



Scrutiny Committee

Annual Report 2018-19

Introduction by Councillor Nichols, Chair of the Scrutiny Committee in 2018-19



I am pleased to present the Scrutiny Committee's Annual Report 2018-19, which sets out the work undertaken by the Committee over the course of the 2018-19 municipal year.

It's been a busy year for the Committee following the LGA Peer Review recommendations to strengthen scrutiny at Selby. Members have undertaken more training and the Committee's work plan has included some very interesting topics. The work to enhance the work of the Scrutiny Committee will continue into 2019-20.

The Scrutiny Committee has met six times during 2018-19 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 2018-19 municipal year:

7 Members

Conservative	Labour	Independent
D Buckle	W Nichols (Chair)	D Mackay
L Casling	S Duckett (Vice Chair)	
I Chilvers		
D White		

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.

2018-19 Work Programme

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

Conclusion, 2019-20 and the Scrutiny Review

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

A report on the Scrutiny Review was considered by the Scrutiny Committee at its meeting in June 2018 before consideration by Council in July 2018. A number of recommendations were agreed by the Committee, details of which can be seen at Appendix A to this report.

Further scrutiny training was provided by Frontline Consulting in October 2018 which was well received and found to be useful by those Members that attended.

A liaison group between the three scrutiny Chairs and the Executive has been established, and has met on 3 occasions. This group has helped to improve communication between the Scrutiny Committees and the Executive and it is hoped that it will continue to meet going forward.

In addition, for the first time a role profile has also been developed for the Chairs of the three Scrutiny Committees. These role profiles were also agreed by Council and have been adopted into the Council's Constitution.

2018-19 has been a busy year with a number of changes and improvements made to the work of scrutiny, and it is hoped that 2019-20 will be the same.

Councillor Wendy Nichols

Chair of the Scrutiny Committee 2018-19

Date of Meeting	Topic	Discussion / Resolution
27 June 2018	Annual Report 2017-18	The Committee considered and approved their Annual Report for the 2017-18 municipal year, but did express concern that recommendations of the Committee were not often implemented.
	Scrutiny Review 2018	<p>Members noted that the work on improving and strengthening scrutiny, as recommended by the Peer Challenge Team and set out in the Council's Peer Challenge Improvement Plan, required the input and involvement of the Scrutiny Committee in order to be successful.</p> <p>The Committee felt that the report was comprehensive and the recommendations sensible. The Committee emphasised the importance of the promotion of the work of scrutiny, including encouraging the Committee to get out into the community more as part of their work.</p> <p>The Committee noted the content of the report and emphasised the importance of the promotion of the work of scrutiny, including encouraging the Committee to get out into the community as part of their work.</p>
	Treasury Management Annual Review 2017-18	<p>Members discussed the report and were pleased to note that the Council's affordable limits for borrowing had not been breached during the period covered by the report.</p> <p>The Committee noted the report.</p>

	<p>Corporate Performance Report Quarter 4 – 2017-18 (January to March) Year End 2017-18</p>	<p>Members discussed the report and expressed concerns around the targets for re-letting empty properties, and levels of sickness in the authority. Officers explained that some of the void properties required more work than anticipated to ensure they were in a good condition before re-letting, and that work to reduce levels of sickness was progressing.</p> <p>The Committee suggested that the delay in re-letting empty properties was an area that the Executive could consider in more detail. However, Members were pleased to note that performance in relation to urgent repairs was very good.</p> <p>The Committee noted the report.</p>
	<p>Housing Tenant Services Update</p>	<p>The Committee asked about the involvement of social services in when awarding tenancies and how to ensure the best use was made of properties in the District. Some Members felt that local knowledge would be helpful during the housing process. Officers explained that the each application for housing was dealt with on its own merits, but that the local knowledge of Members could be useful with regard to other matters that required attention, for example, streetlight repairs or highways issues.</p> <p>It was confirmed that area ‘walkabouts’ were being reintroduced and that different ways to get tenants involved were being explored, for example, the current garden competition. Members noted that Housing had a budget for estate improvement and were currently looking for ideas for longer term improvements that could be made; Members were asked to submit any ideas to the department for consideration.</p>

