

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT NORTH YORKSHIRE AND YORK

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### Yorkshire and Humber Strategic Migration Group

#### Report of County Councillor Paul Richardson

#### REGIONAL COMMUNITY COHESION MEETING

The first meeting was held on Thursday, 4 March in Bradford City Hall.

There were good presentations from Bradford by the leader, Cllr Hopkins and from Rotherham by Cllr. Hussain. Both talks gave the reasons why a good community cohesion policy is essential, they also highlighted the variable ideas that Authorities action.

It was accordingly agreed that each Local Authority be contacted in order to glean their best methods of operation so that all ideas can be pooled and shared by all Authorities in the Region.

It was agreed that there is a need for future meetings which should include representatives from Fire and Police, but no dates were set.

#### REGIONAL STRATEGIC MIGRATION GROUP

This Committee was convened for the afternoon of Thursday 4 March in Leeds.

The compact agenda contained many of the usual necessary business items; regarding the fact that 2010/11 was going to prove a challenging year, especially if funding goes to the private sector.

There was a lengthy debate upon the Case Resolution programme already, already the LAs are having concerns about the effect on staffing levels and the homelessness problem caused by the financial challenges ahead.

Also discussed was the provision of English Language provision and the effects that might happen when the Skills Funding Agency pick up the money from the disbanded Learning Skills Council.

County Councillor Paul Richardson  
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