

North Yorkshire Councillors report October 2025

Recycling made easier with unified kerbside collection service

Recycling has become easier and more accessible for residents across North Yorkshire as part of a major step forward in unifying the kerbside collection service. The changes made by North Yorkshire Council have resulted in households being able to recycle the same items at the kerbside, regardless of where they live.

This means that food and drink cartons, plastic pots, tubs, trays and aluminium foil are now accepted everywhere in the mixed recycling bins, boxes or bags, depending on a household's collection system.

Following Recycle Week, which ran from September 22 to 26, residents are being reminded of what they can and cannot recycle.

Adding cartons, plastic pots, tubs, trays and foil to the list of accepted materials at the kerbside is a big step forward in reducing waste and improving sustainability across the county. It is also important, when possible, to rinse items and not put them in a plastic bag.

To find out what goes in which container and what not to recycle, visit www.northyorks.gov.uk/in-your-bin

Views sought on education arrangements for excluded primary pupils

North Yorkshire Council has launched a public consultation on proposed changes to how primary-aged children who have been permanently excluded from school may be taught in the future.

In recent years there has been a significant rise in the number of children of primary age that have been excluded from schools in North Yorkshire. Permanent exclusions of primary school children have increased from five children in 2021/22 to 25 pupils in 2024/25.

The consultation seeks views from parents, carers, education professionals and the wider community on potential new approaches that aim to improve support and outcomes for the excluded children.

The proposal being consulted on is to extend the age range of already existing pupil referral units and academy alternative provision that they can cater for children of

primary age. This proposal would offer small class sizes and tailored support to meet the needs of each child and help them re-engage with learning in a supportive environment.

Councils have a legal obligation to arrange suitable full-time education for permanently excluded pupils within six days of their exclusion. So parents, carers and schools are encouraged to share their feedback and help shape the future of alternative education provision in the county.

The consultation will run from until Sunday, November 9. The survey should not take longer than five minutes to complete and is available at

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/appe>

Paper copies can be requested by e-mailing BusinessSupport@northyorks.gov.uk

Multi-billion pound tourism sector to get more support to flourish

Tourism businesses are being given even greater support through a coordinated approach to boost the multi-billion pound visitor economy across York and North Yorkshire.

A board involving councillors and leading figures from the tourism sector met yesterday (Tuesday, September 23) for the first time, marking a major milestone in the region's ambition to grow and support its visitor economy. The York and North Yorkshire Local Visitor Economy Partnership (LVEP) is paving the way for a far more co-ordinated and strategic approach to promoting the tourism sector.

Chaired by the Mayor of York and North Yorkshire, David Skaith, the LVEP's board brings together senior leaders from North Yorkshire Council, City of York Council, Visit North Yorkshire, Make It York, VisitEngland, and the York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority.

The board is part of a national programme led by VisitEngland to strengthen destination management and unlock the full potential of the country's visitor economy.

Key priorities which were discussed today by the LVEP's board in York included the development of a partnership agreement and a strategic framework as well as a growth plan to develop the visitor economy. There were also updates on efforts to align York and North Yorkshire's tourism sector with initiatives in the wider Yorkshire and Humber region.

Containing some of the most popular destinations in the country, from the glorious vistas of the Yorkshire Dales and the North York Moors to our stunning coastlines and diverse market towns, the aim is to attract visitors to stay longer and enjoy all that North Yorkshire has to offer, while making sure tourism is sustainable and that the visitor economy can work alongside our communities who live here.

Initially looking to set the tone for an ambitious and collaborative approach, the LVEP will be a driver for exciting new projects, business support, and sustainable growth across the region. Providing a great opportunity to share innovation and tackle challenges collectively. It is also vital residents share in the many benefits the visitor economy can bring, something that has all too often not been the case in some of our most popular honeypot destinations.

To ensure strong local engagement, the LVEP's board will meet in different locations across the region, giving tourism businesses and stakeholders the opportunity to speak directly to decision-makers. In addition, monthly meetings of senior tourism officers are now taking place to support the LVEP's work and maintain momentum between the board's sessions.

LVEPs have been introduced as part of the national response to an independent review of how the country's visitor economy is co-ordinated and promoted and have the potential to draw in additional support and funding from Westminster.

Strategies already in place are looking to promote a year-round visitor economy, while ensuring that it is heavily themed on sustainability and that the industry can thrive alongside communities living in York and North Yorkshire.

It is hoped the promotional drive will ensure visitors stay for longer and explore more of what York and North Yorkshire have to offer, while attracting more people to travel from overseas.

The next meeting of the York and North Yorkshire LVEP board will take place in early 2026, with further details on its agenda and venue to be announced nearer the date.

Annual Housing report 2024-25

I have attached the annual report for North Yorkshire council tenants – please see attached.

While it is clear the new unitary authority has much work to do in terms of social housing provision and improvement across its portfolio of approximately 8500 units

countywide. The commitments made to build new homes funded in part through a combination of reserves and second home domestic rates windfall, have been a real statement of intent by the council to play its part in meeting the affordable housing needs across the county.