

Portfolio Priorities 2021-2022

Final portfolio priorities will be updated and brought to Council in September 2021 following the decision on local government reorganisation in York and North Yorkshire.

Leader	Deputy Leader, Resources, Enterprise & Economic Development	Cabinet Member Housing and Safer Communities	Cabinet Member Environment, Waste Reduction and Recycling	Cabinet Member Planning	Cabinet Member Culture, Tourism and Sport	Cabinet Member Carbon Reduction
<p>We will lobby Government to allow us, through the planning and licensing process, to compel new chain retail outlets — including restaurants — to source some of their produce locally.</p> <p>Complete – Letter sent to Government January 2019</p>		<p>Through our environmental health team we will ensure that restaurants and takeaways throughout the district have high standards of food hygiene and cleanliness.</p> <p>Harrogate 86% with a FHRS of 5 (5 being the highest level of compliance)</p> <p>Total with a 5 = 1089 establishments out of 1266</p>	<p>We will work with businesses and residents to reduce the amount of non-recyclable plastic going to landfill sites in general.</p> <p>Completed – In January 2019 waste services introduced a new trade recycling service which is more cost effective to businesses so encourages recycling. This means all waste is either recycled or goes to Allerton Park – none going directly to landfill.</p>	<p>Through our Local Plan we will introduce a housing mix policy compelling developers to include the properties our district needs for young people, families and first-time buyers.</p> <p>Completed – local plan adopted March 2020</p>	<p>A new pool will be opened in Ripon combining ‘dry site’ and ‘wet site’ leisure facilities. The Pool – with his consent – will be named after Olympic Diving champion Jack Laugher.</p>	<p>We will encourage schools to help us cut ‘child miles’ by adopting travel plans and organise ‘walking buses’ to encourage and help children to walk safely to and from school.</p> <p>Climate Change Coalition formed and leading on this priority</p>
<p>We will increase the use of compulsory purchase powers to</p>		<p>We will allow 12 months for owners to bring</p>	<p>The council will run a series of education days in schools about</p>	<p>We will introduce a deposit system on developers to repair</p>	<p>Construction will begin on a new council-run</p>	<p>We will implement a district-wide clean travel network of</p>

bring empty retail units back into active use in a timely manner.	an empty home back into use after which we will begin a fast-track compulsory purchase procedure.	the scourge that dropped chewing gum and litter presents on our streets. Completed – Education and Engagement Strategy Completed and signed off by Cabinet member. Activities delivered throughout 2019/20, however, further work is in progress to make this an ongoing integral part of the PES service and engagement with schools so there is an ongoing educational programme.	damage caused to footpaths, roads and verges during development so that the taxpayer no longer foots the bill. Completed – all possible progress made	gym for Knaresborough by 2022	electric charging points for vehicles.
We will sponsor a green business award at the Ackrill Business Awards for businesses who show a strong and active commitment to the environment Completed	After 12 months, council tax on empty homes will double unless the owner can demonstrate good reason why it should not be. Completed – Proposals approved by cabinet February 2019	Harrogate Council will become plastic-free in the next 12 months.	Place a levy on large housing developers for the infrastructure necessary to introduce fibre-to-home broadband Completed – The Local Plan includes a policy on the provision of telecommunications infrastructure for new development.	We will compete for substantial national investment to regenerate and improve the district's heritage assets including the Royal Pump Room Museum	Ensure HBC provides input to locally, regionally, & nationally significant transportation projects & strategies affecting the district.

<p>The Convention Centre will advertise attractions across the district to exhibition and conference visitors to boost tourism across our area</p>	<p>Deliver the Economic Growth Strategy Action Plan</p>	<p>We will continue to build new council homes for local people</p>		<p>Progress the delivery of Harrogate Town Centre Masterplan projects.</p>	<p>Increase the contribution that tourism makes to the local economy by delivering our programme of major events</p>	<p>Utilise the traffic reduction measures budget to provide improvements for sustainable travel across the district. Including progressing the Knaresborough to Harrogate cycle route.</p>
<p>Where a developer has permission to build homes but fails to do so, we will lobby government to allow us to charge council tax on the homes the developer has failed to deliver. This would generate more affordable homes for young, local people and families and also prevent land-banking by developers. Completed</p>	<p>We will continue to maintain our housing stock to a high standard and introduce a programme installing micro-generation facilities, such as photovoltaic cells and ground source heat pumps</p>			<p>Develop a model for cost-effective & commercially sensitive Sport & Leisure Service</p>	<p>Work to improve air quality within the district</p>	
<p>Support the organisation through the devolution process The devolution ask document has been signed off by all 9 council's and submitted to the Government for consideration</p>	<p>Reduce the number of families living in temporary accommodation by securing permanent accommodation</p>					
<p>We will use the £1million a year savings from moving from five dilapidated and energy-inefficient offices into one purpose-built Civic Centre to support communities across the district.</p>						