

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT NORTH YORKSHIRE AND YORK

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### LGYH Independent Sustainability Board - Report of Councillor Brian Phillips (Hambleton District Council)

The New Independent Sustainability Board met for the first time on the 10 February 2010 under the Chairmanship of Arthur Barker.

At the first meeting the Board discussed a number of issues, including the role and terms of reference of the Board and formation of the Business Plan. It was agreed that the Board will meet 5 times during its first year and then 4 times per year. The Board also agreed its new name, which is intended specifically to highlight its independence. In addition the Board discussed how to make best use of £12,000 drawn down from Defra to support capacity building activities for Board members.

It was agreed that a series of short papers on specific topics relevant to the activities of the Board should be commissioned and the topics selected by the Board were: green jobs, the (influencing) role of local sustainable development partnerships and a scoping study on how the ISB might determine and measure its success. Ursus Consulting was subsequently commissioned to undertake this work and will report by the end of March 2010.

The next meeting is to be held on the 15 April 2010.

BRIAN PHILLIPS