

Cllr Helen Swiers report to FTC November 2021

Covid-19:

The covid figures still remain high. There was a fall in the rates in the last week in October as a result of school half term, but the North Yorkshire rate still stand at just over 500 per 100,000, significantly above the national average. The concern is that now the children are back in school we may see rates climb again. There does appear to be an increase in the number of people in the hospitals serving North Yorkshire. This figure now stands at just over 200.

Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner.

The election for the new PFCC will take place on 25th November and the candidates are as follows:

Hannah Barnham-Brown	Women's Equity Party
James Barker	Liberal Democrat
Zoe Metcalf	Conservative
Emma Scott-Spivey	Labour
Keith Tordoff	Independent

New authority – Structural Change Order:

To date representatives from all eight councils in this change programme have attended twelve workshops at six venues across the county. Feedback has been positive, and a great deal of detail work is now underway. Workshops will continue over the coming weeks.

A very positive start has been made with the desire of working closely together to build the best council possible over what is now less than 18 months to lift-off strongly coming through.

Respect & Protect Campaign:

David has circulated the information therefore I will not repeat except to add soon we will see pavement stickers and lamp column posters appearing in Filey.

Autumn Budget:

The extra funding of £1.6bn. per annum is most welcome; although there is speculation in some quarters that some extra cash was found to avoid having to go higher on the adult social care precept!

As usual we are not yet clear how the extra cash will be allocated to individual councils. We will have to wait until the Local Government Finance Settlement in December.

This year and the next few already look extremely challenging given existing budget shortfalls: the residual impact of covid including higher demand for services; the fragility of the supply chain especially in social care; and what looks like a period of higher inflation. Work has already started on preparing the budget for the final year of NYCC.

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