



## *Uredale Community Partnership*

### *Terms of Reference*

#### *1. Purpose*

The Uredale Community Partnership (UCP) exists to bring together communities, organisations, elected representatives, and local stakeholders across Ripon and its surrounding divisions—Masham & Fountains, and Wath Vale & Bishop Monkton. Its purpose is to:

- Strengthen collaboration between urban and rural communities
- Identify and address shared local priorities
- Champion community-led development and decision-making
- Oversee and support the work of its Working Groups
- Influence and inform local strategy and service delivery
- Ensure accountability, transparency, and inclusion in the Partnership's work

#### *2. Scope*

The UCP will focus on key priority areas identified by its members, including (but not limited to):

1. Transport and connectivity
2. Access to services
3. Youth and community cohesion
4. Housing
5. Digital access
6. Culture, green spaces, and the environment

Working Groups have been set up on these themes.

The partnership covers a population of approximately 33,000 across a mix of urban and rural areas, ensuring representation from diverse communities.

### ***3. Membership***

Membership is open to representatives from:

- North Yorkshire Council (Division Councillors)
- Parish and Town Councils
- Voluntary and community sector organisations
- Local businesses and employers
- Public service providers (health, education, policing, etc.)
- Faith groups
- Youth representatives
- Other invited local activists and stakeholders as appropriate

Members are expected to act in the interests of the wider Uredale community and contribute positively to discussion and decision-making.

### ***4. Roles and Responsibilities***

The Community Partnership will:

- Set the strategic direction and overall priorities for the partnership
- Receive and review reports and recommendations from Working Groups
- Support collaboration and shared learning across sectors and geographies
- Ensure good communication and community engagement
- Act as a forum for sharing local intelligence, challenges, and opportunities
- Input into formal and informal consultations conducted by NYC and other bodies

It does not replace any statutory decision-making bodies but provides strong community insight and influence.

### ***5. Meetings***

- The full Community Partnership will meet quarterly, for half-day gatherings in various locations across the Uredale area.

- Agendas and papers will be circulated in advance; minutes will be shared with all members.
- Working Groups will report into the Partnership.

## *6. Funding*

The UCP has been funded by the UKSPF up until April 2025. The Steering Group has the responsibility of deciding the future funding model for the Community Partnership.

## *7. Decision Making*

The UCP is non-statutory and it seeks to work by consensus. Where agreement cannot be reached, a simple majority vote of members present will be used, with the Chair holding a casting vote if needed.

## *8. Review*

These Terms of Reference will be reviewed annually by the Steering Group and may be updated with the agreement of the Community Partnership.