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Wednesday 16 September

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Thursday 24 September 2009 at 6.30 pm
Council Chamber - Ryedale House, Malton, North Yorkshire YO17 7HH

Agenda

1 Apologies for Absence

2 Minutes

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the last meeting of the Community Services Committee held on 23 July 2009.

3 Urgent Business

To receive notice of any urgent business that the Chairman considers should be dealt with at the meeting as a matter of urgency by virtue of Section 100(B)(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972.

4 Declarations of Interest

Members to indicate whether they will be declaring any interests under the Code of Conduct. Members making a declaration of interest at a meeting of a Committee or Council are required to disclose the existence and nature of that interest. This requirement is not discharged by merely declaring a personal interest without further explanation.

PART A - Matters dealt with under delegated powers or matters determined by Committee

5 Performance and Finance Report - Council Aims 1 - 4 (Pages 7 - 62)

6 Housing - Performance Report (Pages 63 - 66)

7 Policy in Relation to Wild Animals on Council Owned Land (Pages 67 - 70)

8 Low Carbon Economy - Regional Information Papers (Pages 71 - 112)

PART B - Matters referred to Council

9 Monthly Winter Garden Waste Collection Pilot (Pages 113 - 120)

10 Any Other Business that the Chairman Decides to be Urgent

Community Services Committee

held at Ryedale House, Malton
on Thursday 23 July 2009

Present

Councillors Mrs Cowling (in the Chair) Mrs Frank, Hawkins, Hemesley, Hope, Mrs Keal, Knaggs and Woodward.

Overview & Scrutiny Committee Observers: Councillors Cussons, Cottam and Raper

In Attendance

Mrs B Bennett, Mrs F Brown, J Brown, Mrs MA Jackson, R Etherington, Mrs E Hayes, J Rudd, Mrs C Slater.

Minutes

15 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs Arnold and Ms Warriner.

16 Minutes

The minutes of a meeting of the Community Services & Licensing Committee held on 11 June 2009 were presented.

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting of the Community Services Committee held on 11 June 2009 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Part A – Matters dealt with under delegated powers or matters determined by the Committee

17 Annual Report

Members considered a report which presented the Ryedale District Council Annual Report for 2008-09.

The Annual Report concluded the reporting in relation to the corporate Plan for 2006-09. It also presented a summary of the ambitions of the council and its clear strategic direction.

Resolved:

- (a) That the format and content of the Annual Report be agreed.

- (b) That the achievements against the priorities of the Corporate Plan for 2006-09 be noted.

Councillor Woodward asked that his vote of abstention be recorded, as the affordable housing target had not been met.

18 **Government Action to Prevent Repossessions and the Development of a Sub-Regional Action Plan**

Members considered a report which informed them of the wide range of proactive steps being taken by Government in an effort to reduce the impact of the present economic conditions and provided details of a proposed sub regional action plan to maximise the benefit of these initiatives.

The report summarised the key actions to prevent repossessions. It was noted that the mortgage rescue scheme had had a very limited impact locally, however, some of the financial criteria that had restricted eligibility had been relaxed. The Government had announced extra funding of £3.7m being paid to Local Authorities to help support the development of plans to tackle the threat of repossessions. In order to progress matters, there was general consensus amongst the County Homelessness Group that there were three key areas that needed to be addressed, namely improved communications, improved understanding and improved co-ordination. The report outlined a number of actions proposed to deliver those aims.

The recommendations to the Strategic Housing Board were outlined in the report.

Resolved:

That Members support for the Government initiatives be affirmed and that the proposals contained in the sub-regional action plan be endorsed

19 **Sub Regional Homelessness Strategy and Review of Ryedale's Action Plan 2009**

Members considered a report which updated them on progress made in the delivery of the North Yorkshire Homelessness Strategy 2008-12.

The report outlined progress made on the key objectives contained within the Sub Regional Strategy, being: Preventing Homelessness; Reducing the use of temporary accommodation and improving the standard of temporary accommodation used; tackling youth homelessness; providing housing support for homeless and vulnerable people, and increasing the supply of affordable housing.

The report also outlined areas that needed to be addressed locally to meet the targets originally set in the Ryedale Action plan. Specific progress had been made in certain areas, but the report also outlined areas where progress needed

to be made.

The report concluded that the development and implementation of a Sub Regional Homelessness Strategy had been successful in promoting joint working across the County, and had contributed to the achievement of key service objectives and improvements in service delivery through the sharing of skills, expertise and knowledge. The specific areas of improvement had been identified and the Action Plan had been revised to achieve the objectives.

Resolved:

- (a) That progress made in the delivery of the strategy be noted;
- (b) That the key actions identified for 2009/10 be endorsed.

20 Housing – Performance Report

Members considered a report which informed them of the progress made against the Council's agreed Housing policies.

The report set out the strategic objectives, and progress made in individual areas.

Resolved:

That the report be endorsed.

Part B – Matters Referred to Council

21. Mortgage Rescue Scheme

Members considered a report that provided them with the main details of the Government's Mortgage Rescue Scheme.

The report outlined the background to the Scheme and developments that had taken place since the scheme went live in January 2009. It went on to explain the main objectives of the Mortgage Rescue Scheme, the eligibility criteria and the application process.

The report outlined the role of Yorkshire Housing, the Zone Agents, which was to confirm the property valuation and agree the terms of the rescue.

One of the main obstacles for progressing the scheme was the level of debt secured against second or third charges, and whether lenders were willing to reduce or waive the charges. Another obstacle was the cap on property values of £140000, as although this had increased, it was still problematic in Ryedale. Funding from the HCA was only available to cover 55% of the property price with the balance coming from the zone agent.

A funding allocation of £200,000 had been made in the Capital Programme for this year. Due to the general ongoing effect of the economic downturn it was

only now that the demand for such assistance was starting to be felt. It was clear this was going to continue beyond the end of the current year, and if the Council's efforts to assist households were to have a meaningful impact it would be necessary to continue the scheme beyond the current financial year. It was proposed that the in year allocation of £200,000 be spread over two years, ie 09/10 and 2010/11. The report also outlined the need for a funding allocation of £10,000 per annum to ensure the necessary staff resource to deal with applications for assistance. In addition, access to specialist money advice had previously been provided through the Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB). The CAB were unable to continue to provide this service due to a lack of funding, and the report recommended that £12,000 per annum be allocated from within the overall allocation of £200,000 to enable this service to continue.

Resolved:

That Council be recommended to approve:-

- (a) the principles of a local Mortgage Rescue Scheme designed to provide further support to the Government Mortgage Rescue Scheme.
- (b) That the overall funding allocation of £200,000 in the capital programme for 2009/10 be amended to cover the period 2009/10 and 2010/11.
- (c) A funding allocation of £12,000 per year be made to secure the services of a specialist Money Advice Worker and
- (d) A funding allocation of £10,000 per year be made to ensure that there were the necessary staff resources available in order to deal with applications for assistance through the scheme.

22 **CO2 Performance and Targets**

Members considered a report, which informed them of the performance to date on National Indicator 185, the percentage carbon dioxide reduction from local authority operations.

The Government had asked Local authorities to set a target for reducing CO2 emissions, and stated that authorities should be looking to reduce emissions by a 2% minimum per year. A joint reduction target for the North Yorkshire area was required to include NYCC, District Councils and National parks. Some authorities had stated they expected to exceed the 2% minimum but others had indicated they may struggle to meet it. The national parks were able to offer the largest percentage reductions whilst NYCC were offering the minimum.

So far as Ryedale District Council were concerned, it was estimated that a 5% reduction target could be possible over a 2 year period, realised by the replacement boiler programme for Pickering and Derwent Pools and Ryedale House. The report outlined the improvements that the Council had made to its buildings over the years, and warned that it would be increasingly difficult to realise further efficiencies without major refurbishment and investment. Officers

intended to carry out further work targeted at greening the vehicle fleet and aiming to reduce fleet mileage. Results for NI 194 would be automatically computed from data entered into the same spreadsheet used for calculating NI 185, utilising an incorporated add-on module.

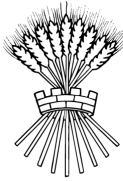
Councillor Woodward proposed, and Councillor Mrs Cowling seconded an amendment, which added the words “a minimum of” before 2% and 3%. Upon being put to the vote, the amendment was carried.

Upon being put to the vote, the substantive motion was carried.

Resolved:

That Council be recommended to approve the target for reductions in Carbon Dioxide emissions for Ryedale District Council be a minimum of 2% in 2009/10 and a minimum of 3% in 2010/2011

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REPORT TO: COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

DATE: 24 SEPTEMBER 2009

HEAD OF SERVICE: ECONOMY & HOUSING, ENVIRONMENT, PLANNING
JULIAN RUDD, PHIL LONG, GARY HOUSDEN

SUBJECT: PERFORMANCE AND FINANCE REPORT
COUNCIL AIMS 1 - 4

WARDS AFFECTED: ALL

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To present for comment the performance and finance reports for Council Aims 1-4.
- 1.2 To inform Members of progress made against the Council's agreed aims and strategic objectives, as agreed by members in the Council Plan 2009/13.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended that Members endorse the performance and finance report and agree any amendments to policy or further action required to improve performance.

3.0 BACKGROUND & INTRODUCTION

- 3.1 The Council adopted the Council Plan for 2009-13 in March 2009. The Financial Strategy was agreed in February 2009. The document attached at Annex A provides a progress report on the delivery of the Council Plan to the end of August 2009 in terms of actions delivered and performance levels achieved and a review of the financial implications to date.
- 3.2 This report includes the first 4 aims which all fall within the terms of reference of this committee:
 - Aim 1 To meet housing need in the Ryedale District Council area;
 - Aim 2 To create the conditions for economic success;
 - Aim 3 To have a high quality, clean and sustainable environment; and
 - Aim 4 To help residents to achieve a healthy weight by encouraging an active lifestyle, in communities where everyone feels welcome and safe.
- 3.3 Performance against the fifth aim: To Transform the Council, will be reported to the Policy and Resources Committee in October 2009.

4.0 PERFORMANCE REPORTING SCHEDULE

4.1 The table below details the schedule of the performance reports to be presented to members throughout the year and links to the corporate planning framework.

| Schedule of Performance Reports 2009/10 | | | |
|--|--------------------|---|---|
| Date | Committee | Report | Links to Corporate Planning Framework |
| 24 Sep 09 | Community Services | Council Plan Aims 1,2,3 & 4 Performance and Finance | Progress to end of August 2009, informing budget process and service delivery plan revision |
| 01 Oct 09 | Policy & Resources | Council Plan Aim 5 Performance and Finance Report | |
| 26 Nov 09 | Community Services | Council Plan Aim 1,2,3,4 Performance and Finance | Progress to end of October 2009 |
| 03 Dec 09 | Policy & Resources | Council Plan Aim 5 Performance and Finance Report | |
| 25 Mar 10 | Community Services | Council Plan Aim 1,2,3,4 Performance and Finance | Council Plan - revised delivery detail for 2010/11 |
| 01 Apr 10 | Policy & Resources | Council Plan Aim 5 Performance and Finance Report | |

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Council Plan Performance and Finance Report

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Aim 1: Housing Need

To meet housing need in the Ryedale District Council area

Strategic Objective 1

To meet the housing needs of at least 75 households per year through the provision of additional affordable and specialist homes and adaptation of existing homes

Key Performance Questions

1. How well are we meeting Housing Need?
2. What is our Housing Stock profile?

Priority Service Objectives

- 1.1.1 To provide additional affordable and specialist homes
- 1.1.2 To bring empty homes back into use in line with the County wide empty homes strategy
- 1.1.3 To identify through the LDF sufficient housing sites for the next 5 and 15 year periods (SHLAA)

Strategic Objective 2

To support those in need to access a suitable home or remain in an existing home through the provision of support services.

Key Performance Questions

3. How well are we preventing homelessness through advice and proactive intervention?
4. How well are we supporting people?

Priority Service Objectives

- 1.2.1 To enable families and individuals to remain in their homes through the provision of a range of housing advice and support.
- 1.2.2 To prevent homelessness through the services offered by the integrated housing options team
- 1.2.3 To assist householders facing mortgage difficulties
- 1.2.4 To reduce the number of vulnerable households experiencing fuel poverty.

Aim 1: Housing Need

Strategic Objective 1

To meet the housing needs of at least 75 households per year through the provision of additional affordable and specialist homes and adaptation of existing homes

Performance Narrative:

Ryedale made improved progress in the first three quarters of 2008/9 towards meeting the objective of providing its target of 75 additional affordable and specialist homes, with 57 units of affordable accommodation delivered by end December 2008. However, the sudden impact of the economic downturn became apparent in early 2009 with the major developers ceasing to build further new units on sites that were already under construction or with planning permission. However the Council works closely with RSLs and other partners to maintain delivery of new affordable homes. Nine units are due to be completed in Rillington in late 2009 and a further 19 new homes will be completed in Kirkbymoorside in early 2010, with other market town schemes to come forward during 2010/11. The work of the Council's Rural Housing Enabler on Rural Exception sites also continues to enable the provision of sites in conjunction with Parish Councils; detailed local housing needs surveys are carried out to establish the level of need in specific villages and the possible exception sites to meet this need are identified and brought forward. In 2008/9 detailed planning applications for 2 schemes were submitted, in Nawton Beadlam (10 units) and in Ampleforth (8 units). Both schemes were authorised for approval by Planning Committee subject to further details and completion of a Section 106 agreement to secure their 'affordable' occupancy. Work is currently progressing to bring forward sites at Great Habton and Pickering during 2009/10 that will deliver a further 26 affordable units. Funding for both schemes has been secured via the Homes & Communities Agency. Discussions are also taking place to bring forward schemes in a number of other villages.

The additional care unit under construction at Beverley Road, Norton has very recently been completed and occupation of the 52 new extra care units begins in September 2009.

The Council is currently reviewing its Planning Policy through the Local Development Framework consulting on producing a new Core Strategy Document and a Facilitating Development Plan Document. The Council's Forward Planning team is currently analyzing over 600 detailed responses from third parties following a major public consultation exercise carried out in June/July 2009. Work is well advanced on the background evidence required for the LDF process. Work on the Strategic Housing Land Assessment (SHLAA) is complete and the SHLAA is now the subject of consultation with the development industry. It is anticipated that the Councils criteria for negotiating affordable housing will be reviewed as part of the LDF process.

50 Home Repair grants were completed in 2008/9 to a total value of £180,938 and approved 1 new Home Appreciation Loans with a second pending. Since 1 April 2009 7 grants have been approved to a value of £23,032 and a further 7 have been completed to a value of £23167.

Presentations have been made to the Community Services Committee by the Rural Housing Enabler and on the results of the Housing Conditions survey, which has provided the committee with useful and important information about both the condition of the existing housing stock and fuel poverty.

Aim 1: Housing Need

Strategic Objective 2

To support those in need to access a suitable home or remain in an existing home through the provision of support services.

Performance Narrative:

The committee has agreed a range of housing initiatives over the year, including Disabled Facilities Grants, to allow people's housing needs to be met, such as by improving or adapting their current home; the Private Sector Renewal Strategy included a review of the whole range of housing grants. External grant of approximately £1m over 3 years has been secured towards these various initiatives. The year also saw the approval of a sub-regional homelessness strategy with Ryedale taking a leading role in the development of shared county wide homelessness targets and action plans. This is already paying dividends with homelessness presentations reducing from 60 in 2007/08 to 45 in 2008/09. Thus far in 2009/10 (up to 7 September, therefore over 5 months in) only 17 presentations have occurred.

The Council continues to seek to combat fuel poverty through the awarding of energy efficiency grants. A total of 120 were awarded in 2008/9 to a value of £111,550, and a further 17 grants to a value of £18,666 have been awarded between 1 April and 7 September 2009.

A significant number of households have been supported in making adaptations (through the DFG) that allow them to remain in their own homes. Between 1 April- 7 September 2006 there have been 6 new grants approved to a value of £75,042 and a further 21 grants completed to a value of £178,875.

A Sub-regional assessment of the accommodation needs of Gypsies and Travellers has been completed. The total number of new pitches required in Ryedale to address this need is 9. Discussions are on going to ensure that provision is made in order that this need may be met as part of the LDF process. The County Council has recently completed 52 extra care units in Norton to replace the Hawthorns residential care provision, with occupation beginning in September 2009.

Aim 1 - Strategic Objective 1

To meet the housing needs of at least 75 households per year through the provision of additional affordable and specialist homes and adaptation of existing homes

| Key Performance Question 01. How well are we meeting local housing need? | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|--|-------------|---------------|----------------|---------|------------------------|--|--|------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| Covalent Reference | Indicator | Last Update | Current Value | Current Target | 2008/09 | | Latest Note | Current Position | Short Term Trend Arrow | Long Term Trend Arrow | SMT Lead |
| | | | | | Value | Value | | | | | |
| NI 154 | Net additional homes provided | 2008/09 | 96 | | | 96 | | Results available nationally January 2010. | ? | ? | Gary Housden |
| NI 155 LAA | Number of affordable homes delivered (gross) | Q1 2009/10 | 2 | 19 | | 57 | | | ↓ | → | Julian Rudd |
| NI 159 LAA | Supply of ready to develop housing sites | 2008/09 | 83.2% | | | 83.2% | Supply = 4.16 years (832 dwellings) taking into account undeveloped allocations. The figure does not include applications for renewal. | Awaiting publication of national results - January 2010 | ? | ? | Gary Housden |
| HS LAA 12 | Additional extra care units occupied | | | | | No data for this range | | Cumulative outturn to Q3 240 units for North Yorkshire - 52 Units in Ryedale to be opened in September 2009 replacing the Hawthorns in Norton. | ? | ? | Julian Rudd |

| Key Performance Question 02. What is our housing stock profile? | | | | | | | | | | |
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| ivalent Reference | Indicator | Last Update | Current Value | Current Target | 2008/09 | Latest Note | Current Position | Short Term Trend Arrow | Long Term Trend Arrow | SMT Lead |
| | | | | | Value | | | | | |
| NI 139 | The extent to which older people receive the support they need to live independently at home (Biennial) | 2008/09 | 41.2% | | 41.2% | Awaiting publication of national results (end of June) to enable further analysis. | | ? | ? | Julian Rudd |
| HS LAA 12 | Additional extra care units occupied | | | | No data for this range | | Cumulative outturn to Q3 240 units for North Yorkshire - 52 Units in Ryedale to be opened in September 2009 replacing the Hawthorns in Norton. | ? | ? | Julian Rudd |

Aim 1 - Strategic Objective 1

To meet the housing needs of at least 75 households per year through the provision of additional affordable and specialist homes and adaptation of existing homes

Objective 1.1.1. To provide additional affordable and specialist homes

| Covalent Reference | Priority Action | Progress | Latest Note | Latest Note Date | SMT Lead |
|--------------------|--|----------|---|------------------|-------------|
| SDP EH 0913 01 | Implement the Housing Strategy Action Plan 2008-2011 | 25% | SMART objectives within action plan. Responsibility for actions allocated to individuals. | 12 Aug 2009 | Julian Rudd |
| SDP EH 0913 02 | Gypsy and Traveller households | 20% | Subregional Gypsy and Traveller accommodation needs assessment completed. Need identified for Ryedale as 9 pitches, sites being identified through incorporation in LDF. Negotiations between Housing and Forward planning ongoing. | 26 May 2009 | Julian Rudd |

Objective 1.1.2. To bring empty homes back into use in line with the County wide empty homes strategy

| Covalent Reference | Priority Action | Progress | Latest Note | Latest Note Date | SMT Lead |
|--------------------|----------------------|----------|---|------------------|-------------|
| SDP EH 0913 03 | Empty Homes Strategy | 15% | Local empty homes strategy for Ryedale being implemented whilst NY wide strategy developed. | 26 May 2009 | Julian Rudd |

