

LOCAL GOVERNMENT NORTH YORKSHIRE AND YORK

MINUTES OF THE FIRST MEETING OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT NORTH YORKSHIRE AND YORK HELD ON MONDAY 29 JUNE 2009 AT COUNTY HALL, NORTHALLERTON

PRESENT:

Council

Representative

City of York Council	Councillor Carol Runciman (as Substitute for Andrew Waller) Bill McCarthy (Chief Executive)
Craven District Council	Councillor Chris Knowles-Fitton Paul Shevlin (Chief Executive)
Hambleton District Council	Councillor Arthur Barker Peter Simpson (Chief Executive (shared with Richmondshire District Council))
Harrogate Borough Council	Councillor Dr Mike Gardner John Sowden (Deputy Chief Executive)
North Yorkshire County Council	County Councillor John Weighell John Marsden (Chief Executive)
Richmondshire District Council	Councillor Melva Steckles Peter Simpson (Chief Executive (shared with Hambleton District Council))
Ryedale District Council	Councillor Keith Knaggs Janet Waggot (Chief Executive)
Scarborough Borough Council	Councillor Tom Fox Jim Dillon (Chief Executive)
Selby District Council	Martin Connor (Chief Executive)

IN ATTENDANCE:

Carole Hassan (Chief Executive, LGYH).
Chris Taylor (Director, RIEP).
Mike Roberts (Head of Highway Operations, North Yorkshire County Council).
Ruth Gladstone (Principal Committee Administrator, North Yorkshire County Council).

APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE:

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Mark Crane (Selby District Council).

COPIES OF ALL DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED ARE IN THE MINUTE BOOK

1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR**

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the Chair be held by the County Council in 2009/10, the City of York Council in 2010/11, and the District Councils in 2011/12.
- (b) That County Councillor John Weighell be appointed Chair, to serve until the Annual Meeting of LGNYY to be held in 2010.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR JOHN WEIGHELL IN THE CHAIR

2. **APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRS**

RESOLVED –

That Councillor Andrew Waller (City of York Council) and Councillor Tom Fox (Scarborough Borough Council) be appointed as Vice-Chairs, to serve until the Annual Meeting of LGNYY to be held in 2010.

3. **LGNYY CONSTITUTION AND RULES - ADOPTION**

CONSIDERED –

Final draft of LGNYY's Constitution.

During debate, the role of the National Park Authorities was raised. Members expressed the view that democratic accountability rested with the nine Councils, although they were very committed to engaging and involving both National Parks. It was suggested that the following should be included in the Constitution and Rules:- "13.3 A representative of each National Park may attend but not vote at a meeting of LGNYY when planning issues affecting the National Parks are discussed".

The Honorary Secretary highlighted that he did not envisage that confidential or exempt information would be submitted LGNYY meetings. However, if such a situation arose, he would identify the confidential/exempt information, restrict circulation, and ensure everyone was made aware of the limitations.

RESOLVED –

That the Constitution and Rules, as set out at pages 1 to 6 of the papers for this meeting, be formally adopted, subject to the addition of the following:- "13.3 A representative of each National Park may attend but not vote at a meeting of LGNYY when planning issues affecting the National Parks are discussed".

4. **APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES**

CONSIDERED –

Report of the Honorary Secretary inviting LGNYY to appoint representatives to serve on outside bodies.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the under-mentioned Members be appointed to serve on the bodies listed until the Annual Meeting of LGNYY to be held in 2010:-

Outside Body	Representative(s)
LGYP Leaders' Board	Leaders to serve on the Board:- County Councillor John Watson OBE Councillor Arthur Barker (Hambleton) Substitutes:- 1. Councillor Andrew Waller (York) 2. Councillor Tom Fox (Scarborough)
LGYP Thematic Boards:- 1. Spatial Planning Board 2. Regeneration and Housing Board 3. Transport Board 4. Work and Skills Board	Councillor Keith Knaggs (Ryedale) A Member of the City of York Council, to be nominated by the Leader of that Council Councillor Derek Bastiman (Scarborough)(Regeneration) The Housing portfolio holder of the City of York Council, to be nominated by the Leader of that Council Councillor Steve Galloway (York) County Councillor Clare Wood County Councillor Chris Metcalfe Substitute:- John Marsden, subject to no Member nomination being submitted to the LGNYY Honorary Secretary
Yorkshire Forward Recycling Action Yorkshire Steering Board	A Member to be nominated by the York and North Yorkshire Waste Management Partnership
North Yorkshire Local Government Pension Fund Committee	Councillor Jim Clark (Harrogate) Substitutes:- 1. Councillor Brian Phillips (Hambleton) 2. Vacancy

- (b) That the following appointments, made previously by the former Association of North Yorkshire Councils, be endorsed:-

Outside Body	Representative
Yorkshire and Humber Strategic Migration Group	County Councillor Paul Richardson – appointed to serve until November 2010

Outside Body	Representative
Yorkshire and Humberside European Regional Development Fund Performance Management Board for North East and West Yorkshire	Councillor Derek Bastiman (Scarborough) appointed to serve until 2013

5. **LGNYE THEMATIC BOARDS – MEMBERSHIP AND WORKING ARRANGEMENTS**

CONSIDERED –

Report of the Honorary Secretary inviting LGNYE to consider the membership and working arrangements of its Thematic Boards. A detailed paper from Jonathan French (York and North Yorkshire Partnership Unit) was appended to the report which set out suggestions for a LGNYE Economy and Skills Board.

