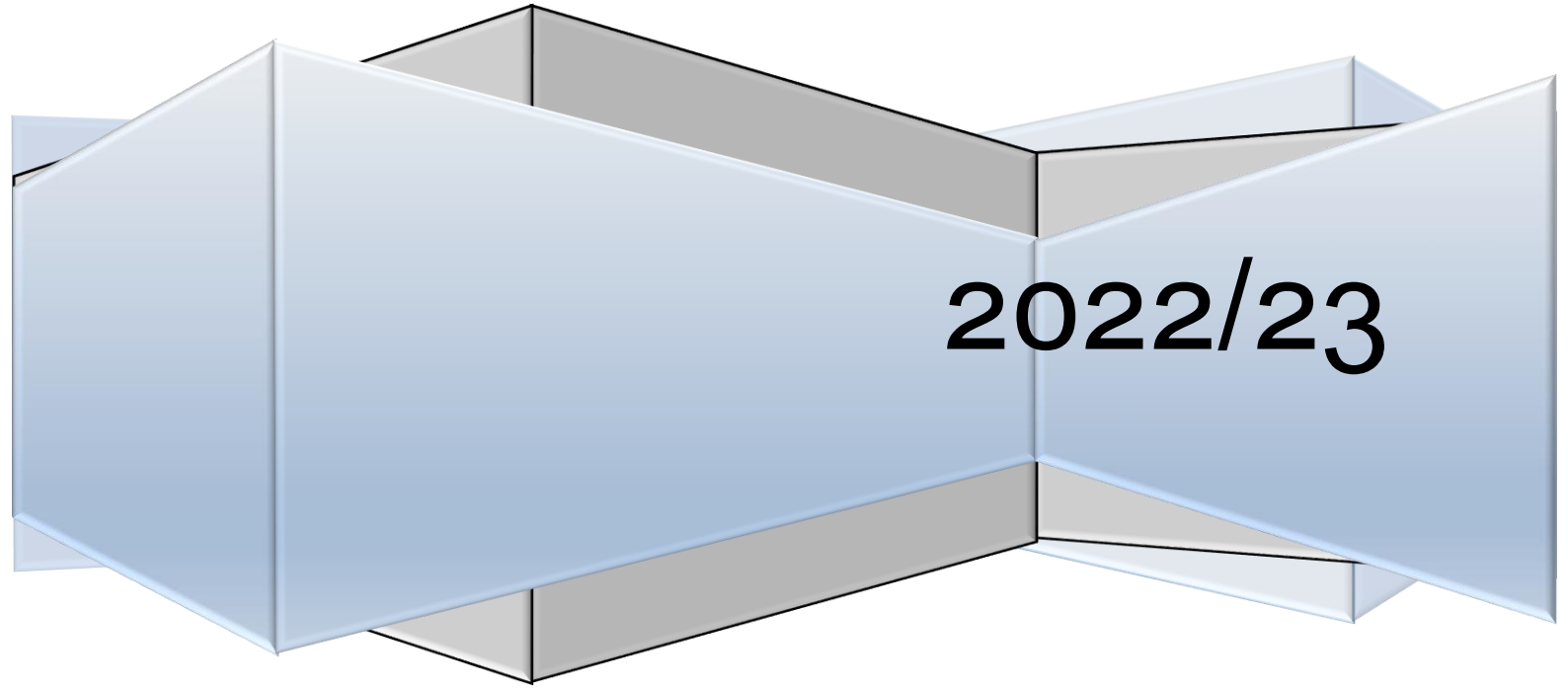


Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report

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Foreword by Councillor Karin Sedgwick, Chair of Scrutiny Board

As Chair of the Scrutiny Board, I am pleased to introduce the 2022/23 Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report.

The circumstances of the last year have continued to be challenging for us all in different ways. It has been important for Members involved in Overview and Scrutiny to ensure we have been both supportive of the efforts of frontline services in their ongoing recovery from the pandemic, but also to continue to support the transition to the new normal.

On reviewing the achievements of the last year, I am confident that we achieved this, and have adapted well to returning to in person meetings successfully, whilst adapting to and developing robust hybrid options.

We have been a Unitary Council for only a few months now and whilst this has been a success it brings its own challenges. Scrutiny Committees have changed in their remits with the responsibility of new services. This will take time to develop, and I am confident that this will continue to provide opportunities for Councillors to work together to ensure Scrutiny remains a priority, allowing for transparency and accountability.

