

**North Yorkshire Council
Skipton and Ripon Area Committee**

6 March 2025

Schools update

1.0 Purpose of the Report

1.1 To inform Members of the local educational landscape, educational achievement and the financial challenges which affect schools in the Skipton & Ripon committee area.

2.0 Local educational landscape

2.1 As of 31 August 2024 there was a total of 73 schools and academies within the Skipton and Ripon Committee area. The table below shows the number of schools and academies in the area by school type, including as a proportion of the number of schools and academies in the county.

Summary of schools' status – 31 August 2024

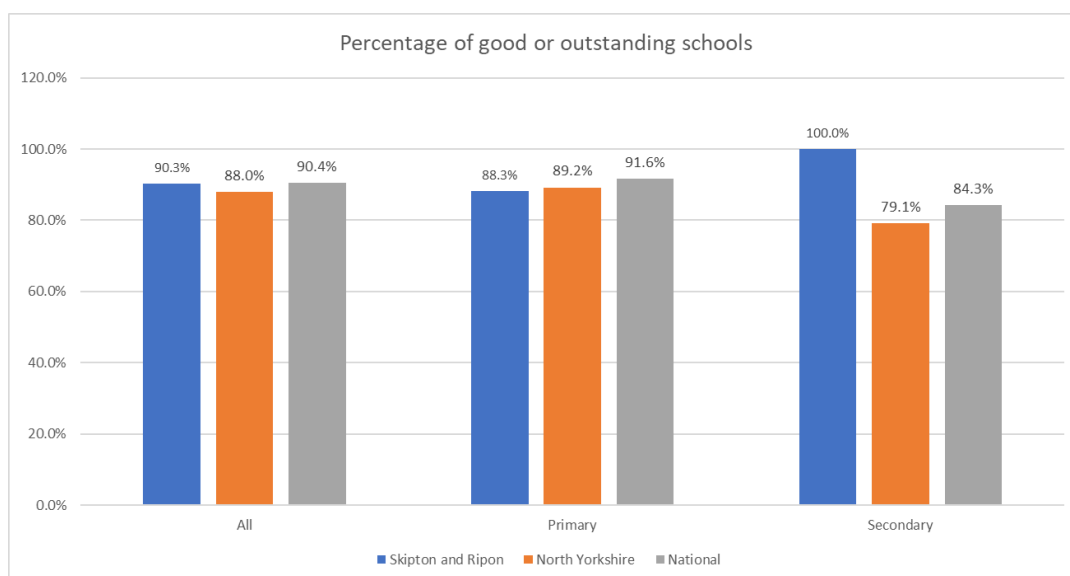
	Schools in North Yorkshire		Schools in Skipton and Ripon AC	
Primary Maintained	173	58.6%	39	63.9%
Primary Academy & Free School	122	41.4%	22	36.1%
Total	295		61	
Secondary Maintained	13	30.2%	4	44.4%
Secondary Academy	30	69.8%	5	55.6%
Total	43		9	
Special Maintained	6	60%	1	50%
Special Academy	4	40%	1	50%
Total	10		2	
PRU Maintained	4	80%	1	100%
PRU Academy	1	20%	0	
Total	5		1	
Total maintained	196	55.5%	45	61.6%
Total Academy	157	44.5%	28	38.4%
Overall Total	353		73	

3.0 School standards

3.1 School Ofsted judgements

In the committee area, as of August 2024, 88.3% of primary schools were judged Good or Outstanding by Ofsted, which is below the North Yorkshire and national averages. In terms of secondary schools, 100% were judged Good or Outstanding, much higher than the North Yorkshire and national averages. Overall, there were 5 schools judged 'requires improvement' and 1 'inadequate' in the committee area.

At the time of writing, 8 of the 10 North Yorkshire Special Schools were recorded as either 'Good' or 'Outstanding'. The Pupil Referral Unit situated in the committee area has received an Ofsted 'good' judgement.



In 2024, 100% (26 of 26) of the Childcare establishments (childcare in non-domestic premises) which have had an Ofsted inspection in the committee area were 'Good' or 'Outstanding'. The rate in North Yorkshire was 98% at the same time.

3.3 Attainment overall

For two years, exams and assessments in schools did not take place because of the disruption to students' education caused by the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. In 2020 GCSEs, AS and A level exams faced widespread cancellation and were replaced with a grading process involving teacher/ centre assessment. Similarly, summer 2021 assessments were awarded based on teacher or centre assessment and no statistical adjustment processes were used. Overall, final grades were significantly higher in both 2020 and 2021 than in 2019.