Objective 1.1.3. To identify through the LDF sufficient housing sites for the next 5 and 15 year periods (SHLAA)

| Covalent Reference | Priority Action | Progress | Latest Note | Latest Note Date | SMT Lead |
|--------------------|--|----------|--|------------------|--------------|
| SDP EH 0913 06 | Rural Exception Sites | 25% | Funding secured for 2 no. rural exception sites to provide 26 affordable housing units. Total grant is £1.334million. | 12 Aug 2009 | Julian Rudd |
| SDP FE 0913 05 | Review of LA Landholdings | 100% | Review undertaken - Partner RSL identified an area land that they would wish to purchase to facilitate an affordable housing development in Malton. (Info from Richard Etherington). | 12 Aug 2009 | Phil Long |
| SDP P 0913 01 | LDF - Core strategy-consultation/submission/adoption | 30% | Summer Consultation and 18 exhibitions now completed. Now analysing responses. Further consultation on development proportions to be undertaken late 2009. | 08 Sep 2009 | Gary Housden |
| SDP P 0913 04 | Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment | 90% | Draft SHLAA received and out to consultation with | 08 Sep 2009 | Gary Housden |

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| SDP P 0913 10 | To deliver an LDF for Ryedale | 40% | development industry until the end of September 2009. Final document expected November 2009. | 26 May 2009 | Gary Housden |
| | | | Consultation underway for Core Strategy and Development Plan Document for specific sites. | | |

Aim 1 - Strategic Objective 2

To support those in need to access a suitable home or remain in an existing home through the provision of support services

| Key Performance Question 03. How well are we preventing homelessness through advice and proactive intervention? | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|--|-------------|---------------|----------------|------------------------|--|---|------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| Covalent Reference | Indicator | Last Update | Current Value | Current Target | 2008/09 Value | Latest Note | Current Position | Short Term Trend Arrow | Long Term Trend Arrow | SMT Lead |
| HS 1 | Homeless applications on which RDC makes decision and issues notification to the applicant within 33 working days (was LPI 70) | Q1 2009/10 | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | Average time to determine applications is 31 days. | All applications dealt with within 33 day target | ▬ | ▬ | Julian Rudd |
| NI 141 LAA | Percentage of vulnerable people achieving independent living RDC LAA Lead. Figure is Ryedale only. | Q3 2008/09 | 100.00% | 76.00% | No data for this range | | | ▬ | ⬆ | Julian Rudd |
| NI 181 | Time taken to process Housing Benefit/Council Tax Benefit new claims and change events - Accumulative | March 2009 | 10.2 days | | 9.9 days | | | ▬ | ⬆ | Paul Cresswell |
| NI 187(i) | Tackling fuel poverty – % of people receiving income based benefits living in homes with a low energy efficiency rating: (i) Low energy efficiency | 2008/09 | 17% | | 17% | | Survey carried out by the Energy Partnership on our behalf. Results entered onto the national data hub April 09. Combined results with Hambleton & Selby. | ? | ? | Julian Rudd |
| NI 187(ii) | Tackling fuel poverty – % of people receiving income based benefits living in homes with a low energy efficiency rating: (ii) High energy efficiency | 2008/09 | 29% | | 29% | | Survey carried out by the Energy Partnership on our behalf. Results entered onto national data hub April 09. Combined results with Hambleton & Selby. | ? | ? | Julian Rudd |

Key Performance Question 04. How well are we supporting people?

| Covalent Reference | Indicator | Last Update | Current Value | Current Target | 2008/09 | Latest Note | Current Position | Short Term Trend Arrow | Long Term Trend Arrow | SMT Lead |
|--------------------|---|-------------|---------------|----------------|---------|--|---|------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| | | | | | Value | | | | | |
| NI 156 | Number of households living in temporary accommodation (snapshot) | Q1 2009/10 | 10 | | 10 | | Only Q4 return will be entered on the national data hub and performance will be judged on this quarter alone. | ▬ | ↗ | Julian Rudd |
| NI 32 LAA | Repeat incidents of domestic violence (NB Intro delayed but ok as LAA PI with target) | 2008/09 | 12.5% | | 12.5% | Value is for Ryedale area only. 40 MARACs in Ryedale 5 of which were repeat incidents. Target to reduce this by 7% 2009-10 | County target is to reduce by 40%. Scarborough/Ryedale target is to reduce by 7% 2009-10 | ? | ? | Julian Rudd |
| HS LAA 8 | Prevention of Homelessness through Advice and Proactive Intervention | Q1 2009/10 | 45 | 153 | 237 | | | ↗ | ↗ | Julian Rudd |

Aim 1 - Strategic Objective 2

To support those in need to access a suitable home or remain in an existing home through the provision of support services

Objective 1.2.1. To enable families and individuals to remain in their homes through the provision of a range of housing advice and support

| Covalent Reference | Priority Action | Progress | Latest Note | Latest Note Date | SMT Lead |
|--------------------|--|----------|---|------------------|-------------|
| SDP EH 0913 08 | Joint Homelessness Action Plan | 0% | Discussions to be held with RSL re development of Action Plan following review and Member endorsement of Homelessness Strategy Action Plan by CS Committee on 23/07/09. | 12 Aug 2009 | Julian Rudd |
| SR 01 | Continue intervention to incidents of domestic abuse through Making Safe | 25% | <p>Quarter 1 Miss Dorothy Rillington, Settrington, West Heslerton, West Lutton, Weaverthorpe, Sherburn and Staxton schools are going to implement Miss Dot from September following training for staff, Malton school has also been contacted and is very interested in taking the programme forward.</p> <p>Training and Awareness Raising Training session with Library staff has begun to raise awareness of domestic abuse and give them information on support agencies this will be very useful when mobile van is out in the rural areas. 2 x training sessions have been delivered in Ryedale to fire officers, these have been well received with the plan to further roll out across the District and county.</p> <p>Education into schools Lady Lumley's is keen to undertake the training for staff on domestic abuse and then roll out an education programme into the school for the children and young people. The cluster schools are also being approached to take up the offer of training. An event is planned at the Spa in November to raise awareness within the schools and further education to start the roll out.</p> | 24 Jul 2009 | Julian Rudd |

| Objective 1.2.2. To prevent homelessness through the services offered by the integrated housing options team | | | | | | |
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| Covalent Reference | Priority Action | Progress | Latest Note | Latest Note Date | SMT Lead | |
| SDP EH 0913 08 | Joint Homelessness Action Plan | 0% | Discussions to be held with RSL re development of Action Plan following review and Member endorsement of Homelessness Strategy Action Plan by CS Committee on 23/07/09. | 12 Aug 2009 | Julian Rudd | |

| Objective 1.2.3. To assist householders facing mortgage difficulties through the provision of a Mortgage Rescue scheme in partnership. | | | | | | |
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| Covalent Reference | Priority Action | Progress | Latest Note | Latest Note Date | SMT Lead | |
| SDP EH 0913 18 | Provision of a Mortgage rescue scheme in partnership | 45% | Proposals for a local MRS to support the Government Scheme approved by CS Committee on 23/07/09. To be submitted for approval by Full Council on 03/09/09. | 12 Aug 2009 | Julian Rudd | |

| Objective 1.2.4. To reduce the number of vulnerable households experiencing fuel poverty. | | | | | | |
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| Covalent Reference | Priority Action | Progress | Latest Note | Latest Note Date | SMT Lead | |
| SDP EH 0913 10 | Decent homes for vulnerable households | 20% | Capital Allocation for 2008/09 was fully committed with expenditure for 2009/10 totalling 20% of budget allocation. | 12 Aug 2009 | Julian Rudd | |

Council Plan Performance and Finance Report

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Aim 2: Economic Success To create the conditions for economic success

Strategic Objective 3

Place of opportunity – to have the sites and premises, physical infrastructure and business support in place that would encourage an economic structure and activity to ensure that the opportunities available within Ryedale are equal to those of the most economically successful rural areas of the sub-region.

Key Performance Questions

5. How is the sectoral mix of the Ryedale economy changing?
6. What infrastructure is in place to support economic success?

Priority Service Objectives

- 2.3.1 To identify sufficient sites for industrial, business and retail through the LDF core strategy
- 2.3.2 To improve the vitality of Malton as a retail centre
- 2.3.3 To improve the infrastructure and strengthen the role of the market towns
- 2.3.3 To improve the infrastructure and strengthen the role of the market towns

Strategic Objective 4

Opportunity for people – increasing wage and skills levels

Key Performance Questions

7. How well are household incomes increasing?
8. To what extent are local skills meeting the local employment need?

Priority Service Objectives

- 2.4.1 .To serve the needs of businesses in changing economic climates
- 2.4.2 To help people to acquire the skill they need to access employment opportunities
- 2.4.3 To provide the opportunities to increase income levels
- 2.4.4 To improve levels of skills for life in Ryedale
- 2.4.5 Paying the right benefit to the right people at the right time

Aim 2: Economic Success

Strategic Objective 3

Place of opportunity – to have the sites and premises, physical infrastructure and business support in place that would encourage an economic structure and activity to ensure that the opportunities available within Ryedale are equal to those of the most economically successful rural areas of the sub-region.

Performance Narrative:

Ryedale has many small businesses and good entrepreneurial activity. Up until the recent economic downturn the local economy had grown notably and begun restructuring from the primary/secondary to the tertiary sector, e.g. banking & finance (9.5% growth), research & development (57%) and the knowledge industry (47%). There is also a strong presence of advanced engineering firms (aircraft and submarine products, oil and gas technologies, microwave components and computer systems) and an active training organisation, Derwent Training, which specialises in engineering. This provides much opportunity to develop links with Science City York. However, economic growth over recent years has been lower than County and Region and significant areas of local economic activity involve nationally declining sectors such as manufacturing (20%) and agriculture. Growth in R&D, banking & finance and the knowledge sectors is from very low start points and their local representation is way behind national and regional levels.

The Council and partners aim to bring forward (through the LDF and via RDC and Yorkshire Forward-led projects) modern quality business accommodation and employment land; in particular a technology park is required at Malton to build synergies with the York economy and diversify local economy. The Council is working with Yorkshire Forward to bring forward managed workspace facilities at Malton and Pickering that will nurture new and developing businesses, particularly within higher value sectors. The Council is also working with partners to tackle significant infrastructure challenges that restrict economic growth, and has recently agreed to inject £1.95m to significantly improve the highway network at Malton and Norton to allow capacity for development and economic success. The Council will also contribute £500k to a scheme to remove congestion at Pickering. In particular through the significant enhancement of town centres, beginning with Malton and Norton, the Council is working with partners to increase economic activity and the quality of retail offer, and to encourage local people to shop close to home. Schemes being developed with Yorkshire Forward also seek to increase business activity in town centres, particularly for the creative sector, and seek to provide facilities for arts and cultural opportunities. Close working with NYCC highways aims to improve conditions for pedestrians and cyclists in Malton town centre and to greatly improve facilities for public transport users.

Ryedale also has a lack of modern business tourism facilities (accommodation & conference/meeting space). This places a heavy reliance on leisure tourism, for which there is significant competition.

Aim 2: Economic Success

Strategic Objective 4

Opportunity for people – increasing wage and skills levels

Performance Narrative:

Reflecting the sectoral make-up of the Ryedale economy, which has a significant element of low skilled work, the area has the second lowest average wages in North Yorkshire. These are notable in the region and on average are 20/25% less than Harrogate and Hambleton. There is also commuting out to better paid jobs beyond Ryedale, with some residents travelling great distances. This underlines the importance of the above efforts to support businesses and diversify the economy into higher added value sectors with links to the York economy.

Although the area enjoys excellent school results many younger people then leave for higher education outside Ryedale and do not return until much later in life, if at all. The remaining workforce has notable basic skills issues (in particular literacy and numeracy) and there can be a mismatch between the needs of local employers and the skills of local workers. This is a key focus for the recently established Ryedale Employment and Skills Partnership, led by Ryedale DC, which combines the efforts of partners to tackle skills issues and match local training provision to address economic priorities of the area. Through the allocation of land in the LDF and work with the HCA and registered social landlords the Council is also working to provide housing for younger people and others in need.

By leading the initiatives outlined under Objective 3 the Council is supporting the modernisation and diversification of the local economy to increase wage levels. The Council also aims to reduce commuting by residents by providing access to better jobs close to home, thereby reducing emissions and building stronger communities.

The Council works with Business Link to provide advice for new businesses via surgeries held at Ryedale libraries.

Aim 2: Strategic Objective 3

Place of opportunity – to have the sites and premises, physical infrastructure and business support in place that would encourage an economic structure and activity to ensure that the opportunities available within Ryedale are equal to those of the most economically successful rural areas of the sub-region

Key Performance Question 05. How is the sectoral mix of the Ryedale economy changing?




| Covalent Ref | Indicator | Last Update | Current Value | Current Target | 2008/09 | Latest Note | Current Position | Short Term Trend Arrow | Long Term Trend Arrow | SMT Lead |
|--------------|--|-------------|---------------|----------------|------------------------|--|---|------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| | | | | | Value | | | | | |
| EC 4 | Share of total regional employment. (was LPI 54) | 2007/08 | 1.22% | 0.96% | | Source: Local Knowledge Annual Business Inquiry 2006 | Data Source: Local Knowledge Annual Business Inquiry | ↑ | ↑ | Julian Rudd |
| NI 172 | % of small businesses in an area showing employment growth | | | | No data for this range | | Awaiting publication of results by Department for Business, Enterprise & Regulatory Reform in Nov/Dec 2009. | ? | ? | Julian Rudd |
| NI 171 LAA | New business registration rate per 10,000 pop'n 16yrs+ | | | | No data for this range | | Awaiting publication of results by Department for Business, Enterprise & Regulatory Reform in Nov/Dec 2009. | ? | ? | Julian Rudd |
| EC LAA 36 | Grow the Creative Industries sector | 2006/07 | 177 | | No data for this range | Baseline 2006-07 | LAA indicator. The Partnership Unit currently investigating different ways of measuring – results hopefully available by December 2009. | ? | ? | Julian Rudd |
| EC LAA 37 | Increase the value of tourism earnings (£mn) | 2007/08 | £143m | | | Increased marketing and PR of Ryedale tourism product and improved quality of offer via the Moors & Coast Tourism Partnership, using an additional £201k from Yorkshire Forward. | LAA indicator awaiting result | ? | ? | Julian Rudd |

| Key Performance Question 06. What infrastructure is in place to support economic success? | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Covalent Ref | Indicator | Last Update | Current Value | Current Target | 2008/09 Value | Latest Note | Current Position | Short Term Trend Arrow | Long Term Trend Arrow | SMT Lead |
| FP 6 | % of all development that takes place in market towns and service villages: Economic Development (was LPI 65b) | | | | No data for this range | | Former Local Performance Indicator 65b (LPI 65b) will be reviewed as the LDF Core Strategy progresses and proportions of development in market towns and service villages is agreed. | ? | ? | Gary Housden |
| NI 182 | Satisfaction of business with LA regulation services | Q1 2009/10 | 76% | | 82% | | | → | → | Phil Long |
| NI 175 LAA | Access to services and facilities by public transport, walking and cycling. Figure is Ryedale only & accumulative. | Q4 2008/09 | 25427 | | 25427 | | Number of passengers travelling on community transport mini buses (Ryecat) | ← | ← | Gary Housden |


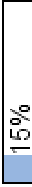
Aim 2 - Strategic Objective 3

Place of opportunity – to have the sites and premises, physical infrastructure and business support in place that would encourage an economic structure and activity to ensure that the opportunities available within Ryedale are equal to those of the most economically successful rural areas of the sub-region

Objective 2.3.1. To identify sufficient sites for industrial, business and retail through the LDF core strategy

| Covalent Reference | Priority Action | Progress | Latest Note | Latest Note Date | SMT Lead |
|--------------------|---|---|--|------------------|--------------|
| SDP P 0913 01 | LDF - Core strategy-consultation/submit/adopt |  30% | Summer Consultation and 18 exhibitions now completed. Now analysing responses. Further consultation on development proportions to be undertaken late 2009. | 08 Sep 2009 | Gary Housden |
| SDP P 0913 02 | LDF - Facilitating Development DPD |  10% | Initial Regulation 25 consultation on all the sites submitted to date as part of summer consultation. | 08 Sep 2009 | Gary Housden |
| SDP P 0913 03 | LDF - Helmsley DPD Consult/submit/adopt |  10% | Initial Regulation 25 consultation on all the sites submitted to date undertaken as part of summer consultation. | 08 Sep 2009 | Gary Housden |

Objective 2.3.2. To improve the vitality of Malton as a retail centre

| Covalent Reference | Priority Action | Progress | Latest Note | Latest Note Date | SMT Lead |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|---|--|------------------|-------------|
| SDP EH 0913 11 | Milton Rooms Redevelopment |  5% | Recommended options presented senior members and stakeholders on April 24, with a presentation to the community on 21 May. Premier option is for an £8.5m community arts and business hub. | 20 May 2009 | Julian Rudd |
| SDP EH 0913 12 | Malton Town Centre Improvements |  15% | £177k from Y Forward spent on quick win environmental improvements up to March 09, with a further £185k of RDC funding to be spent by September 09. Proposals for wider scale environmental improvements have been produced and funding will be sought from RDC, YF and partners. A major boost has been received towards funding of the A64 Brambling Fields junction improvement. NYCC approved £2m to add to their existing contribution of £800k. Design work is progressing, funded by NYCC and RDC. It is hoped to complete the circa £4m scheme in 2012. A further £1m towards transport improvements in Malton town centre was also approved by NYCC | 20 May 2009 | Julian Rudd |

Objective 2.3.3. To improve the infrastructure and strengthen the role of the market towns

| Covalent Reference | Priority Action | Progress | Latest Note | Latest Note Date | SMT Lead |
|--------------------|--|----------|--|------------------|-------------|
| SDP EH 0913 13 | Regeneration schemes in Pickering and Kirkbymoorside | 5% | NYCC have agreed funding to proceed with the acquisition of land for the Pickering A170/Vivas Lane traffic signal scheme. This will reduce congestion in Pickering and help release land for economic development. Church House project at KMS has been delayed but now ongoing. Funding for econ dev activities at Pickering and KMS being sought through geographic programme. | 20 May 2009 | Julian Rudd |

Aim 2: Strategic Objective 4

Opportunity for people – increasing wage and skills levels

Key Performance Question 07. How well are household incomes increasing?

| Covalent Ref | Indicator | Last Update | Current Value | Current Target | 2008/09 | Latest Note | Current Position | Short Term Trend Arrow | Long Term Trend Arrow | SMT Lead |
|--------------|--|-------------|---------------|----------------|------------------------|-------------|--|------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| | | | | | Value | | | | | |
| NI 181 | Time taken to process Housing Benefit/Council Tax Benefit new claims and change events - Accumulative | March 2009 | 10.2 days | | 9.9 days | | | ▬ | ➔ | Paul Cresswell |
| NI 151 | Overall Employment rate (working-age) (8 month lag in figures release) | | | | No data for this range | | Awaiting release of results by Department for Work & Pensions expected August 2009. | ? | ? | Julian Rudd |
| NI 152 | Working age people on out of work benefits | | | | No data for this range | | Working age key benefit claimants: 2,480 (8%, which compares to 14.8% regionally and 14.2% nationally). April 2009 | ? | ? | Julian Rudd |
| NI 166 | Median earnings of full time employees in the area (April snapshot Annual Survey Hours & Earnings - ONS) | 2008/09 | £395.80 | | £395.80 | | 6.7% annual increase | ? | ? | Julian Rudd |
| NI 180 | The number of changes of circumstances which affect customers' HB/CTB entitlement within the year. (per 1000 caseload) | March 2009 | 597.2 | | 1958.0 | | Please note this data is from DWP website HoBOD and is derived by DWP from the SHBE (Single Housing Benefit Extract) | ➔ | ➔ | Paul Cresswell |