During the period from 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023, there have been 24 meetings of the Council's Scrutiny Committees, plus another 26 meetings of the Area Constituency Committees. Once again, I must commend colleagues, officers and partners for their respective roles in continuing to make this possible and adapting to the changes we have seen with professionalism and ease.

I would like to record my appreciation to all of the Scrutiny Board Members for their contribution during this past year and wish them well in the forthcoming year.

I commend this report to the council.

Scrutiny Committees at North Yorkshire Council

Care and Independence
and Housing Overview
and Scrutiny
Committee

Corporate and
Partnerships Overview
and Scrutiny
Committee

Scrutiny of Health
Committee

Transition (LGR)
Overview and Scrutiny
Committee

Transport, Economy
Environment and
Enterprise Overview
and Scrutiny
Committee

Children and Families
Overview and Scrutiny
Committee

Introduction

This Annual Report provides a summary of the work undertaken by the scrutiny function at North Yorkshire Council during the 2022/2023 year and highlights the key achievements of each Scrutiny Committee.

Across the six thematic Scrutiny Committees a large number of work items were considered and 66 of the Council's 90 Members sat on Scrutiny Committees. Up to the end of March 2023 there were also 7 voting co-opted Members from the District's and Borough's.

All decision-making Committees continue to meet in person once again, with some Committees utilising a successful and pragmatic hybrid option for external presenters and additional attendees.

An update has been provided below, on some of the key topics considered by each of the thematic Overview and Scrutiny Committees, along with an outline of key areas of work for the year ahead.

Council Ambitions for 2023/24

- Leading for North Yorkshire
- Every child and young person has the best possible start in life
- Every adult has a longer, healthier and independent life
- North Yorkshire is a place with a strong economy and a commitment to sustainable growth, and
- Innovative and forward-thinking Council.

Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee Chair - Councillor Barbara Brodigan

Purpose	Focus of the past 12 months	Focus for the next 12 months	Link to Council Ambition
To scrutinise the planning, commissioning and delivery of services for children, young people and their families, including education, care and protection and family support.	<p>Holiday Activities and Food Programme</p> <p>Being young in North Yorkshire</p> <p>Young Carers</p> <p>Child Death Overview Panel Annual Report</p> <p>North Yorkshire Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report</p>	<p>Growing Up in North Yorkshire Survey</p> <p>Early Years Sector</p> <p>Children's Mental Health</p> <p>School Closures/Governors</p> <p>North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children Partnership - Annual Report 2022/2023</p> <p>Strengthening the Offer for Post-16 Education</p> <p>Financial position - Children and Young People's Service</p> <p>Education Update</p> <p>County Lines</p> <p>Healthy Child Programme</p>	Every child and young person has the best possible start in life;

Care and Independence and Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee Chair - Councillor Karin Sedgwick

Purpose	Focus of past 12 months	Focus for next 12 months	Council Ambition
To scrutinise the planning, commissioning and delivery of services for vulnerable adults, older people and people whose independence needs to be supported by intervention from the public or voluntary sector.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adult social care The care cap Home care Care market pressures Public health annual report ASC framework Unpaid carers Autism strategy Safeguarding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extra care Direct payments Living well Digital lives Housing Supported housing Shared lives scheme Local account Dementia care Suicide prevention 	Every adult has a longer, healthier and independent life;

Corporate and Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny Committee Chair - Councillor David Ireton

Purpose	Focus of past 12 months	Focus for next 12 months	Council Ambition
<p>Considers the Council's corporate organisation and structure, resource allocation, asset management, procurement policy, equalities, people strategy, performance management and the implementation of corporate initiatives. Also, partnership working, community development, community engagement, community strategies and community safety.</p>	<p>The Annual Plan Bi-annual updates from the Community Safety Partnership</p> <p>Improvements to the Parish Portal Work of the Stronger Communities team</p> <p>National Resilience Standards and ongoing Resilience and Emergencies work</p> <p>Implementation of Council Plan Priorities</p> <p>Progress in achieving the Council's new Equality and Diversity objectives</p> <p>Customer Portal</p> <p>NYC's Investment</p>	<p>Locality Budgets</p> <p>North Yorkshire Refugee Resettlement</p> <p>Community Libraries</p> <p>Stronger Communities</p> <p>Youth Justice</p> <p>Resilience and Emergencies</p> <p>Property Services</p> <p>Council Plan Development</p> <p>Equality and Diversity</p> <p>Customer Accessibility</p> <p>Annual Workforce Plan</p> <p>Community Safety</p> <p>Investment Strategy</p>	<p>Leading for North Yorkshire</p> <p>North Yorkshire is a place with a strong economy and a commitment to sustainable growth</p> <p>Innovative and forward thinking Council</p>

