



Meeting: Richmond (Yorks) Area Committee

Members: Councillors Yvonne Peacock (Chair), Caroline Dickinson (Vice-Chair), Alyson Baker, Kevin Foster, Bryn Griffiths, David Hugill, Tom Jones, Carl Les, Heather Moorhouse, Stuart Parsons, Karin Sedgwick, Angus Thompson, Steve Watson, David Webster, John Weighell OBE, Annabel Wilkinson, Peter Wilkinson; together with co-opted Member Malcolm Warne.

Date: Monday, 17 March 2025

Time: 10.00 am

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

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Business

10am

1. **Apologies for Absence**
2. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 17 January 2025** (Pages 5 - 12)
3. **Declarations of Interest**

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

4. Public Participation - Petition item

Members of the public may ask questions or make statements at this meeting if they have given notice to Stephen Loach of Democratic and Scrutiny Services and supplied the text (contact details below) by midday on Wednesday 12 March 2025, three working days before the day of the meeting. Each speaker should limit themselves to 3 minutes on any item.

Members of the public who have given notice will be invited to speak at this point in the meeting if their questions/statements relate to matters which are not otherwise on the agenda (subject to an overall time limit of 30 minutes).

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5. North Yorkshire Council's Petition Scheme - 'Rethink North Yorkshire School Transport Cuts' (Pages 13 - 18)

A combined paper and electronic petition has been received by North Yorkshire Council containing above 2130 signatures of people who live, work or study in the county. As the petition contains 500 or more signatures (but less than 30,130 signatories), it has been scheduled for debate at this meeting of the Area Committee. The process for debating and responding to the petition is set out in the report detailed at Appendix A.

The petition was originally discussed at a meeting of the Area Committee held on 27 January 2025 but was deferred for consideration at a subsequent meeting to allow further information to be provided.

1pm

6. Public Participation - non-petition issues

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- at this point in the meeting if their questions/statements relate to matters which are not otherwise on the agenda (subject to an overall time limit of 30 minutes);

- when the relevant agenda item is being considered if they wish to speak on a matter which is on the agenda for this meeting.

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1.30pm

7. Annual update from David Skaith, Mayor of York and North Yorkshire

An update on the work of the Mayoral Combined Authority and progress with local issues.

8. **Annual Schools Update Report** (Pages 19 - 36)
9. **Local Nature Recovery Strategy** (Pages 37 - 40)
10. **Climate Change Activity** (Pages 41 - 48)
11. **Resilience and Emergencies Annual Report Richmond (Yorks) Area Committee - Response to issues raised at Meeting in September 2024** (Pages 49 - 52)
12. **£50k Seed Funding - Development of projects - Verbal update**
13. **Work Programme** (Pages 53 - 58)
14. **Any Other Items**
Any other items which the Chair agrees should be considered as a matter of urgency because of special circumstances
15. **Date of Next Meeting**

Monday 30 June 2025 at 10am – venue to be confirmed

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

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