
Health Issues relating to e-cigarettes	To consider further national guidance in relation to health concerns in relation to the use of e-cigarettes
Parking Charges	Overview of potential changes in light of LGR
Yorkshire Ambulance Service	Details of Yorkshire Ambulance response times (information only item)
Catterick Levelling Up Bid	A presentation on the successful Levelling Up Bid and the current position of the project
Scotch Corner	An update on the issues at Scotch Corner Roundabout
Utility Company Street Works	Information on what is required of utility companies when seeking access to their apparatus, for both planned and emergency works and what powers North Yorkshire council have.