

North Yorkshire Council

HARROGATE AND KNARESBOROUGH AREA COMMITTEE

2025–26 WORK PROGRAMME

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1. Progress on Issues Raised and Actions from Previous Meetings

Subject and Minute Number	Raised	Notes	Status
Knaresborough Flood Investigation Report	Considered at 25 September 2025 meeting	Feedback passed to Corporate Director of Environment for Decision .	Recommendations approved
Request for information on Harrogate CCTV Control Room	At AC Chairs' and Vice Chairs' Meeting on 6 October 2025	Briefing note circulated to Committee. Regular C&D update planned for 2026 for follow up and any NYP operational questions.	Ongoing
Stroke Care Pathway	Arising from Urgent and Emergency Care Item on 27 November 2024.	AC members were advised of a new Stroke Care Pathway which would take effect from December 2024, redirecting all patients to York rather than York and Leeds as previously. With agreement of Chairs, an implementation review will take place at Scrutiny of Health, as this is a wider issue affecting residents outside Harrogate and Knaresborough.	Agenda item planned for Scrutiny of Health on Monday 9 March 2026 .

2. Items for Forthcoming Committee Meetings

(*Denotes an annual update)

Thursday 27 November 2025, 10:00, Harrogate Civic Centre.

Item	Contact Officer	Notes
Town and Parish Council Communication	Mark Codman (Parish Liaison and Local Devolution Manager)	To discuss the work of the Parish Liaison and Local Devolution Team.
Active Travel Updates	Melisa Burnham (Highways Area 6 Team Leader)	Update on the progress of delivery of active travel schemes in the area.
Air Quality Management Update	Dr Kevin Carr (Divisional Officer, Scientific)	Update on air quality management in the area to include briefing information on smoke control areas.
Business Representation in Harrogate	Martin Mann (CEX of HDCC) and Phill Holdsworth (President of HDCC)	To discuss the concerns of the business community, and how NYC can support and assist them.
Waste Performance Update* (Written Report)	Harry Briggs (Head of Waste Operations and Street Scene)	Written report to include written narrative, summary of current position, and key datapoints. (Regular update for next several meetings, to support performance monitoring by the AC).

Thursday 26 March 2026, 10:00, Harrogate Civic Centre.

Item	Contact Officer	Notes
Harrogate and Knaresborough Youth Councils* (TBC)	North Yorkshire Voice	Update on activities, with the opportunity to put down a motion for debate by members.
Annual School Update Report*	Jon Holden (Strategic Planning Manager)	Educational landscape, achievement and financial challenges,
Active Travel Updates	Jasmin Gibson (Improvement Project Delivery Manager (Area 6))	Update on the progress of delivery of active travel schemes in the area.
Waste Performance Update* (Written Report)	Harry Briggs (Head of Waste Operations and Street Scene)	Written report to include written narrative, summary of current position, and key datapoints. (Regular update for next several meetings, to support performance monitoring by the AC).

3. Future Items of Work

(*Denotes an annual update)

Item	Contact Officer	Notes	Proposed Activity	Proposed Date
Traffic Management and Roadworks	TBC	To consider the processes in place for managing and administering traffic management in Harrogate and Knaresborough and seek feedback from AC.	Area Committee agenda item	TBC
Winter Weather Response	TBC	To address concerns about gritting performance in the area, particularly considering the upcoming winter season, and specific plans relating to the Harrogate and Knaresborough Area which was badly affected in January 2025.	Area Committee agenda item	TBC
Public Transport Functions	TBC	Discussion on co-operation between NYC and YNYCA on delivering local transport functions in Harrogate and Knaresborough.	Area Committee agenda item	Early 2026 – CA's Transport Advisory Board starting to meet in November
Parks and Open Spaces Update	Jon Clubb (Head of Parks and Grounds)	Update on activities and plans in the Harrogate and Knaresborough area.	Area Committee agenda item	Early 2026
Harrogate and Knaresborough Youth Councils*	North Yorkshire Voice	Update on activities, with the opportunity to put down a motion for debate by members.	Area Committee agenda item (last update March 2025)	March 2026*
Annual School Update Report*	Jon Holden (Strategic Planning Manager)	Educational landscape, achievement and financial challenges,	Area Committee agenda item (last update March 2025)	March 2026*
Resilience and Emergencies Briefing*	Matt Robinson (Head of Resilience and Emergencies)	To receive an update on measures taken to prepare for, and respond to, emergencies in the Harrogate and Knaresborough area.	Area Committee agenda item (last update March 2025)	June 2026*
Localities Service Update*	Adele Wilson-Hope (Communities Area Manager (East))	Annual update on the work of the localities service.	Area Committee agenda item (last update June 2025)	June 2026*