Scrutiny of Health Committee Chair - Councillor Andrew Lee

Purpose	Focus of past 12 months	Focus for next 12 months	Council Ambition
<p>The role of the Scrutiny of Health committee is to review any matter relating to the planning, provision and operation of health services in the county.</p>	<p>Pandemic and vaccination rates New Integrated Care Systems</p> <p>Care Quality Commission Autism and the Autism Strategy</p> <p>Catterick Integrated Care Campus Airedale Hospital</p> <p>Sexual Health Services in North Yorkshire</p> <p>Mental Health Enhanced Community Services</p> <p>Access to NHS Dentistry</p> <p>Director of Public Health's Annual Report</p> <p>Working with Area Constituency Committee's on local health issues</p>	<p>Update on the Integrated Care Systems, Partnerships and Boards</p> <p>Changes to primary care</p> <p>Response to workforce pressures within health and social care</p> <p>Capital investment in Scarborough Hospital</p> <p>Finance pressures with the local NHS system</p> <p>Maintaining focus on mental health services, accessibility, range of services and CQC inspections</p> <p>Access to community based wider health services</p> <p>Urgent Care Delivery in York and The East Coast.</p>	<p>Every child and young person has the best possible start in life;</p> <p>Every adult has a longer, healthier and independent life;</p>

Transition (LGR) Overview and Scrutiny Committee Chair - Councillor Malcolm Taylor

Purpose	Focus of past 12 months	Focus for next 12 months	Council Ambition
To scrutinise the decisions taken through Local Government Reorganisation to ensure transparency and openness.	<p>Council Tax harmonisation</p> <p>Selby leisure services</p> <p>HR and workforce workstream</p> <p>Taxi licensing</p> <p>Local Government Reorganisation</p> <p>Priorities ahead of vesting day</p> <p>Plans for community networks</p>	<p>Systems updates</p> <p>Customer service</p> <p>Sport and leisure review</p> <p>Trail hunting</p> <p>Staff culture development</p> <p>LGR updates</p> <p>Housing integration</p>	<p>Leading for North Yorkshire</p> <p>Every child and young person has the best possible start in life;</p> <p>Every adult has a longer, healthier and independent life;</p> <p>North Yorkshire is a place with a strong economy and a commitment to sustainable growth</p> <p>Innovative and forward thinking Council</p>

Transport, Economy, Environment and Enterprise Overview and Scrutiny Committee Chair - Councillor David Staveley

Purpose	Focus of past 12 months	Focus for next 12 months	Council Ambition
To scrutinise the planning, commissioning and delivery of transport and communications infrastructure of all kinds, how the transport needs of the community are met, support to business and helping people develop their skills, sustainable development, climate change strategy, countryside management, waste management, environmental conservation and enhancement and cultural issues.	<p>Progress and performance of NY highways</p> <p>Transport scheme development Reducing single plastic use</p> <p>Bus and rail provision in the County</p> <p>Input to the carbon negative route map and climate change strategy</p> <p>Allerton waste recovery park</p> <p>Road casualty information</p> <p>20mph speed limit policy</p> <p>Gully clearance and maintenance work</p> <p>Financial performance and allocation of the Civil Parking Enforcement surplus</p> <p>Directorate update pre and post vesting day</p> <p>Reviewing the York and North Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership Delivery Plan</p>	<p>Development of the NYC economic growth strategy</p> <p>NY highways performance</p> <p>Allerton waste recovery park</p> <p>Input to the Transport for the North Strategic Transport Plan</p> <p>Update on the directorate</p> <p>Future of rural bus services</p> <p>Annual report from climate change member champion</p>	<p>Leading for North Yorkshire</p> <p>North Yorkshire is a place with a strong economy and a commitment to sustainable growth</p> <p>Innovative and forward thinking Council</p>

Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee

The Committee has considered a range of topics and presentations to develop its understanding of issues, raise its awareness and provide challenge as part of its overview and scrutiny function.

Set out below are the areas considered by the Committee over the last 12 months and examples of the questions raised/lines of enquiry followed.

