

## **AREA CONSTITUENCY COMMITTEES**

### Membership

The Council will appoint the Area Constituency Committees in accordance with Article 10.

### Quorum

The quorum will be not less than 3 Members.

### Substitute Members

Substitute Members are not permitted on the Area Constituency Committees.

### **Terms of Reference**

1. In relation to Area Constituency Committees, see also Article 10 of the Constitution.
2. Area Constituency Committees should not make decisions which significantly affect parts of North Yorkshire outside the Committee's area.
3. Area Constituency Committees shall provide for visible local democracy and accountability for Division and Executive Members through public meetings held in each of the Constituency Committee areas.
4. The Area Constituency Committees shall act as a forum for local issues to be raised by the public and/or Community Networks through questions and statements.
5. The Area Constituency Committees shall empower and enable delivery of Community Area Action Plans and other local priorities brought to its attention by Division Members, Town and Parish Councils, Community Networks and members of the public.
6. The Area Constituency Committees shall engage in cross boundary discussions whenever appropriate

### **Delegated Powers**

1. To act as consultees in major decisions affecting their area and to influence policy development and the strategic agenda of the Council.
2. To provide meaningful scrutiny of local issues within their area, complementing the strategic work undertaken by the Council's six Overview and Scrutiny Committees.
3. To receive corporate performance information and to hold the Executive to account by constructively challenging performance data or service delivery in respect of issues with local significance.
4. To engage upon, receive reports and be consulted on, major educational health care and leisure issues affecting their locality.
5. To engage throughout the year with the 6 North Yorkshire MPs to develop a shared understanding of key local issues and opportunities affecting the area.

6. To engage with relevant partnerships and partner organisations in identifying potential areas for support and issues to challenge and to join up relevant partners in areas of shared interest.
7. To advise the Council on boundary consultations.
8. To monitor and act as a consultee in relation to major projects within the Area Constituency Committee boundary.
9. To make appointments to outside bodies in accordance with paragraphs 2 and 3 of Schedule 5 to Part 3 of the Constitution.
10. To exercise, within the approved budget and policy framework, the following powers and duties:
  - \*(a) aspects of the Private Street Works procedure for which objections have been received;
  - \*(b) the making and enforcement of new street Byelaws and Orders;
  - \*(c) the stopping up or diversion of highways (other than public rights of way) where an objection is received from any person or body entitled under the relevant statute;
  - \*(d) the stopping-up and provision of access to premises from highways;
  - (e) the promotion of road safety information, advice or training;
11. To act as a consultee on Traffic Regulation Orders where it is considered by the Corporate Director of Environment in consultation with the relevant Executive Member(s) that a proposed Traffic Regulation Order meets the criteria for having a wide area impact.
12. To respond to any consultation under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982, Section 3.
13. To consider other matters referred to it by the Council, the Executive or overview and scrutiny committees.
14. To make recommendations to the Corporate Director of Community Development in respect of 'seed funding' or match funding for projects to be allocated from any delegated Area Constituency Committee Budget the Director may have.
15. To lead, consider and make recommendations concerning the promotion of economic development within the Area Constituency Committee area.
16. To promote and encourage enterprise and investment in the Area Constituency Committee area and to maintain and sustain the economic well-being and regeneration of the area.
17. To develop a climate where businesses and individuals can innovate, compete and contribute to the economic development and regeneration of the area, and excellence in local business.

18. To encourage the growth of existing businesses in the area and access to the skills and training necessary to support them.
19. To consider and make recommendations relating to the promotion, maintenance and enhancement of the vitality and viability of shopping centres / market towns within the area.
20. To make recommendations to the Corporate Director of Community Development on the expenditure of Community Infrastructure Levy and appropriate section 106 expenditure.
21. To consult with the Chamber of Commerce, Federation of Small Businesses, residents and other interested third parties.
22. To promote and encourage tourism and heritage, arts, leisure and culture, and to scrutinise progress of plans and proposals related to this and also decarbonisation, agriculture, transport and the care sector.
23. To consider making recommendations in relation to parking (off street provision in Council owned / leased off street parking places).
24. To consider and review crime and disorder and community safety.
25. To check upon the working of double devolution deals within the ACC boundary.
26. With the agreement of the Chair of the Area Constituency Committee, to make recommendations to the appropriate officer and/or body regarding the following matters as they affect the Area Constituency Committee's area:
  - a) Housing
  - b) Transport
  - c) Estate needs for North Yorkshire Council
  - d) Climate change and environmental issues

NB: Items marked \* are delegated to Area Constituency Committees by the Council; other items are delegated to Area Constituency Committees by the Executive.