



**North Yorkshire County Council  
Harrogate and Knaresborough Area Constituency Committee  
29 August 2019  
Committee Work Programme**

**Purpose of Report**

To ask Members to consider, amend and add to the Committee's work programme, taking into account two suggestions which have been received recently from Members.

**Work Programme**

The Committee's work programme is attached as Appendix 1. This has been updated since the last meeting in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman and to reflect the outcome of the recent meeting of Chairs and Vice-Chairs of Area Constituency Committees.

Members are asked to consider, amend and add to the work programme.

**Remit of the Committee**

The Area Constituency Committees:

- Act as a forum for Members to bring forward issues affecting their local Electoral Divisions
- Hear and respond to questions and statements from members of the public relating to anything affecting the community within the constituency area
- Agree a Work Programme which lists items of business which the Committee wishes to consider at future meetings
- Undertake meaningful scrutiny of local health issues within their constituency area, complementing the strategic work undertaken by the Scrutiny of Health Committee
- Undertake meaningful scrutiny of local transport issues within their constituency area, complementing the strategic work undertaken by Transport, Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- Act as consultees in major decisions that affect their constituency area (including responding to consultations)
- Make recommendations on the application of Innovation funding (supported by the Stronger Communities Team)
- Develop a working relationship with the local MP, sharing updates and information on relevant local issues being addressed by the committee.

**Work Programme Items**

Items on Area Constituency Committees' work programmes should be relevant, in the public interest and add value. They should not duplicate work that is already underway.

### **Recent Suggestion – County Lines Gangs**

A Member has suggested that the Committee may wish to consider the issue of County Lines Gangs.

This term refers to drug gangs from big cities who expand their operations to smaller towns, often using violence to drive out local dealers and exploiting children and vulnerable people to sell drugs. These dealers will use dedicated mobile phone lines, known as 'deal lines', to take orders from drug users. Heroin, cocaine and crack cocaine are the most common drugs being supplied and ordered. In most instances, the users or customers will live in a different area to where the dealers and networks are based, so drug runners are needed to transport the drugs and collect payment.

The Committee is asked to consider whether to include this issue on its work programme and to identify which particular lines of enquiry it wishes to look at.

### **Recent Suggestion – Pollution and road congestion caused by children being bussed to schools from outside their local areas**

A Member has suggested that the Committee may wish to consider what might be done to address pollution and road congestion caused by children being bussed to schools from outside their local areas.

Information from the County Council's Children and Young People's Services Directorate is set out below to assist the Committee:-

“The County Council only provides Home to School Transport provision in accordance with our statutory responsibilities. Transport to schools which are not the normal or nearest school for the pupil is only provided by NYCC in limited circumstances. Parents and carers will however make their own transport arrangements to enable attendance at alternative schools of their preference.

In and around Harrogate the arrangements are more extensive because of the large numbers of children who travel into Harrogate to attend one of the Faith Schools. Home to School Transport provision in the Harrogate area is very good but involves more varied provision than would be typically seen. Outside of our responsibility for pupils who are eligible for Home to School Transport, there is also provision for/through:

- Faith Schools - Commercial Contracts arranged by those Schools (following the removal of Denominational Transport by the LA)
- School Buses – Contracted by schools (e.g. Rossett to serve Leeds CC children who currently secure places at the School)
- Local Bus Service – Good local network
- Harrogate Area - Commercial Buses”

The Committee is asked to consider whether to include this issue on its work programme and to identify which particular lines of enquiry it wishes to look at.

### **Recommendation**

Members are asked to consider, amend and add to the Committee's work programme, taking into account the two suggestions set out above.

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9.30am on Thursday 19 September 2019 at the Cairn Hotel, Ripon Road, Harrogate

<p>NYCC Digital Strategy – Report of Robert Ling (NYCC’s Assistant Director - Technology and Change)</p>	<p>To provide an update on the development of a range of technologies that will improve connectivity, access to services and the opportunities for business.</p>
<p>Note: A PowerPoint presentation will be shown at the meeting</p>	
<p>Building of Social Housing</p>	<p>To explore the issue of social housing delivery and the possibility of bringing forward unimplemented planning permissions.</p>
<p>(a) Report of Harrogate Borough Council’s Planning Officers</p>	
<p>(b) Report of discussion at NYCC’s Corporate and Partnership Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 2 September 2019</p>	
<p>Mental Health Services in Harrogate and the surrounding area – TEWV and HRD CCG * (see footnote)</p>	<p>Outcome of engagement (24 June 2019 - 13 September 2019) on the new model for enhanced community care, details of proposed closure of 2 mental health in-patient wards at Harrogate Hospital and projected use of York mental health hospital. <i>(This item is also due to be considered by the Scrutiny of Health Committee on 13 September 2019.)</i></p>
<p><i>Note: A Highways drop-in session with a Communication Officer from the Local Highways Office will be held after this ACC meeting.</i></p>	

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**9.30am on Thursday 7 November 2019 at the Dower House Hotel, 48 Bond End, Knaresborough**

Andrew Jones MP has agreed to attend this meeting, subject to parliamentary business	To invite the MP to raise any issues which he identifies, and to invite him to comment on any other items of business which come before this meeting.
School Exclusions	To consider the position in relation to exclusions.
Impact of Highway Works undertaken at Bond End, Knaresborough – Impact on Air Quality	To note and comment on a twelve month review by the BES Directorate of these highway works.
A1(M) Junction 47 Improvement – Further progress update * (see footnote)	To advise Members of progress subsequent to the ACC's meeting on 8 November 2018.
Harrogate to York Railway Enhancement – Further progress update * (see footnote)	To advise Members of progress subsequent to the ACC's meeting on 8 November 2018.
Superfast North Yorkshire – Further progress update * (see footnote)	To advise Members of progress subsequent to the ACC's meeting on 8 November 2018.

