

North Yorkshire County Council

Transport, Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee

25 October 2018

Work Programme

1 Purpose of Report

1.1 This report asks the Committee to:

- a. Note the information in this report.
- b. Confirm, amend or add to the areas of work shown in the work programme schedule (**Appendix 1**).

2 Background

2.1 The scope of this Committee is defined as:

- *Transport and communications infrastructure of all kinds, however owned or provided, and how the transport needs of the community are met.*
- *Supporting business, helping people develop their skills, including lifelong learning.*
- *Sustainable development, climate change strategy, countryside management, waste management, environmental conservation and enhancement flooding and cultural issues.*

3 Updates:**Mid Cycle briefing: 2 October 2018**Mobile Phone Infrastructure:

- 3.1 Group Spokespersons received an update on the County Council's work with mobile network operators to improve mobile phone coverage in the county.
- 3.2 £1 million has been secured through the York, North Yorkshire and East Riding LEP to pay for the capital costs of new masts in the county. The operators sharing the mast would then be expected to pay the ongoing running costs.
- 3.3 The County Council has conducted its own survey of coverage in the county and identified where the masts are and the 'not spots'. The County Council is currently consulting on nine sites to ensure that in accordance with state aid rules there are no plans for the mobile network operators to have provided coverage in these areas as part of their own commercial plans.
- 3.4 The sites identified are:
 - A684 West of Leyburn near Sissy Bank
 - North End of Coverdale

- C48 West of Masham near Healey
 - Appletreewick, Craven
 - Skipton on Swale
 - A1041 – South of Selby
 - Duggleby
 - Kildale
 - Mickley/West Tanfield
- 3.5 From these sites a number will be taken through to the build stage depending on cost and available funds.
- 3.6 A report will be presented to the Transport, Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 17 April 2019 following the contract award and the locations being confirmed. The plan is for the first site to be built and operational by summer 2019 and the remaining initial sites to be built and operational by spring 2020.

YNYER LEP update on the work that the YNYER LEP is doing on building a strong rural economy post-Brexit:

- 3.7 Group Spokespersons were provided with a further update on the work that the LEP has been doing with the National Farmers Union, the Country Land and Business Association, National Parks, Local Authorities, and other agricultural and rural interest groups to understand the impact of Brexit, especially leaving the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP).
- 3.8 From 2022 the current subsidy system of Direct Payments, which pays farmers based on the acreage farmed, will be replaced by payments for ‘public goods’, such as better air and water quality, improved soil health, higher animal welfare standards, public access to the countryside and measures to reduce flooding. The government has yet to work out the details of the payment outcomes to be achieved but the LEP is trying to position Yorkshire as a place where government can pilot new ways for public investment in farming through the initiative ‘Grow Yorkshire’
- 3.9 Grow Yorkshire, a scheme aimed at grow incomes in farming and food businesses to counter any reduction in CAP subsidies and to use the exit from the EU as a stimulus for positive change, will be formally launched in November 2018. In parallel, the LEP has also submitted a bid to the European Social Fund to establish a Farm Business Advice and Skills Service. Delivery of training and advice will be procured from a range of partners, such as Agricultural Colleges and Agricultural Consultancies. The service is planned to open to farmers from November 2019.
- 3.10 Prior to the launch of the Farm Business Advice Service, Grow Yorkshire will operate as a campaign to stimulate a change and growth mindset in agriculture, working collaboratively with all organisations with connections to the industry in our region.

YNYER LEP’s submission to the government’s LEP boundary review: ‘Strengthened Local Enterprise Partnerships’

- 3.11 The government has undertaken a national review of LEPs to ensure they are fit for purpose. Part of the reason for this was that there had found to be

inconsistencies in how LEPs were operating. The government also intends to channel through LEPs the Shared Prosperity Fund, which will replace the relevant EU funding streams. Local Industrial Strategies will be the vehicle for the money. Consequently the government wants long term investment to be backed up with robust governance.

- 3.12 There were three parts to the review. The first centred upon governance and transparency. The proposal is for LEP boards to comprise no more than 20 persons and for boards to seek to have a 50/50 male/female split. Representation on the boards should also comprise two thirds private sector and one third public sector. The second part of the review focused upon having in place a clear assurance framework and to separate the accountable body from the LEP secretariat. The third part of the review related to the geography of the LEP. The proposal is for there to be no overlap in functional economic areas. However the YNYER LEP in its submission sent to government last month is of the view that the best fit remains the status quo. The YNYER LEP Board feels that the LEP's interests are best served by retaining an overlap with the neighbouring LEP areas.
- 3.13 The annual update report on the work of the LEP will be presented to the Committee in January 2019.

