

North Yorkshire Local Access Forum

24 January 2024

Forward Plan Report

1.0 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To consider, develop and adopt a Forward Plan of items of business for meetings in the coming municipal year.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 The 'Guidance on Local Access Forums in England' published by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) strongly recommends that forums prepare a forward work programme which sets out the forum's priorities and special areas of interest.
- 2.2 This can play an important role in helping the forum to:
- Ensure a focus on issues which are the most relevant for the area
 - Clarify the issues on which the County Council or other section 94(4) bodies would benefit from receiving advice
 - Timetable when specific matters are likely to be considered
 - Inform the public about the forum's work
 - Identify training needs
 - Review effectiveness and prepare an annual report.

3.0 Forward Plan

- 3.1 A draft Forward Plan is attached at Appendix A, which lists the agreed meeting dates for the coming municipal year.
- 3.2 The Forum meets three times a calendar year but may choose to agree further meeting dates (based on need) and may set up sub-groups to progress specific pieces of work outside of the formal meetings. The meeting dates for the coming municipal year are:

22 May 2024

25 September 2024

29 January 2025

4.0 Recommendation

- 4.1 Forum members are asked to note the date of the meeting in the 2024/25 municipal year and agree the work programme for those meetings, taking into account the discussions and suggestions made at this meeting.

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NORTH YORKSHIRE LOCAL ACCESS FORUM

Forward Plan 2024/25

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| Date of Meeting | |
| Standing items | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes • Matters Arising • Public Questions and Statements • Consultations • Secretary's Update Report • District Council Liaison Updates • Forward Plan |
| 22 May 2024 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Network Rail Update • ELMS Update – deferred from meeting held on 24 January 2024 |
| 25 September 2024 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coast to Coast National Trail Route Update • Local Transport Plan Update • |
| 29 January 2025 | |
| Suggested Future Items | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rights of Way Improvement Plan • In-depth discussion on Reinstatement • Draft NYCC Active Travel Strategy |