		<p>The Committee were supportive of the proposal to be consulted on the review of the Housing Revenue Account Business Plan.</p> <p>The Committee noted the report, were asked to submit ideas for estate improvement works to the Housing Team, and supported the involvement of the Committee in the consultation on the review of the HRA Business Plan.</p>
	<p>Programme for Growth – Update on Existing Programme and Proposed New Programme</p>	<p>Members were pleased with the comprehensive report and asked a number of questions on the content. Some Members expressed concern about future involvement in the Tour de Yorkshire, as they were unsure as to the real benefits for traders in the District, and were of the opinion that infrastructure and town regeneration should be focused on.</p> <p>The Committee noted that there were a number of large strategic planning applications expected in the coming months, including the rail freight interchange at Gascoigne Wood and former air base at Church Fenton. However, Officers reassured Members they were aware that the majority of businesses in the District were small and medium sized enterprises, and that the Council was keen to support them through encouraging long term investment and job creation.</p> <p>Members acknowledged that long term strategic planning was essential to the economic growth of the District, and that a number of strategic sites were currently being developed by the Council’s Economic Development Team.</p> <p>The Committee noted the progress on the existing Programme for Growth, the approved new Programme for Growth projects</p>

		and associated budgets and the strengthened programme management and reporting arrangements. They also requested that regular progress updates on the Programme for Growth be provided to the Committee via the quarterly Executive updates.
	Financial Results and Budget Exceptions Report to 31 March 2018	The Committee received the report of the Chief Finance Officer and considered the key elements of the report, including the General Fund and HRA surplus and underspend on the Programme for Growth. The Committee noted the report.
	Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2018-19	The Committee considered the Work Programme, noted the Executive meeting dates for 2018-19 and agreed Committee Member attendance at future Executive meetings. Members discussed the transport themed meeting planned for October 2018, the Police co-location at the Council Offices, scrutiny in a day/deep dive topics and attendance of North Yorkshire Police at the Committee's November 2018 meeting. The Committee agreed the work programme, asked for an update on Police co-location and the sale of Newby-Wiske Hall, asked that the Police and Crime Commissioner and a senior Police Officer be invited to the November 2018 meeting and considered how they wished to undertake 'deep dives' or 'scrutiny in a day' reviews.
27 September 2018	Work Programme 2018-19	Members noted that an item on empty homes (including voids) should be added to the work programme for 2019-20 in order for Scrutiny Committee to look at this in detail, following consideration

		<p>by the Executive.</p> <p>The Committee discussed the provision of mental health support, including dementia and Alzheimer's, in Selby and across the county.</p> <p>The Committee agreed the revised work programme, asked that an item on Empty Homes be added, and requested further information on scrutiny work being undertaken on mental health provision across other North Yorkshire local authorities.</p>
	Leisure Annual Review	<p>The Committee were pleased to note that 2017-18 had been a year of progress; more schools were using the pool at the leisure centre in Selby and the recent Selby Sportiv had gone very well. Outreach work by Inspiring Healthy Lifestyles (IHL) had continued, with the 'Move It or Lose It' campaign expanding over the last 18 months.</p> <p>Members noted that there had been some discussion at the Executive meeting around users with membership cards, and those who actually utilised them. There was a discrepancy between the two figures of around 3 to 4%, but performance against targets was still good.</p> <p>The Committee noted the Leisure Annual Review for 2017-18.</p>
	Corporate Performance Report for Q1 2018/19 (April to June)	<p>Members acknowledged that a higher than expected number of void properties had come forward, many of which had not had previous 'decent homes' work done to them and therefore required a lot of work to bring them up to standard. There were also difficulties in recruiting to trades positions which was slowing down</p>

		<p>repair work and general maintenance jobs at council properties.</p> <p>Members expressed concerns about collections being hindered by problem car parking, and public waste bins not being emptied regularly in Tadcaster.</p> <p>How to communicate when missed bins would be collected was also discussed; officers confirmed that messages were put on the Council's website and on social media to let residents know when they would be collected.</p> <p>The Committee suggested other methods of communicating with residents could be a leaflet in annual billing, or a sticker on the bins to explain that by default missed bins were usually collected the next day.</p> <p>The Committee noted the report.</p>
	<p>Financial Results and Budget Exceptions Report to 30 June 2018</p>	<p>The Committee expressed concerns relating to the delays still being experienced in the planning service, despite it now being fully staffed, and the problems in recruiting to trades jobs.</p> <p>Members discussed the proposed move of the contact centre staff at Market Cross to the Civic Centre, and the potential to let the space out to another tenant due to the years left on the lease of the property. Officers acknowledged the concerns raised by Members regarding the convenience and accessibility of the Civic Centre for customers, and recognised it was a process that would need managing properly if it went ahead.</p> <p>The Committee noted the update.</p>

