

LOCAL GOVERNMENT NORTH YORKSHIRE AND YORK

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT NORTH YORKSHIRE AND YORK HELD ON 16 APRIL 2010 AT HARROGATE BOROUGH COUNCIL OFFICES, CRESCENT GARDENS, HARROGATE

PRESENT:-

<u>Constituent Authority</u>	<u>Representatives</u>
City of York Council	Councillor Andrew Waller Kersten England (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 Wallace Sampson (Chief Executive)
North York Moors National Park Authority	Councillor John Fletcher Andy Wilson (Chief Executive)
North Yorkshire County Council	County Councillor Carl Les (as Substitute for John Weighell) Gary Fielding (Assistant Chief Executive (Policy, Performance and Partnerships) (Acting Honorary Secretary to LGNYY) John Moore (Interim Head of Paid Service)
Richmondshire District Council	Councillor Fleur Butler 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 (in the Chair) Jim Dillon (Chief Executive)
Selby District Council	Councillor Mark Crane Martin Connor (Chief Executive)
Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority	Councillor Carl Lis David Butterworth (Chief Executive)

IN ATTENDANCE:-

Steve Dann (Senior Partnership Development Officer (Regional), City of York Council), Deborah Davies (Customer and Benefit Services Manager, Craven District Council), Jonathan French (Executive Manager, York and North Yorkshire Partnership Unit), Ruth Gladstone (Principal Committee Administrator, North Yorkshire County Council (Secretariat to LGNYY)), Mike Roberts (Head of Highway Operations, North Yorkshire County Council), Chris Taylor (Director, YoHr Space, Improvement and Efficiency Partnership, Yorkshire and Humber) and Mark Young (Flood Management Officer, North Yorkshire County Council).

APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE:-

An apology for absence was received from County Councillor John Weighell.

COPIES OF ALL DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED ARE IN THE MINUTE BOOK

24. MINUTES

RESOLVED –

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 5 October 2009, having been printed and circulated, be taken as read and be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

25. FUTURE ENGAGEMENT WITH OTHER PUBLIC SECTOR PARTNERS

CONSIDERED –

The report John Marsden, presented by Gary Fielding, (Assistant Chief Executive (Policy, Performance and Partnerships), North Yorkshire County Council), consolidating email correspondence which had passed between constituent Authorities during February and March 2010 concerning the invitation to Chairmen and Chief Executives of the PCT, Police Authority and Fire and Rescue Authority to join LGNYY for every other meeting.

Support was expressed for the proposals, although Councillor Mark Crane (Selby District Council) highlighted that, within a year of LGNYY's creation to deal with issues relating to local government only, its remit was now being extended.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That business on Agendas for those meetings of LGNYY to which the Chairmen and Chief Executives of the PCT, Police Authority and Fire and Rescue Authority are invited, be divided between two categories, namely, "Public Sector Items" and "Local Government and National Park Items", and that "Public Sector Items" be listed first.
- (b) That, at meetings of LGNYY to which the Chairmen and Chief Executives of the PCT, Police Authority and Fire and Rescue Authority are invited, the Chairmen of those three organisations be each offered one vote on business which impacts on all organisations present.
- (c) That the PCT, Police Authority and Fire and Rescue Authority be entitled to put items of business on the Agendas for meetings of LGNYY.

- (d) That it be noted that the CAA report identified the strength of willingness to co-operate in North Yorkshire and with the City of York as appropriate, and that the decisions (a) – (c) above are a further step to demonstrate this co-operative approach.

26. LEEDS CITY REGION PILOT

CONSIDERED –

The report of Jonathan French (Executive Manager, York and North Yorkshire Partnership Unit), presented by Kersten England (Chief Executive, City of York Council), which set out the main components of the Leeds City Region pilot programme “Empowering Local Leadership for Economic Growth”, together with the implications of that programme for the sub-region.

RESOLVED –

That the report be noted.