The Government allowed GCSEs, AS and A Level and equivalent assessments and exams to go ahead in England in summer 2022, and has made some changes to general, vocational and technical qualifications (VTQs). Additionally, school-level performance (league) tables were re-introduced for the end of the GCSE phase (key stage 4) in 2022; school-level information for secondary phase was not published during either 2020 or 2021.

It is important to emphasise that direct comparisons with outcomes from previous years need to be made with the pandemic in mind, as pupils will have had disrupted learning during this period. Apart from this factor, there have also been several changes to exams and grading. As such, the DfE have recommended that caution is exercised when making comparisons with previous years.

In primary schools, performance across North Yorkshire in the Early Years (Early Years Foundation Stage Profile) has continued to be above national benchmarks and is beginning to approach the level of attainment seen before the pandemic. Attainment of children at Key Stage 2 is improving but yet to recover pre-pandemic levels. In secondary schools the percentage of pupils achieving a grade 5 or above in both English and maths (Basics) improved in 2024 and is now 1.6% higher than national.

3.4 Early Years Foundation Stage Profile (EYFSP)

In 2024, 70.9% of children in the committee area achieved a Good Level of Development. An in-year comparison of EYFSP outcomes with LA and national figures (see table below) shows that a slightly lower proportion of pupils within the committee area achieved a good level of development compared with all NYC pupils but the proportion is above the national. Comparable figure.

Early Years Foundation Stage Profile – percentage achieving a good level of development			
	Skipton and Ripon	North Yorks	National
2019	74.5%	72.8%	71.8%
No scores due to Covid			
2022	68.0%	68.3%	65.2%
2023	70.9%	70.3%	67.2%
2024	70.9%	71.2%	67.7%

3.5 Key Stage 2

In 2024, 59.2% of children in the committee area met the expected standard in reading, writing and maths, which is higher than the North Yorkshire average but below the national comparable figure. An in-year comparison of KS2 attainment with LA and national figures is shown in the table below.

Key Stage 2 - percentage achieving the expected standard or above in reading, writing and maths combined.			
	Skipton and Ripon	North Yorks	National
2019	64.1%	63.4%	64.9%
No scores due to Covid			
2022	60.2%	56.6%	58.9%
2023	59.2%	56.1%	60.0%
2024	59.2%	57.8%	61.0%

3.6 Key Stage 4

The average Attainment 8 score, which measures the attainment of a pupil across eight qualifications, was 50.3 for the committee area in 2024. This is above both the North Yorkshire and national comparable figures.

Key Stage 4 - Average Attainment 8 Score			
	Skipton and Ripon	North Yorks	National
2019	54.6	48.7	46.7
No scores due to Covid			
2022	53.4	50.3	48.8
2023	50.4	46.8	46.3
2024	50.3	46.8	46.1

The percentage achieving a GCSE grade 5 or above (grading is 9-1) in English and Maths (Basics measure) was 52.1% for the committee area in 2024. This is above both the national and the North Yorkshire comparable figures.

Key Stage 4 - Percentage achieving a grade 5 or above in English and Maths			
	Skipton and Ripon	North Yorks	National
2019	59.0%	47.4%	43.2%
No scores due to Covid			
2022	60.4%	53.8%	49.8%
2023	51.8%	46.0%	45.3%
2024	52.1%	47.7%	46.1%

3.7 Not in education, employment or training

There were 1008 young people recorded in Year 11 living in the committee area in May 2024 and of this cohort only 12 (1.2%) were not in education, employment or training after leaving school as of January 2024. The figure compares favourably with the overall North Yorkshire figure of 1.6% for the same period.

4.0 Suspension Incidents and Permanent Exclusions

4.1 Suspension Incidents

In the 2023/24 academic year, there have been a total of 9960 suspensions for a total of 3114 individual children in North Yorkshire. 370 of these children were on roll of mainstream schools in the Skipton and Ripon committee area.