	<p>Programme for Growth – Update on Existing Programme</p>	<p>The Committee noted that a great deal of the work so far on the Programme for Growth had been around project planning and organising of expenditure; some of the projects detailed in the report would last for a few months, some for a number of years.</p> <p>Members discussed future potential uses for the recently purchased former Natwest bank premises in Selby and Tadcaster; officers confirmed that a number of uses were being considered, including retail, residential and commercial space.</p> <p>The Committee were pleased to note that Selby District Council had recently won 'Local Authority of the Year' at the Business Insider Property Awards, and acknowledged the importance of the Council being able to keep delivering</p> <p>The Committee noted the progress on the existing Programme for Growth.</p>
	<p>Treasury Management Quarterly Update Q1 2018-19</p>	<p>Members received the report of the Chief Finance Officer that reviewed the Council's borrowing and investment activity (Treasury Management) for the period 1 April to 30 June 2018 (Q1) and presented performance against the Prudential Indicators.</p> <p>Members asked questions on issues including property funds and investment returns, and acknowledged that the Council's affordable limits for borrowing were not breached during the period.</p> <p>The Committee noted the report.</p>

<p>25 October 2018</p>	<p>Work Programme 2018-19 and Executive Forward Plan</p>	<p>The Chair spoke about the recent Scrutiny training that had taken place on 23 October 2018. The training had been better tailored to the arrangements in Selby and as such had been well received by Members.</p> <p>Members noted that as part of the discussions about work programming that had taken place at the training, a topic identified for consideration by the committee, perhaps as a deep dive or scrutiny in a day, was the provision of a suitable temporary traveller site in the district.</p> <p>Members agreed that recent issues with travellers in the district, including the subsequent mess and damage left behind by some of the groups, required further scrutiny; a practical way forward needed to be found in order to satisfy the local community.</p> <p>The Chair suggested that the work of other Councils on the matter be explored and a line of communication established with the traveller community.</p> <p>The Committee agreed that an introductory report should be produced for Members to consider the scope of the topic; once this had been done further work could be undertaken and eventually some recommendations presented to the Executive. The Chair also suggested that non-Scrutiny Members be involved in the work in order to broaden the views taken into account on the matter.</p> <p>The Committee asked that under the ‘deep dives/scrutiny in a day’ section of the Work Programme, an item on the provision of temporary traveller sites in the district be added.</p>
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	<p>Report on Street Cleansing</p>	<p>Members expressed concerns about missed bin collections due to collection vehicles being unable to access certain streets due to parked cars, particularly recycling collections. Officers explained that the recycling vehicles were wider than the refuse wagons and as such could not access narrow roads which had been made narrower by parked cars. It was acknowledged that this was an issue in some areas of the district, but that the District Council had no powers in relation to parking enforcement. Whilst parking permits or yellow lines could be explored by the Highways Authority in order to prevent this happening in the future, unfortunately there was no 'quick fix'. Officers confirmed that they would continue to work with NYCC colleagues on the matter.</p> <p>The Committee asked what the worst streets for detritus were, and it was explained by Officers that it tended to be those with cars parked on them on a regular basis, as street sweepers couldn't access whole sections. Officers explained that they did give local people notice that cars should be moved in order for a road to be cleaned, but this message was not always heeded.</p> <p>The Committee noted the report.</p>
	<p>Olympia Park: Update on Progress and Next Steps</p>	<p>The Committee noted that the last update on Olympia Park had been received in March 2018. Since then, following lengthy discussions with Homes England the £8.78 million grant funding was approved by Homes England's Housing Infrastructure Investment Board in the first week of October. The Council was now awaiting written confirmation of this funding, including any associated conditions.</p> <p>The Committee noted that the Housing Infrastructure Funding had</p>

to be spend by 31 March 2021. In order to achieve this deadline, the Council would be working collaboratively with all of the landowners to prepare the necessary legal agreements from them to commit to the design of a comprehensive, integrated scheme for the whole site.

Members acknowledged it was anticipated that a planning application would be submitted in March 2019, with a view to work on the infrastructure later that year. This date was slightly later than reported to the Committee in March 2018, mainly due to the complex discussions with the Environment Agency on mitigating flood and Homes England delaying the confirmation of the Housing Infrastructure Fund investment.

