

## **Proposed Aims & Objectives of the Yorkshire Water Funding Committee**

The need for this committee has come about following the village meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> February and the resulting majority steer from the residents that investigations into the funding options for YW should be investigated before any further decisions could be taken regarding the village water supply.

It is requested that the formation of the committee is agreed at the Parish Council meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024 in order for the investigations to begin as soon as possible.

For the purposes of this document Option 1 is the Yorkshire Water supply and Option 2 is the new Private Water Supply.

The proposed terms of reference for the Yorkshire Water Funding Committee are as follows:

- a) To act as a formal sub-committee of the Carlton Parish Council and to adhere to any relevant standing orders or other regulatory or legal requirements with which the PC must comply
- b) To create a strategy to raise funding to offset the cost to Carlton residents of the implementation of a new water supply system by Yorkshire Water
- c) To research potential funding sources on behalf of the council in support of the objective set out in paragraph (b)
- d) To contact other agencies on behalf of the council who may be able to assist securing funding such as local and national government departments
- e) To prepare and submit funding applications and to manage the provision of any additional information required by relevant funding agencies
- f) To liaise with the PC on the submission of funding bids, especially where the PC is required to act as the responsible body for any funding that is granted
- g) To ensure, with the PC, that appropriate financial arrangements are maintained for any grant funding obtained by the YWFC
- h) To progress research into Option 1 with YW (and, where necessary, NYC) on the cost of the water supply system and the requirements for adoption of the scheme, including the related costs to individual households and how the charging process to households would be managed should Option 1 be implemented. The charging process should ensure that the costs to individual households are equitable and fairly distributed between the residents moving to the Option 1 supply.
- i) To develop, with the PC, a communications plan so that regular updates can be provided to Carlton residents about the implications of adopting Option 1, including the costs to individual households.

- j) To work with the PC on contingency planning to address the overall take up of the Option 1 scheme, should it fall below expected/required levels even though sufficient funding has been obtained, and on measures to improve the take up level such that Option 1 can proceed.

The Parish Council will be responsible for:

- a) Maintaining the current private water supply (PWS) until such time as a transition is either made to YW (Option 1) or a new PWS (Option 2)
- b) Addressing the remaining requirements of the NYC risk assessment in a timely manner, together with any other elements of risk management identified by the NYC until the transition at paragraph (a) is implemented
- c) Should the agreed funding level for Option 1 not be achieved within 9 months (end of November 2024) to immediately move to manage the implementation of Option 2, unless an extension of time (where a limit of a further 3 months will be applied) is mutually agreed between the PC and the Yorkshire Water Funding Committee (YWFC)
- d) To work with the YWFC during the period of fundraising, to actively support its objectives and actions and to liaise with the YWFC on funding bids where the PC is required to be named in the lead role in a funding submission
- e) To work with the YWFC to provide regular updates on progress to residents of Carlton during the period to the end of November 2024 (or any such extended period as agreed between the PC and YWFC)
- f) Should funding for Option 1 be achieved, to manage the transition plan to a water supply by YW, with the support of the YWFC
- g) To enable the YWFC to progress its work, to reimburse reasonable costs associated with making enquiries and applications, and to utilise the Clerk for minute taking and assistance with administration. Should good progress be made in the fundraising work, such that the further costs are required which will increase the success of the applications, these will be requested by YWFC.