

Meeting: Transport, Economy, Environment and Enterprise Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Members: Councillors David Staveley (Chair), Melanie Davis (Vice-Chair), Philip Barrett, Derek Bastiman, John Cattanach, Hannah Gostlow, David Ireton, David Jeffels, Tom Jones, Steve Mason, Subash Sharma, Phil Trumper, Steve Watson, Andrew Williams, Robert Windass and David Noland.

Date: Thursday, 24 April 2025

Time: 10.00 am

Venue: The Grand Meeting Room, County Hall, Northallerton, DL7 8AD

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AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence

2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 30 January 2025 (Pages 3 - 10)

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

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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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- 5. Climate Change Delivery Pathway Performance Report** (Pages 11 - 22)
- 6. Report of the Climate Change Member Champion** (Pages 23 - 26)
- 7. Update on Lane Rental Scheme for North Yorkshire**
Verbal Update
- 8. Work Programme** (Pages 27 - 30)
- 9. Progress on Issues Raised** (Pages 31 - 34)
- 10. Any other items**
Any other items which the Chair agrees should be considered as a matter of urgency because of special circumstances.
- 11. Date of Next Meeting**
Friday 11 July 2025 at 10am

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Monday, 14 April 2025

North Yorkshire Council

Transport, Economy, Environment and Enterprise Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 30 January 2025 commencing at 10.00 am.

Councillor David Staveley in the Chair plus Councillors Melanie Davis, Philip Barrett, Derek Bastiman, John Cattanach, Hannah Gostlow, David Ireton, George Jabbour (substitute), David Jeffels, Steve Mason, Subash Sharma, Phil Trumper, Steve Watson, Robert Windass and David Noland.

In attendance: Councillors Greg White and Paul Haslam (virtual)

Officers present (virtual): Karl Battersby, Rachael Balmer, Harry Briggs, Joe Penny

Officers present (in-person): Will Baines, Shaun Berry, Aimi Brookes, Hugh Clear Hill, Peter Jeffreys and Louise Neale

Apologies: Councillors Tom Jones and Andrew Williams (substitute Councillor George Jabbour).

Copies of all documents considered are in the Minute Book

18 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Tom Jones and Andrew Williams (substitute Councillor George Jabbour).

19 Minutes of the Meeting held on 17 October 2024

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 17 October 2024, having been printed and circulated, be taken as read and confirmed as a correct record.

20 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

21 Public Participation

There were no public questions or statements received.

22 12 Month Review of Motion on Water Quality for improvements in health, wildlife, biodiversity and economy

The Committee considered a report of Hugh Clear Hill, Principal Environmental Policy Officer with a review of progress on the water quality motion since it was approved by Full Council in November 2023.

As part of the officer presentation, it was noted that:

- Since the six-month review point back in July 2024, a substantial number of new policy initiatives, emerging legislation, inquiries and reports relating to the water sector have been introduced following the General Election. It was noted that general awareness of water issues remains very high at both a local and national level.
- The North Yorkshire River Catchments Forum had held its second meeting, which took place just before Christmas. A clear action plan is in development, to pinpoint where value can be added by partners and to avoid overlap with other initiatives. It was highlighted that the Forum forms part of a lot of partnership activity taking place across the piece, with recent national commitments made around support for the river catchment partnerships to be welcomed. Early preparations for a 'North Yorkshire Rivers Summit' later in the year are taking place, to bring together stakeholders, including Elected Members, in a similar style to the bathing water summits held in Scarborough regarding water quality in the South Bay.
- The link into the new Local Plan for North Yorkshire and planning policy was also discussed, with the 'Issues and Options' consultation coming up later this year. The recent consultation on the National Planning Policy Framework has now put a greater emphasis on sustainable drainage systems and recognised all forms of flooding, such as ground water and surface water flooding, which should help to strengthen measures to improve water quality as part of planning applications coming forward. Regular discussions continue with statutory water providers and the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment will be reviewed shortly.

It was agreed to continue to monitor progress in this important area, with a review of the water quality motion to be programmed into the committee work programme for a further twelve months' time. In the meantime, there was a commitment from officers to share with committee members the future agendas for forthcoming meetings of the North Yorkshire River Catchments Forum and renewed calls by the committee to invite the water companies that operate within North Yorkshire to appear at a future committee meeting. This was to be picked up under the Work Programme item.

Resolved – That the update on the progress made following the agreement of the Motion be noted.

That future agendas of the North Yorkshire River Catchments Forum be shared with members of the Transport, Economy, Environment and Enterprise Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

23 Review of Household Recycling and Waste Collection Guidance

Following consideration of the policy at the last committee meeting, officers presented the proposed guidance on household recycling and waste collections.

Although much of the new guidance had already been harmonised across the county, there remained areas such as bin sizes, missed collection protocol, proof of assisted collection requirement and treatment of excess refuse waste where there are currently differences in the approach taken among the former legacy district and borough areas.

In considering the new guidance, committee members raised the following points:

- The importance of working with property owners and residents where bin storage practices are inadequate and unacceptable, as once a routine is established it is difficult to break. It was noted in response that the use of education and enforcement

was key in areas where bins were permanently left out on the street.

- It was felt that enforcing a smaller refuse bin size of 180 litres as standard would ultimately encourage more recycling. It was also emphasised that new wheelie bins would not be introduced until the current bins had reached the end of their usable life.
- Members then discussed the impact of the delayed food waste collections for North Yorkshire, which it is expected will drive down the amount of residual waste to be collected. It was commented in response that there was no government requirement to collect food waste until 2043, due to the Council's contract with Allerton Waste Recovery Park. Members also discussed the costings of offsetting the burning of waste.
- Members were generally in agreement that 180 litre refuse bins should be introduced as the standard for households up to 4 people, and that a larger or additional bin could be requested for larger households.
- Following a suggestion of providing a more bespoke service for households on the size of the wheelie bins they receive, officers raised concerns around the practicalities of swapping bin sizes, and the administrative challenges about tracking which type of bin would be left when residents move house. It was agreed that there was an operational advantage of having one bin size.
- In response to a comment from a Member in the Selby locality, it was confirmed that the new bins that had been procured were a minimum of 4mm in thickness, so stronger than the bins currently used in the Selby locality.
- The use of education to inform households around what should be placed in a residual bin was also noted.
- Committee members felt that it was important that the assisted collections process was not too restrictive and onerous, to ensure that vulnerable residents were not deterred from requesting one.
- Officers were also asked to review the presence of mini-recycling centres / bring sites, as in the past a number had been provided as an alternative to kerbside recycling services for properties with limited external storage space. It was noted that recycling centres would be looked at on their own merits individually, with no decisions made until the effects of new household collection policy can be seen, as it should reduce the amount of recycled waste.

Resolved – That the feedback received from TEEE O&S Committee be fed into the Executive report in March.