Key Performance Question 08. To what extent are local skills meeting the local employment need?

| Covalent Ref | Indicator | Last Update | Current Value | Current Target | 2008/09 | Latest Note | Current Position | Short Term Trend Arrow | Long Term Trend Arrow | SMT Lead |
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| | | | | | Value | | | | | |
| NI 164 | Survey County level. Proportion of population aged 19-64 for males and 19-59 for females qualified to at least Level 3 or higher | | | | No data for this range | | Awaiting publication of results by Department for Innovations, Universities & Skills expected late July 2009. | ? | ? | Julian Rudd |

Aim 2: Strategic Objective 4

Opportunity for people – increasing wage and skills levels

Objective 2.4.1. To serve the needs of businesses in changing economic climates

| Covalent Reference | Priority Action | Progress | Latest Note | Latest Note Date | SMT Lead |
|--------------------|------------------|----------|--|------------------|-------------|
| SDP EH 0913 14 | Business Liaison | 20% | Improved support and advice available through RDC website and closer working with Business Link, including business clinics at Ryedale House (to be relocated to local libraries). In addition to grants for local businesses the Council has improved payment times for local suppliers and seeks local procurement wherever possible. Yorkshire Forward, occasionally in partnership with RDC have been involved in strategic interventions to assist local companies. | 20 May 2009 | Julian Rudd |




Objective 2.4.2. To help people to acquire the skill they need to access employment opportunities

| Covalent Reference | Priority Action | Progress | Latest Note | Latest Note Date | SMT Lead |
|--------------------|------------------------------|----------|---|------------------|-------------|
| SDP EH 0913 15 | Employer engagement strategy | 10% | Ryedale Business Skills Survey completed and to be presented to members and Ryedale Employment Skills Partnership to inform future priorities and actions. RESP investigating options for engagement with local companies, including an opportunity knocks event to link local job seekers with local career opportunities. | 20 May 2009 | Julian Rudd |




Objective 2.4.3. To provide the opportunities to increase income levels

| Covalent Reference | Priority Action | Progress | Latest Note | Latest Note Date | SMT Lead |
|--------------------|---|----------|--|------------------|-------------|
| SDP EH 0913 16 | Develop a capital project to support growth of small businesses | 40% | A £100k grant scheme for small and medium enterprises in Ryedale runs until April 2010. £38,793 has been approved so far towards 19 businesses. Only 3 applications have been rejected so far. | 20 May 2009 | Julian Rudd |

Objective 2.4.4. To improve levels of skills for life in Ryedale

| Covalent Reference | Priority Action | Progress | Latest Note | Latest Note Date | SMT Lead |
|--------------------|--|---|---|------------------|----------------|
| SDP OD 0913 02 | Evaluating Learning and Development across the council |  | Evaluation of 2008-9 being undertaken by HR Project Officer for completion by end of June 2009 | 22 May 2009 | Louise Sandall |
| SDP OD 0913 14 | Conduct training needs analysis |  | The skills and qualifications survey was closed May 31 and results analysed. All completed appraisals have also been analysed to identify training needs. This information has gone to inform the corporate training plan and the Learning and Development Action Plan both of which are currently in draft form. | 06 Jul 2009 | Louise Sandall |
| SDP OD 0913 15 | Provide learning options |  | The Learning Zone will be going live this week with an introduction roadshow for staff arranged. The Learning Zone provides e learning plus details all the regional course and learning opportunities. A local skills broker has been engaged to assist with the identification of relevant training providers and to advise on various funding initiatives. | 06 Jul 2009 | Louise Sandall |

Objective 2.4.5. Paying the right benefit to the right people at the right time

| Covalent Reference | Priority Action | Progress | Latest Note | Latest Note Date | SMT Lead |
|--------------------|---|---|---|------------------|----------------|
| SDP CB 0913 07 | Review benefits system & where feasible implement new system |  | Looking at a joint system and working to achieve cost savings. | 22 May 2009 | Paul Cresswell |
| SDP CB 0913 09 | Review & develop effective fraud partnership with Scarborough |  | Considering options for future partnership delivery of fraud service. Temporary arrangement for delivery of service in partnership with Scarborough BC continuing in the interim. | 22 May 2009 | Paul Cresswell |
| SDP CB 0913 11 | Adopt KLOE self assessment improvement plan |  | KLOE self-assessment completed, action plan to be published in conjunction with NY benefits group. | 22 May 2009 | Paul Cresswell |

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Aim 3: High Quality Environment

To have a high quality, clean and sustainable environment.

Strategic Objective 5

Reducing CO2 emissions

Key Performance Questions

- 9. To what extent are we reducing the waste sent to landfill?
- 10. To what extent are CO2 levels reducing?

Priority Service Objectives

- 3.5.1 To increase the recycling rate
- 3.5.2 Reduction in kilos of residual waste collected per household
- 3.5.3 Reduce the trade waste sent to NYCC landfill sites
- 3.5.4 To Reduce CO2 emissions from our own operations through the implementation of the Councils CO2 reduction plan
- 3.5.5 Designing for the environment

Strategic Objective 6

Planning to adapt to climate change

Key Performance Questions

- 11. How well are we planning to adapt to climate change?
- 12. What development is coming forward and is it in the right areas?

Priority Service Objectives

- 3.6.1 Through the LDF to ensure that developments are coming forward in the right locations
- 3.6.2 To avoid inappropriate development in flood risk areas
- 3.6.3 Flood and PITT review risk management

Strategic Objective 7

To improve the quality of our local environment

Key Performance Questions

- 13. How well is the quality of the environment in Ryedale being maintained?
- 14. To what extent is civic pride increasing?

Priority Service Objectives

- 3.7.1 To implement the results of a detailed air quality assessment for nitrogen dioxide
- 3.7.2 Improved street and environmental cleanliness
- 3.7.3 To improve levels of local biodiversity To work with the community to encourage the management of their own environments

Aim 3: High Quality Environment

Strategic Objective 5 : Reducing CO2 emissions

Performance Narrative:

Ryedale has made excellent progress towards achieving the government 2020 target 225kg of residual waste per capita and has exceeded the 2020 50% recycling target for the 3rd year running achieving 53.1%. In addition high performance has meant that an additional £30K will be paid to RDC as part of an SLA waste partnership incentive bonus in addition to recycling credits. Performance over the 1st quarter for 2009/10 indicates that recycling performance remains strong. Satisfaction with Refuse (73%) and recycling (64%) has not improved, rating 3rd and 4th Quartile respectively by comparison to SPARSE authorities. Though at odds with the low complaint levels and high quality service provision it remains consistent with the lower satisfaction levels generally predicted for AWC authorities. Potentially it also reflects the increasing desire for plastic recycling as developed by many neighboring authorities.

A programme of planned actions to reduce CO2 emissions has been developed for 2009/10 as detailed in a previous report to members. CO2 reduction targets have been set for the North Yorkshire partnership of 4% for 2009/2011. RDC have set a more ambitious target of 2% for 2009/10 and a further 3% for 2010/11. Planned Initiatives to meet these targets include the implementation of energy efficient gas boilers at Derwent and Ryedale Pools and Ryedale House. Tenders are on track and due back shortly with installation planned before winter. The commissioning process for a bio mass boiler for Ryedale Pool will also be undertaken shortly, implementation to be undertaken during this financial year in line. The Property Unit has also moved the un-metered account for street lighting across to the County Council contract, which will be from wholly renewable sources. Fleet initiatives are being developed to further reduce operational mileage. These include a Route Smart exercise for optimum scheduling of waste collection rounds and the consideration of monthly garden waste collections in winter when garden waste tonnage drops.

Aim 3: High Quality Environment

Strategic Objective 6 :

Planning to adapt to climate change

Performance Narrative:

Progress continues to be made in this difficult area. The energy savings trust has supported RDC application for the one to one support programme. This unique opportunity will help the authority tackle climate change and reduce community carbon emissions. The authority was specifically chosen because EST recognized that RDC was “ motivated and demonstrated a dedication to tackling sustainable energy issues”. One to one is a two-year programme, first steps regarding high level sign up have taken place and the next stage involves data collection across departments. Due to the cross cutting nature of the work a project team is being established from the Service unit Heads to lead and drive the initiative. In addition a further initiative is being discussed with EST regarding a new approach to reduce fuel poverty in the district aimed at targeting vulnerable households.

A major piece of work is currently being undertaken regarding the Multi Agency Flood Response Co-ordination Plan for Ryedale. Produced in 2007 is currently being rewritten in order to comply with recently issued DEFRA guidelines. The document identifies communities / areas at risk and outlines each agency’s response. Officers are currently monitoring the progress of the Draft Flood and Water Management Bill. The draft bill seeks to revise, modernise and consolidate existing legislation covering flooding, land drainage, coastal erosion and reservoir safety. Looking at all sources of flooding, the draft Bill considers how to update and streamline flooding and water legislation, clarify responsibilities and facilitate flood risk management. At a district council level there will be a continuing requirement to:

- Engage with the LRF
- Continue to deliver under the Land Drainage Act 1991
- Co-operate and assist the upper tier authority in its production of a Surface Water Management Plan and associated duties under the Flood and Water Management legislation when this bill is enacted
- Continue to deliver a technical response through the planning process.

Progress towards NI 188 improvement is also taking place on a Partnership basis with NYCC and all North Yorkshire Districts. To move forward to level 1 the partnership intend to carry out a joint Local Climate Impacts Profile (LCLIP). This will need to have a district breakdown to recognise differences. Potential cost is £10K shared between the partnership. In addition the partnership has been successful in securing RIEP funding for a joint North Yorkshire Climate Change Leadership Programme. The aims are as follows:

- Build capacity and achieving greater collaboration in order to improve the response to the current and future implications of Climate Change.
- Councillors, senior officers and stakeholders from North Yorkshire Councils will take part in four sessions between October 2009 and January 2010 which will give them the opportunity to hear the experience from other NY authorities and key partners; discuss the priorities and practicalities that councils, councillors and key partners face in tackling climate change.
- Deliver improved performance on NI 185/NI186 (LAA targets) and NI188 together with individual local authorities climate change targets and commitments. Explore the potential for collaboration between councils in North Yorkshire around responding to climate change

The current planning policies contained in the 'saved' policies of the Ryedale Local Plan seek to facilitate sustainable development in line with national and regional planning policy, directing new development to the market towns and within the development limits of villages.

Policies in the emerging Local Development Framework will seek to continue to provide a focus for all new development in sustainable/accessible localities in order to reduce the need to travel, avoid areas subject to flood risk and to protect the designated landscapes within the district. Emerging policy will continue to promote the use of brownfield sites where possible and seek to ensure that all new developments improve the levels of energy efficient and a greater use of decentralised and renewable or low-carbon energy.

In delivering the emerging key L.D.F. documents for Ryedale, the Core Strategy and Facilitating Development D.P.D. will rely on up-to-date background evidence to support the delivery of development in the right locations. The existing Strategic Flood Risk Assessment for example, is currently being updated and the final document is expected in November 2009. The S.F.R.A. will guide inappropriate development arising from flood risk areas and ensure that flood sensitive uses are directed away from areas of greatest risk.

The Council has consulted the Environment Agency on all significant developments in known Flood Risk areas and where the E.A. has objected on the grounds of flood risk, the Local Planning Authority has refused permission. All of the background evidence required to inform the L.D.F. has been commissioned and most documents are largely complete. A major consultation exercise in respect of the Core Strategy and the Facilitating Development DPD concluded in July 2009 and over 600 responses have been received from interested third parties. These are currently being analysed by the Council's Forward Planning team and it is anticipated that these will be reported to Members in October 2009.

Aim 3: High Quality Environment

Strategic Objective 7 : To improve the quality of our local environment

Performance Narrative:

Performance remains strong regarding improvement to the quality of the local environment. The Council remains upper quartile regarding satisfaction for keeping public land clear of litter and refuse ranking 39 out of 201 Districts. New initiatives have been undertaken with the development of a pilot scheme regarding recycling and re-use of organic street cleansing waste, developed in conjunction with a local farmer. The additional sweeping undertaken as a result of this innovative scheme has helped to improve cleanliness standards in Ryedale from 6.5% to 4.5% enhanced by three caretaker schemes jointly funded by Ryedale and the National Park. These have improved the co-ordination of cleansing operations and facilitated the sweeping of hard to reach areas.

Confirmation has now been received from Defra agreeing to the conclusion for the need to declare an Air Quality Management Area (AQMA) in Malton. Defra request that the Council follow their recommendations and set the boundaries of the AQMA to include an area wider than the area of technical exceedences suggested by the model. This will ensure that the AQMA will include all monitored exceedences. A draft area is to be drawn up and consulted on prior to ratification.

The Council has sought to improve the quality of its environment through the implementation of policies contained in its Biodiversity Action Plan. All planning applications are monitored on receipt against a checklist of 'sensitivity' to ensure that adequate investigations and mitigation are undertaken to ensure that sensitive habitats, flora and fauna are properly appraised and protected. Future target setting for the positive management of sites is required to be agreed with NYCC as the responding Authority for the Local Area Agreement (N.I. 197). The Council's part-funded Countryside Management Officer (CMO) post is currently vacant although the advertisement and recruitment of a replacement CMO through NYCC as the employing authority is expected in the near future.

Aim 3 - Strategic Objective 5 Reducing CO2 emissions

Key Performance Question 09. To what extent are we reducing the waste sent to landfill?

| Covalent Reference | Indicator | Last Update | Current Value | Current Target | 2008/09 | | Latest Note | Current Position | Short Term Trend Arrow | Long Term Trend Arrow | SMT Lead |
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| | | | | | Value | Value | | | | | |
| NI 191 | Residual household waste - kg per household (was LPI 60) | 2008/09 | 473kg/hh | 466kg/hh | 473kg/hh | 473kg/hh | Unexpected increase in garden waste, household waste arisings. Possibly due to moisture content. | | → | → | Phil Long |
| NI 193 LAA | Percentage of municipal waste land filled (Quarters est. confirmed next quarter) | 2008/09 | 54.47% | 58.00% | 54.47% | 54.47% | | 1st Qtr 09/10 will not be available until at least August 09 | ? | ? | Phil Long |
| NI 192 LAA | % of household waste sent for reuse, recycling and composting (Quarters est. confirmed next quarter) | Q1 2009/10 | 59.62% | 49.70% | 53.10% | 53.10% | | | ← | → | Phil Long |

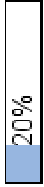




Key Performance Question 10. To what extent are CO2 levels reducing?


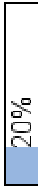
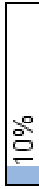

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| | | | | | Value | Value | | | | | |
| NI 185 LAA | CO2 reduction from LA operations. Aim to maximise improvement | 2008/09 | N/A | | N/A | N/A | Data sent to County Council. 2008-09 is baseline year - indicator is % change year on year. First result will be available in June 2010. | | ? | ? | Phil Long |
| NI 186 LAA | Per capita reduction in CO2 emissions in the LA area | 2008/09 | | | | | Statistics produced annually by DEFRA. Data for 2007 will be available in September 2009. | ? | ? | ? | Phil Long |


Aim 3 – Strategic Objective 5 Reducing CO2 emissions

| Objective 3.5.1. Increase the recycling rate from 51% to 55% | | | | | | |
|---|---|----------|---|------------------|-----------|--|
| Covalent Reference | Priority Action | Progress | Latest Note | Latest Note Date | SMT Lead | |
| SDP SS 0913 01 | Increased capture of additional recyclate when vehicle fleet falls out 2010/2011 | 0% | Vehicle fleet due to fall out 2010/2011. New schemes or extensions to existing will be considered then. However it should be noted that RDC already exceeds Government 2020 targets. | 15 May 2009 | Phil Long | |
| SDP SS 0913 02 | Enhanced monitoring of crews regarding side waste | 30% | Monitoring of crews taking place on periodic basis targeted from data produced per kgs waste generated from each household | 15 May 2009 | Phil Long | |
| SDP SS 0913 03 | Increased recycling of road cleansings/leafall for composting during off season Oct-March | 0% | Streetscene has negotiated agreement with NYCC regarding recycling of road cleansing. A Composting trial has taken place during 2008, material composted obtained soil 100 status and as such the scheme will be rolled out during the Autumn/winter season | 15 May 2009 | Phil Long | |
| Objective 3.5.2. Reduction in Kgs of residual waste to landfill to 420kgs per household | | | | | | |
| Covalent Reference | Priority Action | Progress | Latest Note | Latest Note Date | SMT Lead | |
| SDP SS 0913 01 | Increased capture of additional recyclate when vehicle fleet falls out 2010/2011 | 0% | Vehicle fleet due to fall out 2010/2011. New schemes or extensions to existing will be considered then. However it should be noted that RDC already exceeds Government 2020 targets. | 15 May 2009 | Phil Long | |
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Objective 3.5.3. Reduction in the amount of trade waste sent to NYCC landfill sites

| Covalent Reference | Priority Action | Progress | Latest Note | Latest Note Date | SMT Lead |
|--------------------|---|---|--|------------------|-----------|
| SDP SS 0913 04 | Review of the waste collection service with the partnership |  | Currently being reviewed utilising WYG | 15 May 2009 | Phil Long |
| SDP SS 0913 05 | Consideration of selling off the service with trade recycling to be provided by private company |  | Investigation initially being considered by two of the waste partners utilising WYG to consider options. The potential/cost benefit of RDC being included as part of a joint sale will be factored in to facilitate appraisal of options | 15 May 2009 | Phil Long |
| SDP SS 0913 06 | Consideration of commercial viability/cheaper service provision for customers |  | Being considered as part of the investigation by WYG | 15 May 2009 | Phil Long |
| SDP SS 0913 07 | Consideration of enhanced recycling service |  | Awaiting outcome of initial investigation by WYG | 15 May 2009 | Phil Long |
| SDP SS 0913 08 | Consider moving service to alternate weekly where applicable and move back to co mingled collection |  | Awaiting initial outcome of WYG investigation | 15 May 2009 | Phil Long |

| Objective 3.5.4. To Reduce CO2 emissions from our own operations through the implementation of the Councils CO2 reduction plan | | | | | |
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| Covalent Reference | Priority Action | Progress | Latest Note | Latest Note Date | SMT Lead |
| SDP SS 0913 14 | Greening fleet with consideration of expanding bio diesel trial |  | -vehicle fleet renewal programme implemented regarding latest Euro Five engines currently 50% fleet E% and small fleet on LPG- work on going on reducing emissions by reduced miles | 29 Jul 2009 | Phil Long |
| SDP SS 0913 15 | Introduction of energy efficient boilers in RDH and also Ryedale pool |  | --at stage were tenders could be considered regarding prices for two gas , more information required re bio mass | 29 Jul 2009 | Phil Long |
| SDP SS 0913 16 | Develop Travel plan for RDC |  | To be considered as part of One to One EST two year support programme. Initial training - 2 courses- provided for RDC officers and members regarding fuel efficient driving | 15 May 2009 | Phil Long |
| SDP SS 0913 17 | Round review re waste management to ensure optimum efficiency |  | Route Smart software purchased and project underway to minimize miles travelled on rounds to further reduce emission levels. | 15 May 2009 | Phil Long |

| Objective 3.5.5. Designing for the environment | | | | | |
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| Covalent Reference | Priority Action | Progress | Latest Note | Latest Note Date | SMT Lead |
| SDP FE 0913 04 | Deliver capital schemes contained in Capital Programme |  | Majority of projects underway car park repairs programmed, civic suite tenders out, new boilers information back on gas planned in place by OCT/Nov, details awaited re bio mass | 29 Jul 2009 | Phil Long |

Aim 3 - Strategic Objective 6 Planning to adapt to climate change

Key Performance Question 11. How well are we planning to adapt to change?

