



Scrutiny Committee

Annual Report 2019-20

Introduction by Councillor Steve Shaw-Wright, Chair of Scrutiny Committee 2019-20



I am pleased to present the Scrutiny Committee's Annual Report 2019-20, which sets out the work undertaken by the Committee over the course of the 2019-20 municipal year.

It had been a busy year for the Committee; Members undertook more training and the Committee's work plan included some very interesting topics.

However, the work of the committee was brought to a halt before the end of the 2019-20 year due to the coronavirus crisis, which saw the last three of meetings of the 2019-20 year cancelled.

The Committee will continue to enhance the work that it does into the next municipal year 2020-21, which will no doubt include issues around the recovery from Covid-19.

The Scrutiny Committee met five times during 2019-20 and considered a range of different topics and issues.

I would like to express my thanks to my fellow members of the Committee for their support and continued hard work. Many people have contributed to the success of Scrutiny, including officers, external partner organisations and my thanks goes out to all of them.

The Scrutiny Committee

The Scrutiny Committee membership comprised the following members during the 2019-20 municipal year:

7 Members

Conservative	Labour	Independent	Yorkshire Party
A Lee	S Shaw-Wright (Chair)	J McCartney	P Welburn
N Reader	W Nichols (Vice Chair)		
M Topping			
R Sweeting			

Substitutes	Substitutes	Substitutes	Substitutes
J Mackman	P Welch	M McCartney	M Jordan
T Grogan	R Packham		
J Cattanach			

The Role of the Scrutiny Committee

Scrutiny was introduced by the Local Government Act 2000.

Selby District Council operates a Leader and Executive model, where the Executive is responsible for most day-to-day decisions. The role of the Scrutiny Committee is to scrutinise decisions and performance and to hold the Leader and Executive to account.

Scrutiny's main roles are:

- To scrutinise the performance of the Council and that of its partner organisations and other agencies delivering services within the Selby District.
- To exercise the Council's statutory obligations and powers in relation to Scrutiny.
- Exercise the right of call-in of decisions and recommendations made, but not yet implemented.
- To issue reports and make recommendations, where appropriate, and in relation to any matters listed above, for consideration by the Council, Executive or the relevant Committee of the Council.

2019-20 Work Programme

A summary of the Committee's work over the last year is set out below.

Conclusion and Looking Forward to 2020-21

The Scrutiny Committee fulfilled its role through its work programme in 2019-20, as well as working to review and further strengthen scrutiny as a result of the recommendations of the LGA Corporate Peer Challenge undertaken in November 2017 and the initial work done on this in 2018-19.

Further scrutiny training was provided by Frontline Consulting in June 2019 which was well received and found to be useful by those Members that attended.

A working group to look at the Council's Housing Centres was established in 2019-20 and has worked collaboratively and efficiently to produce a final report with recommendations to put to the Executive.

A liaison group between the three scrutiny Chairs and the Executive has continued to meet throughout the year. This group has improved communication between the Scrutiny Committees and the Executive and it is expected that it will continue to meet in 2020-21, albeit remotely for the time being due to coronavirus.

2019-20 was a busy year, despite being cut short by coronavirus, with a number of changes and improvements made to the work of scrutiny. It is hoped that 2020-21 will continue to build on these changes and to make a contribution to the work that is needed to help communities recover and rebuild from coronavirus.

Councillor Steve Shaw-Wright
Chair of the Scrutiny Committee 2019-20 and 2020-21



Date of Meeting	Topic	Discussion / Resolution
4 JULY 2019	Scrutiny Committee Work Programme and Executive Meeting Dates 2019-20	<p>The report asked the Committee to agree items for inclusion on the Work Programme 2019-20, note the meeting dates for the Executive in 2019-20 and agree Scrutiny Committee Member attendance at these meetings.</p> <p>A number of issues were suggested for inclusion on the work programme for 2019-20; planning enforcement and the use of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 Section 215 Regulations, public engagement, housing and CEFs.</p> <p>Members felt that there were a number of issues on the work programme which could be removed and that amendments could continue to be made throughout the year. The Committee agreed that the current agenda was too full.</p> <p>The Chair indicated that he would be setting up mid-cycle briefings for scrutiny, and that invitations to attend the Chair's briefing would be extended to Members from the Conservative, Independent and Yorkshire Party Groups.</p> <p>The Committee agreed the Work Programme for 2019-20, subject to the inclusion of additional items on planning enforcement, the use of Section 215 Regulations, public engagement, housing and CEFs. They noted the Executive meeting dates in 2019-20 and agreed the establishment of mid-cycle briefings and that invitations to attend the Chair's briefings would be extended to Members from the Conservative, Independent and Yorkshire Party Groups.</p>
	Vale of York CCG and Yorkshire Ambulance Service	<p>The Committee welcomed to the meeting Becky Case, Head of Transformation and Delivery at NHS Vale of York Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), and Chris Dexter from Yorkshire Ambulance Service NHS Trust (YAS). The Committee were informed of the recent contractual changes for patient transport services in the CCG's area. Mr Dexter explained that as the provider of the service, YAS was the</p>