24 Notice of Motion on Adoption of an Active Travel Strategy

The Committee considered an update on Active Travel documents in North Yorkshire and how to respond to the Notice of Motion on the adoption of an active travel strategy that had been submitted to Full Council.

As the proposer of the motion, Councillor Hannah Gostlow provided an overview of her reasons for proposing the motion.

- She noted the officer report and that it highlighted the positive work undertaken and ongoing to improve active travel provision, but felt a strong, clear statement of active

travel vision and values was still required. She felt that active travel can help with overall place making and does not just sit within Highways, but across areas such as the local economy, health, wellbeing and environment.

Councillor Gostlow listed examples within her Knaresborough East division of:

- the recent green investment in the fleet of new electric buses for Harrogate and Knaresborough, but that they will struggle to change the culture and a shift to sustainable transport when the congestion on the roads makes journey times unreliable.
 - The lack of new cycling infrastructure in Knaresborough, with money spent on designs but ultimately not following through to implementation.
 - Unsafe walking and cycling routes for residents in areas that connect bus stops, the local bus station, the local train station, but without the policies and priorities to prevent vehicles speeding and changing the traffic light sequencing as required.
- In submitting the motion, Councillor Gostlow felt a dedicated Active Travel Strategy was required in the near future, rather than waiting for it to be incorporated into the new York and North Yorkshire Local Transport Plan. She argued that a dedicated strategy would ensure a sustained focus and accountability for walking and cycling improvements, rather than having them as secondary considerations. Delaying until the Local Transport Plan would be seen as postponing crucial work on infrastructure, accessibility and safety improvements, at a time when active travel is needed to address public health, congestion and climate change goals.
 - It was also argued that local authorities that are forward thinking and proactive on active travel get more funding, and waiting for the York and North Yorkshire Local Transport Plan may put the council at a disadvantage for future national funding opportunities. A well-designed strategy was felt would also strengthen bids for funding such as Section 106 agreements and regional investments.
 - Whilst the North York Moors National Park and Yorkshire Dales National Park are developing active travel plans is to be welcomed, Councillor Gostlow noted that she felt their focus is on tourism and visitor access, not the every day travel needs for North Yorkshire residents. Local communities would benefit from well planned active travel infrastructure integrating with, but not depending on, other initiatives.
 - Without a standalone strategy, clear targets, measurable outcomes and a clear timeline for active travel improvements, Councillor Gostlow felt that active travel schemes may be diluted when factored in as part of a broader new York and North Yorkshire Local Transport Plan. Creating a separate strategy for North Yorkshire would contain specific goals, a monitoring process, to ensure active travel is seen as a future priority rather than as an afterthought.

In response, the officer spoke about the work already underway to develop and adopt Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIPs) for each principal town in North Yorkshire. These plans, along with the work of the National Parks, will give a strategic view of the future active travel infrastructure required.

It was felt that the proposal in the motion to create a standalone Active Travel Strategy for North Yorkshire would not help to speed up the overall process, as it would be carried out alongside the development of a cohesive York and North Yorkshire Local Transport Plan. It was also argued that a standalone policy would act as a duplication of the work which will take place as part of the wider Local Transport Plan.

It was also noted by the officer that new guidance on Local Transport Plans and also an Integrated National Transport Strategy has not been released yet, and is expected to be published later this year. As both documents are likely to include guidance and information around Active Travel and the monitoring and evaluation of active travel schemes, it would seem sensible to wait for this information to be available before writing new strategies.

Committee Members held differing views on the motion text which included:

- A suggestion of a working group was put forward to explore some of the more achievable aspects of the motion text to help inform the development of the wider Local Transport Plan. Given the cost of fuel, car tax, insurance and the maintenance of vehicles, investing in active travel would improve the health and the wellbeing of residents and help to support the local economy.
- With the ongoing process of developing and adopting Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIPs) and the new Local Transport Plan, it is felt that it was not the right time to also be working on a separate Active Travel Strategy for North Yorkshire.
- A separate Active Travel Strategy would allow a focus to be put on North Yorkshire, rather than the wider region, where it may become diluted. The differences in the geography and demographics of York and North Yorkshire mean that active travel provision may not be fully addressed in a regional Local Transport Plan document.
- There is a role for the Transport, Economy, Environment and Enterprise Overview and Scrutiny committee to hold the Combined Authority to account around the inclusion of active travel in developing a Local Transport Plan for York and North Yorkshire. Work to create and scrutinise a separate policy document for North Yorkshire at the same time would work against this.

In the debate and discussions that followed, the proposal to form an Active Travel Working Group of the Transport, Economy, Environment and Enterprise Overview and Scrutiny Committee was put forward. In proposing this, it was felt that the working group would focus on how the vision, values and priorities for active travel integrate within the Council Plan document, but also more widely how it can feed into the development of the emerging new York and North Yorkshire Local Transport Plan. This was approved.

Following the committee decision to set up a working group, the officer report recommendations were approved to go back to Full Council

Therefore:

Full Council is asked to consider the recommendations of the Transport, Economy, Environment and Enterprise Overview and Scrutiny Committee to:

- i) Note the update on Active Travel documents in North Yorkshire
- ii) recommend back to Full Council at its meeting on 26 February 2025 that an Active Travel Strategy is pursued as part of the York and North Yorkshire Local Transport Plan in collaboration with York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority and City of York Council.

Separately, to these recommendations back to Full Council, the Transport, Economy, Environment and Enterprise Overview and Scrutiny Committee resolved to:

- iii) Set up a working group on Active Travel. The terms of reference are to be drawn up, but it is set to focus on how the vision and values for Active Travel integrate within the Council Plan document and also to engage and contribute to the wider development of the new York and North Yorkshire Local Transport Plan.

25 Notice of Motion on Support for Climate and Nature Bill

The committee considered the report presented on the Notice of Motion seeking Full Council support for the Climate and Nature Bill. Following the Climate and Nature Bill standing adjourned in the House of Commons at its second reading stage on 24 January 2025, it was conceded by all present, that it was now unlikely to become law when it is scheduled to return to Parliament in July.

In introducing the rationale for originally submitting the motion, Councillor Steve Mason felt there was still a need for robust protection for climate and nature matters in particular, as had been set out in the Climate and Nature Bill, along with clear targets and support to mitigate issues such as pollution.

The committee reached a view that given the current status of the Climate and Nature Bill in Parliament, that under the circumstances the motion should be withdrawn by the proposer at Full Council on 26 February 2025. Furthermore, it was put forward and agreed by the committee to recommend that the council write to Government to call for the principles set out in the Climate and Nature Bill and existing environmental protections to be respected, while ensuring they are not undermined by new policies that may come forward.

Resolved –

- i) To recommend back to Full Council that the Notice of Motion on the Climate and Nature Bill be withdrawn.
- ii) To recommend that given the current circumstances of the Climate and Nature Bill in Parliament, that the council write to Government to call for the principles set out in the Bill and existing environmental protections be respected, while ensuring they are not undermined by new policies that may come forward.

