

**North Yorkshire Council
Harrogate & Knaresborough Area Committee
20 March 2025**

Schools Update Report

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 Harrogate & Knaresborough area committee.

2.0 Local educational landscape

2.1 As of 31 August 2024 there was a total of 39 schools and academies within the Harrogate and Knaresborough Committee area. The table below shows the number of schools and academies both in the County as a whole and in the area covered by the committee by school type.

Summary of schools' status – 31 August 2024

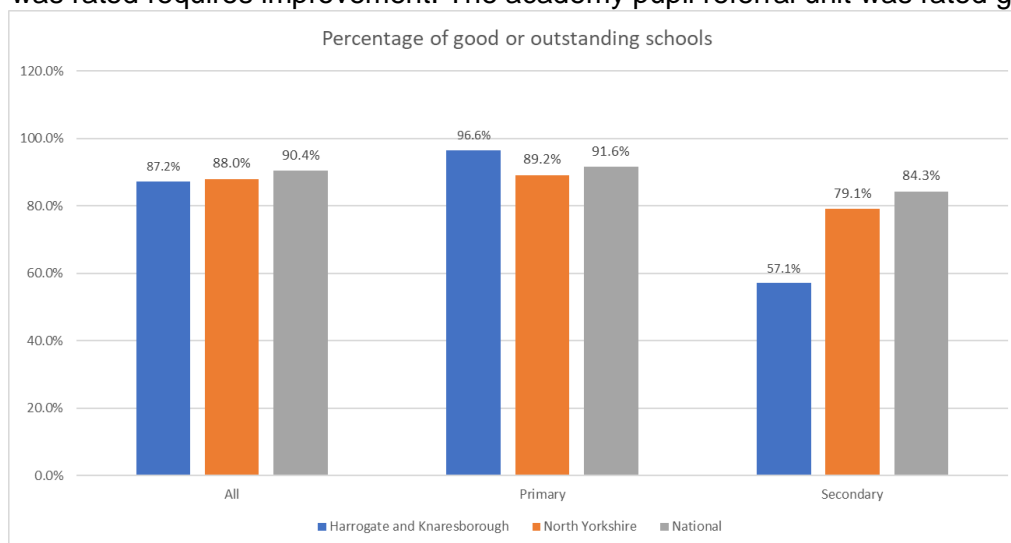
	Schools in North Yorkshire		Schools in Harrogate & Knaresborough AC	
Primary Maintained	173	58.6%	8	27.6%
Primary Academy & Free School	122	41.4%	21	72.4%
Total	295		29	
Secondary Maintained	13	30.2%	2	28.6%
Secondary Academy	30	69.8%	5	71.4%
Total	43		7	
Special Maintained	6	60%	1	50%
Special Academy	4	40%	1	50%
Total	10		2	
PRU Maintained	4	80%	0	0%
PRU Academy	1	20%	1	100%
Total	5		1	
Total maintained	196	55.5%	11	28.2%
Total Academy	157	44.5%	28	71.8%
Overall Total	353		39	

3.0 School standards

3.1 School Ofsted judgements

In the committee area, as of August 2024, 96.6% of primary schools were judged Good or Outstanding by Ofsted, which is above the North Yorkshire and National averages. In terms of secondary schools, 57.1% were judged Good or Outstanding lower than the North Yorkshire and National averages. Overall, there are 5 schools judged 'requires improvement', none are 'inadequate' in the committee area.

At the time of writing, of the two Special Schools located within the constituency area, one was judged good by Ofsted at its most recent graded inspection, and the other was rated requires improvement. The academy pupil referral unit was rated good.



100% (34 of 34) 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.

3.2 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 to 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.

3.3 Early Years Foundation Stage Profile (EYFSP)

In 2024, 72.1% 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 higher proportion of pupils within the committee area achieved a good level of development compared with both North Yorkshire and national comparable figures.

Early Years Foundation Stage Profile – percentage achieving a good level of development			
	Harrogate and Knaresborough	North Yorks	National
2019	72.8%	72.8%	71.8%
No scores due to covid			
2022	70.0%	68.3%	65.2%
2023	70.8%	70.3%	67.2%
2024	72.1%	71.2%	67.7%

3.4 Key Stage 2

In 2024, 60.7% of children in the committee area achieved the expected standard in reading, writing and maths, which is higher than the North Yorkshire average and similar to 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.			
	Harrogate and Knaresborough	North Yorks	National
2019	68.8%	63.4%	64.9%
No scores due to covid			
2022	62.3%	56.6%	58.9%
2023	58.1%	56.1%	60.0%
2024	60.7%	57.8%	61.0%

3.5 Key Stage 4

The average Attainment 8 score, which measures the achievement of a pupil across eight qualifications, was 50.1 for the committee area in 2024. This is above both the North Yorkshire and national comparable figures.