| Covalent Reference | Indicator | Last Update | Current Value | Current Target | 2008/09 | Latest Note | Current Position | Short Term Trend Arrow | Long Term Trend Arrow | SMT Lead |
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| | | | | | Value | | | | | |
| NI 188 | Planning to Adapt to Climate Change (Level 0=low, 4=high) | 2008/09 | Level 0 | | Level 0 | | Performance reported for County . Advised by Government Office that average performance data to be submitted at Level 0 this year, though some Districts potentially nearer level 1 | ? | ? | Gary Housden; Phil Long |
| NI 189 LAA | Flood and coastal erosion risk management | 2008/09 | 100% | 100% | 100% | All generic actions delivered as agreed | LAA indicator led by NYCC Series of meetings set up with NYCC regarding development of this area in conjunction with EA. EA to review early warning systems and develop multi agency flood plans with partners | ? | ? | Phil Long |
| NI 37 | Awareness of civil protection arrangements in the local area (Biennial) | 2008/09 | 20.8% | | 20.8% | | Work has been undertaken regarding catchment of sandbags in areas of flash flood risk by RDC. Further work being progressed by the EA and NYCC multi agency flood plans and a review of EA early warning mechanisms | ? | ? | Phil Long |

| Key Performance Question 12. What development is coming forward and is it in the right areas? | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Covalent Reference | Indicator | Last Update | Current Value | Current Target | 2008/09 Value | Latest Note | Current Position | Short Term Trend Arrow | Long Term Trend Arrow | SMT Lead |
| FP 1 | New homes built on previously developed land (was BV 106) | 2008/09 | 80.00% | 40.00% | 80.00% | 100 (gross) housing completions and 80 (gross) homes on PDL. | | ↑ | ↑ | Gary Housden |
| FP 5 | % of all development that takes place in market towns and service villages: Housing (was LPI 65a) | | | | No data for this range | | | ? | ? | Gary Housden |

Aim 3 - Strategic Objective 6 Planning to adapt to climate change

Service Objective: 3.6.1. Through the LDF to ensure that developments are coming forward in the right locations

| Covalent Reference | Priority Action | Progress | Latest Note | Latest Note Date | SMT Lead |
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| SDP P 0913 01 | LDF - Core strategy-consultation/submission/adoption | 30% | Summer Consultation and 18 exhibitions now completed. Now analysing responses. Further consultation on development proportions to be undertaken late 2009. | 08 Sep 2009 | Gary Housden |
| SDP P 0913 02 | LDF - Facilitating Development DPD | 10% | Initial Regulation 25 consultation on all the sites submitted to date as part of summer consultation. | 08 Sep 2009 | Gary Housden |
| SDP P 0913 10 | To deliver an LDF for Ryedale | 40% | Consultation underway for Core Strategy and Development Plan Document for specific sites. | 26 May 2009 | Gary Housden |

Service Objective: 3.6.2. To avoid inappropriate development in flood risk areas

| Covalent Reference | Priority Action | Progress | Latest Note | Latest Note Date | SMT Lead |
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| SDP P 0913 12 | Strategic Flood Risk Assessment | 50% | Draft SFRA update now due October 2009. Final draft due November 2009. | 08 Sep 2009 | Gary Housden |

Service Objective: 3.6.3. Flood and PITT review risk management

Aim 3 - Strategic Objective 7 To improve the quality of our local environment

| Key Performance Question 13. How well is the quality of the environment in Ryedale being maintained? | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Covalent Reference | Indicator | Last Update | Current Value | Current Target | 2008/09 | | Latest Note | Current Position | Short Term Trend Arrow | Long Term Trend Arrow | SMT Lead |
| | | | | | Value | Value | | | | | |
| NI 196 | Improved street and environmental cleanliness-Fly tipping (was BV 199d) | 2008/09 | 4 | 2 | 4 | | due to limited resource as this has not been a historic problem initial discussions are planned with neighbouring partners to establish if a shared service is possible. | | ↓ | → | Phil Long |
| NI 194a | Air quality – % reduction in NOx & primary PM10 emissions through LA's estate & operations | | | | No data for this range | | | Awaiting publication of results by DEFRA expected mid August 2009. | ? | ? | Phil Long |
| NI 197 LAA | Improved Local Biodiversity – % of Local Sites where positive conservation management has been or is being implemented. NYCC Level. | 2008/09 | 22.8% | | 22.8% | | 123 SINCS - 28 with positive management at 01.04.09 Breakdown by AONB: SINCS in Howardian Hills AONB 54 - 23 with positive management (42.6%) SINCS outside AONB 69 - 5 with positive management (7.2%) | | ↑ | → | Gary Housden |
| NI 195a | Improved street and environmental cleanliness-Litter (survey every 4 months) | July 2009 | 1% | 5% | 5% | | | Tranches 1, 2 & 3 - Combined result for 0809 is 5% | ↑ | → | Phil Long |
| NI 195b | Improved street and environmental cleanliness (levels of litter, detritus, graffiti and fly posting); Detritus | 2008/09 | 5% | 5% | 5% | | | Tranches 1, 2 & 3 - Combined result for 0809 is 5% | ? | ? | Phil Long |
| NI 195c | Improved street and environmental | July 2009 | 0% | 5% | 0% | | | Tranches 1, 2 & 3 - Combined result for | ↓ | → | Phil Long |


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| | cleanliness-Graffiti (survey every 4 months) | | | | | | | | 0809 is 5% | | | |
| NI 195d | Improved street and environmental cleanliness-Fly-posting (survey every 4 months) | July 2009 | 0% | 5% | 0% | | | | Tranches 1, 2 & 3 - Combined result for 0809 is 5% | | | Phil Long |

Key Performance Question 14. To what extent is civic pride increasing?



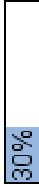
| Covalent Reference | Indicator | Last Update | Current Value | Current Target | 2008/09 | | Latest Note | Current Position | Short Term Trend Arrow | Long Term Trend Arrow | SMT Lead |
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| | | | | | Value | Value | | | | | |
| NI 5 | Overall/general satisfaction with local area (Biennial) | 2008/09 | 87% | | | 87% | Awaiting publication of national results (end of June) to enable further analysis. | | | | Clare Slater |
| NI 138 | Satisfaction of people over 65 with both home and neighbourhood (Biennial) | 2008/09 | 91.6% | | | 91.6% | Awaiting publication of national results (end of June) to enable further analysis. | | | | Julian Rudd |

Aim 3 - Strategic Objective 7 To improve the quality of our local environment

Objective 3.7.1. To implement the results of a detailed air quality assessment for nitrogen dioxide

| Covalent Reference | Priority Action | Progress | Latest Note | Latest Note Date | SMT Lead |
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| SDP HE 0913 02 | Implement the results of the Detailed Air Quality Assessment for nitrogen dioxide |  | 13 July 2009 Confirmation received from Defra. They request that the Council follow their recommendations and set the boundaries of the AQMA to include an area wider the area of technical exceedences suggested by the model. This will ensure that the AQMA will include all monitored exceedences. | 22 Jul 2009 | Phil Long |

Objective 3.7.2. Improved street and environmental cleanliness

| Covalent Reference | Priority Action | Progress | Latest Note | Latest Note Date | SMT Lead |
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| SDP SS 0913 09 | Increased monitoring of performance - street & environmental cleanliness |  | On-going - areas targeted by reference to EFQM survey and National Indicator 195a/b | 15 May 2009 | Phil Long |
| SDP SS 0913 10 | Increased cleansing utilizing a second sweeper |  | Negotiations with NYCC undertaken regarding composting of cleansing when leafall and also payment re recycling credits. Officers are also currently negotiating credits from NYCC re diversion from landfill for all street cleansing waste to be recycled/reused. This scheme (a RDC initiative) if successful should help to fund the 2nd sweeper. NYCC is considering rolling out throughout North Yorkshire. A pilot carried out during 2008 produced high quality compost | 15 May 2009 | Phil Long |
| SDP SS 0913 11 | Enhance stakeholder participation re volunteer groups |  | Work on going regarding campaigns with Tidy Britain groups, Parish councils and Britain in Bloom. | 15 May 2009 | Phil Long |

| Objective 3.7.3. To improve levels of local biodiversity | | | | | |
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| Covalent Reference | Priority Action | Progress | Latest Note | Latest Note Date | SMT Lead |
| SDP P 0913 11 | Implement Biodiversity Action Plan | 40% | Due to significant staffing issues at NYCC the joint post of Countryside Management Officer is still vacant. RDC is monitoring all planning applications received for compliance with the BAP, in the interim. Progress with development of individual sites management plans has therefore stalled. | 26 May 2009 | Gary Housden |

| Objective 3.7.4. To work with the community to encourage the management of their own environments | | | | | |
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| Covalent Reference | Priority Action | Progress | Latest Note | Latest Note Date | SMT Lead |
| SDP SS 0913 18 | Work with local groups through Britain in Bloom, Parish Councils, Tidy Britain | 30% | Ongoing work with local groups re BIB and Big Tidy up | 15 May 2009 | Phil Long |
| SDP SS 0913 19 | Prioritize flood risk areas and implement local catchment's of sandbags for immediate self help | 100% | Areas prioritised and sandbags caught in priority locations subject to flash flood risk. | 15 May 2009 | Phil Long |

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Aim 4: Active Communities

To help all residents to achieve a healthy weight by encouraging an active lifestyle, in communities where everyone feels welcome and safe

Strategic Objective 8

To have safe and healthy villages and towns

Key Performance Questions

15. How well are we encouraging active lifestyles?
16. How welcome and safe do people feel in our communities?

Priority Service Objectives

- 4.8.1 To minimise the effects of crime and anti-social behaviour on communities within Ryedale and improve perceptions of local crime levels.
- 4.8.2 To review the Councils Sports Strategy with a vision towards the legacy of the 2012 Olympics
- 4.8.3 To Develop effective multi agency and partnership working to increase participation in and satisfaction with the sport, active recreation and cultural offer in Ryedale

Aim 4: Active Safe Communities

Strategic Objective 8 To have healthy and safe villages and towns

Performance Narrative:

A comprehensive review has taken place regarding CLL and leisure provision generally. These highlighted:

- Participation levels are generally good and increasing across most categories with the exception of Sports Hall Usage.
- However outward facing satisfaction surveys- involving users and non users- indicate that RDC performance is slipping by comparison with others, both nationally and within Yorkshire, indicating a mismatch between need, expectation and service provision and highlighting the urgency of a needs analysis and strategic review to inform service direction and procurement options. (The recent place survey ranked RDC provision of sports facilities as 39.52%. SPARSE rating 167 out of 201 Districts)
- By comparison inward facing surveys (actual service users) report extremely high levels of satisfaction with the service provided by CLL, but potentially highlight the poorer quality of the facilities at Derwent Pool, reflecting the age of the facility.
- The report also highlights the urgent requirement to review and amend (where possible) contractual arrangements with Lady Lumley's school and the existing grant conditions with CLL to enhance partnership working and monitor performance against key indicators and project delivery against the business plan to minimise risk.

September –December- the initial critical stages in turning around performance in this area include:

- Officers have initiated an initial discussion with Sheffield Hallam regarding them acting as facilitators to an initial partnership event aimed at developing a brief for the development of a comprehensive strategy for sport and active recreation encompassing key stakeholders including CLL, PCT, NYCC, North Yorkshire Sports, Active Ryedale etc. (CLL has usefully developed outline thoughts in this area)
- Review and amend the existing grant conditions within legal constraints re procurement regulation, to enhance partnership working and monitor performance against key indicators, efficiency savings and project delivery against the annual business plan the new Sport and Active Recreation strategy and revised Corporate aims and objectives. Officers have put in place as a holding position an interim memorandum of understanding to enable a thorough revision of the grant arrangement mechanism to take place. It is envisaged that this will require specialist help to progress.

Performance Narrative :

The information on **Anti Social Behaviour (ASB)** provided by the police shows that incidents have decreased from 2,308 down 11% to 2,033. The data from the Fire Service also shows that ASB incidents have decreased in 2009 compared to 2008. Information on ASB (e.g. dog fouling, fly tipping, graffiti) available from the District Councils is not currently sufficiently robust and comparable either nationally or sub-regionally.

Road traffic casualty rates have reduced in both North Yorkshire as a whole and within Ryedale in 2008, and targets are being met, although in the previous two years, figures for Killed and Seriously Injured continue to show an upward trend, which includes 7 fatal and 13 seriously injured.

During the next twelve months, the Safer Ryedale partnership will focus on five major priorities.

Domestic Abuse: Protecting and supporting people experiencing domestic abuse in the Ryedale District. We aim to reduce repeat incidents of domestic violence by delivering education and awareness raising packages within the community.

Safer Roads: By responding to community concerns on the dangers of excessive and inappropriate speed and by delivering a communications plan to raise awareness and inform the community of work undertaken, we aim to minimise the levels of killed and seriously injured on the roads of Ryedale.

Community Priorities: Through improving perceptions of anti social behaviour and reducing fear of crime and by publishing and responding to public priorities highlighted by community consultation surveys, we hope to minimise the effects of crime and anti social behaviour on the communities within Ryedale, thereby contributing to a positive view of the District. Also through support, education and diversionary activities, we hope to reduce the incidence of repeat offending by young people in the District.

Alcohol Harm Reduction: Through our Alcohol Harm Reduction Strategy and by enhancing the available information on alcohol misuse and services available in Ryedale, we aim to raise awareness of the consequences of alcohol misuse in order to minimise harm both to individuals and the community, and to reduce the incidence of alcohol related crime and disorder offences.

Community Development: By developing opportunities to involve the community in raising concerns and by setting priorities, we hope to encourage more community participation in the work of Safer Ryedale.

Aim 4 - Strategic Objective 8

To have healthy and safe villages and towns

Key Performance Question 15. How well are we encouraging active lifestyles?

| Covalent Ref | Indicator | Last Update | Current Value | Current Target | 2008/09 | Latest Note | Current Position | Short Term Trend Arrow | Long Term Trend Arrow | SMT Lead |
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| | | | | | Value | | | | | |
| HE 1 | Residents satisfied with sports/leisure facilities % (was BV 119a) | 2008/09 | 40% | 65% | 40% | | Data from Place Survey Q8, though not at NI | ↘ | ➔ | Phil Long |
| SS 19 | Improvement in the PPG17 style audit of Public Open Space quality (was LPT 62) | 2007/08 | 0% | | No data for this range | Use of open space to be considered as part of the active Ryedale Strategy | | — | ➔ | Phil Long |
| NI 8 LAA | Adult participation in sport and active recreation. Sport England Active People Survey-Annual | 2008/09 | 17.9% | 25.7% | 17.9% | Baseline for Ryedale 2006/7 23.2%, 2007/8 20.0% | To be considered as part of development of Sports and Active Ryedale Strategy | ↘ | ➔ | Phil Long |
| NI 56(vi) | NYCC. Obesity in primary school age children in Year 6: Line 6 | | | | No data for this range | | NYCC target- To be addressed in part by development of Sport and Active recreation strategy | ? | ? | Phil Long |
| NI 2 | % of people who feel that they belong to their neighbourhood (Biennial) | 2008/09 | 70.8% | | 70.8% | Awaiting publication of national results (end of June) to enable further analysis. | | ? | ? | Clare Slater |
| NI 199 | Survey (TellUs). Children and young people's satisfaction with parks and play areas (Biennial) | 2008/09 | 54.4% | | 54.4% | Result for NYCC area. | | ? | ? | Phil Long |
| NI 1 LAA | % of people who believe people from different backgrounds get on well together in their local area (Biennial) | 2008/09 | 81.1% | | 81.1% | Awaiting publication of national results (end of June) to enable further analysis. | | ? | ? | Clare Slater |

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| NI 23 | Perceptions that people in the area treat one another with respect and consideration (Biennial) | 2008/09 | 20.8% | | 20.8% | | 20.8% | Awaiting publication of national results (end of June) to enable further analysis. | | | | | | | Julian Rudd |
| HE LAA 64 | Children & Young People's Participation in high quality sport | 2008/09 | 92% | | 92% | | 92% | | Reported quarterly by NYCC. Progress towards overall goal (annual target) assessed through annual PESSCL survey, published each October. (Source NYSP) Indicator will be disaggregated to a district level. Heather Newman NYCC Tel 077 64362798 | | | | | | Phil Long |

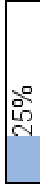

Key Performance Question 16. How welcome and safe do people feel in our communities?

| Covalent Ref | Indicator | Last Update | Current Value | Current Target | 2008/09 | | Latest Note | Current Position | Short Term Trend Arrow | Long Term Trend Arrow | SMT Lead |
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| | | | | | Value | Value | | | | | |
| NI 17 LAA67 | Perceptions of anti-social behaviour (Biennial) | 2008/09 | 10.8% | | 10.8% | | Awaiting publication of national results (end of June) to enable further analysis. | NY LAA Q3 report - 2008-09 provisional baseline NYCC is 11.2% | | | Julian Rudd |
| NI 41 LAA | Perceptions of drunk or rowdy behaviour as a problem (Biennial) | 2008/09 | 21.9% | | 21.9% | | Awaiting publication of national results (end of June) to enable further analysis. | | | | Julian Rudd |
| NI 119 | Self-reported measure of people's overall health and wellbeing (Biennial) | 2008/09 | 75.3% | | 75.3% | | Awaiting publication of national results (end of June) to enable further analysis. | | | | Clare Slater |
| NI 47 LAA | People killed or seriously injured in road traffic accidents | | | | | | | Q3 Target 483, Q3 Outturn 408. Ryedale Figure for Q3 2008, 48 | | | Julian Rudd |

Aim 4 - Strategic Objective 8

To have healthy and safe villages and towns

Objective 4.8.1.To minimise the effects of crime and anti-social behaviour on communities within Ryedale and improve perceptions of local crime levels.

| Covalent Reference | Priority Action | Progress | Latest Note | Latest Note Date | SMT Lead |
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| SR 01 | Continue intervention to incidents of domestic abuse through Making Safe |  25% | <p>Quarter 1 Miss Dorothy Rillington, Settrington, West Heslerton, West Lutton, Weaverthorpe, Sherburn and Staxton schools are going to implement Miss Dot from September following training for staff, Malton school has also been contacted and is very interested in taking the programme forward.</p> <p>Training and Awareness Raising Training session with Library staff has begun to raise awareness of domestic abuse and give them information on support agencies this will be very useful when mobile van is out in the rural areas. 2 x training sessions have been delivered in Ryedale to fire officers, these have been well received with the plan to further roll out across the District and county.</p> <p>Education into schools Lady Lumley's is keen to undertake the training for staff on domestic abuse and then roll out an education programme into the school for the children and young people. The cluster schools are also being approached to take up the offer of training. An event is planned at the Spa in November to raise awareness within the schools and further education to start the roll out.</p> | 24 Jul 2009 | Julian Rudd |
| SR 21 | Support diversionary activities for young people in Ryedale: Dry Bars, YCV, LIFE |  0% | <p>Quarter 1 No of new ABCs as of end of June 2009 all four secondary schools are now engaged with MAPS. We have seen a slight increase in numbers of young people adversely coming to the attention of teaching staff and/or police, but now that year 11 are due to leave school, some of these people will move off MAPS and we will monitor their behaviour in the community. Across the two districts of Scarborough and Ryedale the Youth Restorative Justice Scheme has been used with 48 young people, with Ryedale accounting for 12.25% of these. By comparison the levels of crime in the two districts so far this year are</p> | 24 Jul 2009 | Julian Rudd |

