

LOCAL GOVERNMENT NORTH YORKSHIRE AND YORK

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LGNYT TRANSPORT BOARD

REPORT OF RICHARD FLINTON
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1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To update LGNYT on progress to date with regard to the transport theme.

2.0 DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE

2.1 At its first meeting on the 28 September 2009 the North Yorkshire and York Transport Member Board will consider draft Terms of Reference, which are included as **Appendix 1**.

2.2 The Board will also consider draft Terms of Reference for the Transport Officer Group, which will provide advice and support to the Board.

3.0 KEY ISSUES

3.1 The Board will be updated on the process and timescales for developing the third round North Yorkshire County Council and City of York Local Transport Plans (LTP3). As these plans develop there will be further opportunities for the Board to engage with the process.

3.2 In addition the Board will be asked to consider the principle of developing a North Yorkshire and York sub-regional Transport Strategy. The intention is that the strategy would be an overarching long-term document providing a framework to co-ordinate the North Yorkshire and City of York LTPs. It would set out aspirations for the sub-region and identify common cross-boundary issues. It is not intended that it would consider transport issues of a purely local nature.

3.3 An update will be provided on the regional Delivering a Sustainable Transport System (DaSTS) response, including the proposed study programme. A Leeds-York-Scarborough A64 Corridor Study was included in the original programme, but has since been discounted by DfT. NYCC have submitted an evidence document to justify the regional importance of the A64 Corridor and to press for the reinstatement of the DaSTS funding contribution towards the study. This is an important issue as the DaSTS work programme will influence future rounds of Regional Funding Advice.

3.4 The Board will be made aware of the regional programme of schemes to be funded through the second round of Regional Funding Advice (RFA 2) and

provided with an update on those schemes supported within the sub-region, which are:

- A684 Bedale/ Aiskew/ Leeming Bar Bypass in North Yorkshire
- 'Access York Phase I' – comprising three Park & Ride sites in York (A59, Wigginton Road and Askham Bar)
- New Haxby (Rail) Station in York

3.5 The Board will also be updated on the programme of schemes to be delivered using the £18.140m of uplift to the North Yorkshire LTP Block Allocation and £2.777m of uplift to the City of York LTP Block Allocation as a result of early years under spend in the Regional Funding Allocation.

3.6 The Board will be asked to consider its future role in responding to the transport element of climate change in light of the numerous national, regional and local policy drivers. It is felt that the sub-region will be expected to demonstrate an appropriate response to reducing transport related greenhouse gas emissions and improving the resilience of local transport infrastructure to the impacts of climate change.

3.7 The Board will be asked to consider its response to the current debate around High Speed Rail. The main issue of contention is the routing of a high speed rail link (s), particularly whether it would serve the West or East coast.

4.0 DECISIONS REQUESTED

4.1 Members are asked to note the content of the report.

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Appendix 1 North Yorkshire and York Transport Member Board Draft Terms of Reference

Appendix 1

North Yorkshire and York Transport Member Board **Draft Terms of Reference**

The North Yorkshire and York Transport Member Board has been formally designated as part of the functional sub-regional governance structure from 1 April 2009.

Purpose

To ensure a coherent approach to transport is adopted for the North Yorkshire and York functional sub-region and to develop an effective two way relationship with the region.

The Board will:

- Focus on strategic issues of sub-regional significance;
- Establish a 'single voice for transport' in the sub-region on behalf of Local Government North Yorkshire and York (LGNYY), particularly when engaging with the region, by working with local stakeholders and transport users to agree and deliver a united message;
- Oversee the preparation of a North Yorkshire and York sub-regional transport strategy to guide the North Yorkshire County Council and City of York Council Local Transport Plans;
- Undertake specific policy reviews on behalf of LGNYY as required and make recommendations to LGNYY on relevant policy issues and related funding issues;
- Ensure that wherever possible transport investment in the sub-region aligns with sub-regional, regional and national challenges, but recognise that there may be cases where it is necessary for investment to be aligned to local priorities;
- Be kept informed on the prioritisation and progress of key projects identified in the North Yorkshire and City of York Local Transport Plans;
- Oversee the evaluation of completed schemes where appropriate and share best practice in the sub-region;
- Act with the other LGNYY Thematic Boards to ensure effective integration of skills, transport, housing/regeneration and planning policies. Specifically transport should influence and shape the spatial delivery of wider economic and housing objectives as well as being a means of their delivery and should not be seen as an end in itself;
- Seek to raise the profile of rural transport issues at a regional and national level;

- Seek to integrate transport policy in those areas of North Yorkshire and York that are within both the functional sub-region and the Leeds City Region;
- Ensure an effective cascade of information to and from the region, so that regional discussions are informed by the priorities identified within the sub-region and discussions at this group are informed by awareness of the issues across the region; and
- Advise the LGNY Y representatives on sub-regional input to the Regional Transport Advisory Board.

Membership

One nominated member from the following authorities:

- North Yorkshire County Council
- City of York Council
- Craven District Council
- Hambleton District Council
- Harrogate Borough Council
- Richmondshire District Council
- Ryedale District Council
- Scarborough Borough Council
- Selby District Council
- North York Moors National Park Authority
- Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority

Members will be able to nominate a deputy if they are unable to attend a meeting.

Chairing

The Board will be chaired in alternating years by North Yorkshire County Council and City of York Council as Highway Authorities. The County Council representative will chair the group for the first year.

The Chair of the group will present their advice and input to LGNY Y.

Voting

It is hoped that on most issues the group will be able to reach a consensus on the agreed way forward.

However, where a consensus cannot be reached it may be necessary for a vote to identify the majority view. In such cases the position of the group can be used to influence decisions taken by the appropriate Highway Authority. However, the final decision on transport issues within the sub-region ultimately rests with the Highway Authorities, namely North Yorkshire County Council or City of York Council.

Attendance

The Board will meet quarterly in advance of the Regional Transport Advisory Board. Voting members will be expected to attend as many of the meetings as possible.

Officers will be able to attend to provide advice to their respective Member. Officers will not have voting rights.

Support

The Board will be supported by North Yorkshire County Council.

The current informal arrangements for officers to work together have been formalised with the creation of a North Yorkshire and York Transport Officer Group comprising officer representation from each of the membership authorities on this Board. The Transport Officer Group will meet in advance of this Board. The Transport Officer Group will provide advice and support to the Transport Member Board and progress tasks assigned by the Board.