26 Progress on Issues Raised

The Progress on Issues Raised report was noted.

27 Work Programme

The Committee considered the work programme presented for consideration.

Members made the following comments:

- Any update report from National Highways should come after the Spending Review by Government in June 2025.
- An understanding of business confidence in North Yorkshire and prospects for the future.
- The attendance of the water companies operating within North Yorkshire and include an invitation to the water regulator Ofwat as part of the meeting arrangements (as discussed under item 5)

Resolved -

That the work programme, taking into account the comments made, be noted.

28 Any other items

There were no other items of business.

The meeting concluded at 1.40 pm.

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North Yorkshire Council

Transport, Economy, Environment and Enterprise Overview and Scrutiny

24 April 2025

Climate Change Delivery Pathway Performance Report

Report of the Corporate Director - Environment

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To provide a progress report on the implementation of the Climate Change Delivery Pathway.

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Executive approved the North Yorkshire Council Climate Change Strategy in July 2023 in response to the declared climate emergency. The Climate Change Delivery Pathway (CCDP) sets out how the Strategy will be delivered and was approved by Executive on 20 August 2024. The 'Governance' section outlines that progress on delivering the Strategy will be reported annually to Executive and biannually to Transport Economy, Environment and Enterprise Overview and Scrutiny committee (TEEEOSC), evidence of which will be based on the CCDP. Progress was last reported to the TEEEOOSC on 17 October 2024.

3.0 THE CLIMATE CHANGE STRATEGY DELIVERY PATHWAY

- 3.1 Progress was previously reported utilising an excel spreadsheet. Feedback of the efficacy of this indicated that an alternative process should be utilised. Officers are now investigating options to collate the data and performance information. Consequently, the report takes a narrative form outlining key progress areas outlined in the five themes of the Climate Change Strategy and Delivery Pathway; governance, mitigation, adaptation, supporting nature and North Yorkshire Council (NYC) Net Zero ambitions.

3.2 Governance

3.2.1 Performance:

- i. Carbon Disclosure Project application was submitted, and the outcome is awaited. Similarly, information was provided for the Climate Emergency UK review and feedback is also awaited.
- ii. The York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority (YNYCA) has commissioned consultants WSP to conduct a review of the Carbon Abatement Pathway, which provides the modelling and evidence for the regional 'Route map to Carbon Negative' and the net zero targets proposed as part of the Route map refresh later in 2025. Officers are part of the steering group, and the outcome is anticipated in May 2025.
- iii. The Climate Change Committee (the advisory body to Government CCC) has published the seventh carbon budget (legally binding milestones on the way to achieving net zero at the national level.) This enables investors, businesses, households, and government to act with a shared understanding of the path as well as the end goal. The recommended level for the Seventh Carbon Budget sets a limit on the UK's greenhouse gas emissions over the five-year period 2038 to 2042, is 535 MtCO₂e, including emissions from international aviation and shipping. The CCC also provide advice for Local Government to influence local

choices. Key areas are transport (move away from fossil fuels), low carbon heating options and household recycling rates achieving 57% nationally.

3.2.2 Governance and Communication

- i. Directorate Action Plans were reviewed by Management Board in March 2025
- ii. A Communications and Engagement Plan has been drafted for review.
- iii. Community engagement remains high, and officers have attended several community based events over the last six months. These are detailed in the Area Committee reports. In addition, a 'Community Climate Action Event' was held on 22 March by the North Yorkshire Climate Coalition to celebrate and share the community-based climate actions that have been supported through the Shared Prosperity Fund Decarbonisation programme over the past 18 months. This was attended by both the Executive Member with the climate change portfolio and the NYC Climate Change champion.
- iv. Schools and young people engagement has progressed with an event held for school leaders to support development of schools-based climate action plans.
- v. Funding has been secured for a number of projects and these are outlined in the report. In addition, both capital and revenue bids were made for the Carbon Negative Challenge Fund (CNCF) in March and April.

4.0 MITIGATION

4.1 The Built Environment

4.1.1 NYC housing programmes have made significant progress.

- i. The original Social Housing Delivery Fund project has been mobilised and is being delivered. A minimum of 75 retrofits will be completed by March 2025 and a further 150 by March 2026, across the Harrogate, Selby, and Richmond housing stock.
- ii. Building on the success, the Housing team applied for SHDF wave three and received grant aid of £34.3 million towards a total project cost of £63.3 million. Allocation of this resource to retrofit over 500 homes is now in the planning stage.
- iii. The inhouse team have also achieved Retrofit training up to level five.
- iv. Private sector housing has also delivered very well against its original 'Home Upgrade Grant' (HUG2). The target now is for 329 homes to have decarbonisation interventions with a budget of £7.4 million. NYC is one of the highest performing local authorities for HUG delivery. The scheme has estimated average energy savings per property of £770 with 63% of properties bought up to Energy Performance Certificate A-C, which were previously F to G.
- v. The successful delivery of HUG2 has enabled NYC to develop a strong pipeline of properties that can benefit from the new funding scheme, the Warm Homes Fund: Local. Officers bid for £09.5million per year for three years across the county to upgrade privately owned homes for low-income households. The target is to upgrade 540 homes a year. As the programme was oversubscribed and a sum of £5.9 million has been awarded under this scheme, the programme will be reduced accordingly.
- vi. The Local Energy Demonstrator programme (pilot programme of energy efficiency advice) has delivered the target of 175 home energy assessments and advice to 274 people. It has also included training in retrofit activities for 93 people.
- vii. The Craven Empty Homes project has been a challenging programme to delivery due its complexity. However, progress is being made and it is now due to complete in July 2025.

4.1.2 Retrofit Plans: -The YNYCA has been developing a Retrofit Strategy and Retrofit Skills Assessment over the last year. It is anticipated that this will be subject to public consultation

from mid-June to the end of July. Then a final draft will be prepared for the October YNYCA meeting for approval.

4.1.3 Community Energy: Decarbonisation Community and Business grants.

- i. An 18-month programme has been funded by the SPF Decarbonisation Programme and completed 31 March 2025. It provided 68 decarbonisation grants: 26 to community groups and 42 to small to medium sized businesses. It funded 59 property-based decarbonisation audits. NYC is also currently delivering the Devolution Deal Net Zero Fund (DDNZF) Community Buildings Decarbonisation programme which has supported an additional 21 properties to decarbonise.
- ii. Both programmes have also provided further decarbonisation audits and feasibility studies for business and community properties to include opportunities for energy efficiency, renewable energy, and low carbon heating options. There is increasing support from national government for community owned energy and officers appointed by both the Northeast and Yorkshire Net Zero Hub and both Distribution Network Operators in our region will enable projects to get from the page into practice.

