

Article 1 – The Constitution

1.01 Powers of the Council

The Council will exercise all its powers and duties in accordance with the law and this Constitution.

1.02 The Constitution

The Constitution, and all its Parts, as listed on the contents pages, is the Constitution of the Council.

1.03 Purpose of the Constitution

The purpose of this Constitution is to provide a framework which will enable the Council to provide clear leadership to the local community and efficient, effective, transparent and accountable decision-making by:

- (i) supporting the active involvement of local people in the process of local authority decision-making;
- (ii) helping Councillors represent their constituents more effectively;
- (iii) enabling decisions to be taken efficiently and effectively;
- (iv) creating a powerful and effective means of holding decision-makers to public account;
- (v) ensuring that no one will review or scrutinise a decision in which they were directly involved;
- (vi) ensuring that those responsible for decision making are clearly identifiable to local people and that they explain the reasons for decisions; and
- (vii) providing a means of improving the delivery of services to the community.
- (viii) ensuring that the work of the Council promotes its mission and corporate objectives, which are as follows:-

Our Vision is:

to achieve the renaissance of the North Yorkshire Coast by 2020'

Our Mission is:

'to enhance the quality of life for those living in, working in, or visiting the Borough, by providing value for money services, consulting people and putting them first'.

Aim One: Developing Safer and Stronger Communities

- Top priority: Reducing Crime and Disorder
- Encouraging community participation and building civic pride
- Reducing the incidence of nuisance behaviour

Aim Two: Building Prosperous Communities

- Top priority: Encouraging Economic Growth and Job Creation
- Marketing the Borough and improving its image
- Improving Transport

Aim Three: Creating Healthy and Vibrant Communities

- Top priority: Ensuring Affordable and decent homes
- Improving quality of life, health and sense of place, through active participation in leisure and cultural activities
- Improving services for young people, focusing on Play Facilities
- Addressing the Social and Economic Needs of Disadvantaged Neighbourhoods

Aim Four: Creating Quality Environments

- Top priority: Enhancing of public spaces and parks
- Making our streets cleaner
- Becoming a greener Council
- Managing The Coastal Environment

Aim Five: Improving the Council

- Top priority: Improving performance of our services and ensuring they provide Value For Money (VFM)
- Improving the delivery of, and access to, services, through Service Transformation
- Developing Effective Governance Procedures Across the Council (e.g. risk management, project management, procurement, finance)
- Developing Employees

1.04 Interpretation and Review of the Constitution

Where the Constitution permits the Council to choose between different courses of action, the Council will always choose that option which it thinks is closest to the purposes stated above.

The Council will monitor and evaluate the operation of the Constitution as set out in Article 15.