Officers went on to explain that the Housing Infrastructure Funding could potentially be supplemented by additional investment from the York, North Yorkshire and East Riding LEP. Up to £1.2 million of investment had been agreed in principle, subject to a detailed business case which was to be submitted on 26 October 2018. It was anticipated that this would be considered by the LEP's Infrastructure Board for approval in December 2018.

Members asked Officers if there would be further pre-application public consultation; it was confirmed that there would be once further flood modelling work had been completed.

The Committee noted the work carried out to date and the proposed next steps to enable delivery of Olympia Park.

	<p>Transport Matters</p>	<p>The Committee invited a number of transport representatives to the meeting and enjoyed a wide ranging discussion about various transport issues experienced across the District.</p> <p>In attendance were:</p> <p>Paul Flanagan, General Manager and Mick Gatenby - Arriva Pete Myers, Stakeholder Manager - Northern Rail Dave Pearson, Director of Transport Services - West Yorkshire Combined Authority Graham Meiklejohn, Regional Development Manager - Transpennine/First Group David Bowe, Corporate Director, Business and Environmental Services - North Yorkshire County Council</p> <p>The main matters discussed were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The need for employment transport, particularly around Sherburn. • The need for investment in Selby station and other stations in the District to ensure accessibility. • Meaningful links between transport provision and the Local Plan. • The roll out of upgraded Sapphire buses by Arriva and an upcoming review of the Selby bus network. • The recent disruption on the trains due to timetable changes. • New trains and station improvements on Northern Rail lines. • The need for better integration between bus and rail services. • Electrification of the TransPennine line. <p>The Committee concluded the discussions by asking Officers to</p>
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		ensure that local Members and residents were kept informed as to the progress of the work on economic and transport development and improvements.
22 November 2018	Work Programme 2018-19 and Findings from the Scrutiny Training on 23 October 2018	<p>The Committee were asked to agree items for inclusion on the revised Work Programme 2018-19 and to consider the findings from the scrutiny training held on 23 October 2018.</p> <p>The Chair noted that the scrutiny training had been useful for Members due to its tailored approach to Selby.</p> <p>The Committee noted the Work Programme and findings from the scrutiny training.</p>
	Programme for Growth (P4G) – Update on Existing Programme	<p>In response to a query concerning what further information had been requested by the Executive, the Economy and Infrastructure Manager explained that further information had been requested concerning specific budgets and clarity on roles and responsibilities.</p> <p>A query was raised around the Selby 950 project and the finances for this. The Head of Communities, Partnerships and Customers explained that £150k had been allocated for the Tour de Yorkshire with the remaining allocation to be used on projects where match funding could be obtained along with possible resources from businesses.</p> <p>Members noted the progress on the existing Programme for Growth.</p>

	<p>North Yorkshire Police and North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Panel</p>	<p>The Committee welcomed Chief Inspector Rachel Wood and Inspector Yvonne Taylor, North Yorkshire Police to discuss operational policing issues in Selby and Councillor Carl Les, Chairman of the North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Panel and Diane Parsons, Support to the Police, Fire and Crime Panel to discuss the work of the Panel.</p> <p>Members received updates on operational policing matters in Selby and discussed a number of issues including CCTV, the cross-border/District drug trade, parking outside schools, anti-social behaviour, police resources and the 101 service. The work of the Police, Fire and Crime Panel was also debated, such as the membership of the Panel, the appointment of a new Chief Constable and Director of Finance, custody transport, street wardens the PCC's new responsibility for the Fire Service, how complaints were dealt with and wildlife crime.</p> <p>The Committee asked that their comments regarding operational policing be passed on for consideration by the PCC and Police, Fire and Crime Panel.</p>
	<p>Back to the Future: The 2018 Director of Public Health Report for North Yorkshire</p>	<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 and highlighted a number of points about deprivation, the ageing population, life expectancy, children in poverty, priorities for public health, health inequality, mental health, budgetary pressures and loneliness and isolation.</p> <p>The Committee noted the report.</p>