Key Stage 4 - Average Attainment 8 score			
	Harrogate and Knaresborough	North Yorks	National
2019	52.7	48.7	46.7
No scores due to covid			
2022	54.0	50.3	48.8
2023	49.5	46.8	46.3
2024	50.1	46.8	46.1

The percentage achieving a grade 5 or above (grading is 9-1) in English and Maths (Basics measure) was 54.6% 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			
	Harrogate and Knaresborough	North Yorks	National
2019	54.7%	47.4%	43.2%
No scores due to covid			
2022	61.8%	53.8%	49.8%
2023	50.3%	46.0%	45.3%
2024	54.6%	47.7%	46.1%

3.6 Not in education, employment or training

There were 1145 young people recorded in Year 11 living in this committee area in May 2024 and of this cohort only 16 (1.4%) were not in education, employment or training after leaving school as of January 2025. The figure compares favourably with the overall North Yorkshire figure of 1.7% 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. 519 of these children were on roll of mainstream schools in the Harrogate & Knaresborough committee area.

Suspension Incidents								
Academic year	Pupils suspended			Total Suspensions			Reason for suspension	
	North Yorkshire	Harrogate and Knaresborough (mainstream)	Percentage of North Yorkshire total (pupils)	North Yorkshire	Harrogate and Knaresborough (mainstream)	Percentage of North Yorkshire total (incidents)	Most common reason (Harrogate and Knaresborough)	Most common reason (North Yorkshire)
2018/19	2149	333	15%	5970	998	16.72%	Persistent disruptive behaviour (43.2%)	Persistent or general disruptive behaviour (48.7%)
2019/20	1578	238	15%	4365	577	13.22%	Persistent or general disruptive behaviour (34.9%)	Persistent or general disruptive behaviour (48.2%)
2020/21	1578	238	15%	3553	502	14.13%	Persistent or general disruptive behaviour (37.7%)	Persistent or general disruptive behaviour (40.0%)
2021/22	2046	314	15%	5197	794	15.28%	Persistent or general disruptive behaviour (40%)	Persistent or general disruptive behaviour (45.5%)
2022/23	2753	459	17%	7639	1142	15%	Persistent disruptive behaviour (42.0%)	Persistent or general disruptive behaviour (48.2%)
2023/24	3114	519	17%	9960	1660	17%	Persistent disruptive behaviour (51.5%)	Persistent or general disruptive behaviour (53.4%)

In 2023/24, schools in the committee area had a 20% share of the total schools' population in North Yorkshire and had a 17% 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, 16 (13%) of which were for children in Harrogate and Knaresborough mainstream schools. In the same period of 2022/23, there were 96 permanent exclusions, 15 of which were from the Harrogate and Knaresborough area.

Academic year	Harrogate and Knaresborough	North Yorkshire	Percentage of North Yorkshire total
2018/19	14	87	16%
2019/20	11	51	21.57%
2020/21	5	26	19.23%
2021/22	10	55	18.18%
2022/23	15	96	16%
2023/24	16	122	13%

In 2023/24, schools in the committee area had a 20% share of the total schools' population in North Yorkshire and had a 13% 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

5.1.1 SEN Statistics for Committee area

979 children in committee area with a North Yorkshire funded EHC plan (December 2024) 18.2% of the North Yorkshire total. The most common needs are:

- Autism (47%) (34% in North Yorkshire)
- Social Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH, 18%) (19% in North Yorkshire)
- Speech Language and Communication (SLCN, 11%) (17% in North Yorkshire)

2087 in committee area with SEN Support in North Yorkshire schools, 2024 School Census (January) 19.7% of the North Yorkshire total. The most common needs are:

- Specific Learning Difficulties ((e.g. Dyslexia), 29%) (22% in North Yorkshire)
- Social Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH, 18%) (19% in North Yorkshire)
- Speech, Language and Communication (SLCN, 17%) (20% in North Yorkshire)