4.2 Transport

4.2.1 Increase walking and cycling.

- i. Since September 2024, two further Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIPs) have been developed. LCWIPs for Thirsk and Whitby are close to completion and are expected to be adopted in the coming months. The Thirsk and Whitby documents make a total of ten LCWIPs across the county covering approximately 86 key active travel corridors. Design work on the 'Bilton to Hornbeam Park' and 'A59 (Harrogate Road) missing link' LCWIP route have progressed and are being funded from both Capability Fund and Area Committee funding. Detailed design of LCWIP routes in Selby (Brayton to Selby corridor) and Richmond (Darlington Road) are close to completion.
- ii. In February 2025, NYC received £369,709 under Active Travel Fund tranche five. The focus of the funding included low complexity construction schemes that can be delivered quickly such as new crossings and school streets. Four schemes were submitted to Active Travel England's assurance process.
 - Introduction of a signalised pedestrian phase at the A661 Wetherby Road/Railway Road junction, Harrogate
 - Parallel Crossing on Bilton Lane, Harrogate
 - School Crossing Patrol site in East Ayton
 - Four x school street schemes (locations to be determined)
- iii. NYC also received an allocation of £1,256,601 from the Consolidated Active Travel Fund (CATF). This is split £872,999 Capital and £383,602 Revenue. The focus of the fund includes new construction schemes, essential maintenance, scheme development and behaviour change activities. Revenue funding needs to be committed by end of September 2026 and construction schemes will need to be complete by end of March 2027. Officers will begin reviewing and sifting the pipeline/longlist of schemes ready for submission to Active Travel England by end of September 2025.
- iv. Full Council at its meeting on 26 February 2025 agreed that an Active Travel Strategy is pursued as part of the York and North Yorkshire Local Transport Plan (LTP) and that TEEEOC will establish an Active Travel Working Group to support the LTP and Council Plan.
- v. The DDNZF 'Kildwick to Silsden active travel scheme' is progressing well. Construction of the scheme started on 03 March 2025 with the contractor (JN Bentley) setting up a site compound near the swing bridge on the North Yorkshire

boundary. Equipment and supplies are being transported by boat along the canal and two gangs are working outwards from the site compound to both Kildwick and Silsden. The NYC public right of way will remain open during the works, but users may need to be escorted through sections of the working area at times. The project is expected to be complete by the end of June 2025.

4.2.2 Increase access to alternative fuels

- i. The Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructures Programme is at the stage of bid evaluation. It is anticipated that NYC should achieve a contract start date with the chosen operator in June 2025. A period of project planning will follow with the supplier to support design and then delivery. It is anticipated that delivery can begin in early Autumn 2025.
- ii. The DDNZF programme for Community Transport Operators (CTO) has now funded 12 projects which has enabled purchase of EV, EVCP and Electric Mopeds for CTOs across the area.
- iii. The DDNZF feasibility study into the generation and use of green hydrogen as a transport fuel, principally for the waste collection and disposal fleet, has concluded and moved onto an outline business case development. This will conclude in May 2025.

4.2.3 Low carbon travel choices:-The York and North Yorkshire Local Transport Plan (LTP) which is a key policy document for the Mitigation theme related to travel and transport emissions, is now the responsibility of the YNCYA Authority. The work has not started as yet but the YNYCA has now approved the Strategic Transport Framework which sets out that the LTP will be developed in 2025.

4.3 Waste and Circular Economy

4.3.1 The DDNZF feasibility study into the decarbonisation of Allerton Waste Recovery Park concluded in December 2024. Due to the technical, commercial, and cost challenges associated with the options, it was decided not to take further action. However, the Waste Fleet option regarding green hydrogen was taken forward to outline business case stage (4.2.2 above.)

4.3.2 Several communities based circular economy projects were supported through the SPF Community Climate Action fund including 'library of things and repair cafes.

4.3.3 Food Waste is a theme in the draft NYC Food for the Future in North Yorkshire: A framework for action. This is due to be published in Summer 2025.

4.4 Renewable Energy Transition

4.4.1 YNYCA has been selected by the Department of Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ) to be one of three pilot places within the Local Net Zero Accelerator Programme. The overarching aim of the York and North Yorkshire pilot is to evaluate the replicability of Bristol's City Leap programme in a different locality. This pilot project is focused on designing a partnership model that will accelerate the development and delivery of net zero projects. In the long term, should this be progressed, the implementation of such as strategic energy partnership would support the reduction of carbon emissions and make a significant contribution to achieving our net zero target. Over the next three months we will be developing our understanding of net zero opportunities across York and North Yorkshire. This will enable us to provide a strategic overview of our region and how we can collaborate to unlock decarbonisation at scale and pace.

- 4.4.2 The Dalton Industrial Estate decarbonisation project has now completed. One element of the project is a heat and power decarbonisation plan which identified renewable energy opportunities. However, the key barrier to business growth and renewable energy generation at this site is lack of grid capacity. Northern PowerGrid have been involved and now proposed a 'Community DSO' which will investigate the options of flexibility at the site to even out demand and supply. The businesses are currently considering this as an option.
- 4.4.3 Geothermal energy from the legacy 'fracking' wells in the Pickering area have had feasibility studies undertaken through the SPF Community Climate Action programme. This has identified the opportunity to use the geothermal heat for local businesses and residents.
- 4.4.4 Anaerobic Digester plants on two dairy farms in North Yorkshire have been funded through the SPF Business Sustainability Programme. These have provided valuable case studies in terms of renewable energy from AD.
- 4.4.5 A community energy feasibility study has been funded through the SPF Community Climate Action Fund. This is created an innovative business plan for 'local energy club' in Settle and will be a blueprint for rolling out community energy buying and selling to local people, connected to the substation.
- 4.4.6 It is anticipated that further renewable energy generation schemes will be submitted for feasibility study and business case development through the YNYCA Carbon Negative Challenge Fund over the forthcoming weeks.
- 4.5 Agricultural Emissions
- 4.5.1 The Farm Sustainability Programme has been delivered by Grow Yorkshire, funded through the SPF Decarbonisation Programme. This has provided 40 on farm studies to highlight the carbon reduction, biodiversity and sequestration opportunities.
- 4.5.2 Food supply chain activity is progressing through the North Yorkshire Food for the Future project. This has included regenerative farming programmes and liaison with 'Fix Our Food' to highlight 'farm to fork' decarbonisation initiatives.
- 4.5.3 DDNZF funded project with the protected landscapes in North Yorkshire has investigated the potential for regenerative farming across these landscapes to reduce emissions from agriculture.
- 4.6 Storing Carbon
- 4.6.1 The role of peatlands in storing carbon emissions has been outlined to young people in North Yorkshire through and education programme funded by the SPF Community Climate Action programme.
- 4.6.2 The importance of lowland peat has also been identified and mapped through the Local Investment in Natural Capital Programme – LINC. This evidences the volume and carbon value of peat and the importance of retaining it to prevent methane emissions.