During debate, it was noted that the National Parks had officer representation on the proposed LGNYE Economy and Skills Board.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That an Economy and Skills Board, as set out in the Appendix to the report, be established.
- (b) That a Transport Board, with the following working arrangements, be established:-
 - to comprise one Member from each of the nine Councils, together with one Member from each National Park who shall have voting rights;
 - to be chaired in alternating years by the County Council and the City of York Council;
 - the Board to determine how to use existing structures to ensure the level of coordination that is required for a voice for the sub-region;
 - the Board to be supported by the County Council;
 - the current informal arrangements for officers to work together to be formalised.
- (c) That, subject to appropriate amendments to its Constitution, the existing North Yorkshire Strategic Housing Board be re-established as a Housing and Regeneration Board, to include the following working arrangements:-
 - to include one Member from each National Park who shall have voting rights;
 - the Board to be supported by the current secretariat to the North Yorkshire Strategic Housing Board, ie Harrogate Borough Council.
- (d) That a Planning Board, with the following working arrangements, be established:-
 - to comprise one Member from each of the nine Councils, together with one Member from each National Park who shall have voting rights;
 - the current officer arrangements to be formalised into a group that can properly support the Member led group and liaise with officers at regional level;
 - the Board to be supported by the City of York Council.

6. **REPORTING ARRANGEMENTS FOR LGNY THERMATIC BOARDS AND FOR REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

CONSIDERED –

Verbal report of the Honorary Secretary recommending that a Member or officer from each LGNY Thematic Board and from each outside body to which LGNY appoints should be expected to provide a brief feedback note to each meeting of LGNY.

RESOLVED –

That LGNY expects a Member or officer from each LGNY Thematic Board and outside body to provide a brief feedback note for each meeting of LGNY.

7. **NATIONAL PARKS - INVOLVEMENT IN LGNY**

It was noted that the involvement of the National Parks in LGNY had been included during consideration of earlier items of business at this meeting.

8. **LGNY LEADERS' BOARD AND THE JOINT REGIONAL BODY – FEEDBACK AND REPORT**

CONSIDERED –

Verbal report of Councillor Arthur Barker (Hambleton District Council) concerning discussions of the Leaders' Board relating mainly to timetables, strategy and the need to respond to the current economic situation.

RESOLVED –

That the report be noted.

9. **LGNY UPDATE**

CONSIDERED –

Verbal report of Carole Hassan (Chief Executive, LGNY), accompanied by Chris Taylor (Director, RIEP), concerning the way in which the work of the former Regional Assembly had been integrated into LGNY and also advising of the priorities of LGNY and RIEP.

RESOLVED –

That the report be noted.

10. **FLOODING**

CONSIDERED –

Verbal report of Mike Roberts (Head of Highway Operations, North Yorkshire County Council) providing a brief update, as a pre-cursor to a more substantive discussion at a future meeting, concerning the national situation following publication of the final report "The Pitt Review: Lessons learned from the 2007 floods". A briefing note was circulated summarising Councils' roles as set out in the Flood and Water Management Bill and referring to the likely shift in Environment Agency priorities. It was noted that the national view within local government was that the Bill would not

work unless there was sufficient funding and expertise within local authorities. Carole Hassan advised that LGYH was undertaking work to establish costs.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the report be noted.
- (b) That the briefing note be circulated to all Members of LGNYY.

11. ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

RESOLVED –

That the Honorary Secretary prioritise business for future meetings, taking into consideration the following, together with any further suggestions which Chief Executives might submit:-

- Integrated Regional Strategy.
- Leeds City Region forerunner bid and implications for the functional sub-region.
- PCT update.
- A more detailed discussion about flooding.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

RESOLVED –

- (a) That no LGNYY press release be issued arising from this meeting.
- (b) That each Constituent Council be requested to make arrangements to publish LGNYY meeting papers on its website.

13. FUTURE MEETINGS

RESOLVED –

- (a) That following meeting dates, times and venues be approved:-
 - Monday 5 October 2009 at 10.00 am and, subject to availability, at Scarborough Borough Council offices.
 - Friday 8 January 2010 at 10.00 am at a venue to be decided at the October 2009 meeting.
 - Friday 16 April 2010 at 10.00 am at a venue to be decided at the January 2010 meeting.
- (b) That consideration of the suggestion that a meeting be held on Friday 2 July 2010 at 10.00 am be deferred pending clarification of the dates of the LGA Conference and the LGNY Annual Meeting.

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