	<p>The Approach to Health and Wellbeing in Selby District – One Year On</p>	<p>The Head of Community, Partnerships and Customers introduced the report which asked the Committee to consider the report and accompanying presentation which updated them on progress made since a joint presentation to the Policy Review and Scrutiny Committees in February 2017 by the Director of Public Health, North Yorkshire County Council and the Head of Community, Partnerships and Customers.</p> <p>The Committee was taken through the achievements so far in the action plan, these included a closer working relationship being established with North Yorkshire County Council Public Health partners, a local mental health forum being established which was sector led and a commencement of the review of Community Engagement Forums.</p> <p>The Head of Community, Partnerships and Customers explained some of the next steps to be taken which included an initiative entitled 'Selby Health Matters' led by NYCC Public Health which identified new and current initiatives aligned with the influence of the District Council and a three year focus group identifying NYCC, Selby District Council, third sector and joint delivery roles.</p> <p>Concern was raised around the lack of provision to assist people with mental health problems. The Head of Community, Partnerships and Customers explained that it was important to understand what the community awareness around the issue was.</p> <p>Concern was raised that the Yorkshire Ambulance Service had changed the criteria for those needing transport to hospitals and that they were now making further referrals to volunteer drivers who lacked the medical skills that staff in ambulances had. The Public</p>
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	Financial Results and Budget Exceptions Report to 30 September 2018	<p>The Head of Finance introduced the report which asked the Committee to consider and make any comments on the Council's financial results and budget exceptions to 30 September 2018.</p> <p>In response to a query concerning the delay to the empty homes programme, it was acknowledged that obtaining compulsory purchase orders involved a legal process which had to be strictly followed.</p> <p>An update on the current Programme for Growth was the subject of a separate report on the agenda.</p> <p>The Committee noted the report.</p>
	Treasury Management Quarterly Update Q2 – 2018-19	<p>The Head of Finance introduced the report which asked the Committee to consider the contents of the report and make any comments on the Council's borrowing and investment activity for the period 1 April to 30 September 2018.</p>

		<p>The Committee was informed that the Council's investment over the quarter had an average rate of 0.37% compared to 0.49% in quarter one. With regard to investments, members queried what would be the use of the former NatWest banks in Tadcaster and Selby that the Council had purchased.</p> <p>The Committee noted the report.</p>
<p>25 January 2019</p>	<p>Nigel Adams MP</p>	<p>The Committee welcomed Nigel Adams MP to the meeting.</p> <p>Mr Adams updated the Committee on his recent ministerial roles in government in housing (focusing on homelessness and rough sleeping) and health (mainly looking at mental health); he was currently a minister in the Wales Office.</p> <p>Members noted that Brexit and the complicated arrangements for leaving the EU were taking up a lot of time and resources in government, but that the preparations were progressing steadily.</p> <p>Mr Adams explained that his constituency casework continued as usual, and that he enjoyed working closely with Selby District Council to resolve issues for constituents.</p> <p>Members asked Mr Adams a number of questions on a variety of topics, including availability of land for social housing and the need for new homes, the Council's future retention of the Drax Green Energy payments, the WASPI (Women Against State Pension Inequality) campaign at both a local and national level, Brexit and the economic future of Selby District, pupil referral units, homelessness, the impacts of Universal Credit on the use of food banks and parking provision for new housing developments.</p>