Update from Tom Gordon MP	Tom Gordon MP	Update from the MP on activities and projects that affect the area.	Area Committee agenda (last update June 2025)	June 2026*
Update from Mayor David Skaith, YNYCA	Mayor David Skaith	Update from the Mayor on activities and projects that affect the area.	Area Committee agenda (last update September 2025)	September 2026*
Planning Enforcement	Chris Kedde (Senior Planning Enforcement Officer)	Monitor and comment on Planning Enforcement matters of significance to the Harrogate and Knaresborough area.	Ongoing monitoring	
Active Travel and Cycle Schemes	Melisa Burnham (Highways Area Manager)	To review the provision of cycling schemes in the Harrogate and Knaresborough area.	Area Committee agenda item or member briefing	Briefing planned for October 2025, agenda item for November 2025 committee meeting.
Update on Beyond Carbon		A briefing on how this impacts the Harrogate and Knaresborough constituency area.	Member briefing	
Development of the Harrogate Care and Support Hub	At Mid Cycle Briefing on 23 January 2025.	Member briefings currently being arranged throughout the course of the project – dates to follow. (report to Executive, 7 January 2025)	Member briefings	Mid 2026

4. Working Group Activity

Harrogate Station Gateway Working Group	
Membership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Cllr Chris Aldred (Working Group Chair) b) Cllr Hannah Gostlow c) Cllr Sam Gibbs d) Cllr Paul Haslam e) Cllr Robert Windass 	Working Group Meetings <i>(future meetings in italics)</i> <p>Meetings to be arranged approximately quarterly, depending on progress of the scheme.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 17 September 2025 – update meeting.

Housing Liaison Working Group	
Membership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Cllr Matt Walker (Working Group Chair) b) Cllr Sam Gibbs c) Cllr Chris Aldred d) Cllr Peter Lacey e) <i>Vacant</i> 	Working Group Meetings <i>(future meetings in italics)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 May 2025 – scene setting and update meeting. • 25 November 2025 – update meeting.

Climate Change Working Group	
Membership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Cllr Paul Haslam (Working Group Chair) b) Cllr Hannah Gostlow c) Cllr Andrew Timothy d) Cllr Phillip Broadbank e) <i>Vacant</i> 	Working Group Meetings <i>(future meetings in italics)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 July 2025 – Yorkshire Storm Alliance update. • 3 November 2025 - Yorkshire Water Investment in Harrogate and Knaresborough

5. Record of Informal and Virtual Area Committee Sessions *(future sessions in italics)*

- a) 23 April 2025 – Economic Development Briefing

- b) 7 May 2025 – Mid Cycle Briefing (for 5 June 2025 meeting)
- c) 5 June 2025 – Local Plan Issues and Options Consultation Feedback Session
- d) 28 August 2025 – Mid Cycle Briefing (for 25 September 2025 meeting)
- e) 8 September 2025 – Harrogate and Knaresborough Cycle Network Development – joint session with Harrogate Town Council and Knaresborough Town Council.
- f) 22 October 2025 – Active Travel Updates
- g) 23 October 2025 – Mid Cycle Briefing (for 27 November meeting)
- h) 3 November 2025 – Yorkshire Water Investment in Harrogate and Knaresborough
- i) 25 November 2025 – Housing Liaison Working Group (update session).
- j) 16 January 2026 – Budget Session

6. Forward Plan (Harrogate and Knaresborough)

The forward plan is published weekly and is a list of the Council's key decisions that will be made over the next one to four months. These decisions will be made by either the Executive or by officers who have been delegated authority by the Executive. Below is a short summary of decisions which affect the Harrogate and Knaresborough areas. The list is not exhaustive; to see the complete Forward Plan please see the Council's [Forward Plan page](#).

Item	Notice of proposed decision first published	Decision due	Lead member	Lead director	Contact
Harrogate Accommodation Business Improvement District (ABID) Proposal	18 Sep 2025	11 Nov 2025 by Corporate Director of Community Development	Executive Member for Open to Business	Corporate Director of Community Development	Julian Rudd, Head of Economic Development Regeneration
Harrogate Transforming Cities Fund - Project update and Contract Entry Authority	27 Nov 2025	18 Nov 2025 by Executive	Executive Member for Highways & Transportation	Corporate Director of Environment	Richard Binks, Head of Major Projects & Infrastructure
Harrogate Transport Improvements Programme 2 Outcomes	30 May 2025	19 Dec 2025 by Corporate Director of Environment	Executive Member for Highways & Transportation	Corporate Director of Environment	Louise Neale