		<p>first line of contact with patients.</p> <p>Members asked for examples of other providers that had bid for the contract, and it was noted that there had been expressions of interest initially from 19 different organisations, which had eventually been narrowed down to four. Details of the other bidders for the contract were not able to be shared.</p> <p>Committee Members expressed concern regarding some patients having been denied transport services when it was clear that they were in need of such assistance, especially those that lived in more rural communities where public transport was not always a viable option. It was felt that there were a number of other issues outside of medical need and mobility that should be taken into consideration when judging an individual's eligibility for the service, such as dementia.</p> <p>Members noted that should a person be judged as ineligible for transport services, they would be given advice and signposted to other services that could help them. It was explained that the services were conscious of a number of different factors when making a decision about transport eligibility, and that any specific cases that Members were aware of could be referred to them directly to be looked into.</p>
	Yorkshire Water – Future of Brayton Barff	<p>The Committee welcomed to the meeting Geoff Lomas, Lead Countryside and Woodland Advisor from Yorkshire Water. They received a presentation on Brayton Barff, including ownership, access routes, site uses, visitor satisfaction, visitor profiles and woodland management and challenges (both recent and future) such as Himalayan Balsam, graffiti and anti-social behaviour.</p> <p>Members asked if Yorkshire Water would consider running forest schools at the Barff. It was explained that if the appropriate planning and risk management was undertaken by a group wishing to run such an event, a licence could be issued to do this.</p>

	<p>The Committee noted the essential woodland management work at the Barff, which ensured its survival beyond the immediate future into the decades to come. Mixed species of tree such as cherry, hornbeam and lime were being planted in order to ensure diversity in the stock for the woodland's future resilience.</p> <p>Members felt that better advertising was needed to publicise the need to fell trees in order to assure the public that such works were planned and necessary. Any efforts to control grey squirrel numbers would be difficult to manage due to the fact that there was little public support for it outside of areas where there were competing red squirrel populations.</p> <p>Members queried what could be done to tackle anti-social behaviour on the Barff, such as overnight camping, littering and campfires. It was explained that out of hours it was difficult to monitor and prevent as there were not the staff available to be 'on the ground' at all times. In the first instance it should be reported to the Police. The area managed for Yorkshire Water stretched over many miles, and that partnership working with organisations such as the Friends of Brayton Barff and Yorkshire Wildlife Trust was essential in ensuring sites continued to be managed appropriately.</p> <p>The Committee noted that dog fouling on the Barff was an ongoing issue, and that further preventative work could be undertaken in partnership with the Council; the Director of Corporate Services and Commissioning confirmed that she would provide her contact details in order for further discussions to be had on the matter.</p>
Scrutiny Committee Draft Annual Report 2018-19	<p>The Committee were asked to approve the Scrutiny Committee Annual Report 2018-19 and make any comments or suggestions as to how the format of the Committee's Annual Report could be improved for future years.</p> <p>The Committee confirmed that they were happy with the contents of the Annual Report 2018-19 as set out in the agenda.</p>

	<p>Corporate Performance Report Quarter 4 2018-19 (January to March) and Year End 2018-19</p> <p>The Committee received the report which asked the Committee to consider the contents and make any comments on the Council's performance.</p> <p>Members queried what action would be taken in relation to those performance figures that were not at target, and how long Officers thought it would be before they reached target.</p> <p>In relation to housing voids, Officers explained that there had been a number of issues that had impacted on the Council's performance, such as staff turnover. Additional investment had been approved to support the service, and it was acknowledged by Members that some properties required a great deal of remedial work that could take months. Some KPIs were being amended in order to give a truer picture of performance, but Members were advised that housing void turnaround times may get worse before they got better. Officers also explained the impact of Universal Credit on housing rent arrears, which had caused a lag in rent collection for the Council.</p> <p>The Committee also queried the potential work of the Council with the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP), who had approached the authority with a view to releasing employment opportunities in Sherburn and Selby to people from areas of high deprivation in the Leeds and Wakefield 5 towns area. Members were concerned that there were residents living in areas of deprivation within the District that should have the opportunity to access these jobs before they were offered to people from Leeds and Wakefield, and that there was the potential for a net loss of houses if they were offered to those who came to work in the District from elsewhere. Officers confirmed that they would supply more information to Members on the matter after the meeting; it was also acknowledged that lack of public transport between employment sites and residential areas was a real barrier to accessing work for a number of residents.</p> <p>It was queried by Members if the KPIs as set out in the performance report were</p>
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		<p>audited; Officers confirmed that small samples of the KPIs were audited each year by Veritau. It was suggested that in general, more summarisation in the performance report would be helpful.</p> <p>The Committee noted the Council's performance for Quarter 4 2018-19 (January to March) and Year End 2018-19.</p>
	<p>Financial Results and Budget Exceptions Report to 31 March 2019</p>	<p>The Committee received the report which asked the Committee to consider the contents of the report and make any comments on the Council's financial results and budget exceptions.</p> <p>Members queried the number of council houses that had been delivered and the delay to the adoption of a road at some Council owned industrial units. Officers explained that there had been issues around the road adoption which had caused some problems. With regards to the net delivery of council homes, there had been 13 in 2018-19 and 15 in 2017-18; it was acknowledged that this needed to improve and that upcoming work on revision of the Council's Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Business Plan would address the matter further.</p> <p>Officers acknowledged that the Council's Housing Development Programme had been delayed but that different package schemes were being explored in order to get better value for money; Members were pleased to note that the money set aside for affordable housing was in the Council's reserves and could not be used for any other projects. Some Section 106 monies had been used as loans to the Housing Trust to deliver homes.</p> <p>The Committee acknowledged that any surpluses in the HRA went back into it for the capital programme; at present there was £3-4m available for major repairs. Officers confirmed that the disposal of council homes was through the Right to Buy Scheme, which the Council could not control because tenants that were eligible to purchase their homes could do so if they so wished.</p>