4 Recommendations

- 4.1 That the Committee:
- a. Notes the information in this report.
 - b. Confirms, amends, or adds to the areas of work listed in the Work Programme schedule.

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Appendix 1 – Work Programme Schedule 2018/19

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Scope

‘Transport and communications infrastructure of all kinds, however owned or provided, and how the transport needs of the community are met.

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Meeting dates

Scheduled Committee Meetings	25 Oct 2018 10am	24 Jan 2019 10am	17 April 2019 10am	15 July 2019 10am	24 Oct 2019 10am	23 Jan 2020 10am	15 April 2020 10am
Scheduled Mid Cycle Briefings Attended by Group Spokespersons only	5 Dec 2018 1pm	7 March 2019 10am	4 June 2019 10am	12 Sept 2019 10am	5 Dec 2019 10am	27 Feb 2020 10am	

Reports

Meeting	Subject	Aims/Terms of Reference
Consultation, progress and performance monitoring reports		
Each meeting as available	Corporate Director and / or Executive Member update	Regular update report as available each meeting
	Work Programme	Regular report where the Committee reviews its work programme

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Meeting	Subject	Aims/Terms of Reference
25 October 2018	Ringway Performance 2017/18	To receive the annual report on actions being put in place by the highways maintenance & highways improvement contractor (Ringway) to improve performance and communications
	Civil Parking Enforcement	To provide a review of countywide Civil Parking Enforcement in 2016/17 and 2017/18
	Electric charge points for electric vehicles	To be provided with an overview of the progress of installing electric charge points in the county for electric vehicles and to discuss strategies to lever in investment to increase the number of charge points and to promote the use of electric/hybrid vehicles
	Charging policy for access to NYCC Historic Environment Record	To receive information on North Yorkshire County Council's Heritage Service plans to introduce a new charging policy for access to North Yorkshire County Council's Historic Environment Record for commercial searches.
24 January 2019	YNYER LEP	Annual update on the work of the York, North Yorkshire and East Riding Local Enterprise Partnership
	Adult Learning and Skills Service	Update on the measures put in place in response to the Ofsted inspection held in June 2017
	Rural transport	An update on rural bus services and community transport
	Local Flood Risk Management Strategy	Update on the implementation of the Local Flood Risk Management Strategy including flood risk/coastal erosion alleviation measures put in place/scheduled to be put in place; funding; issues.
17 April 2019	SEND Home to School Transport	Update report relating to the impact of the implementation of the SEND Home to School Transport policy changes in 2018, in particular the removal of the free transport statement for SEND post 16 to 18 students with an EHCP
	North Yorkshire and York Local Nature Partnership	Update report

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	Mobile phone coverage project	To report the outcome of the tender and the locations where the phone masts will be built	
Items where dates have yet to be confirmed	20 mph speed limit policy	Response to the publication of the National Research project by the Department for Transport examining 20mph speed limits	
	Rail developments	Update report on the rail franchise, Rail North and Transport for the North	
	HGV overnight parking in North Yorkshire	To explore the issues of HGV overnight parking in North Yorkshire and ways to respond	
	Tourism in North Yorkshire	Overview of the work and future plans of Welcome to Yorkshire.	
	Promoting access to our heritage	Overview of the County Council's heritage service	
	Winter Highways Maintenance	Overview of the policy on Winter Highways Maintenance	
	Traffic management in the county: tackling traffic congestion	Overview of the ways that the County Council can tackle traffic congestion problems in the county such as through the use of smart traffic lighting to control traffic flow. Road junction road improvements in Harrogate and Scarborough town to be taken as examples.	
	Countryside access	Overview of the County Council's countryside service and priorities (including unclassified roads, prioritisation of the public rights of way network and improving the definitive map processes)	

In-depth Scrutiny Projects/Reviews

Subject	Aims/Terms of Reference	Timescales	
The North Yorkshire economy post-Brexit	Steering group comprising of the Group Spokespersons set up to consider the measures required to support the local economy following the triggering of Article 50 of the Treaty of Lisbon by the UK government.	Ongoing (commenced March 2017)	

Please note that this is a working document, therefore topics and timeframes might need to be amended over the course of the year.