*Note: A Highways drop-in session with a representative from the Local Highways Office will be held after this ACC meeting*

**9.30am on Thursday 9 January 2020 at the Cairn Hotel, Ripon Road, Harrogate**

NYCC 2020 Budget	To brief ACC Members so that recommendations can be made to the Executive's meeting to be held on 28 January 2020.
Cycle Path Network	To consider the cycle path network as a way to achieve a range of objectives including linking-up communities and services.
Yorkshire Water Performance	To consider the recent performance of Yorkshire Water and identify issues.
NYCC's draft response to the Government's Adult Social Care Green Paper * (see footnote)	The ACC has previously asked for the County Council's draft response to be shared with the Chairman of this Committee. The ACC also agreed that, if the Chairman considers it necessary, the draft response shall be submitted to this ACC for discussion.

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<b>9.30am on Thursday 19 March 2020 at the Cairn Hotel, Ripon Road, Harrogate</b>	
Community Safety - Non-Crime Data	To invite ACC Members to identify community safety issues arising from non-crime data from North Yorkshire Police (ie where there are no arrests) and how to respond to such issues.
Stroke Service Provision for Harrogate and the Surrounding Area * (see footnote)	Review of first 12 months of operation of new hyper acute stroke service. (Also to be considered at Scrutiny of Health Committee's meeting on 13 March 2020.)
<b>June 2020 (date, time and venue to be notified)</b>	
No topics have been identified for this meeting to date.	
<b>September 2020 (date, time and venue to be notified)</b>	
No topics have been identified for this meeting to date.	
<b>November 2020 (date, time and venue to be notified)</b>	
Schools, Educational Achievement and Finance	To consider an annual report about schools, educational achievement and finance, to include attainment data, the landscape regarding organisational status/school places, school finances, and the position in relation to exclusions.  Note: The CYPS Directorate are reporting annually, in autumn, from 2020, to each of the 6 ACCs.
<b>March 2021 (date, time and venue to be notified)</b>	
No topics have been identified for this meeting to date.	

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**Business Considered at Previous Meetings**

<b>9.30am on Thursday 14 June 2018 at the Cairn Hotel, Ripon Road, Harrogate</b>	
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Description</b>
Area Constituency Committees - a suggested way forward	To update Members on role of the Area Constituency Committee and outline suggestions for: a standard agenda; co-option of members; management of regular updates; and links with NYCC Overview and Scrutiny
Harrogate and Knaresborough Area Constituency Committee Area Profile	To provide an overview of some of the key issues in the area covered by the Area Constituency Committee
<b>9.30am on Thursday 30 August 2018 at Harrogate Civic Centre, St Luke's Mount, Harrogate</b>	
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Description</b>
Adult Social Care Green Paper/Funding	To highlight local funding issues and invite Committee Members to identify local concerns that should be taken into account as part of the development of, or consideration of, the Green Paper.
Area Profile Follow-Up – Stronger Communities Programme	To inform the Committee of the work of the Stronger Communities Programme, in the Harrogate and Knaresborough constituency area, linked to older people and adults.
Appointment to Outside Body – King James' Foundation, Knaresborough	To appoint to a vacancy for the County Council's representative on the King James' Foundation, Knaresborough.
<i>Note: A Highways drop-in session with representatives from the Local Highways Office was held after this ACC meeting</i>	
<b>9.30am on Thursday 8 November 2018 at the Cairn Hotel, Ripon Road, Harrogate</b>	
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Description</b>
Harrogate Traffic Congestion Study	To seek comments, from Councillors sitting on the Area Constituency Committee, for submission to the County Council's Executive prior to the Executive deciding whether to hold a public consultation early in 2019 on the results of the most recent analysis from the Harrogate Congestion Study.
A1(M) Junction 47 Improvement – Progress Update	To provide an update on the progress of the A1(M) J47 improvement scheme.
Harrogate to York Railway Enhancement Update	To update the Committee on the progress of the project for the Harrogate to York railway service enhancements.
Roll-out of Broadband Phase 3	To advise Members of the roll-out for the Harrogate and Knaresborough constituency area.
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**9.30am on Thursday 21 March 2019 at the Cairn Hotel, Ripon Road, Harrogate**

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Description</b>
Briefing on Changes to Mental Health Services in Harrogate and the Surrounding Area	To update Members on changes to mental health services in Harrogate and the surrounding area.
Briefing on Changes to Hyper Acute Stroke Services in Harrogate	To update Members on changes to the provision of hyper acute stroke services in Harrogate and the surrounding area.
Schools, Educational Achievement and Finance	To inform Members of the local educational landscape, educational achievement and the financial challenges which affect schools in the Harrogate and Knaresborough constituency area.
Receipt of Petition "Save North Yorkshire's Pupil Referral Service"	To advise of the receipt of a petition and the consideration which has already been given to the matter which is the subject of the petition and to ask the Committee to consider a response to the petition.

*Note: A Highways drop-in session with a representative from the Local Highways Office was held after this ACC meeting*

**9.30am on Thursday 29 August 2019 at the Cairn Hotel, Ripon Road, Harrogate**

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Description</b>
Results of Harrogate and Knaresborough Congestion Study Public Engagement	(i) To update Members of the Area Constituency Committee on the headline results of the Harrogate and Knaresborough congestion study public engagement, and to report on emerging trends and potential next steps; and (ii) to seek the Area Constituency Committee's views on potential recommendations to the Executive on next steps.

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