		<p>Lastly, Members queried the amount of rent that Align Property Services, who had recently moved in to the Civic Centre offices, were paying; Officers confirmed that the rent was £12k a year.</p> <p>The Committee noted the Council's financial results and budget exceptions to 31 March 2019 (Quarter 4)</p>
	Treasury Management Annual Review 2018-19	<p>The Committee received the report which asked Members to consider the contents of the report and make any comments on the Council's treasury management.</p> <p>The Committee asked if it would be more prudent to reduce borrowing in the current economic climate; Officers explained that at the moment there would be penalties to repaying the loans, but it was something that was kept under review on a regular basis.</p> <p>Members queried the relatively low property investment return levels which were around 4%, to which Officers responded by explaining that higher returns of around 10% were for investments at the riskier end of the market. The Council had spread its investment more widely to reduce and manage risk and as such the return was slightly lower.</p> <p>Members asked for an update on the two former Natwest bank properties in Selby and Tadcaster that the Council had been purchased; Officers confirmed that the Council was currently in negotiations to sell the Selby property.</p> <p>The Committee noted the Council's treasury management update for Quarter 4.</p>
	Statutory Guidance on Overview and Scrutiny in Local and Combined	<p>The Committee received a report which asked Members to consider and note the contents of the new guidance and identify any aspects which would merit further consideration in relation to scrutiny work at Selby.</p>

	<p>Authorities: Information Report</p>	<p>Members were advised that on 7 May 2019 the Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government published the document, 'Statutory Guidance for Local Authorities on Overview and Scrutiny'. The new guidance sought to clarify the role and benefits of scrutiny to local authorities, taking into account the changes to scrutiny since the previous guidance was published in 2006.</p> <p>Officers explained the guidance recognised that local authorities were best placed to decide how scrutiny should work within their own political structures. As such it was focussed towards highlighting best practice, with it left to individual councils to determine its implementation.</p> <p>The Committee noted that Selby District Council had undertaken a review of its scrutiny arrangements in 2018; Scrutiny Committee would need to consider the guidance issued by the Government in the context of scrutiny at Selby, and if there were any specific sections of the new guidance it would like to highlight. Members agreed that any comments on the guidance would be given at the next meeting of the Committee.</p> <p>Members noted the contents of the new guidance for further comment at the next meeting of the Committee.</p>
	<p>Review of Community Centres</p>	<p>The Committee received a report which asked them to confirm that they wished to continue with the review, agree the proposed scope and methodology and establish a Task and Finish Group.</p> <p>The Committee acknowledged that there was a great deal of potential in a number of the centres which had the capacity for much more use by the wider community, and which could be marketed better; however, it was noted that there was hesitancy by the managing committees of some of the centres to allow more people to use them.</p> <p>Members also noted that Selby District Council staff were based in some of the</p>

		<p>centres around the District, such as Calcaria House in Tadcaster and Harold Mills House in Sherburn in Elmet. The importance of meaningful discussions and consultation with the management committees of the centres was emphasised by Members.</p> <p>Lastly, it was agreed that membership of the Task and Finish Group should be decided by the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Scrutiny Committee.</p> <p>The Committee confirmed the review of Community Centres, agreed the proposed scope and methodology as set out in the report, and agreed to establish a Task and Finish Group, the membership of which would include 4 Councillors, the details of which were to be decided by the Chair and Vice Chair of the Scrutiny Committee.</p>
26 SEPTEMBER 2019	Work Programme 2019-20	<p>The Committee were asked to consider and comment on their Work Programme for 2019-20.</p> <p>The Committee noted the Work Programme for 2019-20 as circulated.</p>
	Yorkshire Wildlife Trust and Wildlife Habitat Protection Trust: Barlow Common Activity Review April 2018 to April 2019, and Hambleton Hough Annual Report 2018-19	<p>The Committee welcomed to the meeting Martin Blakey from the Wildlife Habitat Protection Trust and David Craven from Yorkshire Wildlife Trust, who were present to introduce the annual reports for Barlow Common and Hambleton Hough for 2018-19.</p> <p>Members noted that whilst there were a number of dog walkers that used Barlow Common, there was not an issue with dog fouling at the site. A community clean up initiative was also being planned for the access track to the site.</p> <p>The Committee acknowledged that forest schools at Hambleton Hough had been a success, and that the area would be completely replanted with native species by next year. There were some ongoing issues being caused by the clearing of the</p>

