



Richmond (Yorks) Area Committee

Parish Sector Liaison:

**Principal Democratic Services Officer
Christine Philipson**

**Parish Liaison and Local Devolution Manager
Mark Codman**

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Presentation format

- Parish Sector Overview
- Parish Liaison, Local Devolution and Community Rights Team
- Local Area Support Team
- Questions



North Yorkshire Council Parish Sector (1)

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There are 211 councils with Parish Councils within their boundary:

- 51% have less than 30 (108)
- 97.5% of councils have less than 200 (205)
- There are only 6 councils with over 200 Parish Councils
- Only 2 councils have over 300 Parish Councils
- ***NYC has 664*** (the next nearest council has 327 – Somerset Council)

North Yorkshire Council Parish Sector (2)

NYC Parish Sector by type:

- City Council – 0.2% (1)
- Town/Parish Council – 74% (492)
- Parish Meeting – 24% (156)
- Groups – 1.8% (11) In two areas only

North Yorkshire Council Parish Sector (3)

Parish Precept

- In England 86.7% of Parishes in Council areas charge a precept - in NYC area this is 74.1%
- In NYC area the average precept charge is 75% less than the national average (£20,212)
- 46.6% of Parish Councils have total annual precept income less than £5k
- Only 5.6% (28) Parish Councils have total annual precept income more than £100k
- Only 4 (0.8%) Parish Councils have total annual precept income more than £300k

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Richmond (York) Area Parish Sector

- There are 168 Parish Meetings/Parish/Town Councils (25.3%) made up of:
 - 117 (69.6%) Town/Parish Councils (4% less than NYC overall)
 - 51 (30.3%) Parish Meetings (6% more than NYC overall)
- 41 (24.4%) Parish Meetings/Town Councils do not charge a precept (less than NYC average)
- The average precept income is £14,823 (£6k below NYC average)

Parish Liaison:

There are two teams with Parish Liaison responsibilities:

Localities

- Parish Liaison, Local Devolution and Community Rights Team

Democratic Services

- Local Area Support Team



Parish Liaison, Local Devolution and Community Rights Team

Localities



Who we are:

Mark Codman

Parish Liaison and Local Devolution Manager

Claire Wilson

Devolution and Community Rights Officer

Peter Cole

Parish Liaison, Partnerships and Participation Officer

What we do:

- Parish Charter – Development, support, oversight
- Local Devolution
- Parish Liaison:
 - Consultation
 - Communication/Engagement
 - Support
- Parish Portal
- Community Rights

Current Work:

- Parish Charter review
- Parish Liaison Meetings (Skipton and Ripon Area Early February for drop-in session and late February for liaison meeting)
- Double Devolution and devolution generally
- Parish Sector engagement Panel
- Parish Portal
- Parish Sector consultation engagement review
- Review of Community Rights Process
- Training
- Single point of contact parishliaison@northyorks.gov.uk



Local Area Support Team

Democratic Services

Who we are;

Christine Phillipson

Principal Democratic Services Officer

Harriet Clarke

Charlie Casey

Senior Democratic Services Officers

Who we are - cont.

Lead officer in each Area Team

Democratic Services East DemocraticServices.East@northyorks.gov.uk

Covering Thirsk & Malton and Scarborough & Whitby Constituencies

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Covering Harrogate & Knaresborough and Selby & Ainsty
Constituencies

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Covering Richmond and Skipton & Ripon Constituencies



What we do; Parish and Town Council Support

- Maintain Parish and Town Council information YLCA clerk info- buddy up
- Support on frequently asked questions and queries
- Ensure Register of Interests are recorded
- Temporary appointments
- Sensitive interests
- Website accuracy
- Work with Elections
- Work with Localities
- Monitoring Officer Inbox
- CGR's

Governance

- North Yorkshire Council is the Principal Authority for Parish and Town Councils in North Yorkshire for the purposes of the standards provisions in the Localism Act 2011
- It is responsible for receiving and handling complaints that a Parish/Town Councillor may have breached that authority's code of conduct for Members
- That is the extent of North Yorkshire Council's jurisdiction in respect of Parish/Town Council governance
- Parish/Town Councils are separate legal entities and North Yorkshire Council has no jurisdiction to consider other complaints, for example about the way in which the Parish/Town Council has or has not done something, or about particular decisions or employees

Complaints

- During the period 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024, the Council received 174 complaints that Members may have breached the relevant authority's code of conduct for Members
- During the period 1 April 2024 to 28 August 2024, a further 83 complaints have been received
- Since Vesting Day on 1 April 2023 to 6 June 2024, a total of 257 standards complaints have therefore been received
- 214 assessments completed by Monitoring Officer/DMO & IP
 - 180 – no further action
 - 6 informal resolution
 - 28 referred for investigation
 - 1 closed as no longer in office
 - remainder are in prep stage or awaiting assessment

Upcoming Training - Understanding the Code of Conduct and Declarations of Interests

East Area 5th September 2024 @ 3pm

Central Area 9th September 2024 @ 11am

West Area 13th September 2024 @ 10am

Questions ?

