

North Yorkshire County Council

Executive

24 April 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 meeting of the County Council's:-

- ◆ **County Area Committee for the Harrogate District - 15 March 2018**
- ◆ **Yorkshire Coast and Moors County Area Committee - 21 March 2018**
- ◆ **Selby Area Committee - 26 March 2018**
- ◆ **Richmondshire Area Committee - 28 March 2018**

2.0 County Area Committee for the Harrogate District - 15 March 2018

2.1 The Area Committee received reports on the following:-

- The Health Sector in the Harrogate District – The New Care Model and Community Services Work
- Harrogate District Community Safety Hub Evaluation
- Stronger Communities Progress
- Appointment to Richard Taylor Educational Foundation (an outside body)
- A59 Kex Gill Realignment – Progress
- Annual Road Casualty Report
- Petition “Save Nidd Gorge and the Nidderdale Greenway – Listen to the Harrogate Area County Councillors and remove the inner relief road package E from the public consultation process”
- Harrogate Congestion Study – Update

2.2 Issues of note for the Executive were as follows:-

- The Health Sector in the Harrogate District – The New Care Model and Community Services Work - An 8 month test across an area covered by 3 GP Practices had shown that joined-up, community-based care remained the right approach for Harrogate. The Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust had decided to pause the development of new inpatient facilities at Cardale Park and was mid-way through public and staff engagement sessions to explore and design future model options. Members expressed concern that the Trust might close all mental health beds in the Harrogate district. Concern was also expressed that [York](#) might become the preferred location for care, which would cause problems for patients in the remoter locations and in particular for those needing dementia care.
- Harrogate District Community Safety Hub - The Hub had been set up in September 2016, as a 12 month pilot project, to provide a multi-agency response to vulnerable people and victims of anti-social behaviour across the Harrogate district by aligning operational services. The pilot project had demonstrated that partnership working and a willingness to work in a different way had enabled a sound foundation to be formed, and there was scope to develop the approach further in the future.

- Petition “Save Nidd Gorge and the Nidderdale Greenway – Listen to the Harrogate Area County Councillors and remove the inner relief road package E from the public consultation process” – The Area Committee, having heard from the petition organiser, considered this petition and resolved to accept and note the petition. This petition contained 2,314 signatures and had been taken into consideration by the Corporate Director – Business and Environmental Services and the BES Executive Members at the same time as they had considered the Area Committee’s previous recommendation about public consultation. Area Committee Members, at the last meeting, recognised that the Area Committee was unable to do anything more, given the decision which had already been made by the Corporate Director – Business and Environmental Services.

2.3 Business which the Area Committee has requested be brought to its 14 June 2018 includes:-

- Residential Parking Zones, including information on parking in the Saints area of Harrogate
- A59 Kex Gill – Report on engagement and views on suggested preferred route
- Harrogate Congestion Study – Update

3.0 Yorkshire Coast and Moors County Area Committee - 21 March 2018

3.1 The Area Committee received reports on the following:-

- Whitby Hospital Redevelopment Update
- Scarborough and Whitby District Police and Community Safety Report
- Health Integration
- Annual Road Casualty Report
- Update on Local Highways Matters
- North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service Community Safety Update

3.2 The following was an issue of note for the Executive:-

- Whitby Hospital Redevelopment Update – Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby CCG had approved an outline business case for the redevelopment of Whitby Hospital. The Dept of Health and Social Care had approved £11.9m of funding for the construction phase. A construction partner had been appointed to lead the detailed technical design phase, together with comprehensive work on how the newly developed hospital would operate. There was no risk to the current Minor Injuries Treatment facility at Whitby Hospital. However, during the decant, the physical space at Whitby Hospital would allow for 16 beds and therefore conversions were taking place with the County Council’s Health and Adult Services to look and agree a Step-Up Step-Down solution during the decant which was likely to last around a year. The CCG’s investment in 24 hour Community Health Nursing was emphasised.

3.3 Business which the Area Committee decided to include in its Work Programme was:-

- An update, once each quarter, concerning the redevelopment of Whitby Hospital
- A District-wide update, once per annum, concerning the integration of health and social care

3.4 Business which the Area Committee has requested be brought to its 20 June 2018 meeting includes:-

- Suicide Prevent Strategy

- Highways Capital Programme Update
- A-Boards and Street Furniture

4.0 Selby Area Committee - 26 March 2018

4.1 The Area Committee received reports on the following:-

- North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service – Community Safety Update
- Community First Yorkshire – Introductory presentation
- Road Safety in the Selby District – Including the Annual Road casualty report and Highways' Update

4.2 Issues of note for the Executive were as follows:-

- Representatives of the 95 Alive Partnership, including the Road Safety Team, Area Highways, North Yorkshire Police, North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service, together with the Chair of the North Yorkshire and Selby Disability Forums assisted members with their discussions on road safety, and the following issues were highlighted:-
 - Parking outside local schools;
 - The possibility logging of non-KSI accidents to build up a fuller picture of accident hot spots;
 - The involvement of the Disability Forums in the planning process to ensure that their road safety concerns are taken account of from the beginning of developments and associated infrastructure.
 - Clarification of the role of the Police and Civil Parking Enforcement Officers, and agreement that the Police would take appropriate action, in terms of parking issues, when necessary.
 - An acknowledgment of the work undertaken by the 95 Alive Partnership and the reduction in road casualties.

4.3 The Area Committee agreed that further consideration would be given to the work programme, going forward, following the proposed refocussing of Area Committees, currently underway.

5.0 Richmondshire Area Committee - 28 March 2018

5.1 The Area Committee received reports on the following:-

- Membership – Appointment of Co-opted Member
- Committee Update
- North Yorkshire Police Update
- North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service Community Safety Update
- Stronger Communities Progress Report
- Annual Road Casualty Report
- Work Programme.

In addition, there were verbal updates in relation to

- Vehicle Activated Signs
- Highways matters relating to the Richmond Area Office

5.2 Issues of note for the Executive were as follows:-

- County Councillor Angus Thompson updated the Committee about Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS). He stated that this was a major issue for Parish Councils, who felt that, if the rules were relaxed regarding their purchase and siting, this

would lead to improved speed enforcement. The Transport Economy and Environment Scrutiny Committee were looking at this issue and would receive a report back at their meeting on 23rd May. Councillor Thompson hoped that they would make a recommendation that the rules be applied differently.

- The Stronger Communities Delivery Manager asked Members to point smaller groups towards the “Inspire Programme”.
- The Group Manager advised that the Fire and Rescue Service has been heavily involved in the introduction of an Animal Rescue Team.
- The Police Inspector advised that:-
 - there were no worrying crime trends or areas where Richmondshire was out of kilter;
 - a Public Spaces Protection Order had been introduced in the Colburn and Brough with St Giles area to address issues of Anti-Social Behaviour. It also included the area around the Broadway Shops. It was important to note that the issues were being caused by a small group of individuals; and
 - The Police Cadets Volunteer Scheme had been a great success.
- The Highways Manager advised that:
 - road casualty figures were either falling or had remained level across most categories. An exception was an increase in the number of injuries involving two wheel modes of transport. He would see whether anything could be done, from a Highways perspective, to improve the situation;
 - he would report back to the Road Safety Team the view expressed that there was a need to strengthen Road Safety Modules; and
 - a snagging list had been produced in respect of the Bedale By-pass and this would be discussed with A12LB. If Members were aware of any particular issues, he would be happy to raise these at the discussions if they make him aware of them.
- It was noted that further consideration would be given to the work programme by the reconstituted Area Committee, following the proposed refocussing of Area Committees.

6.0 Recommendation

6.1 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.