

North Yorkshire County Council
Harrogate and Knaresborough Area Constituency Committee
12 October 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:-

[Forward plan - Forward Plan - 19 September 2022 to 30 September 2023 | North Yorkshire County Council](#)

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 9 June 2022, 10.00am at Harrogate Civic Centre	
Appointments to Outside Bodies	To appoint the County Council's representatives on various outside bodies within the Harrogate and Knaresborough constituency area
Area Constituency Committees – Ways of Working	A guide about how Area Constituency Committees work during the period ending 31 March 2023
Data Profile for the Harrogate and Knaresborough constituency area	To review key data for the committee area and determine whether any issues highlighted in the data profile merit further investigation and inclusion on the committee work programme
North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service – Risk and Resource Model 2022-25 Consultation	To enable Committee Members to review the consultation and determine what action to take
Thursday 28 July 2022, 10.00am at Harrogate Civic Centre (special meeting)	
North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service – Risk and Resource Model 2022-25 Consultation	To enable Committee Members to question the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner and management of the North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service and consider its response to this consultation
Cancelled due to national mourning - Thursday 15 September 2022, 10.00am at Harrogate Civic Centre	
20mph Speed Limit and Zone Policy	To provide the existing Policy for discussion by the Committee.
Harrogate Transport Improvement Programme Update	To provide an update requested by Members at the ACC's meeting on 9 June 2022.
North Yorkshire Cultural Framework	To provide information as part of an ongoing engagement process.
River Nidd Water Management – Member discussion. <i>(Subsequently re-arranged to the meeting on 16 March 2023.)</i>	Exploration of this issue was requested by the ACC Chairman and Vice-Chairman.
Wednesday 12 October 2022, 10.00am at Harrogate Civic Centre	
20mph Speed Limit and Zone Policy	To provide the existing Policy for discussion by the Committee.
Climate Change – Feedback from the meeting of the Climate Change Sub-Group held on 27 September 2022	To present feedback from the Sub-Group.
Harrogate Transport Improvement Programme Update	To provide information requested by Committee Members at the meeting on 9 June 2022.
A Cultural Framework for North Yorkshire	Identification of local cultural assets.

Thursday 10 November 2022, 10.00am at Harrogate Civic Centre (special meeting). <i>This was initially arranged as a virtual meeting, but is now an in-person meeting.</i>	
Update from Andrew Jones MP	To receive an update from Andrew Jones MP regarding issues of key concern in the constituency.
Thursday 24 November 2022, 10.00am at Harrogate Civic Centre	
North Yorkshire Rural Commission	Update on the progress of implementation of the recommendations within the Commission's report
Schools, Educational Achievement and Finance. At 10.30am.	Annual report about schools, educational achievement and finance. The report will include attainment data, the landscape regarding organisational status/school places, school finances, and the position in relation to exclusions
Jonathan Coulter (CEO, Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust) and Sarah Armstrong (Chair of Governors) to provide a briefing on Harrogate District Hospital's recovery from the Covid pandemic (waiting lists, backlogs, pressures, Nightingale etc. At 11.30am.	Update requested by the Committee
Youth Council attendance to give verbal report on issues of importance to the Youth Council. (For the end of the meeting.)	Extension of pilot exercise undertaken by Skipton and Ripon ACC
Private briefing using Microsoft Teams Thursday 12 January 2023, 3.00pm – Private briefing using Microsoft Teams	
Annual Council Budget Review	To review the annual Council budget
Thursday 16 March 2023, 10.00am, venue tba	
River Nidd Water Management – A representative of Yorkshire Water to attend	Item requested by the ACC Chairman and Vice-Chairman.
Stronger Communities	Annual report about Stronger Communities initiatives

Other topics to be discussed by the Area Constituency Committee, although the precise meeting has not yet been identified:-

- Fuel Poverty - To present information, requested by Committee Members on 9 June 2022, about the factors which are contributing to unexpectedly high levels of fuel poverty in the relatively affluent area of Harrogate and Knaresborough. (Only 1.5% of the local population is in the lowest 20% deprivation group, whilst the Harrogate and Knaresborough rate of fuel poverty is similar to the England average. This suggests that there are particular challenges in the area with regard to the cost of energy, potentially linked to large properties with poor insulation.)
- Harrogate Bid to be invited to express its view - This is provisionally marked as a topic for consideration in 2023.

- Antisocial Behaviour – To ask the Youth Service and the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner to attend an ACC meeting to give an account of the measures they are taking to address youth-related ASB in a collaborative way across the constituency. This is provisionally marked as a topic for consideration in 2023.
- Support for small businesses – To invite the business community, perhaps in informal development sessions, to advise the ACC how it can be best supported, particularly in enabling and encouraging the entry of new talent amongst younger adults, so that the essential services currently being provided to small businesses by the Borough Council and others can continue and be built-on. This is provisionally marked as a topic for consideration in 2023.
- Update on Beyond Carbon – A briefing on how this impacts on the Harrogate and Knaresborough constituency area - This is provisionally marked as a topic for consideration in 2023.
- Feedback from the Scrutiny of Health Committee on the results of its scrutiny work concerning wait-times for ambulances, NHS dentistry, and GP services.
- Harrogate Borough Council Cabinet Member to be requested to present its Playing Pitch Strategy to an Area Constituency Committee meeting.
- Provisionally for June 2023 meeting - Youth Council attendance to give verbal report on issues of importance to the Youth Council. Thereafter the ACC to consider whether biannual reports from the Youth Council are of value.

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