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| | | | | Scarborough 2255 compared to Ryedale 498, 18% of the total crime. Norton College have now joined the loop and all four schools are now fully attended at MAPS meetings. | | |
| SR 22 | Identify main groups for targeted education initiatives (Drive Alive, Drive Wise) and produce an action plan and timetable | 0% | | <p>Quarter 1 – The road safety officer for Ryedale is working with the driver association (AIM) and Pass Plus to introduce a £50 incentive which is payable towards the cost of taking an advanced certificate for driving. An older drivers day is planned for Pickering Memorial Hall on the 11th July between 10-4pm. Migrant workers; still on going with local employers and with the BNE worker based at the community centre at Wentworth Street. Data logger deployments progressing well and on track to exceeding the target set, whilst also engaging with the parish councils within Ryedale. Operation sirens and the hand held lasers being planned and organised by the police – police to update. Trailer still based at Malton fire station and available to anyone in the partnership to use. Hi-Viz jackets being ordered and to be delivered to schools around September time.</p> | 24 Jul 2009 | Julian Rudd |
| SR 24 | Deliver 8 Operation Siren events at key locations | 0% | | Operation sirens and the hand held lasers being planned and organised by the police – 2 operation sirens already been held. | 24 Jul 2009 | Julian Rudd |
| SR 47 | Address issue of dog fouling identified by street survey | 0% | | Beckie Bennett and Steve Richmond to contact Town/Parish Councils regarding the dog waste bins. They are putting a Safer Ryedale bid together and if successful they will purchase dog waste bins and dispensers for each Town/Parish Council. Steve Richmond is currently looking at the Council Police on enforcement, currently we do not issue fixed penalty notices but this may be the way forward. Sgt Paul Stephenson has confirmed that the Police cannot issue the fixed penalty notices at the moment but may consider training PCSO's to carry this out. Some authorities are already operating this procedure. | 18 Aug 2009 | Julian Rudd |
| SR 48 | Develop a continuation strategy for the Alcohol Respect Campaign | 0% | | <p>After the success of the first stage of the ARC campaign, our next area of concern to be addressed will be 'Proxy Safer'.</p> <p>We intend to circulate an educational leaflet (purchased from NY Trading Standards) to premises such as schools, surgeries, supermarkets, youth clubs etc., and follow this up with visits from the Police, Trading Standards officers and Community Safety officers to reinforce the message and to answer any questions.</p> <p>Prior to the year 2000, the law did not prohibit an adult buying alcohol on behalf of a child in off-licensed premises. This has been referred to as "proxy purchase". The</p> | 18 Aug 2009 | Julian Rudd |

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| | | <p>Licensing (Young Persons) Act 2000 created a new offence of buying or attempting to buy alcohol on behalf of a child in any licensed premises.</p> <p>A parent who buys alcohol and subsequently gives it to his/her child would not be committing an offence. A parent contracts the sale in his or her own right, and is not acting as the child's agent or go-between to affect the child's own purchase. The offence covers those who act as the agents of children in contracting sales.</p> <p>What constitutes an off licence proxy sale in brief? Any person buying alcohol on behalf of a child (under 18) other than a parent or legal guardian for supervised consumption in the home. Other exemptions exist for on license consumption with food.</p> <p>Who is responsible for the sale? The sales assistant selling the alcohol is responsible if, he / she served the alcohol knowing or suspecting that it is being purchased on behalf of a child. The person making or attempting to make the purchase (unless by the parent or legal guardian for responsible consumption within the home).</p> <p>Enforcement of underage sales of alcohol has been a high priority for Ryedale over the past few years, as it links to the wider concerns within the district of anti-social behaviour and to health related issues.</p> <p>Recent statistics (Statistics on Alcohol: England 2008, <i>The NHS Information Centre</i>) have shown that a relatively small percentage of children fuel their alcohol consumption by purchases from off and on licensed premises (7% and 4% percent respectively), whereas proxy sales (where an adult buys on behalf of young children) currently runs at 20%. 5.3 The importance of tackling such underage sales is recognised nationally:</p> <p>Under the Licensing Act 2003, the duty to prevent proxy sales falls upon the Police. North Yorkshire Police have robustly tackled incidents where they have actually witnessed proxy sales and the underage consumption of alcohol, and they have worked along with other members of the partnership and NY Trading Standards before during and after the AR campaign to force the message home, that proxy sales will not go unpunished in Ryedale.</p> | | |
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| | | | <p>Children and Young People – Recent research has shown that 15% of pupils thought it is acceptable to get drunk on a weekly basis. Almost one in four local authorities were estimated to have a significantly higher drinking rate than England as a whole. These were concentrated in the North of the country, with 98% of these located in three Government Office Regions, North East, North West and critically the Yorkshire & Humber.</p> <p>The proposed action will hopefully counter the damage done by illegal alcohol sales and achieve the aim of reducing the incidence of those sales to children.</p> | | |
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Objective 4.8.2. To review the Councils Sports Strategy with a vision towards the legacy of the 2012 Olympics

| Covalent Reference | Priority Action | Progress | Latest Note | Latest Note Date | SMT Lead |
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| SDP HE 0913 16 | Review the Sports Strategy with a vision towards 2012 Olympics | 18% | CLL report including Sports Strategy passed by Council on 9 July. | 22 Jul 2009 | Phil Long |

Objective 4.8.3. To Develop effective multi agency and partnership working to increase participation in and satisfaction with the sport, active recreation and cultural offer in Ryedale

| Covalent Reference | Priority Action | Progress | Latest Note | Latest Note Date | SMT Lead |
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| SDP EH 0913 17 | Grant for the Harrison Collection | 50% | £800,000 raised so far including £250,000 RDC grant. Planning permission granted. Currently working on bid for £1m Lottery funding to be submitted in September 2009. Decision will be made in December 2009. | 29 May 2009 | Julian Rudd |
| SDP HE 0913 24 | Grant to Malton School | 20% | NYCC Planning Permission given on 30 June 2009. | 22 Jul 2009 | Phil Long |
| SDP HE 0913 25 | Grant for the redevelopment of existing sports facilities in Helmsley | 25% | NYMNP Planning permission hoped for at end July/August 2009 | 22 Jul 2009 | Phil Long |

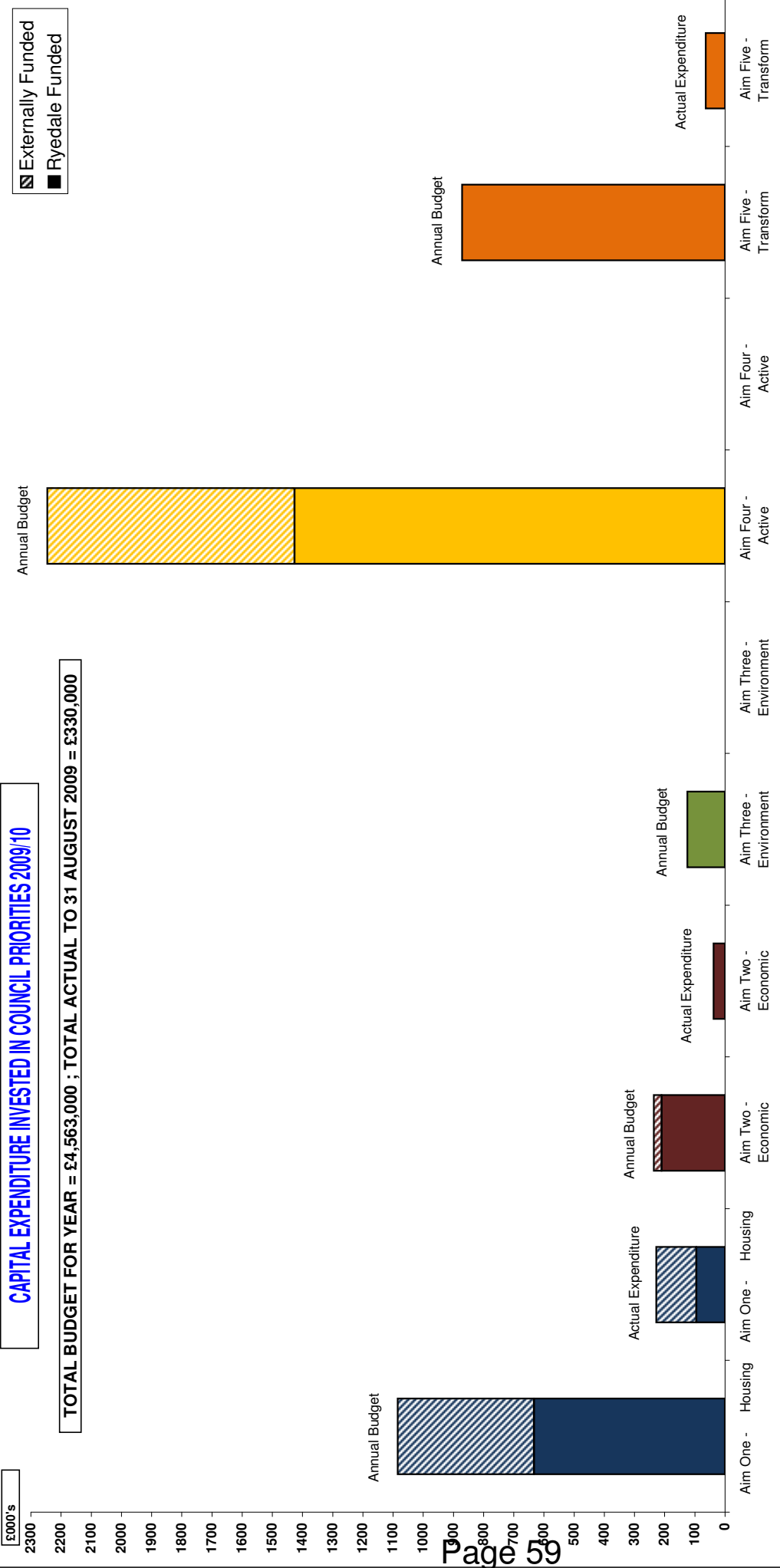
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COUNCIL PLAN PRIORITIES FINANCE REPORT

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE INVESTED IN COUNCIL PRIORITIES 2009/10

TOTAL BUDGET FOR YEAR = £4,563,000 ; TOTAL ACTUAL TO 31 AUGUST 2009 = £330,000



COUNCIL PRIORITIES:

- Aim One** - To meet housing needs in the Ryedale Area.
- Aim Two** - To create the conditions for economic success.
- Aim Three** - To have a high quality, clean and sustainable environment.
- Aim Four** - To have active communities where everyone feels welcome and safe.
- Aim Five** - To transform Ryedale District Council.

COUNCIL PRIORITIES CAPITAL SCHEMES:

- Housing Needs - Affordable Housing Initiatives, Disabled Facilities Grant and Mortgage Rescue Scheme.
- Economic Success - Malton Town Centre Physical Improvement Works and Market Improvements.
- Quality Environment - Energy Efficiency Improvements to Council Property.
- Active Safe Communities - Dry Sports Centre Malton School, Ryedale Pool Air Handling Unit, Derwent Pool Remodel Reception, Ryedale Folk Museum and Milton Rooms.
- Transformation - ICT Strategy, Car Parks Major Repairs, Public Conveniences Refurbishment, Major Repair & Replacement Programme, Property Condition Survey and Ryedale House Public Areas.

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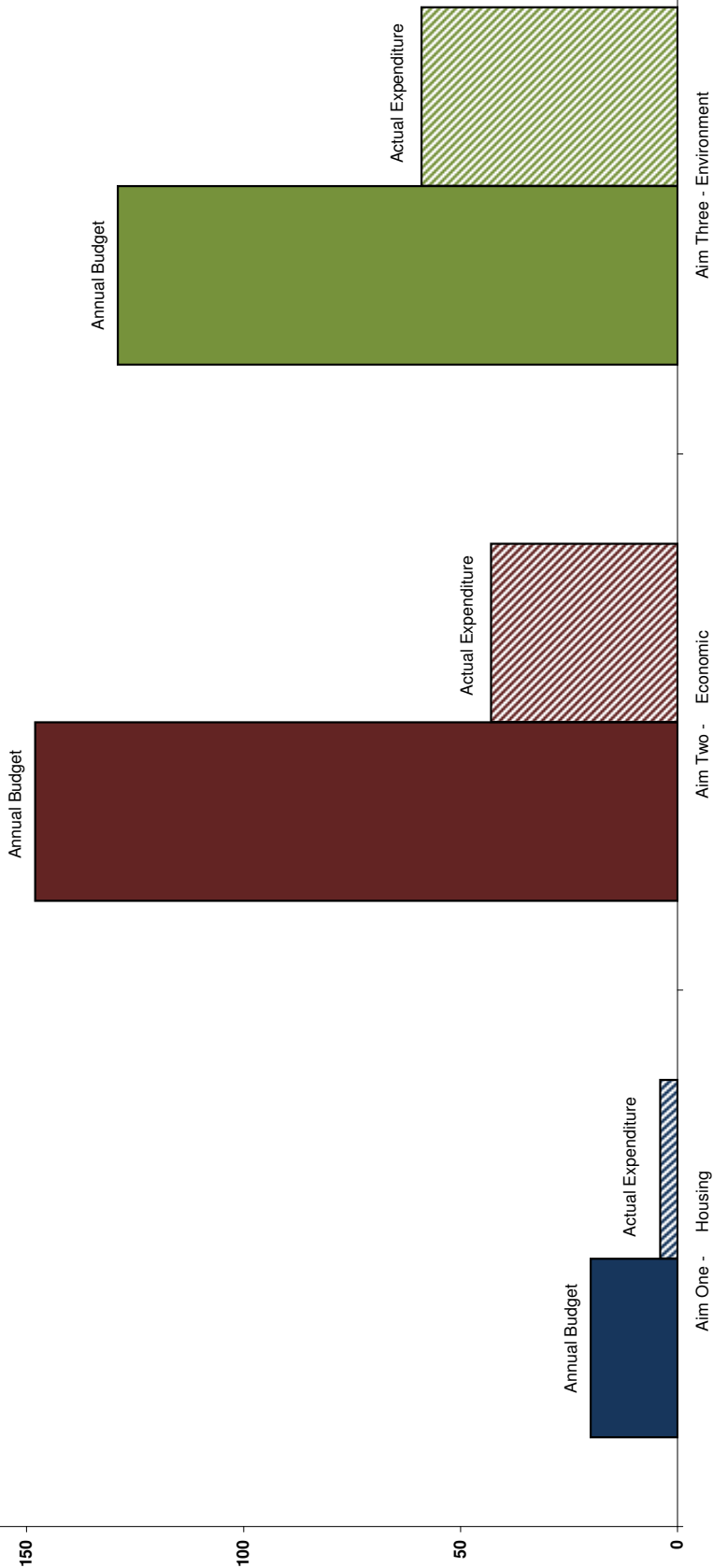
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ADDITIONAL REVENUE EXPENDITURE ON COUNCIL PRIORITIES 2009/10

TOTAL BUDGET FOR YEAR = £297,000 ; TOTAL ACTUAL TO 31 AUGUST 2009 = £106,000



COUNCIL PRIORITIES:

- Aim One** - To meet housing needs in the Ryedale Area.
- Aim Two** - To create the conditions for economic success.
- Aim Three** - To have a high quality, clean and sustainable environment.

ADDITIONAL REVENUE EXPENDITURE ON COUNCIL PRIORITIES:

- Housing Needs - Additional funding towards a Rural Housing Enabler.
- Economic Success - New Business Grant Scheme and Business Liaison.
- Quality Environment - Extra funding to deliver the Local Development Framework early.

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REPORT TO: COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

DATE: 24 SEPTEMBER 2009

HEAD OF SERVICE: HEAD OF ECONOMY AND HOUSING
JULIAN RUDD

REPORTING OFFICER: HOUSING SERVICES MANAGER
RICHARD ETHERINGTON

SUBJECT: HOUSING – PERFORMANCE REPORT

WARDS AFFECTED: ALL

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To inform Members of progress made against the Council's agreed Housing policies and to invite comments from the Committee.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 It is recommended that Members endorse the performance report and agree any amendments to policy or further action required to improve performance.

3.0 PERFORMANCE REPORT

| Strategic Objective | |
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| To enable the provision of affordable housing for rent and low cost ownership for sale | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rillington – completion of 9 rented homes expected in December 2009• Kirkbymoorside – completion of 19 rented homes in early March 2010• Pickering – development of 15 homes on an exception site has received funding. Consultation with Town Council and local community in progress. Planning application expected to be submitted shortly.• Habton – funding approved for 11 homes on exception site. Consultation with Parish Council and local community in progress. Planning application expected to be submitted shortly.• Pickering/Malton/Norton – funding in place for |

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| | <p>various small sites to be developed to provide 18 homes by March 2011</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Malton – funding in place for 19 rented homes to be completed by March 2011 • Norton – funding in place for 17 rented homes to be completed by March 2011 • RHE working closely with Thornton-le-Dale and Rosedale Parish Councils to identify possible sites within the parishes for affordable housing. |
| LPI | Provision of 75 Affordable Housing Units/year- 52 |
| HMA | Affordable Shortfall of 292 units per year |
| Development of services to meet the needs of homeless applicants and implementation of measures to prevent homelessness. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A total of 201 initial housing enquiries from 1 April to 7 September 2009. • An 18% decrease in the number of homeless applications in the period 1 April 2009 to 8 September 2009 compared to the same period in the previous year • A 44% reduction in the number of homeless acceptances in the period 1 April 2009 to 8 September 2009 compared to the same period in the previous year • Temporary accommodation occupancy level as at 8 September 2009 of 14 households compared with 18 households on the 8 September 2008. • A total of 11 households moved out of temporary accommodation in the period 1 April 2009 to 8 September 2009 and 11 households moved into temporary accommodation. • A successful first year completed of the Ryedale Lettings Scheme, enhancements and improvements have been made to the scheme. • A total of 13 Bond Guarantee Schemes/Bond Payments and Rent in Advance delivered in order to prevent homelessness • Implemented a Multi agency Young Persons Accommodation panel in response to the increased numbers of 16/17 year olds approaching the Council for assistance. • Updated documentation relating the Housing Options Services and obtained various promotional materials • Employment of a Sub Regional Co-ordinator to assist with the Government Agenda to prevent repossessions. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obtained agreement for Ryedale’s MRS and the appointment of an additional part time Housing Options Officer. • Completed full page spread in Ryedale Local News to promote services which included informing the community of the actions to prevent repossessions • Through negotiations with the owner secured the lease on Bridge House (Homeless Hostel) for a further 12 months • External funding secured in order to support the employment of a Life Skills and Positive activities Officer and a Resettlement Officer on a fixed term contract to the 30th September 2010 to be based at Bridge House • Held three Road shows in Malton, Helmsley and Pickering to promote the official launch of the Housing Options service and the Government programme for the prevention of Repossessions. • Completed the first Shared Equity MRS in the region in August 09 • Finalised a further full MRS due for completion Sept/Oct 09 • Further case to be handed over to the zone agent on the 22 September in order for mortgage rescue to proceed • Three cases successfully negotiated with lenders to prevent repossession of the property without the need for the MRS. |
| <p>LPI</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To achieve a target of 30 Bond Guarantee/Rent in Advance schemes undertaken per year Achieved – 13 • To secure a total of 12 households per year through the Ryedale Lettings scheme by September 2009 Achieved – 11 • To achieve a total of 163 Homeless Preventions in 2009/10 Achieved – Figure not available until 30 Sept • Not to exceed a maximum of 54 homeless applications per year Achieved – 12 • To achieve the target of no more than 13 homeless households in temporary accommodation by 31/12/2010 Achieved – 14 as at 8 September 2009 |

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| <p>To address decency issues in the private sector and the maintenance of the private housing stock in general</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approved a total of 7 Home Repair Grants to a value of £23,032 and completed 7 grants totalling £23,167 from 1 April to 7 September 2009. |
| <p>Enabling Independent Living</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approved a total of 6 DFG's to a value of £75,042 and completed 21 grants totalling £178,875 from 1 April to 7 September 2009. • Secured a total of 65 new connections to the Ryecare Lifeline Service for the period 1 April to 7 September 2009 |
| <p>To contribute to social inclusion and the provision of sustainable communities</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approved a total of 33 Energy Efficiency Grants to a value of £22,009 and completed 17 grants totalling £18,666 in the period 1 April to 8 September 2009 |

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REPORT TO: COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

DATE: 24 SEPTEMBER 2009

HEAD OF SERVICE: HEAD OF ENVIRONMENT
PHIL LONG

REPORTING OFFICER: HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT MANAGER
STEVEN RICHMOND

SUBJECT: POLICY IN RELATION TO WILD ANIMALS ON COUNCIL
OWNED LAND

WARDS AFFECTED: ALL

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 For Members to determine a position in relation to the exhibiting/performance of wild animals through circuses etc on council owned land.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended that Members continue to consider each application to stage a circus with non-domesticated animals on Council land on its own merits and refer any such application to the Community Services Committee for decision.