		<p>area, with problems regarding access and working with local residents, who disagreed with some of the plans for the site. It was noted that in the autumn an external contractor would be working on clearing the steeper parts of the site.</p> <p>The Chair and the Committee thanked the representatives from the Wildlife Habitat Protection Trust and Yorkshire Wildlife Trust for attending and providing the updates.</p>
	Leisure Contract Annual Review April 2018 – March 2019	<p>The Committee received the report which asked Members to consider and comment on the Leisure Contract Annual Review 2018-19.</p> <p>The Committee asked Officers about external funding and whether any work being done to encourage deprived communities to use the leisure facilities, such as summer sport activities, similar to those undertaken in Sherburn. Officers explained that outreach work was done to encourage sporting activity, especially around youth engagement, and confirmed that they would request some information on this for Members from IHL's Outreach Manager. Members also noted that activity camps had been run in Selby during the summer at reduced rates.</p> <p>Members enquired as to why visits to the leisure centre in Tadcaster were up, but down in Selby. Officers explained that as the report was for 2018-19, it reflected the good weather experienced in summer 2018, which meant there was a reduced take-up of indoor activities. Members acknowledged the importance of ensuring there was footfall in the leisure centres throughout the day, and not just at peak times. The Committee were pleased to note that attendance had gone back up again in Quarter 1.</p> <p>Lastly, Members asked if there was a way to measure the number of leisure centre users that were coming in from outside of the District; Officers confirmed that they would ask IHL if this information was available.</p>

		<p>The Committee noted the Leisure Contract Annual Review 2018-2019, asked Officers to provide a report in the future about the sources of external funding and to request information from IHL's Outreach Manager about activities for deprived communities. Officers were also asked to request information from IHL about the number of leisure centre users from outside of the Selby District.</p>
	<p>Planning Enforcement and Section 215 Notices</p>	<p>The Committee received the report which explained Local Planning Authority's (LPA's) power to issue as well as the scope of Section 215 Notices and discussed the practical implications and effectiveness of doing so. It also provided data on the use of such notices within the Planning Enforcement team and other authorities.</p> <p>Members of the Committee expressed their frustrations in relation to recurring enforcement issues. There was a perceived lack of action on such cases by Members. Officers acknowledged that there were ongoing problems with some cases, but that enforcement action was taken and that the national guidance encouraged resolution in such matters through the submission of planning applications and within the planning process. Members explained the frustrations experienced by both residents and Councillors who were dealing with ongoing issues and asked Officers to consider these points of view when dealing with enforcement matters.</p> <p>Officers also explained that the Planning Enforcement Management Plan had been written in order to give clarity to the process, and that should the view of Members be that it requires amendment, this could be looked at. With regards to planning enforcement, improvements had been made but it was acknowledged that there was still work to do. There had been a high backlog of cases which had taken time to work through and Officers were doing all they could to improve the situation.</p> <p>The Executive Member for Place Shaping explained to the Committee that the number of planning applications submitted to the Council for consideration had</p>

grown exponentially over the past few years, and as such, these applications generated more complaints and enforcement issues. The Executive Member went on to say that his experience of the planning enforcement team had been positive and that they had been focusing on the most important issues; public interest, confidentiality and clarity were key, with Officers often having a difficult job in keeping different parties informed at the same time.

Committee Members acknowledged that the situation had improved, but that public perception was key, and they often wanted issues resolved as quickly as possible, and may not always understand why it is such a complicated process. Officers explained that they did their best to describe the process of resolution and to prioritise action, and were open to comments and changes to the policy if required.

Members noted that the planning enforcement and planning teams were encouraged to work collaboratively, and that the correct legal support was also essential to the team's ability to resolve cases. Officers confirmed that current staffing levels were at the levels that the service had budgeted for, including extra contingency support. There were current vacancies in the planning team but these were being recruited to at present.

The Committee asked for confirmation from Officers of the number of cases resolved prior to 2018; it was agreed that this figure would be checked and circulated to Members after the meeting.

In relation to Section 215 notices, Officers explained that in order to work out the costings for direct action to be taken as a result of Section 215 Notices, a number of matters needed to be considered, including the potential need for tenders, availability of local firms to undertake the process, the scale of the work and cost recovery.