Suspension Incidents								
Academic year	Pupils suspended			Total Suspensions			Reason for suspension	
	North Yorkshire	Skipton and Ripon (mainstream)	Percentage of North Yorkshire total (pupils)	North Yorkshire	Skipton and Ripon (mainstream)	Percentage of North Yorkshire total (incidents)	Most common reason (Skipton and Ripon)	Most common reason (North Yorkshire)
2018/19	2149	215	10%	5970	501	9.50%	Persistent disruptive behaviour (50.4%)	Persistent or general disruptive behaviour (48.7%)
2019/20	1578	191	12%	4365	620	15.60%	Persistent or general disruptive behaviour (52.9%)	Persistent or general disruptive behaviour (48.2%)
2020/21	1578	206	13%	3553	563	15.70%	Persistent or general disruptive behaviour (29.8%)	Persistent or general disruptive behaviour (40.0%)
2021/22	2046	297	15%	5197	676	13.40%	Persistent or general disruptive behaviour (47.1%)	Persistent or general disruptive behaviour (45.5%)
2022/23	2753	367	13%	7639	839	11%	Persistent disruptive behaviour (42.0%)	Persistent or general disruptive behaviour (48.2%)
2023/24	3114	370	12%	9960	909	9%	Persistent disruptive behaviour (40.2%)	Persistent or general disruptive behaviour (53.4%)

In 2023/24, schools in the committee area had a 18% share of the total schools' population in North Yorkshire and had a 9% share of suspensions for the whole county.

4.2 Permanent exclusions

In 2023/24, there were 122 permanent exclusions from all schools in the county, 10 (8%) of which were for children in Skipton and Ripon mainstream schools. In the same period of 2022/23, there were 96 permanent exclusions, 10 of which were from the Skipton and Ripon area.

Academic year	Skipton and Ripon	North Yorkshire	Percentage of North Yorkshire total
2018/19	7	87	8%
2019/20	6	51	11.76%
2020/21	6	26	23.08%
2021/22	7	55	12.73%
2022/23	10	96	10%
2023/24	10	122	8%

In 2023/24, schools in the committee area had a 18% share of the total schools' population in North Yorkshire and had a 8% share of permanent exclusions for the whole county.

4.3 Responding to increasing exclusion from schools

It is important to note that the decision to suspend or permanently exclude from school can only be made by the school's headteacher as a last resort. The increasing rates of suspensions and permanent exclusions were discussed as part of an 'Education Matters' conference held in Harrogate in November 2024.

The North Yorkshire response has also included outreach support for schools through SEND Locality Hub teams, offering outreach services for children at risk of suspension or permanent exclusion.

5.0 Special Education Needs and Disabilities

5.1 SEN Statistics for Committee area

There are 831 children in the committee area with a North Yorkshire funded EHC plan (December 2024). This is 15.5% of the North Yorkshire total. The most common needs are:

- Autism (40%) (34% for North Yorkshire)
- Social Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH, 21%) (19% for North Yorkshire)
- Speech Language and Communication (SLCN, 13%) (17% for North Yorkshire)

There are 1765 children in the committee area who are accessing SEN Support in North Yorkshire schools, 2024 School Census (January). This is 16.7% of the North Yorkshire total. The most common needs are:

- Specific Learning Difficulties (e.g. Dyslexia, 24%) (22% for North Yorkshire)
- Social Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH, 20%) (19% for North Yorkshire)
- Speech, Language and Communication (SLCN, 18%) (20% for North Yorkshire)

5.2 Demand for Education, Health and Care plans (EHC plans)

Whilst requests for Education, Health and Care plans (EHC plans) shows some sign of slowing, demand for assessments continues to be historically high.

The 2022/23 academic year saw 1263 requests for assessment for an EHC plan received, the highest number since EHC plans were introduced. Slightly fewer requests were received by North Yorkshire Council in 2023/24, a total of 1196. 181 (18.3%) of these were for children or young people living in the committee area in 2023/24, this is approximately 10% decrease on the 200 in 2022/23.

Additional capacity has been built into North Yorkshire Council's Educational Psychology Service this is expected to have an impact on the timeliness of responding to assessment requests.

5.3 SEND provision

Providing appropriate provision to children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) has become an area of increasing pressure on resources in local authorities throughout the country. Aligned with our Local Area Partnership Strategy the Council continues to maintain a focus upon working with mainstream schools to strengthen the offer for children with SEN so the vast majority can be educated within their local communities. Additionally, the council also have an agreed £20.5m capital programme to develop more specialist places for children across the county. This includes developing Targeted Mainstream Provision as well as increasing Special School places.

In the Skipton and Ripon constituency there are capital schemes underway which will further enhance the offer to children in the area. The former Ings Primary School site is undergoing a complete renovation in order to provide a dedicated 6th form site which Brooklands School will operate once complete in April 2025. This facility will enhance both the capacity and quality of facilities for children who require a special school place. Separately, a new Targeted Mainstream Provision has been delivered at Dishforth Airfield Community Primary School. This will further enhance the local offer for children with Social, Emotional and Mental Health needs. Dialogue between schools and the council to further increase the number of TMPs continues within the committee area and across the county.