Holiday Activities and Food Programme

- How does the programme link with children in care?
- What outreach tactics are used to engage with young people and hard to reach groups?
- The monitoring of providers

Being young in North Yorkshire

- Had consideration has been given to a programme to test some of the underlying issues that may arise from elective home education?
- Could we engage young people more if they were offered more courses for vocational education?

Young Carers

- How confident are we that young carers are being identified and not going under the radar?
- The potential hidden problem caused by some young people not wanting to identify as carers
- The offer for young children who do not want to be part of a group setting

Child Death Overview Panel Annual Report

- Are there any patterns among the 17% of deaths that had modifiable factors?
- Is there now an agreed advice on safe sleeping as advice?

North Yorkshire Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report

- Are we satisfied with the arrangements in place in North Yorkshire to deal with drugs issues?
- When, in the eyes of the directorate, do young people stop being young people and how do we avoid a cliff edge effect when this occurs

Children and Young People's Service - Financial Position

- The process when a Notice of Financial Concern is issued by the Local Authority.
- Would Schools be allowed to fail, as constraints are often not of their own making

Adoptions in North Yorkshire

- How are the rights of the children and parents reconciled with those of the adoptive parents?
- Progress on the additional screening process for step-parent adoption
- The effect is on a child when a plan for adoption is reversed

Exclusions and Suspensions

- Whether the impact of COVID has accelerated the situation
- How long a child stays out of mainstream education
- The support received by parents

Education Update

- Why small schools are of such concern
- Does there need to be more of a thrust on interventions?
- Is the Local Authority going to need to be more robust and say it cannot underpin deficits?.

Looking ahead to the next year, key areas of focus for the Committee will include:

Growing Up in North Yorkshire Survey - Analysis of the results of the survey and the Directorate's response to any particular issues.

Early Years Sector - The number of providers and how this compares with the last update in 2021 and the financial support available to providers.

Children's Mental Health - Update on demand pressures and unmet need, the impact of social isolation and disruption to education on children and young people's mental health and the level of that impact.

School Closures/Governors - Why a school is closed i.e., the process and how academies work within this, whether school closures and a lack of governors is related and how governors are recruited, trained and retained.

North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children Partnership - Annual Report 2022/2023.

Strengthening the Offer for Post-16 Education - The current offer and proposals for building on this.

Financial position - Information on local authority-maintained schools and school funding arrangements for 2024/2025.

Education Update - The current picture, for all north Yorkshire Council schools and academies, including:

- Performance and standards/attainment results
- Funding
- Strategic planning
- Attendance, admissions

County Lines

- The situation nationally
- The position in North Yorkshire
- The approach in North Yorkshire

Healthy Child Programme - Are the desired outcomes being achieved.

Care and Independence and Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Over the last 12 months the committee has been:

- Reviewing the impact of the lifetime cap on the amount anyone in England will need to spend on their personal care.
- Reviewing the local, regional and financial pressures on the adult social care budget
- Scrutinising the annual North Yorkshire Safeguarding Adults Board report
- Assessing the support provided to adult carers of adults in North Yorkshire
- Ensuring that direct payments enable more choice and control over the support people receive and how their social care needs are met
- Reviewing the published local account
- Monitoring preparation for the Adult Social Care Assurance Framework
- Reviewing the strategic plan for the transformation of carers offer across North Yorkshire.

Looking ahead, the committee's work programme will include:

- Managing the care market, looking at the current position (12 months since previous report) relating to approved provider list, Covid impact and measures
- An overview of day services and how the pandemic has changed the demand for these services
- Digital lives – looking at technology enabled care, financial assessment and supporting people and their independence in their own homes
- Continue assessing the support provided to adult carers of adults in North Yorkshire
- Revisiting how North Yorkshire Council is ensuring that direct payments enable more choice and control over the support people receive and how their social care needs are met
- An overview of housing and how this fits into the Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- Discharge arrangements
- Transforming care and current supported housing service overview
- Update on activity, prevalence and action in relation to suicide prevention.

