

North Yorkshire Council

Skipton and Ripon Area Constituency Committee

6 June 2024

Economic, Regeneration, Tourism and Transport Project Development Fund for the Area Constituency Committees

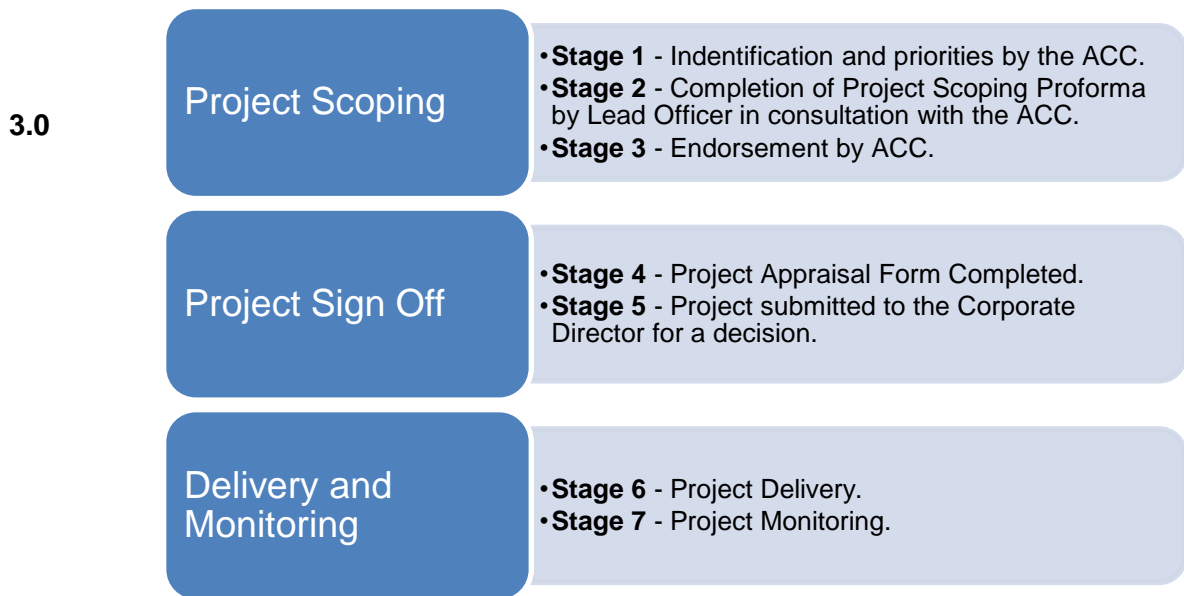
Report of the Corporate Director (Community Development)

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To update Members on the current budget position of the Economic, Regeneration, Tourism and Transport Project Development Fund in relation to this Committee and present Project Scoping Forms for consideration.

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At the meeting of North Yorkshire County Council on 22nd February 2023 (*Council Minute 83p*), in respect of the 2023/24 Revenue Budget for North Yorkshire Council, it was resolved that, “£50k be provided annually for each Area Constituency Committee to commission works they feel appropriate for their local area”.
- 2.2 The purpose of the fund is to support activities that help to deliver the North Yorkshire Council ‘Council Plan’, Economic Growth Strategy, Destination Management Plan and other locally important plans and strategies. It aims to stimulate and directly support a pipeline of locally important economic, regeneration and tourism destination development projects that will benefit from existing and future funding and delivery opportunities (whether core or external funding) within the area covered by the respective Area Constituency Committee.
- 2.3 The scope of activity to be supported, within the purpose of the fund, is at the discretion of the specific Area Constituency Committee but, could include:
- activity to further develop locally important projects that would form part of a wider capital project pipeline including surveys, feasibility studies, outline or detailed design and market demand analysis. It can also fund business case development of locally important projects or contribute to the ongoing development of larger, major projects so the Council is well placed to secure funding (core or external) and to assist in developing grant-ready applications.
 - targeted contributions that add value to existing or planned physical regeneration or tourism activity and show tangible benefits to address a locally important issue or priority in that area.
- 2.4 The following chart outlines the process for the development, endorsement and approval of projects as detailed in the Economic, Regeneration, Tourism and Transport Project Development Fund Guidance Note (January 2024).