Some Members felt that Section 215 Notices should be used more regularly by the

		<p>Council for enforcement matters, and that the appropriate legal support and budgets should be identified to undertake the work internally; it was also agreed by the Committee that there should be more communications work about planning enforcement, especially successful cases.</p> <p>The Committee noted the report, and suggested that Officers consider the membership of the Planning Enforcement Sub-Group in consultation with the Chair of Scrutiny Committee. They asked Officers to supply the Committee with details of the number of planning enforcement cases resolved prior to 2018, after the meeting and to undertake more communications work around planning enforcement.</p>
	<p>Draft Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Business Plan and Action Plan 2020-2025</p>	<p>The Committee received the report which asked Members to consider and comment on the draft version of the HRA Business Plan and its accompanying Action Plan 2020-2025.</p> <p>Members expressed concerns around maintenance of homes to a decent homes standard, and emphasised the importance of recruiting a maintenance workforce that could address the work that needed doing. Officers acknowledged that recruitment of trade workers had been difficult due to the Council being unable to pay the market rate for services, and past issues with the management of performance. A new housing system was currently being implemented which would improve monitoring, and contracts were being reviewed in order to streamline the improvement works that were required. Apprentice schemes were already being used successfully and it was hoped that this would continue to expand in the coming years.</p> <p>Members asked a number of questions about the housing service, including its sustainability, the number of Council homes lost each year to Right to Buy, and the use of sustainable and renewable materials. Officers confirmed that they were looking closely at thermal and energy efficiency, including the phasing out of electric</p>

		<p>and solid fuel systems. Gas systems were still being fitted in Council homes, but Members were assured that improvements to insulation were also being considered.</p> <p>Lastly, Officers explained that whilst off-site construction or modular homes had been looked at, there were still significant issues with this type of construction, and at present it was not cheaper than the traditional building methods.</p> <p>The Committee noted the Draft Housing Revenue Account Business Plan and Action Plan 2020-2025.</p>
	<p>Financial Results and Budget Exceptions Report to 30 June 2019</p>	<p>The Committee received the report which asked Members to consider and comment on the content of the report; financial information contained in the report enabled the Council to monitor its financial and budgetary position and to ensure that budget exceptions were brought to the attention of Councillors.</p> <p>The Committee asked Officers to supply some further information about the industrial units for rent as mentioned in the report, specifically where they were and their size, as well as the negotiations on the remaining lease time left on the Market Cross site, where the Contact Centre were currently based but would be vacating shortly.</p> <p>The Committee noted the Council's financial results and budget exceptions to 30 June 2019 (Quarter 1) and asked Officers to supply further information to the Committee about the Council's industrial units, specifically where they were and their size, as well as the negotiations on the remaining lease time left on the Market Cross site.</p>
	<p>Treasury Management Quarterly Update Q1-2019-20</p>	<p>The Committee received the report which asked Members to consider and comment on the content of the report; the information contained in the report was required in order to comply with the Treasury Management Code of Practice.</p>

		<p>The Committee noted the Council's borrowing and investment activity (Treasury Management) for the period 1 April to 30 June (Quarter 1) and performance against prudential indicators.</p>
	Corporate Performance Report Quarter 1 – 2019-20 (April to June)	<p>The Committee received the report which asked Members to consider the information as set out in the report, as part of their role in reviewing and scrutinising the performance of the Council in relation to its policy objectives, performance targets and/or particular service areas.</p> <p>Officers were asked to supply the Committee with a copy of the minutes from a sub-regional meeting aimed at connecting areas of deprivation (including Flaxley Road and Abbots Road) with employment opportunities, as mentioned in the performance monitoring report.</p> <p>Members noted the Council's performance in Quarter 1 (April to June) and asked Officers to supply the Committee with a copy of the minutes from a sub-regional meeting aimed at connecting areas of deprivation (including Flaxley Road and Abbots Road) with employment opportunities.</p>
21 NOVEMBER 2019	Life in Times of Change: Health and Hardship in North Yorkshire – The 2019 Director of Public Health Report for North Yorkshire	<p>The Chair welcomed Dr Lincoln Sargeant, Director of Public Health for North Yorkshire to the meeting to present the annual report of the Director of Public Health for North Yorkshire. Dr Sargeant gave a presentation to the Committee on the report. A number of matters were raised and discussed.</p> <p>Members heard that much of the work in the annual report had already been identified in the Selby district through the Selby Health Matters group. A newsletter of the work completed across a number of partners had been circulated to scrutiny members with the agenda.</p> <p>The Director of Public Health stated that it was important to understand that people were proud of where they came from, and therefore investment and regeneration</p>

		<p>was needed to enable them to stay in the area.</p> <p>The Committee felt that better co-ordination between agencies was needed, and concern was raised in respect of the lack of bus services in rural locations making it difficult for people without vehicles to access employment in neighbouring towns and villages.</p> <p>The Committee noted the report and the recommendations made by the Director of Public Health.</p>
	Community Engagement Forums	<p>The Committee received the report which asked Members to consider the role and function of the Community Engagement Forums (CEF's) in conjunction with key CEF representatives.</p> <p>The Chairs of Central, Eastern and the Southern CEF were present at the meeting along with the two Community Development Officers and the North Yorkshire County Council Highways Customer Communications Officer, who frequently attended CEF meetings, and entered into the dialogue.</p> <p>Discussion took place around the Forum meetings, and in particular how to encourage local residents to attend, it was agreed that the movement of Forums around the respective CEF areas had addressed issues such as rurality, and had improved attendance. The CEF Chairs stated that the subject matter and how it linked to localised issues was key to both numbers of attendees and the quality of discussion.</p> <p>Members raised concerns about the way the allocated funding of £20k per CEF was apportioned across each CEF area; it was felt that some areas within the district had disproportionate factors which affected them such as deprivation or population per head, and therefore should receive a larger proportion of funding. Discussions centred on Central CEF in this respect, but also noted other funding and network</p>

