

Labour Party, Independent and Yorkshire Party suggestions for P4G/P4P projects:

1. To help improve the built environment and appearance of the District.
 - a. Better funding of the Maintenance of council land: grass cutting; hard surfaces; ginnels; street furniture. Review of Community Centres.
 - b. Best Kept Village/most attractive Village Competition. 3 categories, up to 1,000, 1,000 to 2,000 and over 2,000.
 - c. A rigorous programme of enforcement against fly tipping, and service of notices to sort out untidy land. Increased use of mobile CCTV Cameras.
 - d. New boundary signs on the boundary of the Selby District on the main A roads. About a dozen or so simple, sturdy and sustainable signs saying, "Welcome to the Selby District. The heart of Yorkshire".
 - e. A survey of street signs and replacement of those that are damaged.
 - f. A programme to address dog fouling and litter, including on spot fines and increased warden resource.

Response: There is the potential to review the CEFs (link to proposal under other ideas at 1.5 below) and seek to repurpose funding into projects and initiatives to improve local environments and to progress those initiatives not already being addressed – up to £100k p.a. available. Or potential to establish an Environmental Standards project fund. Community Centres are currently subject to review by Overview and Scrutiny Committee and decisions following the outcome of that review may require a future P4G bid.

2. Speed up work on the Climate Change Strategy. We should be looking for a 14% reduction per year, according to the Manchester University Report. Report <https://www.manchester.ac.uk/discover/news/climate-researchers-launch-online-tool-to-help-local-governments-set-carbon-targets>.

Some suggestions.

- a. Fit solar panels to all new Council properties and vacant properties.
- b. Electric car charging points on Council owned land.
- c. Green policies in Local Plan Review.
- d. Electric pool cars for Community Officers.
- e. An extensive programme of Tree Planting both on Council owned land and private land, working with the Woodland Trust.
- f. Implementation of the HRA energy efficiency proposals.
- g. Investigate means of reducing gas usage in all Council buildings.

Response: Feasibility budget, officer support and associated project fund included in P4G bids.

- 3 Investigate how Community Area Offices can be established in smaller settlements, on a hot desk basis, to improve service to residents.

Response: As part of our Customer Strategy, Community Officers work out in our communities in order to target those in need of face to face support. Community centres and other local assets (libraries for example) are used for local surgeries.

- 4 Develop a programme to alleviate deprivation (suggested areas: Selby North and South, Brotherton and Byram).

Response: Selby Health Matters and Big Local work has had a specific focus on reducing health inequalities in Selby. Healthy Concept Funding has been focused on Healthy Schools in dep areas. The remaining £30k has been earmarked for Barlow Common. Work with GPs is in progress to look at their catchments and need. Will explore further with councillors/scrutiny working group how we can continue to work strategically with partners. Consideration could also be given to how we focus neighbourhood officers and also tenant participation.

- 5 Develop a programme to look at how we can give more support for youth and elderly services.

Response: Through Community Safety we have supported IHL and are working with prevention services on outreach youth initiatives. IHL in conjunction with Prevention Services, LUFC - have funding from PCC. We are strengthening Community Safety coordination to facilitate further improvements and seeking to engage with partners such as NYCC.

- 6 Improve internet connectivity in the south of the District by relocating the mast at the former Civic Centre to the south of Selby Town, or constructing a new mast on Council land, which would provide an income stream.

Response: Initial discussion has taken place with York who have been supporting some 5G/IOT work with the LEP as part of the core work of our Economic Development team.

Other issues and suggestions

- 1.1 We have specific concerns about development the M62 corridor. We are committed to the development of the Eggborough Power Station and the Kellingley site, along with ongoing development in and around Pollington Airfield, just over the border in the East Riding. All these developments will be serviced by HGVs using the inadequate junction 34 off the M62. There is currently a planning application to remove the power station fly ash from the Gale Common tip site. Another 25 years of HGVs. There may be scope for some employment development further east, in the vicinity of

Drax Power station, which could access the motorway network without impacting on local villages or junction 34.

Response: This will be considered through the emerging local plan – the Planning Policy Team will work with Drax and the planners to identify opportunities around Drax to grow the low carbon economy and discussions are underway.

- 1.2 We consider it is essential that the M62 Growth Corridor initiative includes proposals to develop a new junction on the M62 between Whitley and Eggborough. Otherwise, there can be no additional development that requires access to the M62 at this junction.

Response: A new junction on the M62 is likely to cost in excess of £100m. DfT policy is that new junctions on trunk roads are only considered as part of very substantial development proposals.

- 1.3 In relation to New Homes Bonus, we also consider the allocation of this should be fully reviewed. This Grant was put forward on the basis that local communities receiving housing development would be consulted on expenditure in the affected areas and this consultation now needs to take place. We note that the Draft budget allocates funds to the three largest settlements. Whilst this is welcome, the amounts allocated are far less than the proportion of New Homes Bonus Sherburn and Selby would receive if allocated proportionally. In addition, a number of the larger villages have received a large number of houses and they should also benefit proportionally from New Homes bonus.

Response: New Homes Bonus is being phased out by the Government. Current Medium-Term Financial Strategy has this supporting frontline service delivery.

- 1.4 We note that there are proposals to assess and maintain the small business units in the District, particularly at Sherburn in Elmet, and we strongly support this proposal. But there must be sufficient resources allocated for this. We should prioritise the maintenance of our existing units before buying additional properties using the Commercial Acquisitions Fund.

Response: The maintenance of existing units is included within current spending plans and will be taken forward as part of our Asset Management work. Any future units, should opportunities arise, would be subject to business case and inclusion of on-going 'whole life' costs to ensure they are sustainable.

1.5 We consider that Community Engagement Forums should be reviewed, and probably abolished, with the savings redirected in the budget (one idea being Locality Grants, as operated by the County Council). Reviews have been undertaken in the past but no changes have been made. The present model has a number of extreme shortcomings:

- The democratic deficit. Most decisions are made by a majority of unelected Board members, partly due to the failure of Councillors to attend.
- The distribution of Council Grants which takes no account of population.
- The boundaries, which do not always reflect “community” boundaries in the District.

Response: A review will be commissioned in light of potential for change in emphasis as set out in idea 1 above.