

**North Yorkshire County Council****North Yorkshire Area Committee for Ryedale****13 September 2017****Stronger Communities Progress Report****1 Purpose of this report**

- 1.1 To update Ryedale Area Committee on the work of the Stronger Communities programme.

**2 Introduction**

- 2.1 Since the last Area Committee the Delivery Manager has continued to work with community libraries to consolidate and strengthen delivery and launched the new Stronger Communities Investment Prospectus in Ryedale. Work continues to promote the scheme as well as a number of other county-wide developments that will benefit communities across Ryedale.

**3 Community Library Programme**

- 3.1 The Delivery Manager continues to support Norton, Helmsley, Kirkbymoorside and Pickering Libraries, in order to consolidate achievements made by groups since April 1<sup>st</sup> 2017. The focus is on embedding and strengthening back-office operational procedures, such as health and safety, social media and marketing, as well as fund-raising and volunteer management.
- 3.2 Volunteer recruitment will remain an ongoing priority as rotas have been stretched over the holiday period. Further training sessions are being arranged by library staff as and when required.
- 3.3 Norton Hive held a very successful opening event on July 22<sup>nd</sup> with approx. 300 attendees over the day. It was good to see many young children and families. The event covered its own costs with fundraising on the day. Norton Hive also launched its membership scheme
- 3.4 Helmsley Community Library has been developing, at their own instigation, a tourist information offer. The SCDM was able to advise on contacts at Ryedale District Council, Welcome to Yorkshire and the NYM National Park.
- 3.4 All libraries have embraced the Summer Reading Challenge, a scheme to promote children's reading.
- 3.5 The Stronger Communities Team will be helping to facilitate the Community Library Conference planned for November 22<sup>nd</sup> 2017 at Harrogate Pavilions.

## 4 Stronger Communities Prospectus

- 4.1 The new Investment Prospectus was launched in Ryedale on 7<sup>th</sup> July at Hovingham Village Hall, attended by 45 representatives of groups and organisations across Ryedale. The event set out the offer available from Stronger Communities, examples of best practice projects, and how we plan to work collaboratively with communities moving forward.
- 4.2 There is a new ambition for the Programme and a new offer for communities over the coming years which we hope will be an opportunity for impact at scale – alongside those smaller but vital grass roots projects - by creating the conditions for people to come together to help improve their lives and solve problems that are important in their communities; to really underpin widespread social action.

There will be three new investment schemes that will contribute to this aim:

- **Inspire Fund** – open to communities, the Inspire Fund is primarily about supporting local social action. We want to encourage people to get involved in their local community by offering small grants to help establish new services, events or activities that help to increase social interaction, encourage neighbourliness and improve the well-being of individuals and communities. This could be a community festival, a good neighbour's scheme or a lunch club to name a few.
  - **Achieve Together** – our main investment programme; we would like to build longer term strategic partnerships with communities, voluntary organisations and social enterprises who share our priorities. We are interested in designing with partners a range of social action projects and services that meet clearly evidenced need, are sustainable and where required, are capable of delivering at scale.
  - **Time to Innovate** – to keep pace with both changing needs and an ever changing social and economic environment we are also keen to invest in creative new ideas that contribute to our priorities. This will be an annual competition for one off investment, and each year the theme will be different.
- 4.3 The Prospectus launch events and the document itself have received very good feedback. The Ryedale SCDM also helped to facilitate the events at Sawdon, Whitby and Selby, all very well attended and delivered.

## 5. Stronger Communities Projects

- 5.1 The larger grants programme has been on hold since 16 December 2016 in order that both a fundamental review of the investment strategy could be undertaken and to release the capacity in the team needed to ensure the successful transfer of the community libraries. This has also allowed for the introduction of a 'Flexigrant' IT grant management system. The Achieve programme will re-open on September 1<sup>st</sup> 2017.
- 5.2 Smaller Grants awarded since 1<sup>st</sup> June 2017:

- Moon on A Stick Productions - £500 awarded to help with the delivery of an accessible Theatre workshop and production for children with learning disabilities. This project is in partnership with the Milton Rooms, the workshop taking place during August to develop a production in December.
- Sinnington Pre-School - £1000 awarded to help with storage equipment, running costs and removal costs as the Pre-School has to have a temporary move to Middleton Village Hall as Sinnington Village Hall undergoes extension and refurbishment.