	<p>opportunities that the area could work on, such as Selby Big Local, with potential to work more collaboratively with groups and funders.</p> <p>In terms of CEF areas, members felt that geographically some of the CEF boundaries should be reviewed, and also queried the composition of each Partnership Board which in some cases was felt to be unproportioned representation of the areas, particularly from community members.</p> <p>The Committee were informed that since inception 123 community organisations had received grant funding, with numerous community buildings within the area being saved from closure. The Director of Public Health stated that the core idea of the CEF's was excellent and that in terms of engaging with the communities, he would be happy to assist.</p> <p>The Committee noted the report.</p>
Police Co-Location and Contact Centre	<p>The Committee received the report which asked Members to consider the contents of the report and comment on the impact of the police co-location.</p> <p>The Committee raised their concerns regarding confidentiality, as it was felt that people could overhear conversations which took place in the reception area. The Police representative assured Members that the Police Officers used their common sense when dealing with the public, and confirmed that two offices had been made available to the Police for the use of confidential interviewing.</p> <p>Members stated that it was the location of the reception staff, with the Police and Council receptionists sat side by side at the reception desk where they felt the problem arose, and queried whether a different seating arrangement could be explored for the future.</p> <p>The Committee noted the Police Co-Location report.</p>

	<p>Draft Council Plan 2030</p>	<p>The Committee received the report which asked Members to consider and comment on the Draft Council Plan 2030.</p> <p>Members supported the draft Plan as a basis for future delivery, and welcomed the new focus on the environment and hoped the recommendations from the Low Carbon Working Group would provide more specific, strong actions for delivery of the green agenda. Members were also keen that the work around economic growth should prioritise sustainability, which the new Local Plan would help with, and that a focus on wellbeing was addressed.</p> <p>The Committee agreed with the comments from consultees around shops on Gowthorpe and queried what could be done to encourage and support shops to continue trading.</p> <p>Discussion took place regarding pedestrianizing the town, which seemed to have worked in neighbouring towns, along with other possible steps to support town centres such as access and easy parking. Members welcomed more high quality public realm interventions similar to the proposals around the Selby station masterplan.</p> <p>Finally, discussion took place around the argument for and against the possibility of introducing a one way traffic system around Selby town centre to alleviate traffic pressures.</p> <p>The Committee noted the report and the comments made by the Committee.</p>
	<p>Financial Results and Budget Exceptions Report to 30 September 2019</p>	<p>The Committee received the report which asked Members to consider and comment on the financial information contained in the report.</p> <p>In response to a query regarding plans for the former NatWest bank building in Tadcaster, the Officer informed Members that there were no income streams</p>

		<p>forecasted at present for the acquisition, and stated that he would contact the responsible officer and circulate an update to the Committee.</p> <p>Discussion took place regarding the vacant industrial units in Sherburn, and the lack of transport for people from Selby to travel out to the industrial estate for work. It was also noted that some of the units were in need of investment for a number of improvements.</p> <p>The Committee noted the Council's financial results and budget exceptions to 30 September 2019 (Quarter 2), and asked Officers to supply further information to the Committee about the Council's plans for the former NatWest bank building in Tadcaster.</p>
	Treasury Management Quarterly Update Q2 – 2019-20	<p>The Committee received the report which asked Members to consider and comment on the content of the report; the information contained in the report was required in order to comply with the Treasury Management Code of Practice.</p> <p>THE Committee noted the Council's borrowing and investment activity (Treasury Management) for the period 1 April to 30 September (Quarter 2), and performance against prudential indicators.</p>
4 FEBRUARY 2020	Work Programme 2019-20	<p>A number of subjects for Scrutiny Committee's attention had been suggested by the Leader at the most quarterly Executive and Scrutiny Chairs meeting, including looking again at Community Engagement Forums, devolution/One Yorkshire, Local Enterprise Partnerships and the Northern Powerhouse.</p> <p>Half of full day scrutiny sessions were being considered to look at these issues, with further information available in due course.</p>