5.0 ADAPTATION

- 5.1 Work on the Adaptation theme remains ongoing. The Climate Change Strategy outlines that an Adaptation Strategy will be developed by March 2025, and this is now the focus of policy development. However, through a collaborative process, NYC is working with the YNYCA, City of York and protected landscapes and has commissioned a comprehensive Climate Risk and Vulnerability report which will conclude in May 2025. This will be followed by

'Rapid Adaptation Pathways' report in September 2025 and a final report in December 2025.

- 5.2 Officers continue to work regionally with partners on the Adaptation theme through the Yorkshire and Humber Climate Commission activity. The use of a narrative socialisation tool – Pam's Story – has been well received by community groups in North Yorkshire and a further engagement with Town and Parish Councils is planned to further introduce the concepts of Adaptation.
- 5.3 An internal working group has also been formed and briefings held with services which are most likely to be impacted by climate change. As the data is enhanced through the Risk and Vulnerability Assessment this work will be enhanced. Each of the Directorate Action Plans includes reference to services preparing for a changing climate.
- 5.4 The Harbours team are intending to bid for Yorkshire Regional Flood and Coastal Committee Local Levy to produce a Coastal Adaptation Plan for Flat Cliffs in the Filey and Cayton Bay Coastal Strategy. To date, there is not an example of a coastal adaptation plan adopted by a maritime Local Authority in England. NYC will apply to the YRFCC using their pilot study proforma with the intention of sharing knowledge and lessons learned with the Environment Agency and Local Government Association Coastal Special Interest Group.

6.0 SUPPORTING NATURE

- 6.1 The Local Nature Recovery Strategy documentation is now being finalised including the building of the online nature recovery map. It is anticipated that in April 2025, NYC will begin the pre-consultation with supporting authorities, prior to initiating a statutory public consultation. Our four supporting authorities are: Natural England, City of York Council, Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority and North York Moors National Park Authority. It is then intended to seek authorisation from the Executive Member for the Environment prior to the publication of the draft LNRS for the six-week statutory public consultation period scheduled from the end of May 2025.
- 6.2 White rose forest have enabled the following planting in North Yorkshire:

Planting Season	Woodland Planted (Ha)	Additional Pipeline (Ha)	Standards Planted	Notes
20/21	161			
21/22	54			
22/23	198			
23/24	655		89	Standards = large trees (usual in urban areas)
24/25	143	295	132	Planting still underway so final area not yet confirmed.
TOTAL	1211	295	221	

- 6.3 The National Landscapes administered by NYC are delivering the 'Farming in Protected Landscapes' programme. Continued funding has been confirmed in 2025/6. An example of the types of activity funded is from the Howardian Hills where the anticipated outcomes to be delivered in 24/25 are:
 - i. New woodland figures (ha)
 - Tree canopy and woodland cover created (ha) 0.6.
 - Trees planted (no.) 117 (plus a further 370 funded by Ryevitalise, in which the Howardian Hills National Landscape is a partner, as part of a large wetland project funded by FiPL)

- ii. Hedgerows planting and restoration.
 - Hedgerows planted (metres) 899.
 - Existing hedgerows restored (metres) 48.
- iii. In addition:
 - A new 37m² pond has been created.
 - Two wetlands have been created (1.45 hectares, and 15 hectares).
 - One hectare of species-rich grassland has been created (including the provision of three natural beehives).
 - Two water harvesters have been purchased, and.
 - Two compost toilets have been purchased.

6.4 Local Investment in Natural Capital (LINC)

6.4.1 North Yorkshire's LINC is a partnership programme between NYC (the lead authority), YNYCA and City of York Council, plus the two National Park Authorities – Yorkshire Dales and the North York Moors.

6.4.2 The LINC programme seeks to evaluate what governance and financial structures are required to help deliver regional nature priorities, as well as develop a pipeline of investable nature-related projects.

6.4.3 Through the ongoing LINC programme, the focus has been on:

- Undertaking a Natural Capital Land Use Assessment of York and North Yorkshire to establish a baseline and identify opportunity areas for biodiversity and ecosystem uplifts.
- To categorise, refine and analyse an initial pipeline of Natural Capital projects.
- To undertake project and investor engagement to gather information and feedback on both project and investment interest.
- To produce an investment proposition for the York and North Yorkshire region.

6.4.4 This remains an ongoing programme subject to DEFRA funding, but it is evident that the appetite for investment in the region exists, with a range of large-scale institutional lenders, equity investors and buyers of ecosystem service outcomes, recognising the potential of North Yorkshire. The programme seeking to connect the dots between projects and private investment to support the benefit of nature and high-quality ecosystem service benefits.

7.0 NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCIL NET ZERO PROGRESS

7.1 Fleet and Property

7.1.1 Grey Fleet – This project now forms part of the corporate transformation programme and will seek to identify options to reduce private car mileage for NYC business use.

7.1.2 Fleet vehicles – Work has commenced on the Beyond Carbon funded programme to identify the business cases for reducing fleet mileage and increasing the transition to low carbon vehicles. It will prepare a detailed analysis of the Council's fleet decarbonisation opportunities. This will include what vehicles need to travel where, what fuel sources therefore need to be available in what locations and the timescales for vehicle replacement schedules. This is due to conclude in September 2025. In addition, Health and Adult Services, utilising Beyond Carbon funding, are trialling an EV and EVCP for their Reablement Team and studies are progressing into the use of green hydrogen as a fuel source for HGVs such as recycling.

7.1.3 Corporate Property Decarbonisation

- i. The Beyond Carbon funded leisure facilities decarbonisation audits have now been completed. These outline the decarbonisation opportunities associated with each venue.
- ii. External grant funding through the Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme (PSDS) of £536,928 was secured for carbon reduction measures at Nidderdale Leisure Centre. Further funding bids have been made to the YNYCA CNCF for additional projects.
- iii. In addition to the action as demonstrated above, Beyond Carbon budget has been allocated to Property Services to further enable other corporate property decarbonisation audits to be produced. These will outline the decarbonisation opportunities, costs and energy savings anticipated and enable finance models to be ascertained. (External grants, invest to save, strategic energy partnership amongst others.) The Resources Directorate Action Plan includes targets for renewable energy generation and reduction in energy emissions from buildings.
- iv. As part of the forthcoming Corporate Property Strategy, Property Services are developing a “Property Sustainability and Carbon Reduction Policy” this will aid and support all activity concerning the forward optimisation of the Council’s Estate, whether considering planned maintenance, refurbishment, or new build. Work is also underway to provide a consistent approach to the prioritisation of the estate, this will allow the Council to focus its capacity on set activity, such as sustainability and decarbonisation audits targeting those assets deemed as higher priority for review. The Property Service held a decarbonisation workshop in February where the opportunities for reducing emissions from existing and new build property were further developed.

