



Outlines for the six Task and Finish Groups - January 2025

Transport

The limited public transport options in the Uredale area have a knock on effect to employers and their staff, students accessing post-16 education, those reliant on public transport to access healthcare and the night-time economy with the lack of evening options. The group will strive to identify actionable projects which will create a safer, more connected, and environmentally-friendly transport network across the Uredale area.

There are success stories for example:

- Community transport schemes such as Little White Bus and Boroughbridge Community Charity
- Large employers who provide minibuses such as Heck and its Pink Community Bus

Points for the group to consider:

- Lessons learned from existing schemes and see if they can be replicated / expanded
 - Potential funding through the Mayoral body who has a say in transport
 - How to link into and influence the NYC feasibility study on the mobility hub in Ripon
 - Initiatives / consultations that present themselves and report back to the wider partnership
-

Digital Connectivity

Digital connectivity is the baseline for everything we do. Far too often decisions are made centrally on infrastructure projects without consideration to remote rural areas who lack mobile connectivity, let alone access to broadband.

The previous UK Government made a commitment to ensuring reliable, long-lasting gigabit-capable connections are made widely available nationwide through Project Gigabit and the current government has committed to meeting the previously set out targets.

Since the UK Government has primary responsibility for broadband policy and coverage targets it will be up to this group, through the wider partnership, to raise awareness and influence local authorities with their devolved responsibilities.

Points for the group to consider:

- Providing Cllrs with the knowledge to advocate for what communities need
 - Access to digital devices and digital literacy
-

Housing

The group needs to be abreast of the decisions being made under the NYC Local Plan, and advise the wider partnership. The first major stage of the NYC consultation, the Issues and Options Consultation, is expected early 2025.

Points for the group to consider:

- Specific housing needs that would help create a more diverse community, including truly affordable housing, retaining the younger generation and accessibility.
 - High building standards to meet renewable energy targets.
 - House building and developing skills - there is an increasing demand for certain skills and this training could be done locally.
 - Community initiatives such as the Scarborough Construction Skills Village.
-

Youth and Community Cohesion

Engaging with and offering young people opportunity in the area is key to sustaining a vibrant community and links into all of the Task and Finish Groups.

There are a number of fantastic initiatives to learn from and engage with, for example:

- Ripon YMCA
- HADCA Power of 10
- Skell Valley Project
- Summer Fun Fest through Ripon Together

Points for the group to consider:

- The voice of young people to help shape provision, especially from those in areas with higher levels of deprivation
- The coordination of opportunities (outside statutory provision) and the spreading of good practice
- How services are delivered to enable access - transport, digital.
- The role of volunteers alongside co-ordination of and investment in volunteers, such as training.
- The need for accessible and welcoming spaces for young people, indoors and outdoors.
- The role of arts and culture to create opportunities

Culture and Green Space

There is much that is on offer in the arts, culture and heritage space and with the recently launched Cultural Strategy in North Yorkshire, the group can be in a position to identify and recommend how to make culture and creativity more geographically equitable and accessible for all ages.

Points for the group to consider:

- How to feed into the NYC led initiative and whether there is a need for a more devolved area strategy.
 - Cultural gaps
 - Promoting awareness of cultural assets and opportunities, including, but not restricted to built heritage.
 - Education and culture - Identify and work with Local Cultural Education Partnerships
 - How to enthuse and support local communities to run cultural events, such as providing guidance on finding and securing grants and sharing best practice.
 - Developing access to green spaces.
-

Access to Services

The whole premise of community partnerships is to devolve power and resources to communities who are more connected to the realities of communities and places. In this group, participants can share innovative thinking and their combined wisdom to propose solutions from new perspectives.

Points for the group to consider:

- Redesigning service provision for example through community hubs.
- Learnings from best practice examples
- The work of the Primary Care Network
- Linking the institutional capacity with the voluntary capacity
- Inequalities - recognise the small pockets of serious deprivation that don't come up in the local data. It is the voluntary community who know who these people are through voluntary drivers schemes, food banks, coffee groups etc
- How the community partnership could help link groups together