

Transition (LGR) O&S Committee Planning

September 2023

To Date

- Heads of Service in Place
- Progress on Local Plan
- Safe & Legal Decisions on Applications



Items for Review

- Role of committees / Scheme of delegation
- Site Visits
- Functioning of Committees
- Notifications

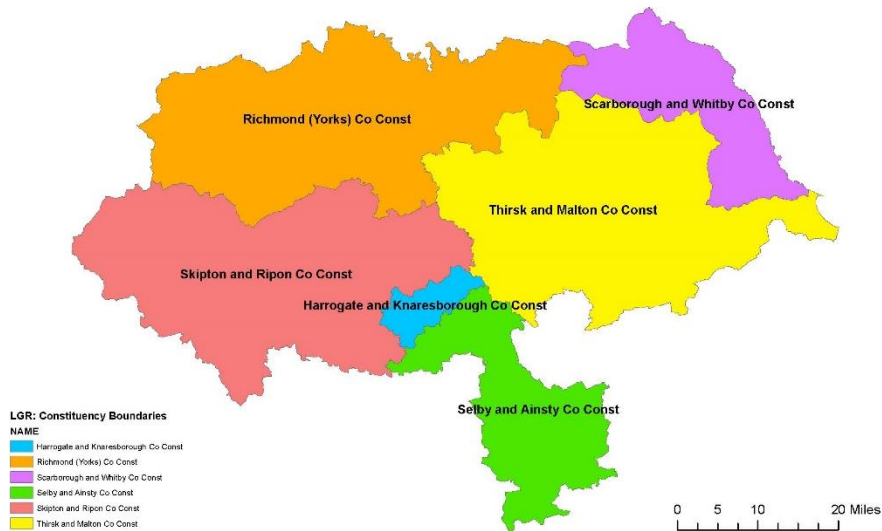
UNDER REVIEW

Current - Strategic Planning Committee

- Applications for over 500 houses
- Significant minerals & waste applications
- Departures from the Development Plan for which the Secretary of State must be consulted and where it is intended to recommend approval
- Energy/physical infrastructure with EIS with a recommendation for approval
- Applications that affect more than one area committee geography
- Responses as a statutory consultee to Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project
- To support and be consulted in respect of any Development Plan documents



Current Area Planning Committee



Applications will include:

- Those submitted by the Council (excluding minor changes)
- Planning applications where a Councillor or Senior Officer has a pecuniary interest;
- Where the Corporate Director of Community Development considers a planning application to raise significant planning issues;
- Planning applications on which a Member of the Council has made planning representations in writing to the Corporate Director of Community Development within the publicity period and in consultation with the Chair the Director is satisfied that it has been demonstrated that it raises significant material planning issues;
- Where accompanied by an EIS unless recommended for refusal

Planning Committee: Site Visits

- Site visits should be requested ahead of Planning Committee meeting;
- Purpose is to gather factual information not for discussion or debate;
- Attendees:
 - Relevant officers
 - All Members of Planning Committee
 - Relevant Division Members/Parish Councillors
 - Applicant or their agent;



Functioning of Planning Committee: Public Speaking

- Category of speakers are (in order): objector, Parish/Town Council representative, Division Member; applicant/agent;
- All speakers have three minutes to put their case;
- There will be no routine questioning of speakers by Councillors.



Other Issue for Review

- Notifications of Applications
- Presentations at Committee
- Report

- Any other issues / concerns.

Next Steps

- Continue to collate and evaluate information on committee and delegated decisions;
- Monitor the functioning of committee;
- Work with chairs and vice chairs to understand concerns and issues;
- Make recommendations relating to the development of the service.