7.2 Procurement and Commissioning

7.2.1 Officers have worked with City of York, Office of Police, Fire and Crime and the Yorkshire Dales National Park to develop a collaborative approach to climate responsible public sector procurement. This activity has been submitted to the YNYCA CNCF grant programme to further develop the approach.

7.3 Embedding climate change.

7.3.1 The Climate Change Business Partners have been supporting the service planning process across the Directorates. This ensure that the climate change strategy is embedded into service delivery across the organisation.

7.3.2 Climate change will feature in the new NYC staff induction training package, currently in development. This will be mandatory for all staff.

8.0 ADDITIONS TO THE CLIMATE CHANGE DELIVERY PATHWAY

8.1 The baseline figures for NYC Carbon Footprint were reported previously to TEEEOOSC. This identifies the magnitude of carbon reduction required to reach the 2030 Net Zero ambition. Further work on the Property and Fleet decarbonisation plans will identify our trajectory. However, it is anticipated that in order to achieve the target, ‘offsetting and in setting’ will be required and it is therefore proposed to develop an approach to this option. This will identify how our carbon emissions, which cannot be reduced due to external factors, can be accounted for by other means. In setting refers to NYC operational activity and supply chains and can includes regenerative agriculture, nature-based solutions, and biochar for example. Offsetting refers to investment in external projects such as agroforestry, outside of the business.

8.2 Brierley Group companies, Work to quantify the governance structure, business relationship and carbon emissions has been undertaken for the NYC Teckal companies. This included

ascertaining if these should be counted towards our operational carbon footprint. It is proposed that carbon emissions for the Teckal companies are included in the overall operational carbon footprint analysis and carbon reduction plans for NYC. Work to further quantify, map this and align climate action in support of operational activity is planned for the 2025/26 financial year including identifying actions which reduce the carbon footprint of these organisations.

9.0 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN AND RESPONSES

9.1 Consultation with the Beyond Carbon Board regarding the delivery of the Climate Change Strategy occurs on a bimonthly basis.

10.0 CONTRIBUTION TO COUNCIL PRIORITIES

10.1 The Council has declared a Climate Emergency and pledged to play its part in tackling the causes and impacts of climate change.

10.2 The Strategy delivers the following specific Council Plan ambitions:

- Place and Environment:
 - A clean, environmentally sustainable, and attractive place to live, work and visit.
 - A well connected and planned place with good transport links and digital connectivity
 - Communities are supported and work together to improve their local area.
 - Excellent quality, affordable and sustainable housing that meets the needs of our communities.
- Economy
 - Economically sustainable growth that enables people and places to prosper
 - Culture, heritage, arts, and sustainable tourism all play their part in the economic growth of the county.
- Health and Wellbeing
 - People are supported to have an excellent quality of life and enjoy active and healthy lifestyles.
 - Reduced variations in health through tackling the root causes of inequality.
- People
 - In times of hardship, support is provided to those that need it most.
- Organisation
 - A carbon neutral council

11.0 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

11.1 This is a progress report, so no alternative proposals are outlined.

12.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

12.1 A budget of £1 million was made available to NYCC (disbursed through the Beyond Carbon Board). The funding was one-off revenue funding.

12.2 To date, £837,559 has been allocated, leaving £162,441 remaining with pending requests expected to be brought forward imminently to commit the remaining allocation.

12.3 Former District Councils also made budgetary provision for implementing climate change action plans, some of which has carried over to NYC. Substantial external funding has also been obtained and this is outlined for each of the actions.

13.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

13.1 There are now a number of Acts which seek to deal with the implications of Climate Change. These include the Climate Change Act 2008 sets out a range of measures to deal with climate change including emission reduction targets which the UK must comply with and carbon budgeting and the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 Section 19 (1A) which requires local planning authorities to have policies in their Local Plans securing that development and land use contribute to the mitigation of and adaptation to climate change. In addition, the Environment Act 2021 also contains further targets to protect the environment and to tackle the impacts of climate change. Regard was given to all relevant legislation when preparing the Strategy.

14.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

14.1 The CCDP presents many opportunities to support an equal transition to a low carbon economy as outlined as a guiding principle of the Strategy, to ensure that every person, business, and community can take climate responsible actions. Examples include the development of community owned assets, upskilling residents in low carbon technologies and improving thermal efficiency in low-income homes. The programme of actions has enabled small businesses across North Yorkshire to investigate and action energy efficiency and low carbon technology from local suppliers. A review of geographical distribution of activities will also be undertaken. An Equalities Impact Assessment screening assessment. (Appendix A) indicates a full EIA is not required.

15.0 CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS

15.1 The report outlines the climate change interventions that are required to secure our local and global future and meet locally derived ambitions and nationally required targets. The issues identified in the report have direct relevance to the activities we take to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, to prepare for climate change and to support nature to thrive. However, as this report is for information only, a full Climate Change Impact Assessment is not required.

16.0 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

16.1 The report outlines progress towards implementation of the Climate Change Strategy.

17.0 RECOMMENDATION

17.1 That Members acknowledge the progress related to the implementation of the Climate Change Delivery Pathway and proposed next steps.

APPENDICES:

Appendix A - Equalities impact assessment screening

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County Hall
Northallerton
03 April 25

Report Author – Jos Holmes, Climate Change Strategy Manager
Presenter of Report – Jos Holmes, Climate Change Strategy Manager

Initial equality impact assessment screening form This form records and equality screening process to determine the relevance of equality to a proposal, and a decision whether a full EIA would be appropriate or proportionate.			
Directorate	Environment		
Service area	Environmental Services and Climate Change		
Proposal being screened	Climate Change Delivery Pathway Progress		
Officer(s) carrying out screening	Jos Holmes, Climate Change Strategy Manager		
What are you proposing to do?	To review progress to delivery of the CCDP		
Why are you proposing this? What are the desired outcomes?	A narrative update on the activities outlines the Council response to the climate emergency and delivery of the Strategy		
Does the proposal involve a significant commitment or removal of resources? Please give details.	No		
Impact on people with any of the following protected characteristics as defined by the Equality Act 2010, or NYC's additional agreed characteristics. As part of this assessment, please consider the following questions:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To what extent is this service used by groups of people with protected characteristics? Does the proposal relate to functions that previous consultation has identified as important? Do different groups have different needs or experiences in the area the proposal relates to? 			
If for any characteristic it is considered that there is likely to be an adverse impact or you have ticked 'Don't know/no info available', then a full EIA should be carried out where this is proportionate. You are advised to speak to your directorate representative for advice if you are in any doubt.			
Protected characteristic	Potential for adverse impact		Don't know/No info available
	Yes	No	
Age		X	
Disability		X	
Sex		X	
Race		X	
Sexual orientation		X	
Gender reassignment		X	
Religion or belief		X	
Pregnancy or maternity		X	
Marriage or civil partnership		X	
People in rural areas		X	
People on a low income		X	
Carer (unpaid family or friend)		X	
Are from the Armed Forces Community		X	
Does the proposal relate to an area where there are known inequalities/probable impacts (for example, disabled people's access to public transport)? Please give details.	No		
Will the proposal have a significant effect on how other organisations operate? (for example, partners,	No		