5.3 A number of projects are currently being developed with a range of voluntary & community sector groups across the area. Some require a period of development and assistance prior to submission of a formal application for funding. They cover areas such as:

- \* Kirkby Grindalythe Village Hall refurbishment
- \* Norton Hive community garden
- \* Community Learning Pilot
- \* Disability Access Project across Scarborough and Ryedale

## 6 Strategic Projects

6.1 The Stronger Programme is also currently undertaking a number of county wide strategic projects that will benefit the communities of Ryedale.

- **Community Transport branding and marketing** – the programme commissioned a public transport marketing agency to develop a North Yorkshire community transport brand and promotional film that can be used by all providers in the county. The brand, Go Local: Connecting People and Places, and film was launched in July.
- **Development of a Shared Working Protocol with Community First Yorkshire** - a very positive development of closer working links with the organisation awarded the NYCC infrastructure support contract in April this year. A joint workshop is being arranged for September 19<sup>th</sup> to train staff in the use of a diagnostic tool to help organisational development.
- **NY Connect** – the new online directory of services, facilities and voluntary sector organisations went live in July. The SC team are actively promoting this to organisations to add their details.
- **Review of Prevention Services** – the SCDM for Craven is the programme lead for helping to shape the new Health and Adult Services prevention services contracts.
- **Young Volunteer Project** – involving the Ryedale SCDM in development has started in pilot areas Harrogate and Hambleton.

## 7 Recommendation

7.1 It is recommended that the Area Committee notes the contents of this report.

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## Stronger Communities Programme 2016/ 17 – Performance Summary

### Number of Projects supported by Priority and District

District	Libraries	Children and Youth	Community Transport	Adults and Older People	Strategic	Total
Countywide		1	1	1	1	4
Craven	2	1		12		15
Hambleton	9	6		9	1	25
Harrogate	5	3	1	16		25
Richmondshire	2	3		10	1	16
Ryedale	6	1	1	11	1	20
Scarborough	4	7	1	22		34
Selby		5		15	5	25
<b>Total</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>164</b>

### Investment in Projects supported by Priority and District

District	Libraries	Children and Youth	Community Transport	Adults and Older People	Strategic	Total (£)
Countywide		30,000	5,000	15,000	7,350	<b>57,350</b>
Craven	400	15,000		64,576		<b>79,976</b>
Hambleton	14,300	30,850		50,439	4,950	<b>100,539</b>
Harrogate	2,600	13,442	11,000	120,608		<b>147,650</b>
Richmondshire	1,240	21,156		90,941	15,000	<b>128,337</b>
Ryedale	20,100	15,000	1,000	45,063	975	<b>82,138</b>
Scarborough	3,200	63,432	15,000	214,391		<b>296,023</b>
Selby		116,000		134,071	27,550	<b>277,621</b>
<b>Total (£)</b>	<b>41,840</b>	<b>304,880</b>	<b>32,000</b>	<b>735,089</b>	<b>55,825</b>	<b>1,169,634</b>

### Type of Project by District

District	New Group	New Activity by Existing Group	Extension of Existing Services	Capacity Building	Other	Total
Countywide		2	1	1		<b>4</b>
Craven	4	5		5	1	<b>15</b>
Hambleton	5	2	2	9	7	<b>25</b>
Harrogate	2	12	1	8	2	<b>25</b>
Richmondshire	1	10	2	3		<b>16</b>
Ryedale	3	7	3	3	4	<b>20</b>
Scarborough	5	16	3	10		<b>34</b>
Selby	5	3	8	6	3	<b>25</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>164</b>

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<b>Priority</b>	<b>New Group</b>	<b>New Activity by Existing Group</b>	<b>Extension of Existing Services</b>	<b>Capacity Building</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>Total</b>
Libraries	13	1		9	5	<b>28</b>
Adults	8	39	12	27	10	<b>96</b>
Children	4	12	2	7	2	<b>27</b>
C. Transport		2	2			<b>4</b>
Strategic		3	4	2		<b>9</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>164</b>