

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT NORTH YORKSHIRE AND YORK

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### YORKSHIRE AND HUMBERSIDE EUROPEAN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR NORTH EAST AND WEST YORKSHIRE

#### Report of Councillor Derek Bastiman (Scarborough Borough Council)

The Board met on 4 February and business was mainly an update on programme and progress. The main point I would submit for LGNYY's consideration is as follows:- I can confirm that the exchange rate used for reporting purposes, is £1=E1.1062 set January 2010. It was noted that, in the Yorkshire and Humber programme, after receiving a projection on sponsor forecasts received, the region is projecting to underachieve on n+2 by some £52.35M against an overall target of £192.28M. It is estimated therefore that a further £60-£70M worth of project expenditure must be identified and brought forward in a relatively short space of time to ensure that there is sufficient contracted capacity in process to account for further slippage. Another point worthy of note is, through Scarborough Jobsmatch programme, Poundland have just recruited 27 staff for their new store. They used the programme to help them appoint staff and gave this positive feedback, saying "Excellent service provided to us in assisting us to recruit for a new store. The help was invaluable in selecting the right candidates".

DEREK BASTIMAN