

**North Yorkshire Council  
Thirsk and Malton Area Committee  
12 June 2026**

**Updates**

**1. Cllr Greg White had the following questions for Highways and Streetworks**

- a) The practice, which some utilities seem to have, of using specialist contractors to put up and take down roadworks and apparently choosing not to train and/or allow the crews doing the actual works to clear the TM to the side of the road once work has reached practical completion.
- b) The use of Road Ahead Closed signs, without providing any context, which essentially seems to make them entirely pointless.
- c) The routine erection of Road Closed signs on roads that are passable. I know, from my own observations, that such signs are regularly ignored by a large proportion of drivers. This will undermine the compliance of drivers to other road closure signs, including those which are justified, and seems likely to lead to accidents.

A response was received from the Head of Network Strategy and is included at appendix A.

**2. Response from the Chair of Scrutiny of Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee to the referral of the ICB presentation on access to primary care (previously circulated)**

Included for reference at appendix B.

**3. Update from the Head of Planning Policy and Place**

Officers continue to engage with Yorkshire Water and will do so throughout the development of the Local Plan. It was confirmed that the ongoing discussions were not focused solely on bathing water quality

**4. RECOMMENDATION**

That the updates be noted.

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