UPDATES ON PROJECTS PREVIOUSLY RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

- 3.1 Langcliffe Quarry – A History of the Limeworks Industry
- 3.2 This project was recommended for approval on 7th March 2024 and allocated £25,000 of the Skipton & Ripon budget for 2023/24 to support the development of Langcliffe Quarry as a visitor destination. The purpose of the funding recommended for approval by this Committee was to fund development work and match-fund an application to the UKSPF NY programme for grant funding to support on-site delivery.
- 3.3 A conservation-accredited architect and chartered building surveyor has been appointed to assess the current condition of the key archaeological structures and advise on any works needed to minimise impact from on-going visitor activity. On-site surveys are scheduled to be completed week ending 7th June 2024, with the final written report due for submission by end of July 2024.
- 3.4 Application for Scheduled Monument Consent to undertake the works has been submitted to Historic England. Feedback from Historic England has been encouraging with belief that they will advise the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) to approve.
- 3.5 Preparation of designs for the interpretation boards is underway. Text for the boards is being drafted in consultation with a local historian who has a wealth of research materials and has been studying the site since 1983. Documentation for commissioning graphic design and reconstruction illustrations is being prepared.
- 3.6 The full application to the UKSPF NY programme has been approved, subject to confirmation of matched funding and obtaining the required consents. The project is on schedule to meet the deadline for completion by 31st March 2025.

4.0 CONSIDERATION OF PROJECT SCOPING FORMS AT THIS MEETING

- 4.1 The Project Scoping Forms submitted for consideration at this meeting through the Economic, Regeneration, Tourism and Transport Project Development Fund are as detailed in Table 1.

Table 1. Project Scoping Forms presented in this report.

1.	Project Title	Sector Growth Opportunities – Health, Pharmaceuticals and Life Sciences
	Summary Description	<p>The area surrounding Skipton is known to have several businesses operating in the health, pharmaceutical and life sciences sector.</p> <p>This project will research the sector and engage with businesses to gain an understanding of the opportunities and limitations affecting their future growth.</p> <p>The outcome will be a series of actions and recommendations that the Council can use to support future plans, strategies and support programmes.</p>
	Value of Budget Requested	£25,000

2.	Project Title	Ripon Mobility Hub
	Summary Description	<p>This project will consider the scoping, feasibility and future requirements of a new 'Mobility Hub' for Ripon.</p> <p>The project will consider the requirements of various transport modes, complementary facilities and how the Hub could support Ripon and its wider hinterland.</p> <p>The outcome would be a feasibility study that could support future bids for continued development and ultimately capital funding.</p>
	Value of Budget Requested	£50,000

4.2 The completed Scoping Forms are available to view in the appendices of this report

5.0 SKIPTON AND RIPON ACC BUDGET INFORMATION

5.1 The financial position of the budget allocated to the Skipton and Ripon Area Constituency Committee through the Economic, Regeneration, Tourism and Transport Project Development Fund is as detailed in Table 2.

Table 2. Skipton and Ripon ACC Budget Allocation 2024/25

Item		Value
Budget carry forward (2023/24)		£25,000
Budget (2024/25)		£50,000
Balance of budget available		£75,000
Projects submitted for consideration in this report:		
1	Sector Growth Opportunities – Health, Pharmaceuticals and Life Sciences	£25,000
2	Ripon Bus Station / Mobility Hub	£50,000

Balance of budget available if the above projects are recommended to and, approved by the Corporate Director	£0
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5.2 At the meeting of the 20 February 2024 (Minute 403.c) the Executive agreed the carry forward of any unallocated 2023/24 sums for each of the Area Constituency Committees into 2024/25, for one year only.

6.0 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN AND RESPONSES

6.1 Members of this Committee have been consulted throughout the process.

7.0 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

7.1 Members may choose not to formally endorse the projects presented in this report.

8.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

8.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from the recommendations of this report. Subject to the endorsement of this Committee, the proformas included at the appendices will be presented to the Corporate Director for approval.

9.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

9.1 There are no direct legal implications arising from the recommendations of this report however, any procurements associated with endorsed projects will be carried out in accordance with the council's procurement and contract procedure rules.

10.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

10.1 There are no direct equality implications from the recommendations in this report.

11.0 CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS

11.1 There are no direct climate implications from the recommendations in this report.

12.0 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

12.1 To enable allocation of the Economic, Regeneration, Tourism and Transport Project Development Fund available to this Committee.

13.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Committee:

- i) considers whether they wish to endorse the Project Scoping Form for the project: 'Sector Growth Opportunities – Health, Pharmaceuticals and Life Sciences' as presented at Appendix A.
- ii) considers whether they wish to endorse the Project Scoping Form for the project: 'Ripon Mobility Hub' as presented at Appendix B.
- iii) Subject to endorsing the above project(s), request the relevant Scoping Proformas are presented to the Corporate Director (Community Development) for the projects to be funded from the 2024/25 Skipton and Ripon Area Constituency Committee budget allocation.

APPENDICES:

- Appendix A – Sector Growth Opportunities – Health, Pharmaceuticals and Life Sciences
- Appendix B – Ripon Mobility Hub

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:

- Economic, Regeneration, Tourism and Transport Project Development Fund Guidance Note (January 2024).

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6 June 2024

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Presenter of Report – Sharon Sunter, Economic Development Manager

Note: Members are invited to contact the author in advance of the meeting with any detailed queries or questions.