6.0 Elective Home Education

Total EHE

As of the end of the 23/24 academic year there were 1303 children recorded as Electively Home Educated (EHE) in North Yorkshire, 149 (11.4%) of which were formerly attending a school in the Skipton and Ripon area. At the same point in the previous year, there were 953 children EHE in North Yorkshire, 118 formerly from a school in Skipton and Ripon. This represents a 26% increase of children recorded as EHE in the area, compared to a 37% increase in North Yorkshire as a whole.

Academic Year	Skipton & Ripon EHE	Percentage of Total North Yorkshire EHE	Total North Yorkshire EHE
22/23	118	12.4%	953
23/24	149	11.4%	1303

In 2023/24, schools in the committee area had a 18% share of the total schools' population in North Yorkshire and had a 11.4% share of electively home educated children and young people for the whole county.

Becoming EHE

In the 2023/24 academic year, 821 children became EHE in North Yorkshire, 85 of which were formerly educated in a school in the Skipton and Ripon constituency area. This figure in the previous academic year (2022/23) was 50 from Skipton and Ripon out of 482 becoming EHE in North Yorkshire.

The government has set out plans to introduce a requirement for families subject to a protection plan to get council permission before removing a child from school to be home-educated as part of the Children's Wellbeing Bill (December 2024).

Earlier this year it also announced plans to introduce a national register in England to help account for all home-educated children.

7.0 School Finance

7.1 2023/2024 School Revenue Balances

Local Authority maintained school revenue balances as at 31 March 2024 are summarised below, together with a comparison with 2023. The balances are also expressed as a percentage of school delegated budgets.

	Primary & Nursery 161 schools	Secondary 14 schools	Special 6 schools	Pupil Referral Unit 4 schools	Total 185 schools
Total School Revenue Balances (Net) as at 31 March 2024	£15,522k	-£448k	£303k	£810k	£16,187k
% of Revenue Budget	12.6%	-0.8%	1.7%	31.2%	8.1%
No. Schools with an Accumulated Revenue Budget Surplus as at 31 March 2024	143	10	4	4	161
No. Schools with an Accumulated Revenue Budget Deficit as at 31 March 2024	18	4	2	0	24
<i>Comparison to total school revenue balance (net) as at 31 March 2023</i>	<i>+£1,288k</i>	<i>+£639k</i>	<i>+£1,191k</i>	<i>+£57k</i>	<i>+£3,175k</i>

(The number of school budgets submitted to the local authority for 2023/24 is lower than the total number of local authority maintained schools operating within North Yorkshire due to a number of school federations operating a single, amalgamated budget covering all of the schools within the federation)

24 schools (13% of LA Maintained schools) had an accumulated revenue budget deficit totalling £5.3M as at 31 March 2024. An analysis of the budget deficits by school phase is detailed in the table below:

	Primary & Nursery	Secondary	Special	Pupil Referral Unit	Total
No. Schools with an Accumulated Revenue Budget Deficit as at 31 March 2024	18	4	2	0	24
Total School Revenue Deficit Balances as at 31 March 2024	-£825k	-£2,793k	-£1,698k	N/A	-£5,316k
Average Value of Accumulated Revenue	-£46k	-£698k	-£849k	N/A	-£221k

Budget Deficit as at 31 March 2024					
Highest Accumulated Revenue Budget Deficit as at 31 March 2024	-£184k	-£959k	-£1,631k	N/A	-£1,631k
Lowest Accumulated Revenue Budget Deficit as at 31 March 2024	-£1.4k	-£493k	-£67k	N/A	-£1.4k

7.2 School Budget Projections - Based on 2024/25 Revised budgets

The 2024/25 Revised Budgets submitted to the local authority by schools in December 2024 are summarised below:

	Primary & Nursery 148 schools	Secondary 12 schools	Special 5 schools	Pupil Referral Unit 4 schools	Total 169 schools
Total Forecast School Revenue Balances (Net) as at 31 March 2025	£11,045k	-£678k	-£1,769k	£728k	£9,326k
No. Schools with an Accumulated Forecast Revenue Budget Surplus as at 31 March 2025	125	6	4	4	139
Average Value of Accumulated Forecast Revenue Budget Surplus as at 31 March 2025	£101k	£303k	£52k	£182k	£110k
No. Schools with an Accumulated Forecast Budget Deficit as at 31 March 2025	23	6	1	0	30
Average Value of Accumulated Forecast Revenue Budget Deficit as at 31 March 2025	-£67k	-£416k	-£1,976k	£0k	-£200k
<i>Comparison to total school revenue balance as at 31st March 2024</i>	<i>-£4,477k</i>	<i>-£230k</i>	<i>-£2,072k</i>	<i>-£82k</i>	<i>-£6,861k</i>

(The overall number of individual school budgets have reduced from 185 to 169 between the 2023/24 and 2024/25 financial years due to 14 schools converting to academy status and 2 schools closing).

