

North Yorkshire County Council

Executive

16 January 2018

Feedback from the Area Committees

1.0 Purpose of the Report

To bring to the attention of the Executive specific issues considered at the recent meetings of the County Council's:-

- ◆ Yorkshire Coast and Moors County Area Committee - 22 November 2017
- ◆ County Area Committee for the Harrogate District - 7 December 2017
- ◆ Ryedale Area Committee - 11 December 2017

2.0 Yorkshire Coast and Moors County Area Committee - 22 November 2017

2.1 Annual Community Safety Report

Members welcomed the annual report on community safety partnership work at both a county level and within the Scarborough district. The close working between the Police and the Borough Council on community safety issues was stressed, and the exemplar role of the Scarborough Community Impact Team was highlighted. Councillors were encouraged to pass on community intelligence to the team so that they can respond to issues and/or undertake preventative work.

2.2 Whitby Hospital Redevelopment Update

The Committee received a presentation updating them on the redevelopment of Whitby Hospital from Abigail Barron, Head of Strategy/Community Care at Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby Clinical Commissioning Group. The Outline Business Case was due to be approved by the Governing Body the following day and it was subsequently confirmed that this had been approved. Members stressed the need for good engagement with the public as the project progresses and this was acknowledged by the CCG representative. The Committee requested a further update at its next meeting.

2.3 Stronger Communities Progress Report

Members noted the six-monthly progress report on the Stronger Communities programme, including information on local and county-wide projects. Members welcomed the grants made under the Inspire fund, and gave positive feedback on the new grant process.

2.4 Refocussing Area Committees

Councillor David Chance presented the proposals for the refocussing of Area Committees, and invited members to forward any comments on the proposals. It was noted that there was no intention to change the current co-option arrangements. A comment was made welcoming the proposed new powers, particularly in relation to health matters.

2.5 Regular updates on local highways issues, Police and Fire and Rescue Services

The Committee considered an update on local highways issues and regular reports from both the Police and Fire and Rescue Services. Members discussed the trend for car cruising events and the response to these with the Police. For the Fire and Rescue Service, Group Manager Marc Warren attended the meeting to introduce himself to members following Danny Westmoreland's retirement.

3.0 County Area Committee for the Harrogate District - 7 December 2017

3.1 Harrogate Relief Road Review

As part of a review into the possible justification and need for a Harrogate Relief Road, the Area Committee noted the key findings from the Stage One Report, together with the consultant's Options Assessment Report (OAR). The Area Committee was asked to consider which options should be put to public consultation and make a recommendation to the Corporate Director - Business and Environmental Services who was scheduled to make a decision, in consultation with Executive Members Don Mackenzie and Andrew Lee, on 15 December 2017.

The consultant's OAR identified 38 possible interventions which might relieve traffic congestion and its associated disbenefits within the study area. A high-level sift of the 38 possible interventions had resulted in identifying 15 interventions which received the least favourable assessments and these had therefore been removed from the list. The remaining 23 possible interventions had been packaged into four "themed" packages, with a further fifth package of a stand-alone relief road intervention. A further level of assessment had been undertaken using the DfT's Early Assessment Sifting Tool (EAST) to sift-out those options which performed less well. In addition, modelling of five historic relief road potential alignments had been undertaken using the existing Harrogate and Knaresborough Strategic Traffic Model. Of the five alignments, the inner northern route and the inner southern route, both of which linked between the A61 and the A658, provided the greatest level of relief across the highway network. The results of the EAST assessment, in summary, were that the following packages performed better than the other packages:-

- Package B (demand management and behavioural change).
- Package E (relief road, highway operational improvement and sustainable transport, with urban realm improvements).

Officers recommended to the Area Committee that, on the basis of the EAST assessment, packages B and E should be taken forward and presented for public consultation. The Area Committee was also advised of the arrangements for the public consultation and that the outcome would be reported to the Area Committee's meeting on 14 June 2018 when Members' views would be sought on the approach for selection of a preferred option/options to be taken forward into development of a scheme Strategic Outline Business Case.

Approximately 140 members of the public attended the Area Committee's meeting, of whom 12 made statements and asked questions at the meeting. The main theme of the statements and questions which members of the public put to the meeting was to object to the building of relief roads, in particular through Nidd Gorge and the Nidderdale Greenway.

The Area Committee discussed which options should be put to public consultation and, based on a majority vote, decided to recommend to the Corporate Director – Business and Environmental Services that only package B should be taken forward, subject to

the Consultants firstly working-up a package of specific actions to put to the public as part of the consultation. Area Committee Members also commented that the public consultation should commence in the New Year rather than on 31 December 2017 in order to avoid the bank holiday on 1 January 2018.

4.0 Ryedale Area Committee - 11 December 2017

4.1 Public Questions

The Committee received five public questions:

District Councillor Paul Andrews regarding the time it has taken for the HGV ban to be enforced in Norton.

District Councillor John Clark regarding health concerns in the locality of the Kirby Misperton fracking site.

Mr Thompson, Clerk to Whitwell with Cramb Parish Council regarding issues of drainage and flooding.

Mr Ian Conlan regarding safety concerns crossing the road at Horsemarket Road and the need for a 20 mph speed limit outside Malton Secondary School.

District Councillor Derek Chapman regarding the impact of traffic from KM8 through Kirkbymoorside and the ramifications on the JWAMP, planning process and local democracy.

The minutes of the meeting includes a full record of each public question and the answers from Officers present.

4.2 Petition

The Committee received a petition from Mr Boorman regarding the change to the Welham Road/Church Street junction back to its original priority. Following a debate by the Committee it was agreed that a report would be brought to a future meeting and that the Committee would receive a verbal update at each meeting by the Highways officer on the junction at Welham Road/Church Street in Norton.

4.3 Appointment to Outside Bodies

The Committee resolved as follows:-

That Mrs H Woodall, be appointed to the Amotherby Educational Foundation and County Councillor Caroline Goodrick to Christopher Wharton Educational foundation and Oswaldkirk and Ampleforth Education Foundation, each to serve until a replacement is appointed.

The Committee asked the Clerk to contact each of the remaining Outside Bodies they had been asked to appoint to and ask them to contact the relevant County Councillor to explain the function of the Outside Body.

That a decision be deferred to a future meeting of the Area Committee concerning the appointment to the following: Lady Lumley's Educational Foundation (Pickering), Old Meeting House Trust in Helmsley, Poad's Education Foundation (Newton upon Rawcliffe) and Rev James Graves' Foundation at Thorpe Bassett.

4.4 Highways England

The Committee received a presentation from Ken Moody, Highways England regarding the Road Investment Programme A64 Hopgrove Junction.

4.5 Stronger Communities

The Committee received an update on the work of the Stronger Communities programme in the Ryedale area.

4.6 North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service

Community safety activities and providing an update regarding other issues from within the Ryedale District.

4.7 North Yorkshire Police

On initiatives currently being undertaken within the Ryedale District.

4.8 Ryedale Highways Office - Update

The Committee received an oral report from James Malcolm, Highways Area Manager which included: Winter services had taken place and Highways were ready for any inclement weather; Kirkham Abbey Signs.

Members were unhappy with WSP consultants and considered there needed to be more local, on the ground staff, in place.

Following a question asking when the HCV ban in Norton would begin, James Malcolm replied that the HCV experimental ban should be in place at the end of February 2018; this would need to be enforced with the appropriate exemption permits being issued. It would then be monitored and after a period of 18 months a report will come back to Ryedale Area Committee.

5.0 Recommendation

5.1 That the report be noted.

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Background Documents: the published agendas and reports for each of the meetings identified in the headings in this report.