Initial equality impact assessment screening form This form records an equality screening process to determine the relevance of equality to a proposal, and a decision whether or not a full EIA would be appropriate or proportionate.	
Directorate	Community Development
Service area	Economic Development, Regeneration, Tourism and Skills
Proposal being screened	Economic, Regeneration, Tourism and Transport Project Development Fund bids.
Officer(s) carrying out screening	Sharon Sunter, Andrew Laycock
What are you proposing to do?	Submission of draft bids for consideration by the Area Constituency Committee.
Why are you proposing this? What are the desired outcomes?	To seek endorsement of funding bids for schemes identified by the Committee as a priority for the Economic, Regeneration, Tourism and Transport Project Development Fund
Does the proposal involve a significant commitment or removal of resources? Please give details.	The proposal is to endorse proposals that will cover the costs of the resource necessary to deliver the identified activity.
Impact on people with any of the following protected characteristics as defined by the Equality Act 2010, or NYC's additional agreed characteristics As part of this assessment, please consider the following questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To what extent is this service used by particular groups of people with protected characteristics?• Does the proposal relate to functions that previous consultation has identified as important?• Do different groups have different needs or experiences in the area the proposal relates to? If for any characteristic it is considered that there is likely to be an adverse impact or you have ticked 'Don't know/no info available', then a full EIA should be carried out where this is	

proportionate. You are advised to speak to your directorate representative for advice if you are in any doubt.

Protected characteristic	Potential for adverse impact		Don't know/No info available
	Yes	No	
Age		✓	
Disability		✓	
Sex		✓	
Race		✓	
Sexual orientation		✓	
Gender reassignment		✓	
Religion or belief		✓	
Pregnancy or maternity		✓	
Marriage or civil partnership		✓	
People in rural areas		✓	
People on a low income		✓	
Carer (unpaid family or friend)		✓	
Are from the Armed Forces Community		✓	
Does the proposal relate to an area where there are known inequalities/probable impacts (for example, disabled people's access to public transport)? Please give details.	No		
Will the proposal have a significant effect on how other organisations operate? (for example, partners, funding criteria, etc.). Do any of these organisations support people with protected characteristics? Please explain why you have reached this conclusion.	No		
Decision (Please tick one option)	EIA not relevant or proportionate:	✓	Continue to full EIA:
Reason for decision	<p>The purpose of the report is to endorse proposals for the allocation of funding through the Economic, Regeneration, Tourism and Transport Project Development Fund.</p> <p>As result of this report North Yorkshire Council is not making decisions that directly affects the delivery or operation of services.</p>		
Signed (Assistant Director or equivalent)	Ian Thompson - Interim Assistant Director: Economic Development, Regeneration and Tourism		
Date	22 May 2024		

Initial Climate Change Impact Assessment (Form created August 2021)

The intention of this document is to help the council to gain an initial understanding of the impact of a project or decision on the environment. This document should be completed in consultation with the supporting guidance. Dependent on this initial assessment you may need to go on to complete a full Climate Change Impact Assessment. The final document will be published as part of the decision-making process.

If you have any additional queries, which are not covered by the guidance please email climatechange@northyorks.gov.uk

Title of proposal	Economic, Regeneration, Tourism and Transport Project Development Fund
Brief description of proposal	Submission of draft bids for consideration by the Area Constituency Committee.
Directorate	Community Development
Service area	Economic Development, Regeneration, Tourism and Skills
Lead officer	Julian Rudd
Names and roles of other people involved in carrying out the impact assessment	Sharon Sunter Andrew Laycock

The chart below contains the main environmental factors to consider in your initial assessment – choose the appropriate option from the drop-down list for each one. Remember to think about the following;

- Travel
- Construction
- Data storage
- Use of buildings
- Change of land use
- Opportunities for recycling and reuse

Environmental factor to consider	For the council	For the county	Overall
Greenhouse gas emissions	No effect on emissions	No Effect on emissions	No effect on emissions
Waste	No effect on waste	No effect on waste	No effect on waste
Water use	No effect on water usage	No effect on water usage	No effect on water usage
Pollution (air, land, water, noise, light)	No effect on pollution	No effect on pollution	No effect on pollution
Resilience to adverse weather/climate events (flooding, drought etc)	No effect on resilience	No effect on resilience	No effect on resilience
Ecological effects (biodiversity, loss of habitat etc)	No effect on ecology	No effect on ecology	No effect on ecology
Heritage and landscape	No effect on heritage and landscape	No effect on heritage and landscape	No effect on heritage and landscape

If any of these factors are likely to result in a negative or positive environmental impact then a full climate change impact assessment will be required. It is important that we capture information about both positive and negative impacts to aid the council in calculating its carbon footprint and environmental impact.

Decision (Please tick one option)	Full CCIA not relevant or proportionate:	✓	Continue to full CCIA:	
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