7.3 School Finance and Funding Issues

- The Government's 30 October 2024 Budget announced total core school funding is increasing nationally by £2.3 billion in 2025/26. This includes funding through the schools NFF, high needs funding, Central School Service Block (CSSB) of the Dedicated schools grant (DSG) and pupil premium. Of the £2.3 billion increase in total school funding, £1.3 billion will cover:
 - the remaining costs of the 2024 teachers' pay award in mainstream schools, so that the full 12 months of salary costs are fully funded at a national level;
 - an increase to the mainstream schools NFF; and,
 - increases to the pupil premium and other elements of core funding.
- The remaining £1 billion of the additional £2.3bn core school funding will be added to the overall high needs budget.
- The 2025/26 school funding formula factor values have been increased to include the rolling in of the previously separate grants in 2024/25 of Teachers Pay Additional Grant (TPAG), Teachers Pension Employer Contribution Grant (TPECG) and Core School Budget Grant (CSBG). The floor is 'cash flat' at 0%, after taking account of the funding that schools received through TPAG, TPECG and CSBG in 2024/25. The DfE require local authorities to set the 2025/26 Minimum Funding Guarantee funding protection level for schools between **minus 0.5% and 0%**. The DfE anticipate that further funding, in respect of the increase in employers' National Insurance contributions, will be provided in 2025/26 by a grant outside the School National Funding Formula. However, the DfE have stated that schools will be required to fund the teaching and support staff pay awards from their 2025/26 budget allocations, with no additional funding support.
- School budgets have experienced significant cost pressures in the 2024/25 financial year, this position is expected to continue for the 2025/26 financial year. Cost pressures include:
 - Below forecast inflation increases in school funding provided by Government for the 2024/25 and 2025/26 financial years this is likely to be particularly challenging for many schools in respect of meeting pay award costs for the 2025/26 financial year.
 - Cost pressures associated with supporting an increasing number of pupils with additional SEND support needs.
- North Yorkshire secondary schools are placed 142 out of 151 local authorities in terms of funding level per pupil. On average, a school in North Yorkshire will receive £6,326 per pupil in 2024-25 compared to a national average of £6,879. Comparing the funding for a 1,500 pupil secondary school this equates to a difference in funding of £0.83m. The funding for North Yorkshire primary schools is more favourable with a position 34 out of 151 local authorities in terms of the funding level per pupil. For primary schools, a North Yorkshire school will receive on average £5,381 per pupil compared to a national average of £5,281. The average funding position in relation to primary schools in North Yorkshire is influenced by the levels of the lump sum and

sparsity funding received through the DfE National Funding Formula by the relatively high number of small, rural primary schools within the local authority area.

- North Yorkshire has a number of schools that, geographically, are vital in serving their local communities. Inadequate sparsity funding and general financial pressures for smaller, rural secondary schools, continues to be a significant concern. NYC utilises the provision in the DfE National Funding Formula (NFF) to locally provide additional lump sum funding of £50k for the smallest (less than 350 pupils), most rural secondary schools. NYC continues to lobby the DfE and local MPs for higher levels of funding for the small, rural secondary schools within the LA.

7.4 Local Authority Support for Schools in Financial Difficulty

- The Local Authority adopts a number of measures to support schools facing financial difficulty:
 - the use of a financial risk rating framework to determine the level of support, challenge and intervention undertaken at individual school level,
 - the escalation path for financial intervention including the use of Notices of Financial Concern, where deemed appropriate. Currently, ten schools are subject to a Notice of Financial Concern.
 - the undertaking of School Resource Management reviews in individual schools where this has been identified as an appropriate intervention through the risk rating process. The reviews are either commissioned from the DfE or undertaken by LA staff with the SRMA accreditation and based on the DfE School Resource Management Adviser (SRMA) model.
 - continuing to undertake research into small school financial effectiveness to identify and share best practice
 - review of the Schools Financial Value Standard (SFVS) and Resource Management dashboard in financially challenged schools
 - continuing the promotion of school collaboration and the sharing of best practice in terms of effective resource management between schools
 - the provision of Headteacher and Governor finance briefings and training
 - continuing to lobby DfE for fairer funding for North Yorkshire schools, especially in relation to small, rural secondary schools.
- In 2023/24 North Yorkshire Council received a funding allocation of £972k to support individual schools in financial difficulty. The local authority developed an eligibility criteria and an associated funding allocation methodology to distribute the funding to schools in financial difficulty. The DfE have stated that the funding was one-off for the 2023-24 financial only and has not continued for 2024-25.