Transport, Economy, Environment and Enterprise Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Over the last 12 months the committees focus has included:

- Reviewing the annual report on the progress and performance of North Yorkshire Highways
- Updates on the development of major transport schemes in the county
- Feeding back views and comments on the North Yorkshire Local Flood Risk Management Strategy
- Receiving a report on progress made with reducing single use plastics across the county.
- Considering a report on rail developments and forthcoming changes in North Yorkshire

- Updates on bus transport provision in North Yorkshire
- The ability to provide views and comments on the York and North Yorkshire route map to carbon negative and the development of the consultation draft of the Climate Change Strategy for North Yorkshire Council.
- Hearing updates on the progress of low and zero carbon emission vehicles.
- Receiving a report on the Allerton waste recovery park for 2021-22.
- Reviewing the York and North Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership Delivery Plan
- Understanding the road casualties for North Yorkshire in 2020 and 2021.
- Receiving an update on the application of the revised 20mph speed limit and zone policy since its adoption in 2022.
- Receiving a verbal update from the Corporate Director (Environment) on the activities of the directorate pre and post vesting day.
- Updates on the gully clearance and maintenance works undertaken over the last 12 months and the new risk-based approach adopted.
- The financial performance and allocation of the civil parking enforcement surplus and future review of parking to be undertaken in the County.

Over the next year, the key areas of focus for the Committee will include:

- Receiving an update on the development of the North Yorkshire Council Economic Growth Strategy
- North Yorkshire Highways performance and progress annual report
- National Highways report on maintenance and improvement activity
- Feed in views to the Transport for the North Strategic Transport Plan consultation
- Verbal update on the Environment Directorate from the Corporate Director
- Annual update from Allerton waste recovery park
- Considering an update on progress with NYNet and the rollout of rural broadband
- Understanding the future for rural bus services
- Reports from the Local Enterprise Partnership on delivery plan progress and capital programme position
- An opportunity for the committee to comment and feed into the Local Transport Plan
- Receipt of the annual report from the Member Champion for Climate Change, Councillor Paul Haslam
- An update to TEEE O&S committee members on tree planting activity within North Yorkshire and the progress of developing active travel schemes in the county.

In terms of more focussed specific work the Committee held a scoping meeting with officers into the issue of highways reinstatements by utility companies following complaints and feedback from residents.

North Yorkshire Council Officers attended the meeting to give an overview of the process undertaken, how the inspections work and the powers available to insist utility companies return to site to rectify poor quality work.

In May 2023 (after AGM), the TEEE O&S Committee invited members of the LGR Transition O&S Committee to attend a meeting at which the harmonisation of waste and recycling collection was presented and discussed due to the topic crossing the remits of both committees. Although led by TEEE, LGR Transition Members were given the ability to ask questions and raise comments to officers to feed in views ahead of wider consultation.

Transition (LGR) Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Over the last year, the committee has:

- Received an update from the LGR Member Working Group on Council Tax Harmonisation
- Had a presentation detailing the work of the Customer LGR workstream
- Received a presentation on the interim proposals for the Selby leisure service from August 2024 and the countywide Strategic Leisure Review
- Provided feedback on the proposals for introducing Community Networks
- Received an update on the work of the HR and Workforce workstream
- Had oversight of the draft Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy
- Discussed the progress of Local Government Reorganisation and future priorities ahead of vesting day
- Considered a presentation on plans to transition Economic Development as part of North Yorkshire Council
- Received an update from the IT and Digital workstream
- Heard from the LGR Programme Director on Day 1 Delivery and Continuity of Service.

Over the next year, the key areas of focus for the Committee will include:

- A verbal LGR update from Director of Transformation, Robert Ling
- A progress report from Corporate Director of Community Development, Nic Harne
- An overview of customer services at North Yorkshire Council
- An update on HR and developing staff culture within North Yorkshire Council
- Systems Updates
- Reviewing the work of the member working group on the Sport and Leisure Review and giving recommendations
- Trail Hunting.

It was agreed at the May Annual General Meeting that the Transition (LGR) Overview and Scrutiny Committee would continue for a further 2/3 years following the transition to a Unitary authority in order that it can play a lead role overseeing Council functions previously carried out at District and Borough levels.

An informal meeting held in April 2023 allowed Members to speak freely in order to formulate a committee work programme for 2023/24 along with receiving a verbal update from Director of Transformation.

Corporate & Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Over the last year, the committee has:

- Reviewed the annual plan
- Received bi-annual updates from the Community Safety Partnership
- Reviewed an update on improvements to the parish portal
- Received a Bi-annual update on work of the Stronger Communities team

- Had an overview of the National Resilience Standards and NYC's current performance, together with an overview of ongoing resilience and emergencies work
- Received a progress update on the implementation of council plan priorities
- Reviewed the progress in achieving the Council's new equality and diversity objectives
- Received updates on the operation of the customer portal
- Had an update on NYC's investment strategy & its investments.