	<p>Work Plan 2018-19 and draft for 2019-20</p>	<p>The Committee considered the Quarter 2 Corporate Performance Report and noted that performance had improved or exceeded targets in relation to emergency and urgent repairs to Council-owned properties, empty homes, dealing with complaints, processing of major planning applications and sundry debt collection. However, performance in relation to the re-letting of vacant Council homes, missed bins, staff sick days and health and safety incidents was not as positive.</p> <p>The Committee were pleased that the number of empty homes brought back into use through direct action had increased, and felt that the target could be revised upwards; the Senior Policy and Performance Officer confirmed that KPIs were due for review and this revision would be considered.</p> <p>Members again expressed their concern at the time taken to re-let Council properties, but acknowledged that some properties were in a dire state and required a lot of remedial work to bring them up to standard. The difficulty in recruiting to trade jobs for the Council was also causing delays.</p> <p>Officers were asked to look into missed recycling collections in Selby which were exacerbated by the continuing problem of parked cars down some roads, making it difficult for the recycling vehicles to get down the road to collect the refuse.</p> <p>The Committee noted the work programmes 2018-19 and 2019-20 and asked the Democratic Services Officer to enquire when the review of Council-funded community centres would be considered.</p>
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	<p>Corporate Performance Report 2</p>	<p>The Committee considered the Quarter 2 Corporate Performance Report and noted that performance had improved or exceeded targets in relation to emergency and urgent repairs to Council-owned properties, empty homes, dealing with complaints, processing of major planning applications and sundry debt collection.</p> <p>However, performance in relation to the re-letting of vacant Council homes, missed bins, staff sick days and health and safety incidents was not as positive.</p> <p>The Committee were pleased that the number of empty homes brought back into use through direct action had increased, and felt that the target could be revised upwards; the Senior Policy and Performance Officer confirmed that KPIs were due for review and this revision would be considered.</p> <p>Members again expressed their concern at the time taken to re-let Council properties, but acknowledged that some properties were in a dire state and required a lot of remedial work to bring them up to standard. The difficulty in recruiting to trade jobs for the Council was also causing delays.</p> <p>Officers were asked to look into missed recycling collections in Selby which were exacerbated by the continuing problem of parked cars down some roads, making it difficult for the recycling vehicles to get down the road to collect the refuse.</p> <p>The Committee noted the Council's performance for Quarter 2 (July to September 2018).</p>
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	<p>Selby District Economic Development Framework 2017-2022 – One Year Review and Delivery Plan 2019 and 2020</p>	<p>The Committee considered the report and were asked to consider the contents and make any comments on the Council’s Economic Development Framework (EDF) 2017-2022. The report provided further information requested by the Executive on 8 November 2018 in relation to the proposed EDF Delivery Plan 2019 and 2020, and the associated progress review and budgetary transfers.</p> <p>The information was comprised of feedback from Members, external partners and stakeholders regarding the proposed delivery plan, details of the business case for recruitment and staffing measures and proposed key performance indicators to monitor progress of the delivery plan and framework. The report also provided an update regarding opportunities and challenges that had become clearer since the priorities for 2019 and 2020 were last considered in early November 2018.</p> <p>Members asked questions on a number of issues, including public realm works on New Lane in Selby, the future plans for the banks in Tadcaster and Selby that had been purchased by the Council, train and bus transport in Selby and Sherburn and subsequent connectivity for employment purposes, and traffic management issues in Selby.</p> <p>Officers were keen to involve Members and draw upon their previous experience and local knowledge in order to further improve the EDF and its projects, and would continue to keep the Scrutiny Committee up to date with its progress.</p> <p>The Committee noted the Selby District Economic Development Framework 2017-2022 – Year One Review and Delivery Plan 2019 and 2020.</p>
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	<p>North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children Board and North Yorkshire Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Reports 2017-18</p>	<p>Members considered the report and were asked to note the annual reports for the North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children and North Yorkshire Safeguarding Adult's Boards.</p> <p>The Committee noted that the North Yorkshire Safeguarding Boards had a statutory duty to publish annual reports, accounting for the activities of the Boards for the previous year. The reports covered 2017/18 activity and also provided evidence of the key areas of focus for the current year.</p> <p>Both reports set out the governance arrangements across North Yorkshire and outlined the activity and partnership working in the Selby District. The priority areas for the boards remained the same as those shared in the 2017 report to Scrutiny Committee. The Adults Board continued to prioritise awareness and empowerment, prevention of harm, protection and proportionality and partnership effectiveness. The Children's Board prioritised the coordination of the activities of the board and ensuring its effectiveness.</p> <p>The Committee asked questions of Officers around current teenage pregnancy rates, the number of residential care homes in North Yorkshire and if the demographics of the county as described in the report were accurate, i.e. rural upbringing.</p> <p>The Committee noted the content of the 2017-18 annual reports for the North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children and North Yorkshire Safeguarding Adult's Boards.</p>
	<p>Housing Development Programme: PH2 Sites Detailed Business Cases</p>	<p>The Committee received the report and were asked to consider the contents and make any comments on the Housing Development Programme.</p>

Members noted that the Housing Development Programme sought to provide 207 affordable homes for Selby District Council (SDC) and Selby District Housing Trust (SDHT) by 31 March 2020. The programme was based on three 'delivery pillars' that included direct development on SDC owned sites, the acquisition and development of new sites, and the acquisition of affordable homes constructed by other developers. The programme would generate revenue streams for the Council as a result of loans provided to the SDHT.

Members queried whether the delivery timescales described in the report were realistic; the Interim Development Surveyor advised Members that whilst they were optimistic, they were not unreasonable. The Committee also asked Officers to check the details relating to a location listed under Phase 3, specifically Benedicts Close in Selby.

Members were pleased that a number of sites that had been suggested over the years were appearing in the HDP, and were keen to see them delivered.

