

North Yorkshire Council

Richmond Yorks Area Committee

2 March 2026

Updates from the previous meeting

1.0 PURPOSE

1.1 To advise of any updates to matters considered at the meeting of the Committee held on 10 November 2025.

2.0 Request for an update on the workload and resources of the Planning team serving this Committee's area

2.1 This matter was raised by Councillor Thompson. The Development Service Manager and the Head of Development Management had arranged to meet with Councillor Thompson to discuss his concerns and determine if any further action was required.

3.0 A684, Morton Flatts and River Swale flooding update

3.1 The Highways team confirmed that the project has been complete. This has now been removed from the Committee's work programme.

4.0 Adherence by contractors to the terms of Streetworks permits

4.1 The Executive Member for Highways and Transportation advised that he had regular contact with NYC officers who monitor/enforce the use of permits and has spoken with the Councillor who raised the issue.

5.0 Update from Waste and Street Scene operations with particular reference to litter and dog waste bin emptying and removal of litter bins

5.1 An update from the Waste and Street Scene team was circulated by email to Members on 17 December 2025 as follows:

Litter bin collections in Romanby

Following an investigation, we identified that recent changes to street scene collection schedules caused some confusion between the household refuse crews and the Street Scene team. Both teams were emptying bins during the same week, which led to missed collections on alternate weeks. This has now been resolved, and responsibilities have been clarified to prevent this from happening again.

We apologise if there have been difficulties in reporting concerns. Residents can report street bins via [our online form on the website](#) or by calling Customer Services on 0300 131 2 131. We acknowledge that responses to online reports have not been as timely as expected, and we have now implemented a new process to ensure residents receive confirmation.

Councillors can report issues or forward emails from residents to wasteandstreetsceneham@northyorks.gov.uk, which is monitored five days a week.

The situation will continue to be closely monitored to maintain service standards and promptly address any further issues.

Waste bins, Stokesley

The bin at Malvern Drive (near Roseberry Drive) was removed a couple of months ago because it was frequently buried inside a hedge, making it difficult to access and maintain. The bin at Carricks Corner was removed earlier in the summer. Both bins were assessed as being underused.

We're sorry for the lack of communication around these changes. We recognise that this has not been ideal and we will in future liaise with parishes about changes to litter bins. If you have any suggestions or requests for alternative locations, please let us know. If the bins are still in good condition, we will consider all suggestions.

In addition, the Waste and Street Scene Locality Manager attended a Stokesley Town Council meeting on 11 December 2025 to update on operations.

6.0 Update regarding the request for the Mayor to attend the March meeting

- 6.1 Members agreed to ask the Mayor to attend the March meeting to provide a briefing on the bus franchising pilots.
- 6.2 A report on this subject was presented to the YNYCA on 28 November and [is available on the CA website](#). The report states that the pilots are “desktop pilot studies that will examine the case for bus franchising and the workable structures for a bus franchising scheme, based on an exploration of community needs for bus services in five areas”. The Richmondshire and Northallerton area is one of the areas to be included in the studies.
- 6.3 From the report, it appears that there would be limited progress by March and, as the Mayor has confirmed attendance at the September meeting, the Chair and Vice Chair agreed to wait until that date.

7.0 Banking hub for Stokesley

- 7.1 On 1 January 2026 it was reported on the [Hambleton Today news site](#) that the Rt Hon Rishi Sunak MP had written to LINK asking for an explanation on how the decision was reached not to open a banking hub in Stokesley.

8.0 RECOMMENDATION

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| 8.1 That the report be noted. |
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