Looking ahead, the Committee's work programme will include performance updates from:

- Locality budgets
- Workforce update
- North Yorkshire refugee resettlement update
- Community libraries
- Stronger communities
- Youth justice
- Resilience and emergencies
- Property services
- Council Plan development
- Equality and diversity
- Customer access
- Annual workforce plan
- Community safety
- Investment strategy.

The Corporate and Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny committee is the Crime and Disorder Committee for the Council. It is envisaged that over the next 12 months there will be more scrutiny of both the office of the Crime Commissioner and North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service. Local scrutiny of crime and disorder is undertaken by the 6 local Area Constituency Committees and this compliments the strategic work of the Corporate and Partnerships Committee.

Scrutiny of Health Committee

Over the last year, the committee has focused on the following:

- Prevalence data on the pandemic and vaccination rates
- NHS Update on North Yorkshire Place since Integrated Care Systems were established on 1 July 2022
- Care Quality Commission Inspection and Action Plans from TEWV, Scarborough and York, and South Tees
- Update on the deep dive into Autism and the Autism Strategy Report
- Update on Catterick Integrated Care Campus
- Update on Airedale Hospital
- Update on the Changes to Sexual Health Services in North Yorkshire
- Follow up on CQC inspections and improvement plans, particularly for mental health services
- Mental Health Enhanced Community Services

- Access to NHS Dentistry and potential changes to the commissioning of NHS dental services
- Director of Public Health's Annual Report
- Continuing to work with Area Constituency Committee's on local health issues.

The committee's programme of work for the forthcoming year will include:

- 12-month update and review following the creation of the Integrated Care Systems, Partnerships and Boards
- Changes to primary care and the possible emergence of a more integrated model of delivery, with a range of services accessed in the community
- Response to workforce pressures within health and social care
- Capital investment in Scarborough Hospital and the development of the emergency department and critical care facilities
- Hyper acute stroke services for the North Yorkshire population
- Finance pressures with the local NHS system
- Maintain focus on mental health services, access, range of services and CQC inspections
- Access to community based wider health services: dentistry; chiropody/podiatry; continence support; audiology
- Urgent care delivery in York and The East Coast.

In terms of more focussed specific work the Committee has been working in support of replacing Airedale hospital.

The Committee wrote to Rt. Hon Steve Barclay, Secretary of State for Health and Social Care and copied Rt Hon Julian Smith MP and Rt Hon Rishi Sunak MP (as MP's whose constituents use the services provided by Airedale Hospital), as well as Lord Markham (for the New Hospital Programme). A press release was also issued from the Committee Chair. Recent news has confirmed that Airedale has been accepted onto the Government's New Hospital's Programme and will have a brand-new hospital fit for the purpose and needs of the local community and beyond. This is an enormous success story.

The Committee has also recently made a submission to Steve Brine, Chair of the Health and Social Care Committee in relation to their call for evidence in support of an enquiry into the struggle to access NHS dentistry services. This followed the results of a survey that showed 90% of practices across the UK were not accepting new adult NHS patients.

We await publication of the response to this.

Overview and scrutiny functions are also supported through the following bodies:

- Scrutiny Board – this is made up of the Chairs of the six thematic Overview and Scrutiny committees, along with the Champions for Young People, Older People and Climate Change, and enables co-ordination across all five thematic Overview and Scrutiny committees.
- Police, Fire and Crime Panel - which scrutinises the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner. There is also a Complaints Sub-Committee which meets on an

- ad-hoc basis. The Council is the host authority for the Panel and the Panel is supported by the Council's Scrutiny team, along with Officers providing guidance from Legal, Communications and Finance.
- Corporate Parenting Members Group – this is not a formal Committee but acts as an informal advisory group to the Executive Portfolio Holder for Children's and Young Peoples Services, the Executive and Council. The group performs a role consistent with statutory guidance for local authorities to promote the health and well-being of looked-after children.

North Yorkshire Scrutiny Officers' Network

This group is an informal information-sharing group for overview and scrutiny officer leads across North Yorkshire, York and the West Yorkshire Combined Authority. Over the last year, the network has considered issues such as:

- Planning for the transition of ongoing scrutiny previously undertaken by Districts and Boroughs to ensure continuity of local scrutiny and co-ordination of work plans.
- Development of the scrutiny function in NYC and consultation
- Clarification on routes for engagement with the Local Enterprise Partnership and their annual scrutiny review process
- Local Government Review and the role of scrutiny in a new Unitary Authority
- Issues relating to the Scrutiny of Health committee work programme.