5.2 Increasing 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. 196 (16.4%) were for children or young people living in the committee area in 2023/24, a circa. 4% decrease on the 205 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 Harrogate and Knaresborough constituency there are capital schemes underway which will further enhance the offer to children in the area. An expansion of Springwater School is well underway and set for completion by September 2025. This facility will provide 45 additional places and enhance the quality of facilities for children who require a special school place. Additionally, building works at the former Woodfield Primary School site to provide a new special school for children with Autism is progressing well. Completion is expected in the summer of 2025 and work is ongoing with the DfE to finalise the Academy Trust to run the new school. Separately, Targeted Mainstream Provision roll out continues to be a priority. Dialogue between 5 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, 152 (11.67%) of which were formerly attending a school in Harrogate & Knaresborough AC. At the same point in the previous year, there were 953 children EHE in North Yorkshire, 115 formerly from a school in Harrogate & Knaresborough. This represents a 32.2% increase in the area, compared to a 37% increase in North Yorkshire as a whole.

	Harrogate and Knaresborough EHE	Harrogate & Knaresborough EHE % of all North Yorkshire EHE	Total North Yorkshire EHE
22/23	115	12.07%	953
23/24	152	11.67%	1303

In 2023/24, schools in the committee area had a 20% share of the total schools’ population in North Yorkshire and had a 11.7% 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, 110 of which were formerly educated in a school in the Harrogate and Knaresborough AC. This figure in the previous academic year (2022/23) was 53 from Harrogate and Knaresborough AC 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>	+£1,288k	+£639k	+£1,191k	+£57k	+£3,175k

(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 Budget Deficit as at 31 March 2024	-£46k	-£698k	-£849k	N/A	-£221k
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	Secondary	Special	Pupil Referral Unit	Total
	148 schools	12 schools	5 schools	4 schools	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 – Harrogate & Knaresborough

2023/24	2024/25
<p>7 schools projecting to be in budget surplus as at 31 March 2024 3 schools projecting to be in deficit by March 2024; 30% of schools in Harrogate & Knaresborough (2 primary, 1 secondary)</p> <p>Projected average primary surplus = £130k Projected average secondary surplus = £143k Projected average special surplus = £67k</p> <p>Projected average primary deficit = -£70k Projected average secondary deficit = -£633k Projected average special deficit = N/A</p> <p>(Data Source – 2024/25 Revised Budgets)</p>	<p>6 schools projecting to be in budget surplus as at 31 March 2025 4 schools projecting to be in deficit by March 2025; 40% of schools in Harrogate & Knaresborough (3 primary, 1 secondary)</p> <p>Projected average primary surplus = £222k Projected average secondary surplus = £178k Projected average special surplus = £79k</p> <p>Projected average primary deficit = -£97k Projected average secondary deficit = -£550k Projected average special 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 standards
- Financial difficulty

Where school closures have occurred in North Yorkshire these factors have been relevant. During the period 1 September 2021 to 31 August 2024 there were nine closures in the county. These included one school within the Harrogate and Knaresborough committee area which was Woodfield Community Primary School and which closed on 31 December 2022.

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 Harrogate and Knaresborough Committee area together with: -

- The schools and academies in each planning 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 Harrogate and Knaresborough committee area. A proportion of the committee area is rural and served by small schools located within villages. A falling birth rate combined with changing demographics 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.

Appendix 1 does not include projections of pupil yield from sites proposed in the former Harrogate District Council Local Plan that do not yet have planning approval, including larger sites to the West of Harrogate. Harrogate, Knaresborough and Ripon will accommodate most of the housing growth over the Local Plan Period.

The key points to note within the planning areas across the committee area are:

8.3 Primary

Boroughbridge Primary Area

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 and we continue to monitor the pace and scale of these developments in relation to school place planning.

Additional capacity was added to Boroughbridge Community Primary School (60 places) for the start of the Autumn term, 2024. Officers will continue to monitor the ongoing impact upon the potential requirement for additional places arising from the development.

Harrogate Primary West

Members will be aware of the significant housing development planned/underway in the Harrogate west area.

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, one on site H49 (Windmill Farm) and one on site H51 (Land East of Whinney Lane).

In addition, an additional site for education has been secured at Penny Pot Lane. Housing development has started at Penny Pot Lane and officers are currently monitoring the pace of housing and the impact on the need for additional school places. Additional capacity has been added to Oatlands Junior School.