<p>funding criteria, etc.). Do any of these organisations support people with protected characteristics? Please explain why you have reached this conclusion.</p>				
<p>Decision (Please tick one option)</p>	<p>EIA not relevant or proportionate:</p>	<p>X</p>	<p>Continue to full EIA:</p>	
<p>Reason for decision</p>	<p>No adverse impacts are anticipated.</p>			
<p>Signed (Assistant Director or equivalent)</p>	<p>Michael Leah</p>			
<p>Date</p>	<p>14.04.2025</p>			

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCIL

TRANSPORT, ECONOMY, ENVIRONMENT AND ENTERPRISE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

24 April 2025

Report of the Climate Change Member Champion – Councillor David Hugill

1. Purpose of Report

To provide an annual update to the Transport, Economy, Environment and Enterprise Overview and Scrutiny Committee of the activities carried out by the Climate Change Member Champion.

2. Introduction

First of all, I would like to thank Councillor Paul Haslam as the previous Member Champion for his support over the past 9 months as I come to terms with my new role. I have tried to continue the good work in a number of areas of interest that he started.

I make no excuses for repeating Councillor Haslam's opening statement from last year's report, as it serves as a reminder of the key principles of the role:

"Championing mitigation of climate change is not purely about the planet, but about the people, their health, wellbeing, ability to work and play. It's about social justice and "levelling up", not just across the country but across society. We know climate impacts on different sectors of the population in different way."

3. Job Description of the Climate Change Member Champion

I see the key responsibilities of the Climate Change Member Champion role as:

- To remind all Councillors that they are all climate champions now and that we can each make a difference.
- To champion local Environment and Climate Action Groups. I see myself as an important link between the Council and the North Yorkshire Climate Coalition (a collection of interested climate groups) and consider this a key component of the role.
- To support Scrutiny Chairs to lead scrutiny of policies to ensure it is in line with the Councils climate change goals.
- Be inquisitive
- To engage in policy formulation, particularly around the emerging Local Plan.
- Effectively engage with the public to get more feedback

- To focus on the ability of the Council to convene meetings of the appropriate parties to solve climate change issues.
- To get involved in air quality as part of the role
- To support the Climate Change Portfolio Holder (Executive Member for Managing our Environment) in their role as decision maker for this area.

4. Celebrating new initiatives to combat Climate Change

One example of a new initiative from North Yorkshire Council to put tackling climate change at the heart of everything we do is the proposed new adult care hubs project and our consideration of net zero opportunities within the design phase of the programme.

As a result, the external envelope of each building will be super insulated to meet and exceed that required by building regulations, in order to reduce the energy requirements of the building and consequently the energy bills.

In the private sector, it is great to see the work done by venues such as Ripon Racecourse to reduce its carbon footprint with initiatives such as:

- Running a shuttle bus from Harrogate to the racecourse to encourage visitors to leave their cars at home.
- A treatment plant incorporated into the irrigation of the course, resulting in a massive saving of the water used.
- The lighting in the function rooms has been upgraded to be energy efficient
- The manure from the stables is composted to replace inorganic fertiliser on the vast array of plants which the course known as 'Yorkshire's Garden Racecourse' is famous for.

5. Influencing and networking

I have attended many events related to my Member Champion role in the past 9 months. For example, at the recent North Yorkshire Climate Coalition Event, I gave a presentation on regenerative grazing as practised on my own farm.

It was encouraging to note the attendance of fellow Councillors White, Gostlow, Mason and Haslam at this event, underlining my initial comment that we are all climate champions!

In January 2025 I gave a talk to Great Broughton and Kirby WI. When diary commitments allow, I attend my local Climate Action Group in Stokesley.

In November 2024, I attended a NYC Nature Recovery workshop at Thirsk Auction Mart and used the event to be part of 'Countryside COP4', a week-long event putting rural sustainability in the spotlight ahead of COP29, which was held in Baku, Azerbaijan.

Further afield (at no expense to the Council) visits have been made to The Real Oxford Farming Conference and the Low Carbon Agriculture Event at Stoneleigh, Coventry. At both these events, I saw examples of best practice that could make a real difference in North Yorkshire. I am looking forward to a busy summer of events around the UK that I plan to visit.

6. Education

In January 2025, I spent 2 days on a LGA Carbon Literacy online course. I am pleased to report that after submitting a report post-course I have received a Certificate in Carbon Literacy. This recognises my efforts to enhance my understanding of Climate Change and my role in creating a more sustainable future.

7. Working with Officers

I meet regularly with Michael Leah, Assistant Director for Environment and Transport and Shaun Berry, Head of Environment and Sustainability. I am grateful for their help and support since taking over the role.

8. Refresh of York and North Yorkshire's 'Route Map to Carbon Negative' Task and Finish Group

The route map sets out an ambitious pathway for local authorities, businesses, charities, academia and communities to come together to deliver carbon reduction at the necessary pace and scale to reach net zero by 2034 and net negative by 2040.

Since the launch of the strategy in 2022, the former York and North Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership Team and now the York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority Team have been working with partners to start delivering the strategic actions set out in the roadmap. With the transition to the York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority and changes in national policy, it is an opportune time to review delivery to date and refresh the 'Route Map to Carbon Negative'. I have put my name forward to co-chair this group alongside Councillor Kent, the representative Member from City of York Council. It is a good opportunity to shape the regional plan and how the Mayor sees this important agenda.

9. Nature Recovery

At the time of my appointment to the Climate Change Member Champion role, I pledged to use my farming connections to get our farmland delivering more in terms of nature.

While the loss of the Sustainable Farming Incentive is a major blow, all is not lost. Working with the Environmental Farmers Group, who work with clusters of farms around river catchments, I co-chair a scoping group looking at setting up a cluster group in the North of the County. We have received funding from 'Farming in Protected Landscapes' to carry out this work. This usually restricts membership of

the scoping group to those farming within the North York Moors National Park. However, due to it being catchment-based, we are able to expand out from the National Park and follow the rivers that flow out of the Park, should a farmer group be formed.

Having had two very successful meetings which attracted 120 farmers, we now have a call out for expressions of interest in putting land forward to be involved in Nature Recovery, Biodiversity Net Gain and Nutrient Neutrality projects. The response has been amazing. The next step is to find funding for a project officer role and hopefully get a group off the ground. There is a similar but more advanced project covering the upper catchments of the Rivers Swale and Ure covering 85,000ha. For more information, please see the Swaledale & Wensleydale Environmental Farmers website: www.swef.org.uk

10. Active Travel

I was encouraged by the recent pledge made by the Mayor of the York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority when he visited NYC Area Committees regarding the appointment of an Active Travel Commissioner. I look forward to championing the need for active travel in North Yorkshire with whoever takes on the new Commissioner role.