7.5 Schools Financial Position – Skipton & Ripon

2023/24
<p>42 schools projecting to be in budget surplus as at 31 March 2024 4 schools projecting to be in deficit by March 2024; 9% of schools in Skipton & Ripon (1 nursery, 2 primary, 1 secondary)</p> <p>Projected average nursery surplus = £24k Projected average primary surplus = £85k Projected average secondary surplus = £343k Projected average special surplus = £179k Projected average PRU surplus = £22k</p> <p>Projected average nursery deficit = -£20k Projected average primary deficit = -£48k Projected average secondary deficit = -£709k Projected average special deficit = N/A Projected average PRU deficit = N/A</p> <p>(Data Source – 2024/25 Revised Budgets)</p>

2024/25
<p>39 schools projecting to be in budget surplus as at 31 March 2024 7 schools projecting to be in deficit by March 2025; 15% of schools in Skipton & Ripon (1 nursery, 4 primary, 2 secondary)</p> <p>Projected average nursery surplus = £93k Projected average primary surplus = £71k Projected average secondary surplus = £350k Projected average special surplus = £48k Projected average PRU surplus = £134k</p> <p>Projected average nursery deficit = -£135k Projected average primary deficit = -£44k Projected average secondary deficit = -£302k Projected average special deficit = N/A Projected average PRU deficit = N.A</p> <p>(Data Source – 2024/25 Revised Budgets)</p>

8.0 Planning school places

8.1 School sustainability

The sustainability of schools is largely influenced by three key factors which are usually related to each other:

- Falling pupil rolls
- School performance
- Financial difficulty

Where school closures have occurred in North Yorkshire these factors have been relevant. There have been nine school closures in the county over the last three years which included the following three in the committee area:-

- Baldersby St James CE Primary School, closed with effect from 31 August 2022
- Skelton Newby Hall CE VC Primary School, closed with effect from 31 August 2023; and.
- Fountains Earth, Lofthouse CE Endowed Primary School, closed with effect from 31 March 2024

8.2 Pupil rolls – current and future

In accordance with the Education Act, 1996 the Council has a statutory duty to ensure sufficient school places are available for every child. For this purpose, it groups schools together into planning areas in accordance with the requirements of the DfE. Appendix 1 shows the planning areas for the Skipton and Ripon Committee area together with:

- The schools and academies in each area
- Capacity in the planning area
- Current numbers on roll
- Projected future numbers
- Projected impact of approved housing developments

The Council is carefully monitoring pupil numbers across the Skipton and Ripon committee area. A large proportion of the area is rural and served by small schools located within villages. A falling birth rate combined with other demographic changes means that a number of small schools are facing financial challenges associated with low numbers on roll. In the committee area there are examples of schools working innovatively to mitigate these challenges. This includes collaborative working between schools, including in federations. For all small schools the fluctuation of pupil numbers exacerbates the already challenging nature of school funding.

The general picture across the whole of the county shows projected growth in the urban areas contrasting with declining numbers in rural locations. There are several social and economic reasons for this. Currently, there are several areas where the numbers on roll are falling and there is surplus capacity in the school system.

Appendix 1 does not include projections of pupil yield from housing development sites proposed in the adopted Harrogate District Local Plan or the Craven Local Plan but that do not yet have planning approval. Within the committee area development is planned for Skipton town, Ripon and those areas of the West of Harrogate that are situated within the committee boundary.

The key points to note within the planning areas across the committee area, and which have a potential impact upon school places, are:

8.3 Primary

Ripon City

In addition to developments currently on-site or those with outstanding permission within Ripon City, an outline planning application for 1,300 units at Claro Barracks, Deverell Barracks and Laver Banks includes land for a new two form entry primary school. There is some capacity in existing primary schools in Ripon to cater for the first phase of housing development (at Deverell Barracks). Council officers are working collaboratively with Homes England and Defence Infrastructure Organisation on the provision of a school site on part of Claro Barracks and associated s.106 education contributions. Officers will continue to monitor the requirement for a new primary school.