It was suggested by the Committee that the wording of the corporate priorities to 'Make Selby a Great Place to do Business' and 'Make Selby a Great Place to Enjoy Life' be amended to include the word 'District', to emphasise that Selby District was not only focused on Selby Town.

The Committee noted the contents of the Housing Development Programme.

12 March 2019	Work Programme 2018-19 and 2019-20	<p>Members considered the work programme for 2018-19 and the draft programme for 2019-20. Members asked that Yorkshire Water be invited to the July 2019 meeting of the Committee to talk about the management of, and any future plans for, Brayton Barff.</p> <p>The Committee noted the work programmes for 2018-19 and 2019-2 and asked the Democratic Services Officer to invite Yorkshire Water to the July 2019 meeting of the Committee to talk about the management of, and any future plans for, Brayton Barff.</p>
	Corporate Performance Report Quarter 3 – 2018-19 (October to December)	<p>The Committee received the report and considered the contents.</p> <p>The Committee noted that performance had improved or exceeded targets in relation to economic growth service delivery, housebuilding, emergency and urgent repairs to council owned properties, empty homes brought back into use, missed bins, planning application processing, processing new benefit claims, average wait times for customer phone calls and advisors and the responses to Stage 2 complaints.</p> <p>However, performance in relation to the re-letting of properties, average sick days, visits to combined leisure centres and delivery of savings had not gone so well.</p> <p>In relation to visits to the leisure centres, the Committee suggested that advertising at Sherburn train station be looked into, as the service between Sherburn and Selby was now better and more regular. Northern Rail had provided community noticeboards at Sherburn station which could be easily utilised.</p>

		<p>Members acknowledged the ongoing issues with recruiting trades staff, which had an impact on the Council's ability to turn around vacant properties, some of which were in a poor state of repair and needed a great deal of remedial work. Members were pleased to note that some temporary staff had been recruited to the repairs team in order to improve the time taken to do repairs work. The Committee were pleased to note that the winner of Selby's Apprentice of the Year award had also been nominated for a national award.</p> <p>A query was raised regarding the use of the showers at the leisure centre in Selby, including unpleasant smells that had been raised by members of the public. Officers explained that they were aware of occasional difficulties with drainage on the site which was likely to be the cause of the smell.</p> <p>The Committee noted the Council's performance for Quarter 3 (October to December 2018).</p>
	<p>Financial Results and Budget Exceptions Report to 31 December 2018 (Q3)</p>	<p>The Committee received the report and considered its contents.</p> <p>Members noted that at the end of quarter 3, the General Fund was indicating an outturn surplus of (£71k). There were a number of variances (positive and negative) which made up the surplus, including a shortfall on planned savings, staffing savings, changes in waste and recycling income and higher investment income. The HRA was indicating an outturn surplus of (£401k), (£348k) at Q2, which was mainly driven by lower external borrowing requirements, investment income, offset by lower rents and grants.</p> <p>The Committee acknowledged that planned savings for the year</p>

		<p>had already been achieved in the HRA. However, General Fund savings were showing a forecast shortfall of £198k. The capital programme was currently forecasting an underspend of (£8,425k); (£4,817k) GF and (£3,608k) HRA. In the general fund, the majority related to loans to Selby and District Housing Trust, Disabled Facilities Grants, asset maintenance and ICT systems, some of which would be required to be carried forward to 2019/20 to meet project profiles. Similarly within the HRA slippage in the Housing Development Programme would mean that funds would need to be carried forward to complete planned work.</p> <p>Officers explained that the Programme for Growth was established as part of the budget setting process; the P4G projects would be delivered over multiple years, and therefore showed a total project value rather than in-year delivery.</p> <p>The Committee noted the Council's financial results and budget exceptions to 31 December 2018 (Quarter 3).</p>
	<p>Treasury Management Quarterly Update Q3 2018-19</p>	<p>The Committee received the report and considered its contents.</p> <p>The report reviewed the Council's borrowing and investment activity (Treasury Management) for the period 1 April 2018 to 30 November 2018 (Q3) and presented performance against the Prudential Indicators.</p> <p>Members queried the recent acquisitions by the Council of the two former Natwest banks in Selby and Tadcaster. Officers explained that the development of future plans for both of the premises had been slower than anticipated, but that a project group was looking at potential uses for both sites, and Members would be kept</p>

