

# North Yorkshire Council

## Executive

12 May 2026

### Appointments to Committees and Outside Bodies

#### Report of the Assistant Chief Executive Legal and Democratic Services

##### 1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To enable the Executive to make appointments to Groundwork Yorkshire LTD and Groundwork North Yorkshire LTD.

##### 2.0 GROUNDWORK

- 2.1 The current main base of operations of Groundwork Yorkshire LTD and Groundwork North Yorkshire LTD in the county is in Selby but there is also a presence in Scarborough, Northallerton and Harrogate. The priority is on areas of significant deprivation and so work tends to be focussed upon Selby and Scarborough.

- 2.2 Groundwork delivers a broad range of services, primarily focussed on supporting communities and improving the environment. The organisation's strategic aims are to:

- Improve people's prospects - increasing confidence, health and wellbeing, skills and employability of those most in need, lift themselves out of poverty.
- Create better places - helping people work together to make their surroundings greener, safer and healthier, getting involved in local decision making.
- Promote Greener choices - helping people, communities and businesses understand and reduce their environmental impact to fight the climate emergency.

The website for Groundwork Yorkshire is here, which provides further details of the work of the organisation and also the current membership of the Board of Trustees - [Yorkshire - Groundwork](#)

- 2.3 A report seeking appointment to vacancies on Groundwork Yorkshire LTD and Groundwork North Yorkshire LTD was brought to the meeting of the Executive on 16 December 2026. Executive resolved that the appointments be considered by the Scarborough and Whitby Area Committee and the Selby and Ainsty Area Committee respectively. As such, appointments reports were taken to those committees in March 2026. Councillor Derek Bastiman was appointed to Groundwork Yorkshire Board of Trustees at the meeting of the Scarborough and Whitby AC on 2 March 2026. The following vacancies, however, remain and need to be appointed to:

##### Groundwork Yorkshire LTD AGM

Councillor Arnold Warneken is the current nominated representative.  
There remains a vacancy for the substitute position.

##### Groundwork North Yorkshire LTD AGM

Councillor Arnold Warneken is the current nominated representative.  
There remains a vacancy for the substitute position.

(Groundwork North Yorkshire LTD is in the process of being wound up and so this will only be a temporary appointment.)

### Groundwork Yorkshire Board of Trustees

Councillor Derek Bastiman is the current nominated representative.

There remains a vacancy to appoint to.

(The time requirement for a nominated Trustee is four meetings a year, typically 1.5 to 2 hours per meeting).

### **3.0 IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 There are no equalities, finance, legal or climate change implications arising from the recommendations in this report.

### **4.0 RECOMMENDATION**

- 4.1 That the Executive appoints to Groundwork Yorkshire LTD and Groundwork North Yorkshire LTD, as stated at paragraph 2.3.

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Background documents: [Constitution | North Yorkshire Council](#)