

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCIL

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STATEMENT OF THE CHAIR OF CARE AND INDEPENDENCE AND HOUSING OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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The Care and Independence and Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee scrutinises the needs of vulnerable adults, older people and people whose independence needs to be supported by intervention from the public or voluntary sector and housing.

Committee Meeting on 22 June 2023

The Committee last met on 22 June 2023, in person in The Brierley Room at County Hall. The update from this meeting was presented at the Full Council meeting in July of this year. The meeting that was scheduled for 28 September was cancelled as the presenters from the Directorate were involved in Assistant Director interviews.

Outlined below are further details in relation to some of the areas that the Committee will therefore be looking at when they meet again in December:

Trailblazer Update

An update on the Trailblazer project, financial pressures, timetable and any further learning.

Suicide Prevention and Audit

Update on activity, prevalence and action.

Development of the Integrated Care Systems and Partnerships that cover North Yorkshire

What this means for social care, what are the risks etc.

Dementia Care Facility

Report on progress business case and development.

Kirkwood Hall Visit Feedback

Feedback from the planned visit to Kirkwood Hall on 21st November 2023.

As part of the remit of the Care & Independence and Housing Overview & Scrutiny Committee we look at the Care Homes and Assisted Living accommodation in North Yorkshire. It was suggested some time ago, in fact before Covid struck, that we visit Kirkwood Hall in Leyburn. We will meet staff and residents and looks at some of the assisted living elements being used by residents and have the opportunity to ask questions.

Housing

This follows a previous presentation and discussion with Andrew Rowe at the last Committee meeting and also the last mid cycle briefing where the remit around housing and the main elements were discussed and to what detail the Committee would be involved going forward. This presentation will cover the Housing Strategy.

Committee Workplan

Having discussed challenges facing adult healthcare across the County generally, and in particular the areas the Committee felt would be a priority in terms of Scrutiny over the next 18-24 months, the workplan has been updated to reflect this. The Committee is keen to work collaboratively and will therefore continue to link in with the Council's Area Constituency Committees (ACC's) to ensure focus is maintained at a local level and also the Scrutiny Board to facilitate a County wide perspective. The Committee will also continue to work closely with the Scrutiny of Health Committee allowing continued joint working around adult social care.

The next meeting of the committee will be at 10am on 7 December 2023.