

County Councillors report June 22

NY Highways begin to harness wind and solar power

NY Highways, our highways maintenance company, had off-grid power solutions installed at their Boroughbridge and Selby sites last week. The units harness wind and solar power, storing the energy, which will then be used to power some lighting and to charge equipment overnight, ready for staff to use in the morning. This initiative will help to decrease reliance on on-grid electricity, particularly with the increased costs associated with the current fuel crisis. If the units are successful at the two locations, there are plans to roll them out across the NY Highways network in the future.

North Yorkshire County Record Office appeal for Jubilee photos

Did you celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in North Yorkshire? The County Record Office is looking to create a permanent archive of how the Jubilee was celebrated across the county. If you would like to share your best images (up to a maximum of three) please get in touch with archives@northyorkshire.gov.uk for more information.

Locality Budgets scheme 2022/22

As I indicated at our recent full Council meeting, the Locality Budget scheme will open to recommendations from County Councillors on Monday 13 June 2022.

Each County Councillor can recommend the allocation of funding to support specific projects or activities that directly promote the social, economic or environmental wellbeing of the communities within their Division. Projects and activities must be lawful and not undermine the Council's or a partner's priorities or service delivery.

Each County Councillor has a budget allocation of £10,000 a financial year. Budget allocations cannot be moved between financial years. The minimum funding which can be recommended for a project or activity is £300 and the maximum is £5,000. Two or more County Councillors can recommend funding for a single project or activity, but the maximum total funding from the overall Locality Budget scheme for any project or activity in a financial year is £5,000.

Please use the link below to find more details.

[County councillor locality budgets | North Yorkshire County Council](#)

Devolution

There has been a lot of activity over the past couple of weeks on Devolution. We have been packing meetings in with Government departments and have been called to a significant meeting on Monday to make progress on what a deal between North Yorkshire and York and the Government can look like. We are also having separate negotiations with York in terms of how arrangements would work.

If a deal is agreed, which then needs to be voted on by the new Unitary Council, it could lead to a Mayor being elected in May 2024. We are also currently looking at how a mayor and their extended office known as a Combined Authority can pull in the Local Enterprise Partnership and

the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioners Office so that we have some rationalisation in these areas. With a tight schedule, the pressure is on to have a deal put together by July.

Devolution of course is not be confused with the separate major project of developing a new unitary Council. That work carries on at a pace with all of the fifteen workstreams meeting and working up proposals as to how the new council will operate. We are also just in the process of putting in place a range of Councillor working groups who alongside the councils scrutiny committees will look into more detail of the policy issues that we need to resolve as we design the new council.

PLANNED ROAD CLOSURE NOTIFICATION - 34814 - Station Road, Horton in Ribblesdale

The Closure will be in place overnight between 21st June 2022 and 22nd June 2022 to allow Yorkshire Water to renew a chamber and cover. The closure will be in place between the hours of 19:00 and 06:00

The Road Closure and any associated Diversion Routes can be viewed using this URL link <https://one.network/?tm=128986802>