



To All Parish Clerks

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The Parish Charter

Dear Colleague

Today's adoption of the Parish Charter by the Executive has cemented the shared belief that by working closely together North Yorkshire Council and the Parish Councils, Town Councils, City Council and Parish Meetings will make a vital contribution to the well-being of the communities we all serve. The Charter sets out how we will work together for the benefit of local people in maintaining and improving local services and facilities and influencing and lobbying on future local development. North Yorkshire Council values the standing that Parish Councils, Town Councils, City Council and Parish Meetings have amongst their residents. You have a closeness to residents and are the first tier of local government to the communities you serve. This compliments our role as the democratically accountable body, answerable to Government, to deliver national policy and the priorities as set out in the Council Plan. Together our joint vision is to build on North Yorkshire's natural capital, strong local economy and resilient communities, to improve the way local services are delivered and support a good quality of life for all.

I am grateful for the support of the North Yorkshire Parish Charter Review Group, a representative group of town and parish councillors and clerks, who have worked together with officers from across the county to co-produce the Parish Charter. Development, implementation and monitoring of its effectiveness will be ongoing, and the document will be updated as required.

On behalf of North Yorkshire Council I look forward to a new era of collaboration with our Parish Council, Town Council, City Council and Parish Meeting colleagues.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard Flinton".

Richard Flinton
Chief Executive

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