	Corporate Performance Report Q2	<p>The Committee received the report which asked Members to consider and comment on the performance information contained in the report.</p> <p>Members asked a number of questions relating to enforcement action on empty homes and voids, and requested that a further breakdown of figures and details of such properties be circulated to the Committee by Officers. 27 empty properties had been brought back into use in Quarter 2. In relation to corporate complaints, one late response could impact the measured performance significantly; there was now a dedicated resource whose role was to ensure that responses to complaints were dealt with in a timely manner.</p> <p>Performance issues relating to emergency repairs were due problems with the handheld device used for the monitoring of the requested repair jobs. The problems with the collection of rent arrears had been mainly due to delays in the processing of Universal Credit claims; in most cases once the claims were processed the Council was receiving back-dated payments.</p> <p>The rates of sick days for employees were average against national figures; a review of absence management policies and procedures would be undertaken with additional support from NYCC. The figures set out in the report were made up of a mixture of short and long term absences. Members requested that Officers supply benchmark figures on absence from NYCC and circulate these to the committee. The improvement in the re-letting of major void properties was down to better working between the Council's trades and lettings teams.</p> <p>The Committee noted the Corporate Performance Report for Quarter 2 2019-20 (July to September), asked Officers to provide a further breakdown of figures and details of the re-letting and enforcement action in relation to void properties, and circulate this information to the Committee, and asked to supply benchmark figures on absence from NYCC and circulate these to the Committee.</p>
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	Blue Light Services	<p>In attendance was Rachel Pippin, Interim Sector Commander, Yorkshire Ambulance Service (YAS). Members received a presentation on the role and performance of the YAS, and noted the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The YAS served a population of over five million people across Yorkshire and the Humber. It provided non-emergency Patient Transport Service (PTS) and a vital 24-hour, seven-days-a-week emergency and healthcare service. The YAS had a Resilience and Special Services Team (including a Hazardous Area Response Team), and also provided clinicians to work on the Yorkshire Air Ambulance. • The number of calls received by the YAS in 2018-19 went up by 5.5%, which equated to over 2,700 calls a day. The service responded to almost 800,000 incidents, provided over 900k patient transport service journeys, 100k of which were by volunteers. As a result of the increase in demand, staff numbers had risen to over 5500 and 138 new ambulances had been procured. • There were 248 Community First Responders (CFRs) in North Yorkshire, with 737 public access defibrillators available across the county. In 2020 a new app, GoodSAM, would be rolled out to professionals who could volunteer to attend cardiac arrests. The app would also mean tracking capability and a more accurate use of CFRs. • The Committee noted the new performance standards for the YAS and have an overview of the current performance against them in North Yorkshire. • Members were also informed about a number of ways in which the YAS was managing performance and the quality of care, including working as a health system partner, streaming and forecasting demand, and developing a workforce aligned to the health system and improving patient care and experience.
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13 FEBRUARY 2020	Education in Selby District	<p>The Chair welcomed the following representatives to the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tim Moat, Director of Communications, Ebor Academy Trust • Dave Barber, Executive Headteacher, Ebor Academy Trust • Judith Kirk, Assistant Director for Education and Skills, North Yorkshire County Council • Jane le Sage, Assistant Director for Inclusion, North Yorkshire County Council • Andrew Dixon, Strategic Planning Manager, North Yorkshire County Council • Phil Sayles, Principal, Selby College • Nick Probert, Principal, York College <p>The Chair explained that they had been invited to explore the Council's relationship with local providers, and to find out how they could work together to improve and develop education and skills in the District. The Committee received short presentations from each of the attendees and asked several questions.</p> <p>Phil Sayles, Principal, Selby College</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Sayles, who had been Principal at the college for 18 months, gave an overview of the mission and values of the college, the curriculum strategy and strategic goals. • Members were pleased to note that the college had over 3,000 students and over 250 members of staff, worked with 150 employers, had won a TEF (Teaching Excellence Framework) Silver Award and a number of other accolades.

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Committee asked a number of questions relating to the college's work with Drax Power. Mr Sayles confirmed that the college did have some apprenticeship positions at Drax but not in engineering at present and acknowledged the important partnership between the college and Drax Power. • Members asked if there was anything the Council could do to help the college in its work; Mr Sayles emphasised the importance of a business development and skills strategy for the Selby District, and how this would help the college and other education providers to offer the right courses. Through the development of such a strategy, events for recruiting talent could be offered and prove to be invaluable. • Mr Sayles also explained that the college received funding to attract students from areas of deprivation to further education courses, but acknowledged that there was always more that could be done on this. It was suggested that should the previously discussed skills strategy be developed by the Council, this element could be included and potentially benefit from joint working between the local authority and the college. |
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Judith Kirk, Assistant Director for Education and Skills, North Yorkshire County Council

The Committee received an overview from the Assistant Director on a variety of issues, including:

- The attainment, performance and achievement of schools in the North Yorkshire and Selby area, including OFSTED judgements for primary and secondary schools, early years education and development tests and key stage 2 and 4 performance and progress.
- Members were informed that there was a great deal of data available on the performance of schools. The main message was that performance was progressing in the right direction, with a pleasing overall picture in the district, despite there always being room for improvement.