The network has now been disbanded as the Officers are now part of the new Unitary Council and will work alongside the existing Scrutiny Officers. This will continue to provide a key forum for the sharing of information and ideas. This amalgamation of Officers will be invaluable in the transition to the new Unitary Council with relationships already established within the scrutiny function across the County.

Call-In

There have been no Call-Ins in 2022/23.

Powers of call in apply to

- all collective executive decisions (by the Executive and its committees and Area Constituency Committees);
- executive decisions (key or otherwise) by individual Executive Members; and
- key decisions by Officers.

This means that after the decision has been taken there will be a 5 clear working day 'standstill' period from publication of the minutes/decision record (not the date of decision), before the decision can be implemented. This is the call-in period. It allows any six Councillors to call the decision in for review by the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

In-depth reviews

There have been no in-depth, stand-alone overview and scrutiny reviews over the past 12 months. There has been, however, ongoing scrutiny of a number of areas of work, including:

- Follow up to the changes to hyper acute stroke services at Scarborough Hospital
- Performance of mental health services in the County
- Support for the rebuilding of Airedale Hospital

- Pressures in Adult Social Care
- Focus and support of the Autism Strategy
- Access to dental and GP services across the County
- The continuing impact of the pandemic upon services both during the pandemic itself and then in the recovery and rebuilding phases.

It is envisaged that there will be more in-depth reviews and task and finish groups set up as part of scrutiny to review and understand new functions the Authority now has that were previously undertaken at District and Borough level.

Other Approaches

Work with the Area Constituency Committees

The Council's six Area Constituency Committees (ACC's) have continued to work closely with the Overview and Scrutiny Committees and particularly with the Scrutiny of Health Committee. Examples include:

- Richmond (Yorks) ACC – the development of the Catterick Health Campus
- Skipton and Ripon ACC – the support for the rebuilding of Airedale Hospital
- Scarborough and Whitby ACC – the development of services at Scarborough and Whitby Hospitals.

Looking forward ACC's will take more of a lead role in local scrutiny and continue to compliment the work completed by the 6 thematic Committees.

Scrutiny work is co-ordinated between Overview and Scrutiny Chairs through the Scrutiny Board and ACC chairs through regular meetings to avoid duplication of work and allow a panoramic view of Scrutiny over the whole remit of North Yorkshire Council.

Directorates

Work is being done across all Directorates to ensure that Scrutiny is actively considered and that pre decision Scrutiny is undertaken. Management Board receive a six weekly forward plan of items due at all Scrutiny Committees and Scrutiny Officers regularly meet with colleagues in Directorates to discuss the content and workplans of the Scrutiny Committees

Development

The Centre for Governance and Scrutiny offer a arrange of support services, training and events. This is something we hope to utilise to Members benefit in the coming year.

Joint Scrutiny

The West Yorkshire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee has continued to meet to review the development of the Integrated Care System for West Yorkshire, which includes the Craven population and which has implications for the Harrogate population. It is anticipated that similar arrangements will be put in place for the Humber Coast and Vale Integrated Care System over the next year.

The Committee has also been involved in the following pieces of work over the past twelve months:

- West Yorkshire Association of Acute Trusts
- West Yorkshire Community Diagnostic Centre Plans

- Refreshing the Partnership's Five-Year Strategy and developing an improvement approach to delivery
- West Yorkshire Partnership's Five-Year Strategy - Working Draft and Joint Forward Plan Approach
- Update from Yorkshire Ambulance Service
- NHS England - Yorkshire and the Humber – Dentistry.

Member Working Groups

There have been a number of Member Working Groups, initially throughout the Summer and Autumn of 2022, engaging with Members across all parties in shaping future policy and strategy. These meetings are private and not published and whilst they are invaluable in assessing views, they are not formal scrutiny. Post vesting day and continuing into the new authority the areas that have been in focus from these working groups will continue through the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee at Council to allow public awareness and transparency.

How to find out more about Overview and Scrutiny:

Further information on Overview and Scrutiny is available on the North Yorkshire Council website - [North Yorkshire Council - Overview and Scrutiny](#)

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