3.0 REASONS SUPPORTING DECISION

- 3.1 To ensure an up-to-date legal opinion can be sought and ensure Members have the opportunity to debate such a decision.

4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 At a meeting of Community Services Committee on 26 March 2009 during a discussion on the proposed policy on the use of car parks, Members expressed support for the proposal but were of the opinion that it should include reference to any proposed introduction of wild animals through circuses, etc.
- 4.2 It was resolved in Minute 433 "that a report be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee in connection with a policy relating to wild animals on Council owned land".

5.0 INTRODUCTION

- 5.1 During Parliamentary debates on the Animal Welfare Bill, concerns were expressed

about the use of non-domesticated animals in circuses. Ben Bradshaw, the Minister for Animal Welfare, announced in March 2006 that he was minded to introduce Regulations under the Animal Welfare Act 2006 to ban the use, in travelling circuses, of certain non-domesticated species if their welfare needs could not be met in that environment. To assist the Minister in forming a decision a Circus Working Group was formed of representatives of the circus industry, animal welfare organisations, academics and veterinarians. The groups' remit was to look at wild animals (i.e. animals not normally domesticated in the British Isles) used for performance in travelling circuses. The conclusions were that there was not enough evidence to show that the welfare of wild animals in circuses is any better or worse than those other captive environments and that available scientific evidence was insufficient to justify regulations being introduced to ban wild animals being used in circus performances. If the use of any non-domesticated animals is to remain lawful, the issue of blanket bans by local authorities on the use of their land requires further consideration.

- 5.2 Since the publication of the report the Government is considering its position as to the issue of primary legislation relating to the banning or further regulation of non-domesticated animals in circuses.
- 5.3 There are at present four circuses that use non-domesticated animals which approximates to approximately 38 non-domesticated animals.

6.0 REPORT

- 6.1 The Council has an Animal Welfare Charter that was adopted in March 2002. No mention is made in the Charter of a policy in relation to circuses. The Council has very few areas of land suitable for the holding of a circus and has never been approached to host a circus.
- 6.2 The enforcing authority with regard to performing animals is North Yorkshire County Council Trading Standards. Ryedale District Council has no enforcement responsibility in relation to performing animals other than normal health and safety enforcement and public safety issues.
- 6.3 In considering any such ban the relevant legislation is S120 (1) (b) of the Local Government Act 1972 and Section 2 of the Local Government Act 2000. This enables Councils to do anything "which they consider likely to achieve, promote or improve the social/environmental well being of the area". In addressing the issue Members would have to ensure that the prohibition of circuses with wild animals is necessary on objective grounds for the "benefit, improvement or development of their area" under section 120, or is it likely to "achieve, promote or improve the social /environmental well being of the area", under Section 2 of the Local Government Act 2000.
- 6.4 The decision may not be based purely on moral grounds although it is correct that there should be regard for ethical arguments. The argument must be made that it is for the benefit of the area that circuses with wild animals should be banned. It should be clear that any ban is in the public interest. Members should be clear that their position is not the same as private landowners and that they must have regard to the statutory tests contained within section 120 (1)(b). With regard to the well being clause of section 2 of the Local Government Act, it could be argued that the well being for some will depend on their satisfaction as to animal welfare. Any decision to ban would be open to legal challenge by way of Judicial Review

7.0 OPTIONS

- 7.1 There are a number of options available to the Council:
- a) to ban all circuses with performing animals from its land;
 - b) to limit circuses on their land to ones that have no *wild* animals e.g. limited to horses, dogs, birds etc; or
 - c) to decide each case on its merits.

8.0 OPTIONS APPRAISAL

- 8.1 The option to ban all circuses with performing animals when controls already exist for performing animals by North Yorkshire County Council is liable to legal challenge. The ban could be reasonable if Council had evidence of mistreatment of animals.
- 8.2 If the Council wished to widen out the debate to include that there should be no animals in circuses at all, any such decision could also lead to legal challenges on a much wider front e.g. comparison with other animal users such as horse racing, sheepdog trials, police dog displays etc. In addition it is quite possible there may be fewer if any objections to performances with just domesticated animals.
- 8.3 If the Council dealt with any such application for such a circus on its land on an individual basis, it could refuse permission on its own land where there is evidence of mistreatment, which could be historically based on information provided from other sources such as other local authorities.

9.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 There is no law restricting the use of domesticated or non-domesticated performing animals in circuses therefore the Council would have to consider what grounds it had to impose a total ban.

10.0 CONCLUSION

- 10.1 The Council has very little appropriate land in which to hold a circus and has never had an approach made to it. The legal position of issuing a blanket ban is not as simple as first appears but is open to legal challenge. Given the hypothetical question of a request for the staging of a circus with wild (non-domesticated) animals on its land it is recommended that the Council should not adopt a blanket ban on circuses with wild (non-domesticated) or performing animals but should consider each application on its own merits and refer any such application to the Community Services Committee for decision.

Background Papers:

Wild animals in traveling circuses – The report of the Chairman of the circus working group
October 2007

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REPORT TO: COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

DATE: 24 SEPTEMBER 2009

HEAD OF SERVICE: HEAD OF ENVIRONMENT
PHIL LONG

SUBJECT: LOW CARBON ECONOMY – REGIONAL INFORMATION
PAPERS

WARDS AFFECTED: ALL

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To inform and update Members in relation to regional activity and initiatives on the low carbon economy in Yorkshire and Humber and in particular the work of Yorkshire Forward, Government Office (GOYH) and the North Yorkshire Strategic Partnership (NYSP).

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 It is recommended that Members note the report.

3.0 BACKGROUND

3.1 At the July meeting of this committee Members recommended to Council a range of initiatives to support the achievement of the Council's CO₂ targets.

3.2 Attached to this covering report are three papers outlining work across the region to help to reduce CO₂ emissions and promote a low carbon economy: Annex A – Low Carbon Economy Update – Yorkshire Forward; Annex B – The Climate Change Challenge for North Yorkshire - GOYH; and Annex C – A partnership approach to climate change – NYSP.

3.3 The reports are brought to Members principally for information and help to demonstrate how Ryedale District Council's initiatives relate to a wider regional and sub-regional context. However, if there are any issues arising from the reports that the committee wishes to explore further – either by way of a visit or a presentation – this can be brought to a future meeting.

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YORK AND NORTH YORKSHIRE PARTNERSHIP EXECUTIVE ITEM 6

4th September 2009

Low Carbon Economy – UPDATE

1. Purpose of the Report

1.1 This report updates the Partnership Executive on the Low Carbon Economy developments in Yorkshire and Humber with delivery emphasis in York and North Yorkshire. Jim Farmery, Assistant Director for Business at Yorkshire Forward will be attending the meeting to verbally update members further

2. Background

We define a lower-carbon economy as one where managed programmes of carbon-emissions reduction are embedded in organisational practices, across both the private and public sectors, in response to challenging targets.

- Due to high levels of industry and traditional power generation, Yorkshire & Humber is a high CO₂-producing region—and emissions continue to rise here
- Moving to a LCE is set out in government targets
- Ignoring climate change will ultimately undermine the economy
- Acting now to reduce emissions and adapt to new circumstances (such as increased flood risk) will cost far less than dealing with the future consequences of climate change
- Global markets for low-carbon technologies could be worth \$500bn by 2050—but our region's share of this market is amongst the lowest in the UK

Who is Yorkshire Forward trying to influence?

- Local authorities—because we need political will to change behaviour and deliver innovative projects at a local level
- Business & commerce—because we need businesses to commit to reducing carbon emissions
- Major greenhouse-gas emitters—to commit to significant emissions reductions
- Public agencies—in terms of sharing resources and ensuring that their plans and strategies contribute to the LCE
- Government departments—such as Defra, BERR and DCLG (Department of Communities and Local Government), to ensure that our views are reflected in planning decisions

2.1 The Yorkshire and Humber (Y&H) Region faces a number of challenges associated with delivering sustainable development and a low carbon economy based on sustainable and environmental technology. Government White Papers have set both the policy framework and specific targets for the next ten years. Most of the targets require action to be taken at regional level, and accordingly these targets have been incorporated into the Y&H Regional Economic Strategy (RES) and the Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS).

3. Yorkshire & Humber Sustainable Futures Company Ltd (SFCo)

3.1 In order to assist in delivering these regional targets, the Yorkshire & Humber Sustainable Futures Company Ltd (SFCo) was formed by Yorkshire Forward.

The vision of SFCo (soon to be re-named CO₂Sense) is to put Yorkshire & Humber at the centre of developing a global low carbon economy with the key aim of delivering Yorkshire Forward's sustainable development priorities. SFCo aims to position the region at the centre of the developing global low carbon economy and deliver Yorkshire Forward's sustainable development priorities. Four programmes within SFCo concentrate on the LCE:

- **Resource Efficiency Yorkshire (REY)** is a new £9.8 million programme working to help regional businesses and markets gain competitive advantage through resource efficiency improvements. Over the next three years REY will support regional businesses to use water, energy, and waste more efficiently, to introduce greener approaches to design and sustainable procurement. REY's key aim is to support the regions businesses to profit from resource efficiency – to spread the word that carbon sense makes commercial sense. There are four principal work streams:
 1. Policy, Research and Evaluation – making sure we put most effort into what's most important
 2. Regional Resource Efficiency Partnership – integrating national, regional and local activity to benefit business
 3. Resource Efficiency Business Support – helping businesses take action to improve their resource efficiency (create demand)
 4. Support to Resource Efficiency Sector Businesses – helping companies in the resource efficiency sector to find new business and grow (build the supply)
 - **Future Energy Yorkshire (FEY)** has been established to secure the economic opportunities arising from new and renewable energy technologies and projects across Yorkshire and Humber. FEY works with both public and private sector partners to fill knowledge gaps, bridge market failures and bring to fruition significant new energy projects, businesses and technologies, and also provide training and development opportunities.
 - **Carbon Action Yorkshire (CAY)** encourages major organisations within the region (collectively responsible for half of the region's carbon emissions) to commit to action to meet the target of a 25% cut by 2016. At present, only 24% of medium to large organisations in the region have quantified emissions from their activities, and only 45% of these have taken steps to reduce emissions¹. CAY will assess carbon-related risks and opportunities; secure quantifiable carbon reduction commitments; calculate baseline carbon emissions and benchmark emissions reductions; develop new low carbon products, services, technologies; characterise markets for low carbon products and services; and test these with partner organisations.
 - **Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS)**
CO₂Sense has recently taken on the responsibility for a Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) programme. CCS is a process where CO₂ is extracted from the emissions of, for example, a power station or a factory. This CO₂ is compressed, and transported to permanent storage in a depleted gas field or saline aquifer in the North Sea. The main project activities are:
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- Developing a world-leading example of a CCS cluster that could reduce the UK's greenhouse gas emissions by 10%, and give a significant boost the region's economy through the down turn.
- Securing and developing a carbon capture and storage (CCS) facility and network. Although this will not be operational before 2014 at the earliest, the first enabling investment could be secured by the end of 2009/10.
- Working with partners in the region, such as Powerfuel Power Ltd, who are at an advanced state to implement CCS given the appropriate level of support.
- Working at national and international levels to raise the profile of the opportunity to develop CCS in the region and gain access to financial support through our commercial partners, European Commission, EIB and UK Government.

3.2 For a detailed list of the projects that are being delivered as part of the SFCo/CO₂Sense Programme in York & North Yorkshire please see attached Appendix SFCo North Yorkshire Projects and examples of case studies.

Yorkshire Forward
August 2009

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The Climate Change Challenge for North Yorkshire

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- **Climate Projections 09**
- **The National Challenge**
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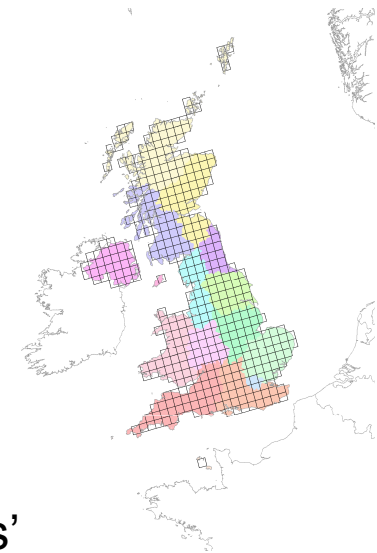


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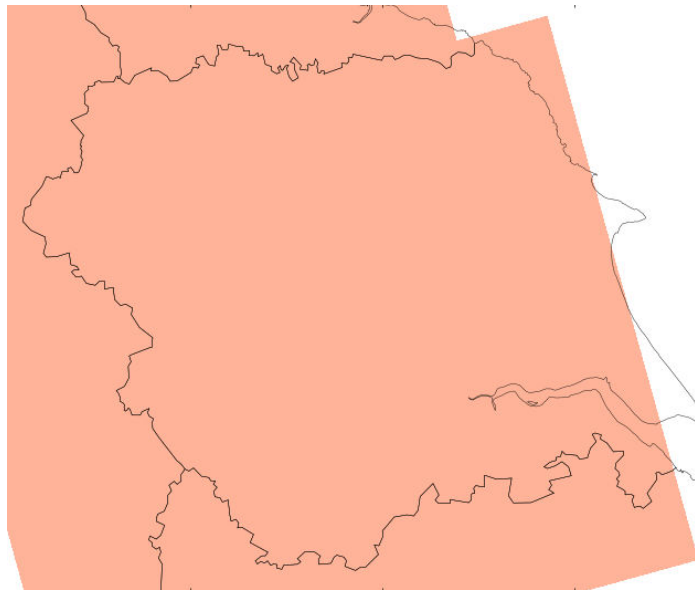
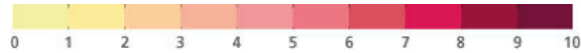


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- These projections of our future climate have been developed by the Met Office paid for by Defra
- They show us the reality of climate change and help us understand both the importance of the need to reduce our emissions and adapt to inevitable changes
- A great deal of information is available including pre-prepared maps and graphs, which are available online to anyone
- A report 'Adapting to Climate Change: UK Climate Projections' setting out what the Government is doing on adaptation is available, plus further reports on the science underpinning the projections by UKCIP



For summer average temperature, we see significant increases over the decades to the 2080

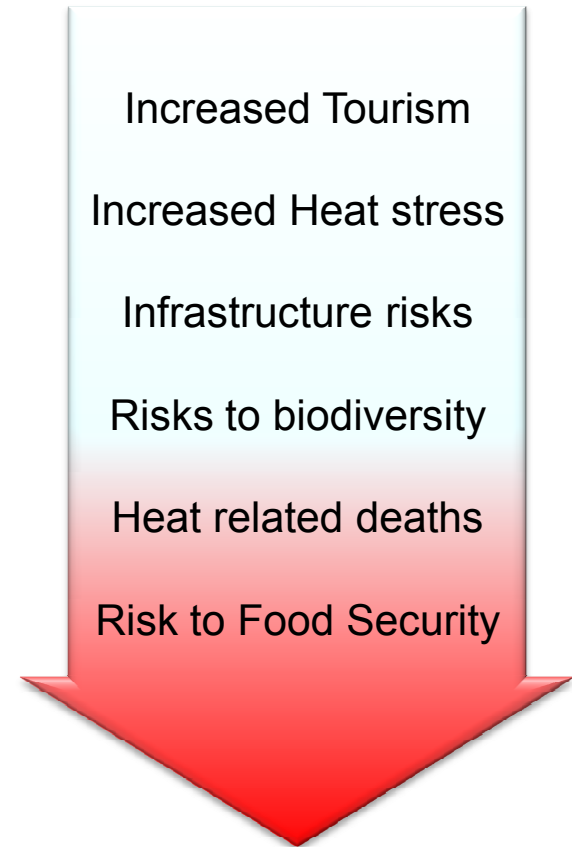


2020
+1.3°C

2050
+2.3°C

2080
+3.5°C

Yorks & Humber
central estimate
Medium emissions

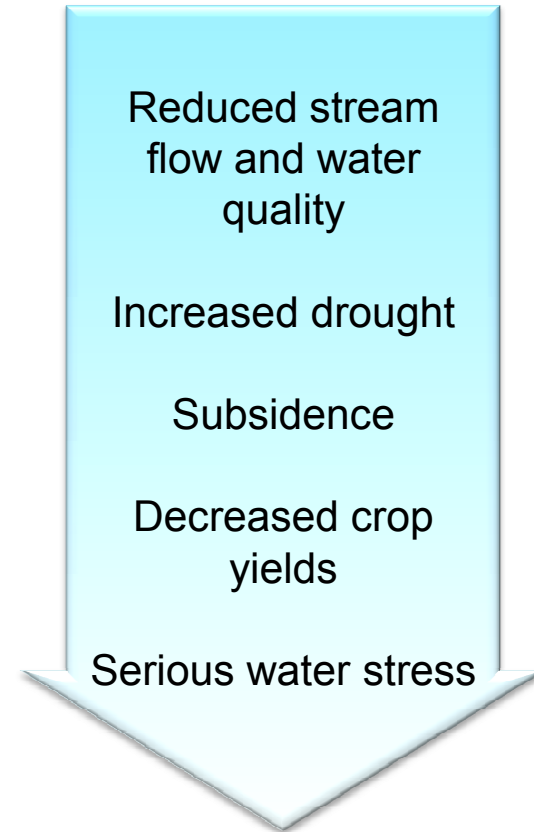
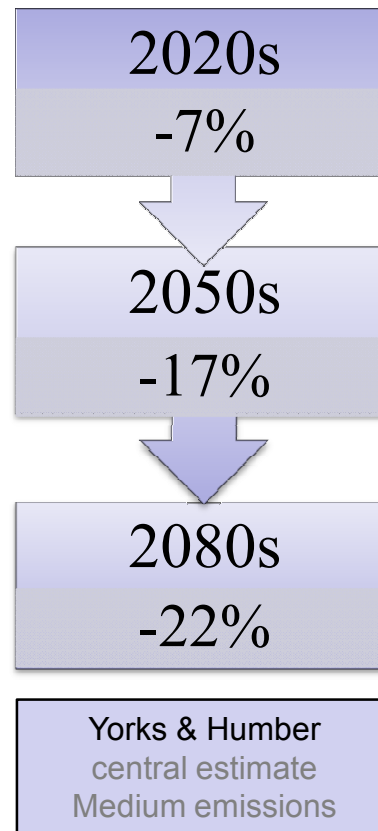
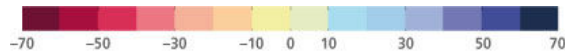
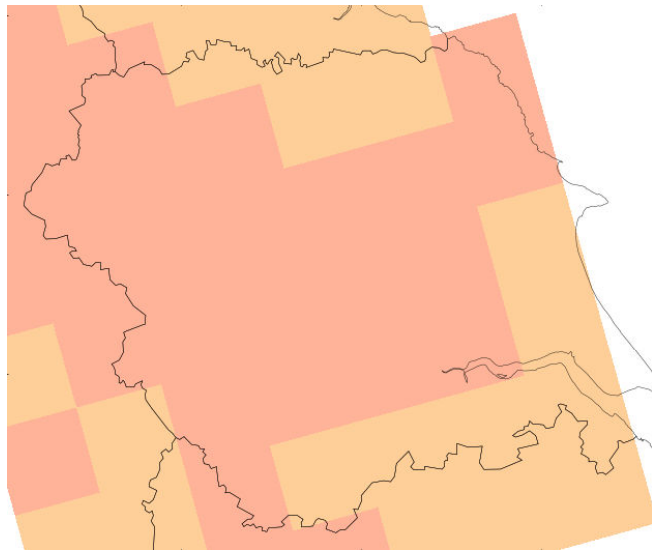