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was noted that the level of young people not in education, employment or training in Selby District was around 13%, which was in line with the county's average. |
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Jane le Sage, Assistant Director for Inclusion, North Yorkshire County Council

- Members were given an overview of the SEN (Special Educational Needs) arrangements in the district. Around 12% of the school age population in Selby required SEN assistance, which was slightly higher than the rest of North Yorkshire.
- The Committee noted the SEN performance in relation to Key Stages 2 and 4, as well as information on exclusions at both primary and secondary level, and the work undertaken with head teachers to reduce exclusions.
- Persistent absence had not increased across the district, and Members were interested to note that Selby District had the second highest increase in home schooling rates in the county.;
- Members were informed about the pupil referral service at The Rubicon Centre in Selby and how it would be changing its focus for it to be accessed before a child was permanently excluded from school; prevention was key.
- The Committee noted that a new enhanced main stream model of school was also being developed, with additional local authority funding to enable the school to enhance its SEN offer. There would be a three year rollout programme across the county with a small number of schools becoming the new model. Schools that would be included in the changes were Selby High and the Holy Family Catholic School in Carlton. Officers confirmed that extra support would be available for these schools that were to be part of the new programme.
- Members acknowledged that each enhanced school would be able to provide for an extra eight children who had SEN plans but were able to learn in a mainstream environment, but still needed extra support. This would give more choice across the district for parents and carers.

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Officers went on to explain that a SEN hub would be established in Selby in April, and would be fully staffed by September 2020. It would include specialist teachers, support practitioners, therapists and psychologists. • A bid had also been submitted to the Department for Education for funding for a free school in Selby which would provide for children with autism and special needs; a decision was imminent on which educational trust would be running it. • In response to a question, the Principal of Selby College explained that around seven out of ten students that came to study at the college were there to study at A-Level or BTEC but could also do GCSEs if required. Some students did drop out of their studies, but rates for this were not particularly high or a cause for concern. • Members thanked Officers for the information and agreed that The Rubicon Centre would be a major plus point for Selby, as it could make a big difference to children's lives, and asked questions relating to comparable performance with national targets and Section 106 contributions for school building as part of the planning process. |
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Andrew Dixon, Strategic Planning Manager, North Yorkshire County Council

- Officers explained that links between education and housing growth and the local authority's duty to make appropriate provision. There had been significant areas of growth in places such as Barlby Bridge, where the school was scheduled for a much-needed expansion. There would also be a focus on expanding Staynor Hall, Athelstan and Hungate Schools in Sherburn and Kirk Fenton School.
- In terms of assistance that could be useful from Selby District Council, the approach to the development of the Local Plan and plan making in general, especially planned versus unplanned growth, was key. This also included the five-year land supply and use of Section 106 monies. Department for Education guidance had recently been reviewed to introduce the need for local authorities

	<p>to demonstrate that pupil yield for developments would increase.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some schools in the district could benefit from growth in their areas, but there were also schools that were 'landlocked' and couldn't expand further. • Members asked if CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) monies could be used instead of Section 106. Officers explained that there was a balance to be struck between area demand and need, as they were not the same thing. • Some Members felt strongly that Sherburn needed a new primary school as the popular Athelstan School would become oversubscribed; the school run across Sherburn to the school was also causing traffic problems in the area. Officers acknowledged that some areas had experienced more housing growth than others, some of which was higher than expected, and as such the quantum of housing coming forward was affecting the number of school places needed. This was why it was so important for the Council to develop a new Local Plan with deliverable development. <p>Tim Moat, Director of Communications, Ebor Academy Trust and Dave Barber, Executive Headteacher, Ebor Academy Trust</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The attendees from Ebor Academy Trust gave an overview of the size, makeup and values of the trust, as well as its goals and performance. • It was explained to the Committee that each school within the Trust was able to be independent and different, but still needed to have the Ebor ethos running through what it did. The wellbeing of staff and children was very important, with several different programmes such as 'early excellence' running to encourage this. • There was a great deal of collaborative working to encourage a self-improving school system; a number of schools had been supported by the Trust to improve their OFSTED rating through a dedicated school improvement team. There was also a focus on professional development and the support of staff. • Staynor Hall Community Primary Academy was proving to be a very popular school and was particularly responsive and receptive to parental need. The
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	<p>Trust also supported Cambesforth School. The Committee noted that by academizing, schools were able to access further funds from the Department for Education to improve.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members were pleased to note that the key stage results for the Trust were above the national average. • The attendees from the Trust explained how they would like to see further expansion of their schools in the Selby District and were on a shortlist to be the provider at the new SEN school in Selby; the decision on this would be taken by the Secretary of State. The Trust were keen to keep communicating with the Council on ways they could work together in the district. <p>Nick Probert, Principal, York College</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Principal explained that the college had around 6,500 students, 3,800 of which were aged 16 to 18. 1,200 were undertaking apprenticeships, and around 1,100 were adults in education. There were numerous students from the Selby district at the college. Two thirds of students at the college went on to university, the rest on to vocational courses. A broad range of subjects at A-Level were offered at the college, some of which overlapped with what was offered at Selby College. • Members noted that a coherent view of skills that were needed in the area, developed by the Council, would be very useful to the college and its students. Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs) were not currently able to offer such information, so it would be needed from elsewhere, such as local authorities. • The college was working with a number of partners from across the region on the development of an Institute for Technology, as it specialised in engineering, advanced manufacturing, milling, machining, the digital economy and cyber security. • Members asked if there was much investment available for research and development at the college and were pleased to hear that £600k of investment would be available in the summer.
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		The Chair suggested that they return to talk to the Committee in a year's time. Members agreed that the connections between the Council and educational establishments in the district were crucial.
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