It is assumed that a new school would initially open for nursery and reception pupils. The second year of opening would see Nursery, Reception and Year 1 pupils accommodated, adding a further year group for the third year and beyond until a full roll of 210 is achieved. This is in common with the opening profile for many newly established schools and helps to avoid destabilising existing provision. Further expansion of the school up to a two-form entry would be in line with growth in pupil numbers from the catchment area.

Boroughbridge

There are a high number of housing permissions in this area and officers are monitoring the situation carefully in Boroughbridge Town and Kirby Hill in terms of school place planning.

In response to the housing developments in Boroughbridge, additional capacity was added to Boroughbridge Community Primary School (60 places) in September 2024.

Officers continue to monitor pupil numbers arising from the development in consultation with the local schools including Kirby Hill CE VC Primary School.

Harrogate Primary Outer

There is significant housing development planned / underway in the west of Harrogate. Beckwithshaw Community Primary School (Harrogate Outer Area) is located close to some of these developments.

The West of Harrogate Parameters Plan document was adopted in February 2022. The purpose of this document is to create an aligned, holistic site approach, addressing matters such as land use, access and movement, provision of community facilities and schools, green and blue infrastructure, public transport, cycling and pedestrian links, and phasing. Two primary school sites are provisionally indicated, within the area of the development.

Skipton Town

During the consultation on the Craven Local Plan the need for two additional primary schools within Skipton town was identified. It was suggested that one of these could be located on land already within NYC's ownership to the north west of the town (Raikeswood Drive), and the other could be within sites to the east of the town (Airedale Ave and Elsey Croft). Other options for providing additional places within the town were also considered and a planning application was approved by the planning authority in 2022 for an expansion of Greatwood Primary Academy. This could add an additional 210 places to the primary school without the need to build a new school on one of the sites reserved.

A review of pupil forecast data has not yet shown the need for additional places within the timescale originally envisaged, it was therefore agreed that the delivery of the project should be deferred until such a time as the additional places are required.

Officers continue to monitor the pupil numbers arising from the development.

8.4 Secondary

Ripon Secondary Schools

There are three secondary schools in the Ripon area; Ripon Grammar School, Outwood Ripon Academy and Nidderdale High School and Community College, Pateley Bridge. The scale of anticipated development for Ripon and the surrounding area, including the Ripon Barracks site, does not warrant the introduction of a new secondary school in the town area. The LA is expecting to secure developer contributions to enable the expansion of provision on an existing secondary city site(s) and have commenced discussions about how to introduce additional capacity.

Skipton Secondary Schools

There are currently 141 surplus places across the secondary schools in Skipton and as such there are no plans to create any additional secondary school places in the town in the short term. The pupil forecasts are indicating there could be a shortfall of 201 places by 2029/30 once all the housing developments within the local plan are built out, assuming the pupil yield from those developments are as expected. The pupil yield and forecast data will continue to be monitored.

South Craven School

The Bradford Local Plan includes a target for new homes in Silsden of 700 homes, and in Steeton and Eastburn of 169 homes. Using our usual multiplier of 1 secondary aged pupil from every 8 houses, this would generate approximately 108 secondary aged pupils. The Craven Local Plan includes proposals for housing in Glusburn/Crosshills, Cononley, Cowling, Farnhill & Kildwick, and Sutton-in-Craven, which would generate approximately 20 secondary aged pupils.

South Craven School currently has around 267 pupils on roll from outside its catchment area who reside in the Bradford Local Authority area. If there were to be increased demand from within the school's own catchment area, the proportion of out-of-catchment area pupils would decrease over time.

