

North Yorkshire County Council 2023 Council plan

April 2019 to March 2023

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This document explains how North Yorkshire County Council plans to change over the next few years. It explains what we will do next year and how much this will cost.

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Please contact us if you would like to tell us what you think.

Information about how to do this is given on the next page.



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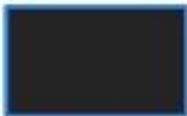
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North Yorkshire is the biggest county in England with some big towns and lots of smaller villages.



We provide important local services across North Yorkshire, such as:



Schools



Libraries



Help with daily living



Roads



Because people often live out in the countryside, this can make it more expensive to provide services.



Also more people need our services than before.



We have had to save money. This is because the Government is giving us less money.

We need to save even more money over the next few years.



All this means we have to make some hard decisions and change the way we do things. We may not be able to do everything we have done in the past.

There are still some things we need to do.



We need to know what the important things are for North Yorkshire and the people who live here.



We need to make sure it is easier for people to do things for themselves and others.



We need to continue to provide services for vulnerable people and other very important services, such as mending the roads.



Some services, such as some libraries and youth groups will need to be run by community groups.

A community group is a group of volunteers who organise services or activities in their local area.

We are helping them to do this.



During all these changes it is even more important than ever that we listen to what people have to say about the services we provide.

Please let us know what you think.

These are some of the things we did **last year**.



Continued to make education better in less well-off areas.



Planned how we will help children with disabilities and special needs.



Supported children, young people and families and worked to keep them safe.



Helped people to be independent for as long as possible by making sure they have the right equipment and services.



Helped people to be healthy by giving them advice, information and support.



Worked with the NHS to join up services.



Supported businesses to provide more jobs in North Yorkshire.



Fixed the roads.



Made it easier for people to use the internet and mobile phones in North Yorkshire.



Helped more houses to be built in North Yorkshire.



Helped more people volunteer to run some services which we have run in the past.

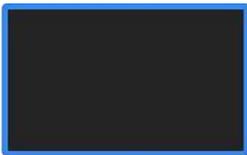


Helped to make train services better.



Helped to make sure that we recycle more rubbish and bury less in the the ground.

The future



The most important things we must do in the next four years are:

Make sure schools are good and that all children learn well.



Help children with disabilities.



Keep children safe.



Help children to be healthy.



Help people to stay in their own homes for longer. We can use modern machines to help us do this.



Make sure people can find help with their care when and where they need it.



Work with the NHS to join up our social care services with their health services.



Make sure we have the right staff who can care for people well.



Make sure North Yorkshire is a good place to live, work and visit.



Make sure people can travel around the county easily.



Help people get the skills they need to get a good job.



Make it easier for people to use the internet and mobile phones in the county.



Make sure we put our customers first.



Make sure we use modern ways of working.

Where our money comes from



Grants from Government and income from services
£621.0m



Council tax
£307.1m



Business rates
£74.9m



From our savings in the bank
£5.3m

What we spend our money on



Services for children and young people including schools
£523.1m



Caring for adults
£257.8m



Looking after roads and running buses, managing rubbish and looking after the countryside
£114.3m



Other services in the council
£113.1m