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The change for the 2080s is very unlikely to be less than 1.8°C and very unlikely to be more than 5.8°C



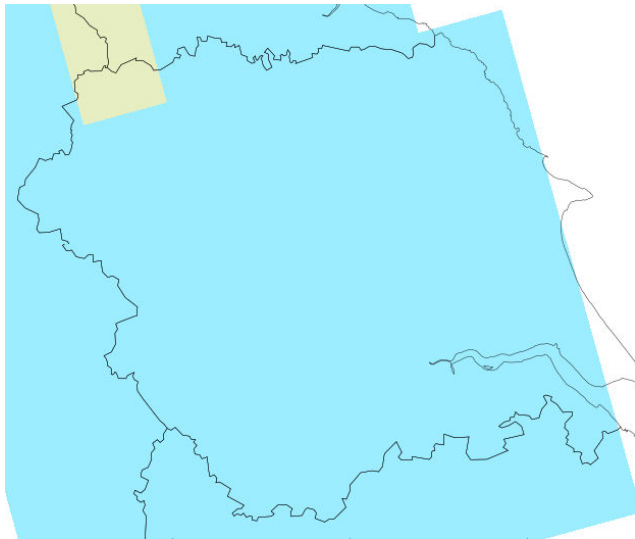
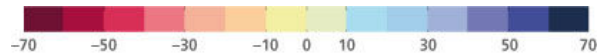
For summer rainfall we could see significant decreases



For the 2080s the change is very unlikely to be lower than -43% and very unlikely to be higher than +1%



For winter rainfall we see significant increases



2020s

+4.1%

2050s

+11%

2080s

+15%

Yorks & Humber
central estimate
Medium Emissions

Increased winter
flooding

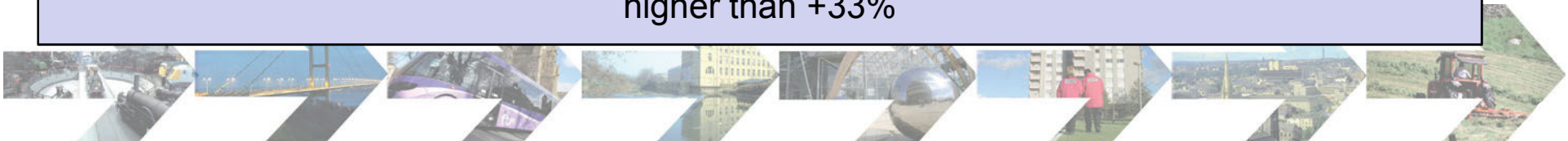
Increased subsidence

Risks to urban
drainage

Severe Transport
disruption

Risks of national
Infrastructure

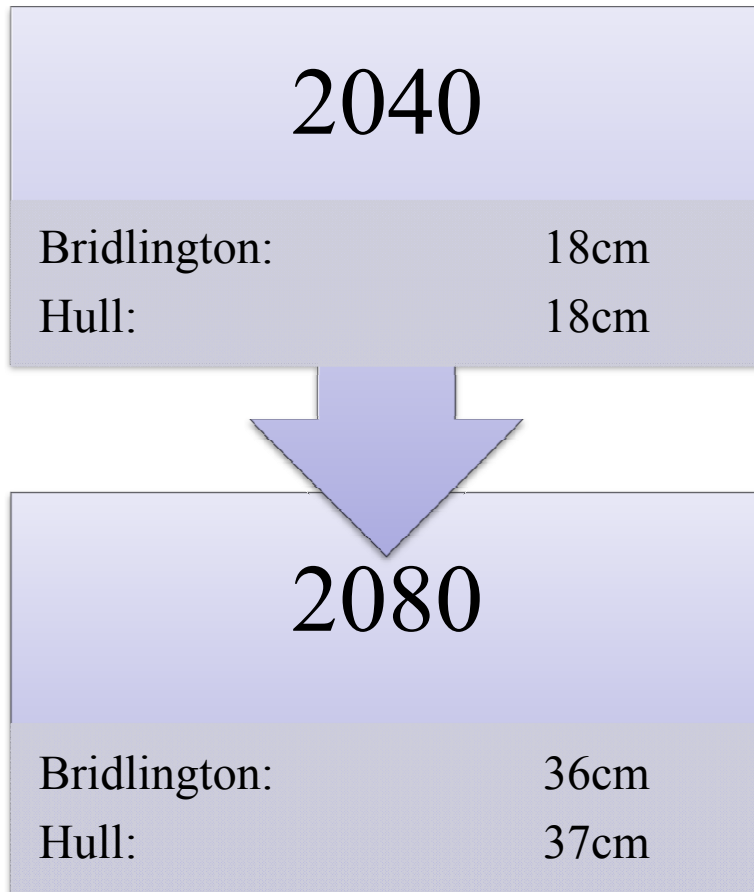
For the 2080s the change is very unlikely to be lower than +2% and very unlikely to be higher than +33%



Along the coast: significant sea level rises



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How to access and learn about the projections



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- Further information on the Defra website at:
www.defra.gov.uk/adaptation
- For access to the UKCP User Interface go to:
<http://ukclimateprojections.defra.gov.uk>
- Projections in Practice week –seven different sessions
21-24th September, Leeds
bookwhen.com/pip-week-yorkshireandhumber



The National Challenge on Climate Change



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- Climate Change Act - at least an **80%** cut in greenhouse gas emissions **by 2050**, to be achieved through action in the UK and abroad.
- Also a reduction in emissions of at least **34%** by **2020**.
- Low Carbon Transition Plan includes **40%** of electricity will be from low carbon sources, from renewables, nuclear and clean coal by **2020**
- Renewable Energy Strategy – **15%** energy from renewables by **2020**

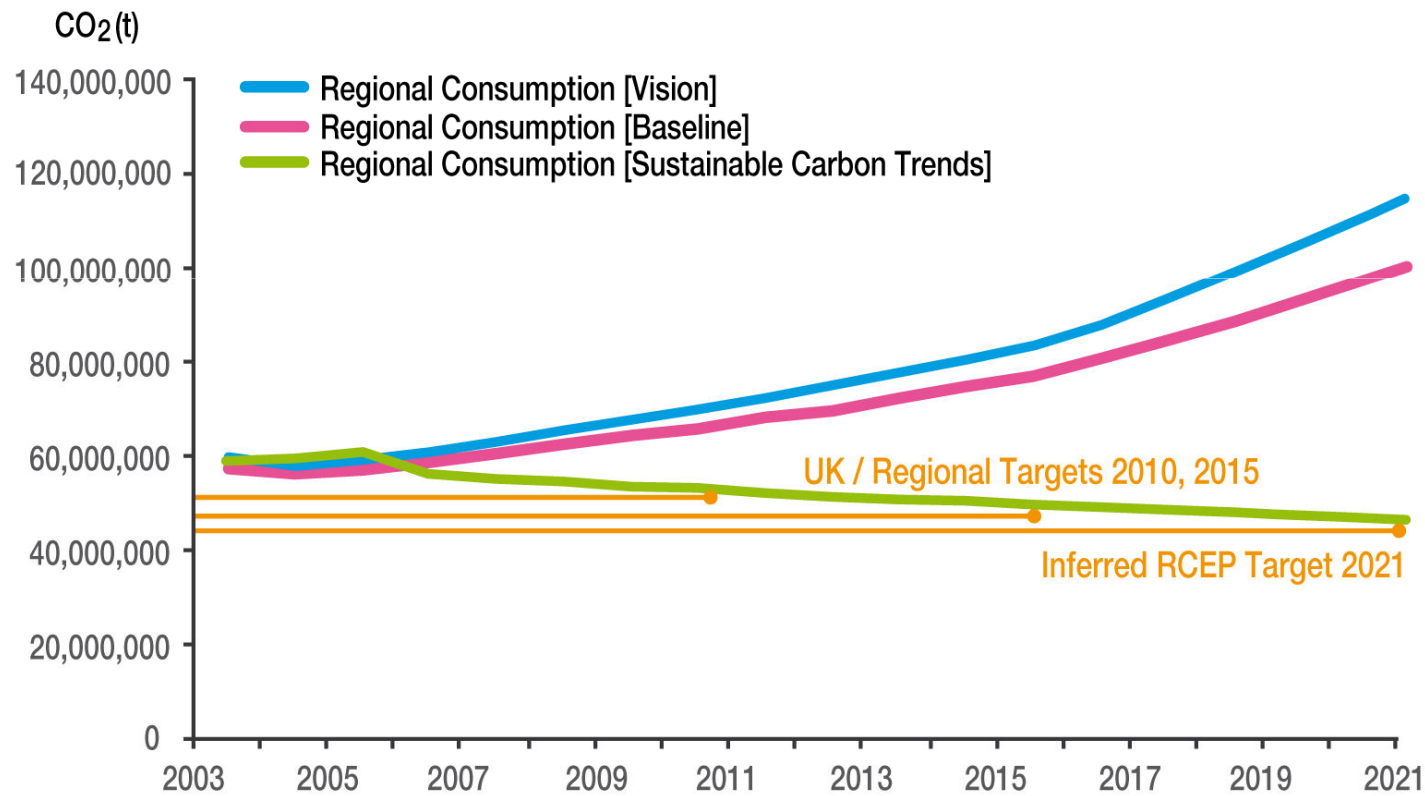


Regionally Existing plans and strategies will not deliver our CO₂ reduction targets



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Regional Response



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Climate Change Plan for Yorkshire and the Humber

Your Climate, Our Future

2009 – 2014

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Key Priorities



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- Strategy and monitoring
 - The built environment
 - Transport
 - Health Services
 - Business
 - Land management
 - Citizen engagement
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- Mostly being taken forward by existing groups and Boards – progress reported to Partnership



Cross Cutting Themes



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- Energy
- Waste
- Water



Regional Coordination

- a responsive document
- a living document
- adaptation taken forward
- monitoring and review



Delivery Mechanisms



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- Integrated regional strategy
- Regional improvement and efficiency partnership
- Local area agreements
- Networks



Information on how to act - mitigation



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Top ten interventions to cut regional carbon emissions study (June 2009)

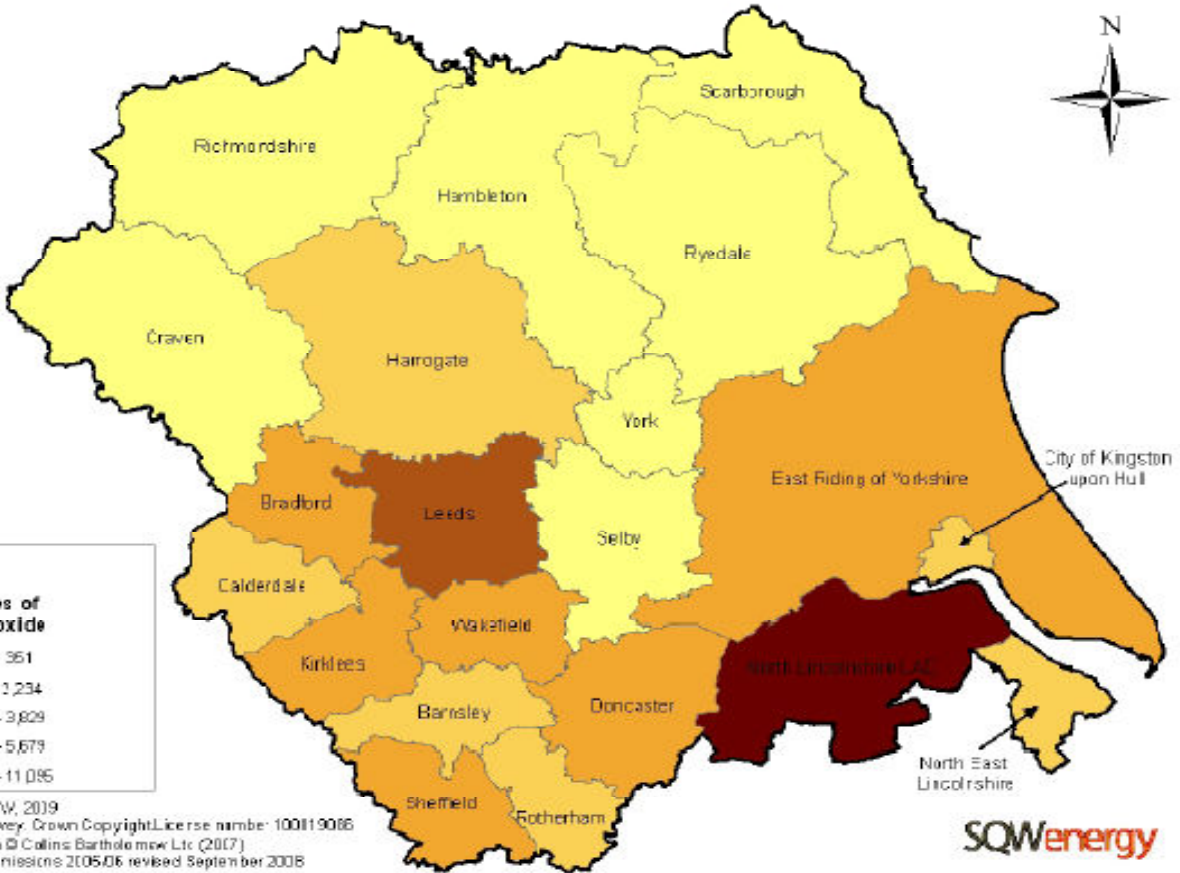
- identified the “top 10” most viable and cost effective interventions, which together could reduce the region’s carbon emissions baseline by up to 23% by 2020 (compared to a 2006 baseline)
- On basis of energy consumption, in 2006 Y&H emitted 53.3 million tonnes of carbon dioxide:
 - 53% Industry and Commerce
 - 24% Domestic
 - 22 % Road Transport
 - 1% Land use, Land use change & Forestry



Total regional carbon emissions by local authority, 2006



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Key
Kilo-tonnes of carbon dioxide

| |
|----------------|
| 548 - 1,351 |
| 1,351 - 2,234 |
| 2,234 - 3,829 |
| 3,829 - 5,679 |
| 5,679 - 11,085 |

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Defra UK CO2 emissions 2005/06 revised September 2008



Source: SQW Energy using data from Defra 2006

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Areas of potential impact by source and local authority area (ktCO₂)



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| Local Authority | Industry & Commerce | Domestic | Road Transport | Total |
|------------------------------|---------------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|
| Craven | 176 | 159 | 208 | 548 |
| Hambleton | 337 | 235 | 498 | 1104 |
| Harrogate | 492 | 443 | 691 | 1663 |
| Richmondshire | 134 | 128 | 294 | 556 |
| Ryedale | 242 | 141 | 215 | 625 |
| Scarborough | 331 | 302 | 202 | 841 |
| Selby | 569 | 212 | 465 | 1260 |
| North Yorkshire Total | 2281 | 1620 | 2573 | 6597 |

Source: Defra 2008



Information on how to act - adaptation



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| YORKSHIRE AND HUMBER CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION STUDY LOCAL AREA REPORT BRUNDMANUSSET REPORT | |
|--|--|
| Location | |
| Description of District | A rural district which is one of the most sparsely populated districts in the locality. A large part of the district covers the Yorkshire Dales National Park. |
| Future Climate Projections | <p>The results of the modelling carried out for the Yorkshire and Humber Regional Climate Change Adaptation Study suggest that the following changes are likely to occur:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Long term annual maximum temperatures are set to decrease by 3°C and annual minimum temperatures are set to rise by 2°C;• The annual average number of hot days will rise slightly;• Winter and spring are predicted to be milder and wetter;• Winter average precipitation the greatest rise in the study area with an extra 15.4mm (1-20%) predicted. <p>These changes relate to increased rainfall events, which will present challenges for drainage (Partnership Yorkshire Water).</p> |



Key Messages

North Yorkshire is at particularly at risk from the impacts of climate change and we have to prepare for this. The new projections confirm that if we fail to act to reduce emissions this could get much worse across the county in years to come.

Confirms determination to act rapidly now and utilise our natural resources and people to take up the fight against climate change – leading the way on our own behaviour, on many forms of renewable energy and green jobs of all types.

We also see this as a way to help us move forward sustainably from the current economic down turn and to help our communities to reduce other problems such as fuel poverty



Further information



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A partnership approach to climate change

Janet Waggott, Chief Executive of Ryedale District Council and Chair of the Stronger/Rural Partnership

10 September 2009

Summary

- Why climate change is important for the NYSP
- Progress to date (inc. LAA / National Indicators)
- Barriers/challenges
- Looking forward and how you can help

Why is this important?

- The NYSP will be assessed
 - Sustainable Community Strategy / Local Area Agreement
 - Comprehensive Area Assessment (CAA)
- Financial savings
 - Internally within organisations
 - The wider community e.g. reduced energy bills, alleviating fuel poverty
- National / regional drivers
- Public expectations

Progress to date

- The Stronger / Rural Partnership is establishing the delivery mechanism
- Delivery groups working on climate change related LAA targets / National Indicators
- Lots of projects/initiatives delivered by individual organisations across NY
- Other areas of success that impact upon climate change e.g. increase in recycling, more efficient use of resources

NI 185 CO2 reduction from Local Authority operations

- LAA indicator
- County Council, 7 District Councils and 2 National Parks responsible
- Baseline 2008/09 – 63% of total NYCC, 11% Harrogate BC, 7% Scarborough BC, 7% Selby DC, 5% Hambleton DC, others > 2.2%
- Schools account for approx. 70% of NYCC total
- Local Authority plans / sharing of best practice

NI 186 Per capita reduction in CO2 emissions

- LAA indicator
- All NYSP partners responsible
- Delivery group implementing action plan – priorities include:
 - Co-ordinated countywide communications
 - Support for business / schools
 - Supporting micro-generation schemes
 - Empowering the voluntary sector
 - Training events e.g. guidance for planners

NI 188 Planning to adapt to climate change

- National Indicator – only local authorities required to report – but implications for all NYSP partners
- Currently at Level 0 (Levels 0-4). In order to progress and achieve Level 1 we need to:
 - Make a public commitment to identify and manage climate related risk
 - Assess what existing strategies and plans are already in place e.g. flood management
 - Undertake a local risk based assessment
 - Undertake a gap analysis to identify those risks not addressed in existing strategies and communicate these risks to appropriate people

Barriers / challenges

- No shared Countywide leadership
- Joining up all of the activity - complex
- Other competing priorities
- Resources – need to maximise / pool resources
- Difficult to demonstrate tangible outcomes / impact
- Seen as a stand alone ‘environmental’ issue – other impacts e.g. health and social care provision
- Green fatigue

Issues around rurality

- Road transport
- More difficult to save energy in older/more isolated housing stock
- Large number of Small to Medium Sized Enterprises (SMEs)
- Lots of partners – who is responsible for what?
- Communications noise

Looking forward

- We need to deliver clear leadership?
- We need to coordinate and join up all of the activity?
- We need to maximise our resources?
- What is the best role for other NYSP thematic partnerships to contribute to and play?