11. Previous Feedback

I note that consideration of equalities matters with regards to climate change was highlighted by members of the Transport, Economy, Environment and Enterprise Overview and Scrutiny Committee when considering the annual report last year. This is an area I continue to keep in mind and highlight when needed.

12. Recommendation

It is recommended that members of the Transport, Economy, Environment and Enterprise Overview and Scrutiny Committee note the annual report of the Climate Change Member Champion for 2024/25.

Report Author: Councillor David Hugill

Climate Change Member Champion

Councillor for Hutton Rudby & Osmotherley division

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCIL
Transport, Economy, Environment & Enterprise Overview and Scrutiny Committee - Work programme

Committee remit

Scrutinises the transport and communications infrastructure of all kinds, however owned or provided, and how the transport needs of the community are met. Supporting business, economic development, regeneration and helping people develop their skills, including lifelong learning. The committee will also study sustainable development, climate change strategy, countryside management, waste management, environmental conservation and enhancement flooding.

Meeting	Subject	Aims/Terms of Reference
Thursday 24 April 2025	Scrutiny of Climate Change Strategy (2/2)	Bi-annual TEEE O&S scrutiny of the Climate Change Strategy – Jos Holmes, Climate Change Strategy Manager
	Annual Report of the Member Champion for Climate Change	A report to detail the projects and initiatives undertaken by the Member Champion for Climate Change, Councillor David Hugill, during the 2024/25 reporting year.
	Update on Lane Rental Scheme (Verbal)	An update on the implementation of a Lane Rental Scheme in North Yorkshire, that would allow the local highway authority to charge works providers a daily fee for occupying busy roads during peak hours. – Alex Hollifield, Team Leader for Network Information and Compliance

Friday 11 July 2025	National Highways (TBC)	Report on major project delivery and route and maintenance activity from National Highways
	Parking Principles	Parking principles which are aligned with the Council Plan and rebalancing of the Council's car parking tariffs and car park operating times (supporting the car parking principles) – Steve Brown, Head of Parking Services
	NYC Winter Weather Response Review	To report back on the officer review of the response to the winter weather from North Yorkshire Council – Nigel Smith, Head of Highway Operations
	North Yorkshire and York Local Nature Strategy	NY&Y Local Nature Recovery Strategy will consider land at a county scale and will identify locations to improve nature and provide other benefits, such as capturing carbon from the atmosphere, flood regulation and access to nature-rich spaces where this is most needed for health and wellbeing. – Tris Terry and Tim Johns, Environment
	Tree and Woodland Policy	To consider the proposed new Tree and Woodland Policy - Helen Arnold, Tree & Woodlands Manager and Jon Clubb, Head of Parks and Grounds.
	Economic priorities for North Yorkshire Council	To map out the strategic economic priorities for North Yorkshire Council, linked to the existing Economic Growth Strategy – Kathryn Daly, Assistant Director for Economic Development, Regeneration, Tourism & Skills

Wednesday 22 October 2025	Mayor David Skaith attendance	
	Air Quality Management Areas – Annual Status Report	Details of the Air Quality Management Areas – Annual Status Report– Dr Kevin Carr and Vikki Flowers
	Public Conveniences Review	To consider the review to standardise the provision of public conveniences across the county – Harry Briggs
Wednesday 28 January 2026	2 year review of Water Quality Motion	
Items to be allocated	Assets / Property Maintenance (falls under Corp & Part O&S Committee)	
	Public Rights of Way	
	Attendance of water companies operating in North Yorkshire and regulator to a future meeting in 2025/26 - Likely to require standalone meeting.	
	HGV - Weight Orders / Enforcement / Rest area provision	
	Enviro Crime Update	
	Development of a Shoreline Management Plan / Coastal Management (S&W AC are monitoring)	
	Department for Transport invite to discuss major highways infrastructure	
	Tourism Destination Management Plan annual review	
	Highways Verge Management	
	Speed Management Strategy	
Litter bins		

	Update on Vertical Farms / Land around Allerton Park
	Business confidence in North Yorkshire and future outlook
	Monitoring of the effectiveness of the Urban Gulls Strategy

North Yorkshire Council

Transport, Economy, Environment and Enterprise Overview and Scrutiny Committee

24 April 2025

Progress on Issues Raised by the Committee

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To advise Members of:

- (i) progress on issues which the Transport, Economy, Environment and Enterprise Overview and Scrutiny Committee has raised at previous meetings; and
- (ii) any other matters that have arisen since the last meeting and which relate to the remit of the Committee.

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 This 'Progress on Issues Raised' report has been introduced to the Transport, Economy, Environment and Enterprise Overview and Scrutiny Committee following the use of similar reports to the North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Panel and the Scrutiny of Health Committee.
- 2.2 Going forwards, it will list resolutions from the previous meeting and/or when it requested further information to be submitted to future meetings. The table below provides a list of issues which were identified at the previous committee meeting on 30 January 2025 and provides an update on whether these have been resolved, or if not what progress has been made to allow committee members to track outcomes in a transparent way.
- 2.3 The Committee is asked to consider whether any further follow-up is required at this stage.

	Date	Minute number and subject (if applicable)	Committee resolution or issue raised	Comment / date required	Status
1	30 January 2025	25 – Notice of Motion on Climate and Nature Bill	Recommend that the Council writes to Gov't to call for the principles set out in the Bill and existing environmental protections be respected, whilst not undermined.		Joint letter signed by the Leader and Chair of TEEE O&S sent March 2025. Response awaited.
2	30 January 2025	24 – Notice of Motion on Active Travel	Set up working group on active travel (to focus on how the vision, values and priorities for active	By next meeting	Expressions of Interest sought from committee members, plan to

			travel integrate within the Council Plan document, and how to feed into new York and North Yorkshire Local Transport Plan.		hold first working group meeting in May 2025. Indicative timescales for LTP development received.
3	30 January 2025	22 – 12 Month Review of Motion on Water Quality	Further information requested on the health of the rivers in North Yorkshire. Supplied by Email March 2025	By next meeting	Completed.
4	30 January 2025	22 – 12 Month Review of Motion on Water Quality	To request to officers that future agendas of the North Yorkshire River Catchments Forum (NYRCF) be shared with members of TEEE O&S Committee for information.	Currently, no further dates scheduled for the NYRCF ahead of planned 'North Yorks Rivers Summit' in Sept 2025	Possible NYRCF meeting to be scheduled ahead of September Summit. Will update at next TEEE O&S meeting.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

4.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

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

5.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

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

6.0 CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS

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

7.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1 It is recommended that the Transport, Economy, Environment and Enterprise Overview and Scrutiny Committee:
- (a) notes the report;
 - (b) considers whether any of the points highlighted in this report require further follow-up.

APPENDICES: None

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS: None.

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14 April 2025

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