

North Yorkshire County Council
Harrogate and Knaresborough Area Constituency Committee
6 January 2022
Committee Work Programme

Purpose of Report

To ask Members to consider, amend and add to the Committee's work programme.

Work Programme

The Committee's work programme is at Appendix 1.

Remit of the Committee

The Area Constituency Committees:

- Act as a forum for Members to bring forward issues affecting their local Electoral Divisions
- Hear and respond to questions and statements from members of the public relating to anything affecting the community within the constituency area
- Agree a Work Programme which lists items of business which the Committee wishes to consider at future meetings
- Undertake meaningful scrutiny of local health issues within their constituency area, complementing the strategic work undertaken by the Scrutiny of Health Committee
- Undertake meaningful scrutiny of local transport issues within their constituency area, complementing the strategic work undertaken by Transport, Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- Act as consultees in major decisions that affect their constituency area (including responding to consultations)
- Make recommendations on the application of Innovation funding (supported by the Stronger Communities Team)
- Develop a working relationship with the local MP, sharing updates and information on relevant local issues being addressed by the committee.

Work Programme Items

The intention is for the Committee to develop a work programme that: is owned by the Committee; has items on it that are important locally but relevant at a strategic, county level; evolves over time and is not static.

The Committee Chairman, Vice-Chairman and the Democratic Services Officer will keep the work programme up to date and determine which items need to be considered at a public committee meeting and which could be picked up elsewhere.

Alternative ways of dealing with issues that come to the Committee could include:

- Referral to an officer at the County Council and/or District Council for a response;
- Referral to the Democratic Services Officer to conduct further research to ascertain whether it was appropriate for the committee to review;
- Referral to County Council and/or District Council Overview and Scrutiny;
- Referral to the Chairman and Vice-Chairman to consider, outside of a formal committee meeting;
- Referral to the appropriate Executive Member to consider.

The County Council's Forward Plan

The County Council publishes a Forward Plan which gives 28 days' notice of key decisions due to be taken. The Forward Plan is published at least once a month and includes:- a description of each matter; details of the decision to be made; consultees; and contact details. Below is a link to the relevant page on the County Council's website, from which the Forward Plan can be viewed. This is provided in case Committee Members wish to refer to the Forward Plan in identifying possible issues for inclusion in this Committee's work programme:- [E \(northyorks.gov.uk\)](http://northyorks.gov.uk)

North Yorkshire Rural Commission

The findings and recommendations of the independent North Yorkshire Rural Commission were published in July 2021. A link to the Commission's report is:- [Rural Commission full report \(northyorks.gov.uk\)](http://northyorks.gov.uk)

The Committee's Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Principal Democratic Services Officer have looked through the Commission's recommendations and identified that the recommendation which the Committee may wish to look into, with regard to the Harrogate and Knaresborough constituency area, is "The Commission recommends that the County Council reviews the need for car parking spaces at train stations and invests in expanding provision where needed". This has been included in the attached Work Programme as an item of business for the meeting on 17 March 2022 and arrangements have been made for the County Council's Business and Environmental Services Directorate to bring forward a written report.

Recommendation

Members are asked to consider, amend and add to the Committee's work programme.

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Harrogate and Knaresborough Area Constituency Committee Work Programme

Thursday 6 January 2022, 10.00am, Live broadcast remote informal meeting	
County Council Budget 2022/23	An opportunity for Committee Members to review the annual Council budget and its implications for the area covered by the Committee, ahead of the Executive meeting in January 2022 and County Council in February 2022.
Schools, Educational Achievement and Finance	To consider an annual report about schools, educational achievement and finance, to include attainment data, the landscape regarding organisational status/school places, school finances, and the position in relation to exclusions.
Healthy Eating	To advise of the work of the Public Health and Healthy Schools teams in the County Council to improve nutrition and promote a healthy weight in children, young people and families, and encourage healthy eating in schools and early years settings.
Receipt of Petition "Stop the Station Gateway Project and the Pedestrianisation of Harrogate's Town Centre"	To hear an oral presentation of this petition from the petition organisers and respond to the petition.
Executive Members Update	An opportunity for Committee Members to discuss issues of key concern in the constituency committee area.
Thursday 17 March 2022, 10.00am	
Update from Andrew Jones MP (subject to Parliamentary business)	To receive an update from Andrew Jones MP.
Executive Members Update	An opportunity for Committee Members to discuss issues of key concern in the constituency committee area.
Stronger Communities	To consider an annual report about Stronger Communities initiatives.
Rural Commission Recommendation - Car parking at 7 train stations	To consider a review of the need for car parking spaces at the train stations at Pannal, Hornbeam Park, Harrogate, Starbeck, Knaresborough, Weeton and Cattal; to identify those stations at which car parking provision needs to be expanded; and hear how such expansions might be funded.
Provisional date: Thursday 9 June 2022, 10.00am	
Election of ACC Chairman and Vice-Chairman	
Appointments to Outside Bodies	Report of Legal and Democratic Services, NYCC.
Executive Members Update	An opportunity for Committee Members to discuss issues of key concern in the constituency committee area.

Provisional date: Thursday 15 September 2022, 10.00am	
Executive Members Update	An opportunity for Committee Members to discuss issues of key concern in the constituency committee area.
Provisional date: Thursday 24 November 2022, 10.00am	
Executive Members Update	An opportunity for Committee Members to discuss issues of key concern in the constituency committee area.
Possible item – Follow-up report on the various recommendations of the Rural Commission	
Provisional date: Thursday 12 January 2023, 2.00pm	
Executive Members Update	An opportunity for Committee Members to discuss issues of key concern in the constituency committee area.
Schools, Educational Achievement and Finance	To consider an annual report about schools, educational achievement and finance, to include attainment data, the landscape regarding organisational status/school places, school finances, and the position in relation to exclusions
Provisional date: Thursday 16 March 2023, 10.00am	
Executive Members Update	An opportunity for Committee Members to discuss issues of key concern in the constituency committee area.
Update from Andrew Jones MP (subject to Parliamentary business)	To receive an update from Andrew Jones MP
Stronger Communities	To consider an annual report about Stronger Communities initiatives

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