		<p>informed as to any developments.</p> <p>The Committee were keen for the buildings to be brought back into use as soon as possible, and supported the idea of a mix of residential and commercial spaces at both the Selby and Tadcaster sites.</p> <p>The Committee noted the Council's treasury management update for Quarter 3.</p>
	<p>Review of Community Centres</p>	<p>The Committee received the report which asked them to agree the scope and methodology to review and establish a Task and Finish Group, in partnership with the Council's Tenant Scrutiny Panel, to help facilitate a review of Community Centres, which would include a district-wide consultation.</p> <p>The Committee noted that previous reviews have taken place in regards to Community Centres. Most notably in 2010, following a report to the Social Board, the decision was made to sell the poorly used centre at Womersley and convert the centre at Kellington into a residential unit. This left the Council with the 10 centres it had today.</p> <p>Reviewing the Community Centres had been suggested as a piece of work in June 2015, following a proposal from Councillor Buckle. Primary concerns were raised around the poor use of the centres, running costs and lack of community engagement. Considerable discussions took place between the Committee and Lead Officer for Community Support, but it was not felt a Task and Finish Group was required at that stage. It was however agreed that work would be undertaken to try and address the issues raised by Committee</p>

		<p>as to the use of the centres.</p> <p>Members acknowledged that since 2015, public WiFi has been installed into almost every centre, and a new booking system created and managed by the Customer Contact Centre, in the hopes of encouraging new community and private sector interest in the centres. An investment of £78,000 over two years had also been agreed in 2017 to facilitate security and access improvements. However, the same concerns regarding community usage and value for money remained, and it was therefore important that this work was revisited and progressed, and that a review was undertaken to inform a way forward.</p> <p>The Committee discussed the report and agreed it would be better to pick members for the Task and Finish Group after the May 2019 local elections. However, it was suggested that Scrutiny Committee members could assist Officers with the scoping of the work in the few weeks prior to the elections; the Chair asked for volunteers to do so. Councillors Buckle, Duckett and the Chair herself volunteered to meet Officers and undertake this work in the next few weeks.</p> <p>The Committee agreed to defer the establishing of a Task and Finish Group until after the May 2019 elections, and that Councillors Buckle, Duckett and Nichols should meet with Officers to offer guidance and ideas for the scoping of the review into Community Centres, before the May 2019 elections.</p>
	<p>Olympia Park – Update on Progress and Next Steps</p>	<p>The Committee considered the report which asked Members to note the work carried out to date, and the proposed next steps, to</p>

		<p>enable the delivery of Olympia Park.</p> <p>The Committee received a comprehensive report on the progress on the Olympia Park project. Members asked Officers to check a recently submitted planning application for two additional silos by Cemex who were present occupiers of the Olympia Park site. Officers explained to the Committee that the impacts on future residential development of existing employment activities on the site, such as noise and smells, were being considered carefully as part of the design of the scheme.</p> <p>The Committee noted the work carried out to date and the proposed next steps to enable the delivery of Olympia Park.</p>
	<p>Emergency Planning Update</p>	<p>Members received the report and were asked the Committee to note the Council's arrangements for emergency planning and the incidents for which an emergency response had been necessary during the last 12 months.</p> <p>The Committee were pleased to note that during the last year there had only been one incident which had required the North Yorkshire Resilience Forum to notify NYLRF of an incident which may have a serious public or community impact in the Selby District. This related to a methane gas leak in Tadcaster, which was still a live incident.</p> <p>Members were informed that a multi-agency group including Selby District Council, North Yorkshire County Council, North Yorkshire Police, NY Fire Service, Northern Gas Network, Yorkshire Water, Public Health, Northern Powergrid, and the Environment Agency had responded to the incident.</p>

The Committee noted that the incident was first reported on 23 December 2018 and was an unusual event which had focused on identifying the source of the gas and ensuring the safety of the community affected until such time as the source could be found and mitigated. In addition to the live incident, the Council was also involved in planning for the Tour de Yorkshire, the UCI and Brexit.

Members suggested that the Committee could undertake further work on flood preparedness, emergency planning and how to encourage flood wardens to volunteer. Members agreed that North Yorkshire County Council's emergency planning lead, Wendy Muldoon, be invited to a future meeting of the Committee to talk about flooding and its links to emergency planning.

Members noted the Council's arrangements for emergency planning and the incident for which an emergency response had been necessary during the last 12 months, and asked the Democratic Services Officer to add NYCC Emergency Planning to the Committee's work plan for 2019-20, and to invite Wendy Muldoon from NYCC to talk to Members about flood preparedness and flood warden schemes.