9.0 Recommendation

9.1 That Members note the report on educational factors in the Skipton and Ripon committee area.

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APPENDIX 1

Planning Areas and forecast surplus/shortfall school places as of 31 August 2024

School planning area	Places available as of 2023/2024	Number on Roll 2019/2020	Number on roll 2023/2024	Surplus Capacity 2023/2024	Forecast pupils as of 2028/2029	Pupils from current housing permissions until 2028/2029	Surplus capacity 2028/2029
*School located in a neighbouring committee area							
PRIMARY							
Boroughbridge Primary Area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boroughbridge Primary* Kirby Hill CE Roecliffe CE 	474	330	403	71	430	53	-9
Boroughbridge Primary Outer Area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dishforth Airfield CP Great Ouseburn CP* Green Hammerton CE* Kirk Hammerton CE* Marton-cum-Grafton CE Nun Monkton Primary* St Peter's Brafferton CE* Staveley CP* 	784	551	583	201	570	36	178
Total (Boroughbridge Primary & Boroughbridge Primary Outer)	1258	881	986	272	1000	89	169
Harrogate Primary Outer Area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All Saint's CE School* Askwith CP Beckwithshaw CP Birstwith CE Admiral Long CE Darley CP Follifoot CE* Hampsthwaite CE* Kettlesing Felliscliffe CP Killinghall CE* North Rigton CE Ripley Endowed* Sicklinghall CE* Spofforth CE* 	1377	1198	1037	340	870	119	388
Masham Primary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Masham CE VA Primary 	116	113	70	46	57	6	53
Nidderdale Primary Outer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dacre Braithwaite CE Glasshouses CP 	221	211	207	14	191	6	24

• Summerbridge CP							
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North Craven Primary Outer • Austwick CE • Bentham CP • Giggleswick Primary • Hellifield CP • Ingleton Primary • Long Preston Endowed VA	729	499	529	200	541	58	130

Pateley Bridge Primary • St Cuthbert's CE Primary	119	83	55	64	37	7	75
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Ripon Primary • Holy Trinity CofE Infant School • Holy Trinity CofE Junior School • Moorside Primary School • Outwood Academy Greystone • Ripon Cathedral CE • Sharow CE • St Wilfrid's Catholic Primary	1279	1168	1111	168	997	170	112
Ripon Primary Outer • Bishop Monkton CE • Burton Leonard CE • Fountains CE • Grewelthorpe CE • Kirkby Malzeard CE • Markington CE • North Stainley CE	595	537	498	97	496	26	73
Total (Ripon Primary & Ripon Primary Outer)	1874	1705	1609	265	1493	196	185

Settle Primary • Settle CE	210	180	194	16	170	11	29
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Skipton Primary • Christ Church CE • Skipton Parish Church CE • Skipton, Greatwood CP • Skipton, Water Street CP • St Stephen's Catholic	1139	963	917	222	798	106	235
Skipton Primary Outer • Bradleys Both CP • Burnsall VA Primary • Carleton Endowed CE • Cracoe and Rylstone CE • Embsay CE • Gargrave CE • Grassington CE • Kettlewell Primary • Kirkby in Malhamdale United VA • The Boyle and Petyt Primary • Thornton in Craven CP • Threshfield School	1323	1051	1040	283	1019	47	257
Total (Skipton Primary and Skipton Primary Outer)	2462	2014	1957	505	1817	153	492

South Craven Primary • Glusburn CP • Sutton in Craven CE • Sutton-in-Craven CP	731	699	676	55	603	19	109
South Craven Primary Outer • Cononley CP • Cowling CP • Kildwick CE • Lothersdale Primary	508	515	519	-11	495	18	-5
Total (South Craven Primary and South Craven Primary Outer)	1239	1214	1195	44	1098	37	104

Thirsk Outer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alanbrooke School* • Carlton Miniott Primary Academy* Knayton CE Academy* • Sessay CE VC Primary* • South Kilvington CE VC Primary* • Topcliffe CE Academy* • Dishforth CE • Pickhill CE* 	912	829	813	99	761	31	120
SECONDARY	Places available as of 2023/2024	Number on Roll 2019/2020	Number on roll 2023/2024	Surplus Capacity 2023/2024	Forecast pupils as of 2028/2029	Pupils from current housing permissions until 2028/2029	Surplus capacity 2028/2029
Harrogate & Rural Secondary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nidderdale High • Harrogate Grammar* • Rossett School* • Harrogate High* • St John Fisher Catholic High* • St Aidan's CE High* 	7749	7924	7530	219	7569	335	-155
Mid Craven Secondary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ermysted's Grammar School • Skipton Girls' High School • The Skipton Academy • Upper Wharfedale School 	2826	2268	2668	158	2740	48	38
North Craven Secondary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Settle College 	675	645	596	79	548	39	105
Ripon & Rural Secondary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outwood Academy Ripon • Ripon Grammar School 	1675	1620	1627	48	1503	127	45
South Craven Secondary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South Craven School 	1806	1806	1868	-62	1858	12	-64

Note

- School planning areas are groups of schools which are used for assessing current and future pupil demand for school place provision and structured according to DfE guidelines.
- Figures above take into account outstanding housing permissions, but not undetermined planning applications or draft Local Plan proposals. Pupil yield from housing is based on 25% for primary aged pupils and 13% for secondary aged pupils.