Knaresborough Primary Town

A site for education provision has been secured at Manse Farm to primarily serve the Manse Farm development in Knaresborough and the proposed Highfield Farm development. Planning approval was secured in 2020. It is intended that the new school (with nursery provision) will be a free school (a state-funded school, operating as an academy, independent of the local authority). Elevate Multi Academy Trust has been appointed to run the new primary school. Through the 'presumption route' process, NYC is responsible for delivery and funding of the school using a combination of Basic Need Grant and developer contributions.

The age range of the school will be 3-11, providing places for 210 pupils (one form of entry) with the ability to expand to 420 places (two forms of entry) should that be required in the future. The school will provide places for boys and girls (mixed). The school will also support general school place sufficiency in the Knaresborough area and will be opened in a phased approach to avoid destabilising existing provision.

The Council continues to actively encourage the third parties to resolve the issues that are preventing the transfer of the school land to the Council. Only when this is achieved would the Council be able to review and confirm its plans for the proposed school.

8.4 Secondary

Harrogate Secondary

Following discussions in 2019 with the local secondary schools additional capacity has been added at both Rossett School (2 additional classrooms) and Harrogate Grammar School (3 additional classrooms). Both will assist in meeting the expected rise in demand for places as a result of housing growth and pupil numbers will continue to be monitored.

8.5 New Settlement - Maltkiln

The council has requested that provision be made for two primary school sites within the proposed new settlement at Maltkiln. However, it is not expected that the size of the overall development would generate sufficient pupils to require the provision of a new secondary school. It is intended that Boroughbridge High School would be expanded to meet the anticipated growth in secondary pupils from the development. However, safeguarded land for secondary provision is indicated within proposals for Maltkiln, should this be required in the future.

9.0 Recommendation

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| 9.1 That Members note the report on educational factors in the Harrogate and Knaresborough committee area. |
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APPENDIX 1

Planning Areas and forecast surplus/shortfall school places

School planning area	Places available as at 2023/2024	Number on Roll 2019/2020	Number on roll 2023/2024	Surplus Capacity 2023/2024	Forecast pupils as at 2028/2029	Pupils from current housing permissions until 2028/2029	Surplus capacity 2028/29
*School located in a neighbouring committee area							
Primary							
Harrogate Primary Urban Central <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bilton Grange CP • Coppice Valley Primary • Saltergate Community Junior • Saltergate Infant • Starbeck Primary Academy • New Park Primary Academy • St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Harrogate, A Voluntary Academy • Willow Tree CP 	2249	2010	1873	376	1649	161	439
Harrogate Primary Urban East <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grove Road CP • Hookstone Chase Primary • Richard Taylor CE • St Robert's Catholic 	1153	1160	1149	4	1059	98	-4
Harrogate Primary Urban West <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oatlands Infant • Oatlands Junior • Pannal Primary • Rossett Acre Primary • St Peter's CE Primary • Western Primary 	2155	2098	2170	-15	2091	130	-66
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
Total	6934	6466	6229	705	5669	508	757

School planning area	Places available as at 2023/2024	Number on Roll 2019/2020	Number on roll 2023/2024	Surplus Capacity 2023/2024	Forecast pupils as at 2028/2029	Pupils from current housing permissions until 2028/2029	Surplus capacity 2028/29
*School located in a neighbouring committee area							
Boroughbridge Primary Area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boroughbridge Primary Kirby Hill CE* Roecliffe CE* 	474	330	403	71	430	100	-56
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	1258	881	961	297	985	167	106

Knaresborough Primary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aspin Park Academy Meadowside Academy St John's CE Primary St Mary's Primary School Knaresborough, A Voluntary Catholic Academy 	1190	1146	1123	67	965	132	93
Knaresborough Primary Outer Area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Goldsborough CE* Long Marston CE* Scotton Lingerfield Primary Tockwith CE* 	493	428	433	60	424	53	16
Total	1683	1574	1556	127	1389	185	109

Boroughbridge Secondary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boroughbridge High School 	763	481	466	297	493	13	257
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Harrogate & Rural Secondary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harrogate Grammar Rossett School Harrogate High St John Fisher Catholic High St Aidan's CE High Nidderdale High* 	7749	7924	7530	219	7569	335	-155
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Knaresborough Secondary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> King James's School 	1720	1544	1550	170	1652	65	3
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Note

- Figures above take into account outstanding housing permissions, but not undetermined planning applications (including those sites to the West of Harrogate as detailed in the West of Harrogate Parameters Plan) or other Local Plan proposals. Pupil yield from housing is based on 25% for primary aged pupils and 13% for secondary aged pupils.