Next Steps

- The NYSP Executive will receive a climate change report on 1 October 2009
- Your input today will be fed into the appropriate group
- Further updates will be provided
- For all to be committed and actively involved
- RIEP Climate Change Leadership Programme

Overview of the session

- Climate change is important
- Progress has been made
- There are a number of barriers / challenges
- Climate change is a partnership issue that extends beyond political / organisational boundaries
- The NYSP must demonstrate commitment and leadership

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REPORT TO: COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

DATE: 24 SEPTEMBER 2009

HEAD OF SERVICE: HEAD OF ENVIRONMENT
PHIL LONG

SUBJECT: MONTHLY WINTER GARDEN WASTE COLLECTION PILOT

WARDS AFFECTED: ALL

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To consider the implementation of a monthly collection system pilot for garden waste during the winter month's to reduce operational miles travelled, facilitate reductions in CO₂ emissions and secure efficiency savings.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 That Council is recommended to approve:
- (i) A pilot scheme to reduce the frequency of winter garden waste collections across the district from alternate weekly to once every four weeks during December, January and February 2009/10 to reduce CO₂ emissions and secure efficiency savings.
 - (ii) Outcomes from the pilot to be reported back to Community Services Committee following the trial for consideration.

3.0 INTRODUCTION

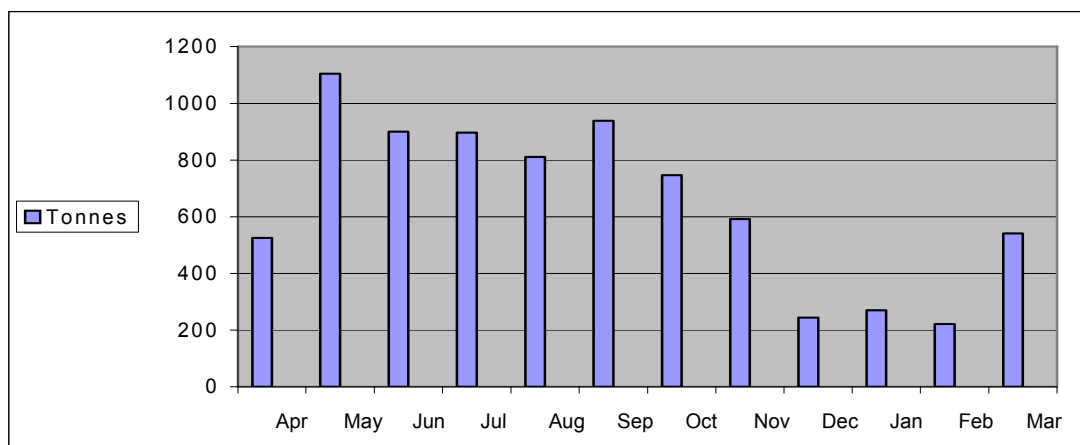
- 3.1 The Government has a long-term goal to reduce carbon emissions by 80 per cent by 2050. All local authorities are now under a duty, under the National Indicator regime, to report on a new set of indicators regarding carbon dioxide emissions, air quality and adaptation to climate change.
- 3.2 One of the key aims of the Council's Corporate Plan is to have a "High Quality and Sustainable Environment". At Community Services 23 July 2009 members approved challenging CO₂ reduction targets of 2% in 2009/2010 and 3% in 2010/2011 (NI 186).
- 3.3 As detailed previously (Community Services Committee 23 July 2009) it is anticipated that this would be realised by energy efficiency improvements in Council owned buildings, that is the boiler replacement programme for Derwent Pool, Ryedale Pool and Ryedale House, following significant investment committed by the Council of £318,000 through the capital programme). Tenders have been received and works are anticipated to start in October 2009.

- 3.4 The report of the 23 July also highlighted officer's intention to carry out further work targeted at reducing vehicle miles with the view to potentially increase 2010/11 emission reduction targets once outcomes have been analysed.
- 3.5 Currently approximately 45% of RDC's total CO2 emissions come from transport movements (the remaining 55% from buildings and street lighting). Of this 77% can be attributed to the 474,066 miles travelled by the operational vehicle fleet.

4.0 REPORT

- 4.1 The action recommended will facilitate performance delivery against the Councils Corporate Plan through the reduction of operational miles travelled, having the potential to:
- Reduce CO2 emissions.
 - Contribute to carbon reduction targets and planning of adaptation to climate change.
 - Secure immediate efficiency savings with the potential for more in the future.
- 4.2 With reference to Diagram 1 Garden waste tonnages start to significantly reduce from in the winter months from the end November, in particular during December, January and February before gradually increasing again in March. Similar patterns can be seen in previous years (Annex A).

Diagram 1: Monthly Tonnages of garden waste collected during 2008/09.



- 4.3 Currently during the winter period staffing levels are reduced on rounds as far as practicable, however set out rates of garden waste bins by the public are inconsistent over this period, making it difficult to accurately predict staffing levels on a daily basis, effectively increasing unit costs per tonne garden waste collected by comparison with other months.
- 4.4 Moving to monthly garden waste collection during the winter months when tonnage reduces has the potential to increase bin set out rates enhancing efficiency, reducing collection costs and reducing CO2 emissions, through potential savings in fuel, mileage, overtime and longer term staffing efficiencies
- 4.5 Operational Practicalities of moving to Monthly Garden Waste Collections**
- 4.5.1 **Staffing:** Currently weekly collections rounds in the District are split between refuse and garden waste collections (i.e. Round 4 refuse, Round 5 garden waste etc) As

such effectively 3.0 vehicles and 7.5 staff are used to collect garden waste each week. Initially, for the pilot, staff would be reassigned duties e.g. leaf collection, gritting, bin delivery etc, encouraged to take holidays, sickness cover etc. Longer-term, staff efficiencies have the potential to unlock further savings.

- 4.5.2 **Vehicle Capacity:** Analysis of individual rounds (Annex A) indicates that vehicle capacity will be able to accommodate monthly collection tonnage during December, January and February.
- 4.5.3 **Customer Information:** A critical success factor is the clear communication of changes to the public. From experience collection day and frequency changes are difficult messages to convey. This is a crucial area to address with the added complications of Christmas bank holidays to factor in.
- 4.5.4 **Customer satisfaction:** Satisfaction with alternate weekly collections (AWC) is inherently lower than weekly collection systems Customers could see monthly collections as a further diminution of the service. Encouragement of Carbon emission reduction is inherently difficult and challenging requiring a sustained cultural change in behavior and consumer choices. The proposal is an opportunity to reinforce this message. As such the communication strategy needs to be carefully considered to educate, inform and minimise disruption.
- 4.5.5 **Bin Storage Capacity:** Analysis indicates that customers would have more than adequate storage capacity for green waste over the winter months. Due to the season smells etc should be at minimum, though bins are well sealed in any event. A number of other Districts operate monthly collections of garden waste in winter with no apparent difficulty or adverse affect.
- 4.5.6 **Christmas collection:** Monthly winter garden waste collections create opportunity for revised arrangements over the Christmas period to be considered. Enhanced staffing availability and vehicle capacity could help to reduce overtime, negate the need to hire in additional RCV's and minimise customer disruption.

5.0 OPTIONS

- 5.1 There are two potential options:

OPTION 1: Four weekly garden waste collections during December and January.

- Mileage reduction est. 6,007 miles.
- Fuel savings est. £9,630 (2009/10)
- Carbon savings potential of up to 29.1 tonnes est. up to 1% reduction on RDC total emissions. (2009/10) (NI 186)
- Vehicle hire savings over Christmas/New year: £2000.

Option 1- Appraisal:

- Limited savings by comparison with Option 2.
- The shorter period might limit the perception of a reduced service, but could compound communication difficulties due to Christmas and New Year bank holiday day changes.
- Officers consider the period too short to allow the changes to adequately settle down before changing back to fortnightly.

OPTION 2: Four weekly garden waste collections from around the end November to early March- essentially 3 months

- Mileage reduction: est. 8,677 miles
- Fuel savings est. £13,910. (2009/10)
- Carbon savings potential of up to 42.07 tonnes est. around 2% reduction on RDC total emissions. (2009/10).(NI186)

- Vehicle hire savings over Christmas/New year: £2000.
- Potential recurring efficiency savings in future years could be established of around £8,000.

Option 2- Appraisal:

- Enhanced savings by comparison with Option 1
- Clear evidence that tonnage is down over the 3-month period by reference to Diagram 1.
- Longer time period to mitigate against confusion over Christmas and New Year changes.
- Longer time period should help the change to settle down before resuming fortnightly collections.
- Due to the longer time period the option has the potential of additional efficiency gains in future years of an estimated £8000 per annum.

5.2 An investigatory ROUTESMART project has also been commissioned aimed at identifying further potential efficiencies through optimisation of collection rounds and reducing miles travelled. This has further potential to reduce emission levels and secure efficiency savings.

6.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 OPTION 2 should help RDC to realise efficiency savings short term of £15,910 (2009/10), with the potential of further efficiency gains in future years (2010/11) of around £8,000. Within the Council's budgetary framework it is important that additional efficiency savings are constantly identified as expectations of future cuts in Government grant, if not able to be financed from efficiencies, will lead to cuts in services.

7.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 None

8.0 RISK ASSESSMENT

8.1 Financial Risk: None

8.2 Strategic Risk: The option underpins RDC's commitment to carbon reduction with the potential of enhanced emission reduction targets, environmental performance and efficiency savings.

8.3 Environmental Risk: The significant risk is that the Council it does not make sufficient improvement in this priority area. This will be mitigated through the implementation of Option 2 as recommended and performance monitoring. A further potential risk could be the loss of green waste tonnage, though this is unlikely given the bins storage capacity.

8.4 Reputational Risk: The public could view the initiative as being a diminution of service. This can be mitigated by good communication of the environmental message, press coverage, individual bin tags, use of vehicle Agrippa system etc but historically any round change notification is an initial challenge despite individual bin tagging, media notification etc.

9.0 CONCLUSIONS

- 9.1 The Council has made significant strides in actions to reduce CO₂ emissions and challenging targets have been set. Implementation the changes recommended in this report would help to reduce CO₂ emissions and enable RDC to exceed the emission reduction targets set as well as realise cashable efficiency savings. Meeting long-term Government emission reduction targets will continue to be a real challenge, requiring significant further investment.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

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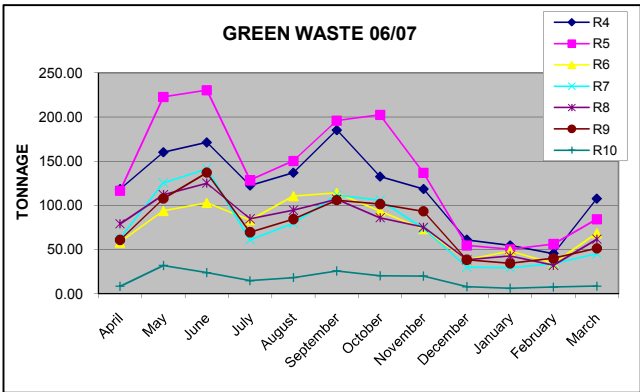
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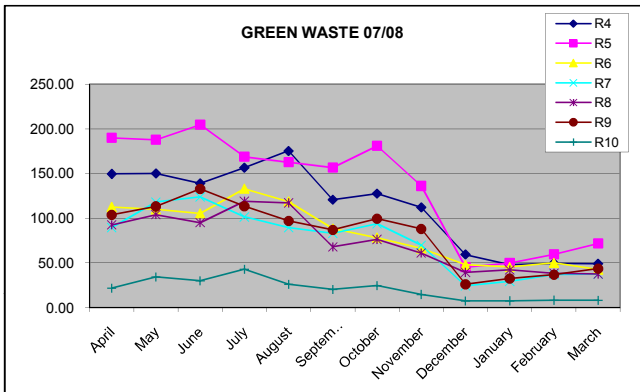
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| | R4 | R5 | R6 | R7 | R8 | R9 | R10 | monthly totals | |
|-------------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|--|
| April | 118.28 | 116.58 | 58.10 | 62.46 | 79.00 | 60.94 | 8.44 | 503.80 | |
| May | 160.06 | 222.62 | 93.68 | 125.47 | 112.10 | 107.66 | 31.88 | 853.47 | |
| June | 171.19 | 230.18 | 102.82 | 141.30 | 124.98 | 136.92 | 23.86 | 931.25 | |
| July | 122.46 | 128.34 | 83.28 | 60.94 | 84.70 | 69.64 | 14.80 | 564.16 | |
| August | 136.82 | 150.16 | 110.40 | 79.52 | 94.46 | 84.44 | 18.24 | 674.04 | |
| September | 185.30 | 195.88 | 113.94 | 111.66 | 106.84 | 105.86 | 25.74 | 845.22 | |
| October | 132.40 | 202.44 | 93.48 | 105.70 | 85.92 | 101.34 | 20.36 | 741.64 | |
| November | 118.52 | 136.72 | 73.22 | 73.74 | 75.16 | 93.18 | 19.96 | 590.50 | |
| December | 61.08 | 54.72 | 38.48 | 29.96 | 38.20 | 38.50 | 8.00 | 268.94 | |
| January | 54.60 | 50.32 | 48.04 | 29.22 | 42.72 | 34.42 | 6.20 | 265.52 | |
| February | 45.36 | 56.28 | 34.42 | 33.86 | 32.14 | 40.04 | 7.50 | 249.60 | |
| March | 107.42 | 84.24 | 68.36 | 45.08 | 61.64 | 51.28 | 8.66 | 426.68 | |
| Total for Year | 1413.49 | 1628.48 | 918.22 | 898.91 | 937.86 | 924.22 | 193.64 | | |
| Total Dec to Feb | 161.04 | 161.32 | 120.94 | 93.04 | 113.06 | 112.96 | 21.70 | | |
| % of Total Year | 11.39 | 9.91 | 13.17 | 10.35 | 12.06 | 12.22 | 11.21 | | |
| Total Green 0607 | | | | | | | | 6914.82 | |



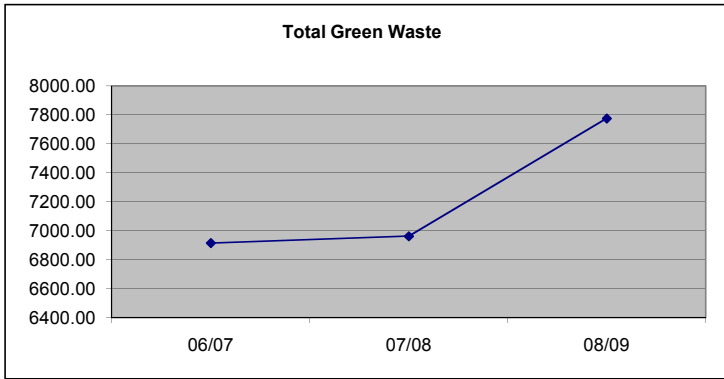
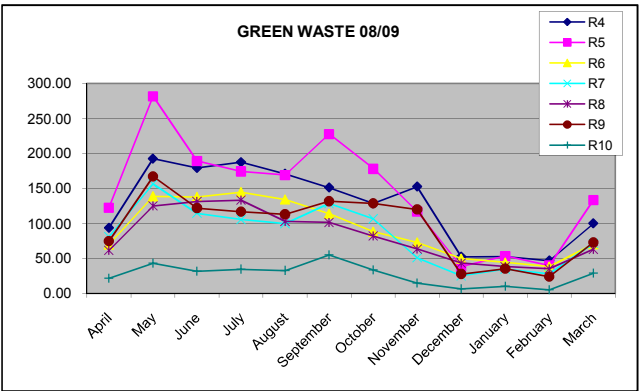
Green Waste Summary 07/08

| | R4 | R5 | R6 | R7 | R8 | R9 | R10 | monthly totals | |
|-------------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|--|
| April | 149.66 | 189.84 | 112.57 | 89.66 | 92.64 | 104.00 | 22.00 | 760.37 | |
| May | 150.14 | 187.84 | 109.94 | 117.96 | 104.06 | 113.34 | 34.42 | 817.70 | |
| June | 139.16 | 204.54 | 105.48 | 123.82 | 95.02 | 132.87 | 30.22 | 831.11 | |
| July | 156.62 | 168.80 | 133.00 | 101.49 | 119.00 | 113.67 | 43.02 | 835.60 | |
| August | 175.45 | 162.60 | 118.70 | 89.44 | 117.12 | 96.96 | 26.36 | 786.63 | |
| September | 120.70 | 156.52 | 88.46 | 83.16 | 68.04 | 87.04 | 20.52 | 624.44 | |
| October | 127.64 | 180.86 | 78.28 | 93.88 | 76.30 | 99.66 | 24.82 | 681.44 | |
| November | 112.12 | 136.06 | 66.16 | 69.80 | 61.06 | 88.14 | 14.92 | 548.26 | |
| December | 59.36 | 45.36 | 47.90 | 24.48 | 39.46 | 26.14 | 7.70 | 250.40 | |
| January | 48.20 | 50.00 | 45.50 | 29.44 | 42.14 | 32.56 | 7.78 | 255.62 | |
| February | 49.80 | 59.55 | 50.06 | 37.00 | 38.46 | 36.74 | 8.48 | 280.09 | |
| March | 49.16 | 71.70 | 42.68 | 37.88 | 37.62 | 43.62 | 8.34 | 291.00 | |
| Total for Year | 1338.01 | 1613.67 | 998.73 | 898.01 | 890.92 | 974.74 | 248.58 | | |
| Total Dec to Feb | 157.36 | 154.91 | 143.46 | 100.92 | 120.06 | 95.44 | 23.96 | | |
| % of Total Year | 11.76 | 9.60 | 14.36 | 10.12 | 13.48 | 9.79 | 9.64 | | |
| Total Green 0708 | | | | | | | | 6962.66 | |



Green Waste Summary 08/09

| | R4 | R5 | R6 | R7 | R8 | R9 | R10 | monthly totals | |
|-------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|--|
| April | 93.80 | 122.58 | 69.94 | 81.12 | 61.52 | 74.67 | 21.58 | 525.21 | |
| May | 192.62 | 281.62 | 138.58 | 156.58 | 124.90 | 167.16 | 43.14 | 1104.60 | |
| June | 179.35 | 189.41 | 137.90 | 114.53 | 131.22 | 121.98 | 31.72 | 906.11 | |
| July | 187.44 | 174.44 | 144.58 | 105.52 | 133.14 | 116.82 | 34.74 | 896.68 | |
| August | 170.86 | 169.22 | 134.28 | 99.78 | 103.00 | 113.10 | 32.93 | 823.17 | |
| September | 151.30 | 227.68 | 113.80 | 128.50 | 101.44 | 131.74 | 55.14 | 909.60 | |
| October | 128.62 | 178.14 | 88.24 | 106.61 | 82.06 | 128.70 | 33.68 | 746.05 | |
| November | 152.60 | 117.02 | 72.92 | 51.00 | 63.52 | 120.12 | 14.74 | 591.92 | |
| December | 52.54 | 38.56 | 49.80 | 25.14 | 43.46 | 27.82 | 6.46 | 243.78 | |
| January | 52.74 | 53.50 | 44.42 | 34.54 | 38.44 | 35.32 | 10.08 | 269.04 | |
| February | 46.98 | 40.14 | 38.58 | 27.83 | 35.30 | 24.00 | 5.24 | 218.07 | |
| March | 100.08 | 133.56 | 70.66 | 71.68 | 63.02 | 72.78 | 28.96 | 540.74 | |
| Total for Year | 1508.93 | 1725.87 | 1103.70 | 1002.83 | 981.02 | 1134.21 | 318.41 | | |
| Total Dec to Feb | 152.26 | 132.20 | 132.80 | 87.51 | 117.20 | 87.14 | 21.78 | | |
| % of Total Year | 10.09 | 7.66 | 12.03 | 8.73 | 11.95 | 7.68 | 6.84 | | |
| Total Green 0809 | | | | | | | | 7774.97 | |



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