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Media Release

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Whitby Piers Coast Protection Scheme to start this month

An authorised budget of £9.0 million has been secured to undertake refurbishment works to the East Pier and West Pier in the Yorkshire coast town of Whitby and is due to start this month and is scheduled to be completed by the end of December 2019.

The Whitby Piers Coast Protection Scheme will result in the upgrading of the aged piers' structures to significantly improve their condition. Work will involve stabilising the external sandstone blocks of the piers, filling in major voids using concrete and also repairs to the top surface of the piers to prevent damage from water ingress during wave overtopping. In addition, a flood diverter wall is proposed at Battery Parade to lessen the impact of storm water on properties along Pier Road.

The project has been split into two phases which allowed for demobilisation during the 2018/19 winter period, with phase one already complete in 2018. Contractors are now returning to commence with Phase two which will continue until the scheme is completed at the end of the year.

Scarborough Borough Council has appointed Balfour Beatty to deliver the scheme on its behalf and will be working with the contractor to ensure that the agreed schedule is maintained as much as possible. The timetable for works of this magnitude could however be subject to the unpredictable influences of weather and the surrounding coastal environment.

The scheme is receiving up to £2.7 million of funding from the England European Structural and Investment Funds Growth Programme 2014-2020. The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government and the Department for Work and Pensions are the managing authorities for European Regional Development Fund and European Social Fund funding through the Growth Programme, funds established by the European Union to help local areas stimulate their economic development. By investing in projects the funds will help to support innovation, businesses, skills and employment to improve local growth and create jobs. More information is available at gov.uk/european-growth-funding.

Funding has also been secured from: Environment Agency; York, Nork Yorkshire and East Riding Local Enterprise Partnership; North Yorkshire County Council and Scarborough Borough Council.

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Notes to editors

European Structural and Investment Funds

The project is supported by the 2014 to 2020 European Structural and Investment Funds Growth Programme. For more information visit gov.uk/european-growth-funding

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