27. RIEP UPDATE

CONSIDERED –

The report of Karen Fletcher (Co-ordinator, YoHr Space), presented by Peter Simpson (Chief Executive of Hambleton and Richmondshire District Councils), providing an update on the benefits of RIEP funding, a schedule of projects specific to the sub-region, and an update on future developments. Updated copies of pages 18 to 22 of the papers distributed with the Agenda were circulated at the meeting.

RESOLVED –

That the report be noted.

28. INTEGRATED REGIONAL STRATEGY/YORKSHIRE AND HUMBER STRATEGY

CONSIDERED –

The report of, and presented by, Jonathan French (Executive Manager, York and North Yorkshire Partnership Unit) advising of progress in taking forward the Integrated Regional Strategy, issues for the sub-region, and a suggestion made by Chief Executives in the sub-region at a recent meeting of the Partnership Executive for Economy and Skills that there should be some form of sub-regional Integrated Strategy prepared before October 2010.

Councillor Keith Knaggs (Ryedale District Council) expressed support for the recommendation, whilst also requesting greater political support so that this sub-region could be better prepared to represent its interests.

RESOLVED –

That work proceeds on a sub-regional Integrated Strategy led by Chief Executives working through the Partnership Executive for Economy and Skills.

29. **“GETTING IT RIGHT” TOOLKIT – PILOT EXERCISE BY CRAVEN DISTRICT COUNCIL AIMED AT ENCOURAGING RESIDENTS TO SCRUTINISE THE COUNCIL’S CUSTOMER SERVICES**

CONSIDERED –

Presentation by Deborah Davies (Customer and Benefit Services Manager, Craven District Council) concerning this pilot exercise. A copy of slides used during the presentation is in the Minute Book.

Paul Shevlin (Chief Executive, Craven District Council) highlighted that this exercise had been very important to Craven District Council in giving it a more customer focused approach. It had challenged traditional Craven ways and the outcome had been both interesting and valuable. He commended the toolkit to other Authorities, inviting them to contact either Deborah Davies or Councillor Chris Knowles-Fitton (Craven District Council’s Champion for this work).

County Councillor Carl Les gave an undertaking that the County Council would work with Craven District Council with regard to this work.

RESOLVED –

That the presentation be noted.

30. **“TOTAL PLACE”**

CONSIDERED –

The joint report of Gary Fielding (Assistant Chief Executive (Policy, Performance and Partnerships), North Yorkshire County Council) and Peter Simpson (Chief Executive of Hambleton and Richmondshire District Councils), presented by Peter Simpson, concerning the national initiative “Total Place” and outlining initial discussions within the sub-region.

Various representatives expressed the view that “Total Place” represented a fantastic opportunity and referred to examples of local projects in which organisations had come together to identify joined-up solutions.

RESOLVED –

That collaborative working in accordance with “Total Place” thinking, as described in the report, be supported.

31. **FLOOD AND WATER MANAGEMENT BILL – LEGISLATIVE PROCESS - PROGRESS UPDATE**

CONSIDERED –

The report of Richard Flinton (Corporate Director – Business and Environmental Services, North Yorkshire County Council), together with a supplemental report, copies of which were circulated at the meeting. The reports were presented by Mike Roberts (Head of Highway Operations, North Yorkshire County Council) who was accompanied by Mark Young (Flood Management Officer, North Yorkshire County Council). The supplemental report advised that the Flood and Water Management Bill had gained royal assent on 8 April 2010 and had been published as an Act on 15 April 2010; described the key elements of the Act, the Flood Risk Regulations 2009, and how District Authorities and other stakeholders were impacted; and outlined the critical next steps for the County Council, which included

a launch event on 7 June 2010 to initiate the collation of information required to produce Preliminary Flood Risk Assessments.

Members expressed concern about whether the Government would provide sufficient funding to Local Authorities to undertake these additional duties.

David Butterworth (Chief Executive, Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority) committed the support of the YDNPA but suggested that, unless it could be shown that the National Parks could add value by being actively involved, the National Parks would stand back and await requests for support.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the report distributed with the Agenda, together with the supplemental report, be noted.
- (b) That the supplemental report be emailed to constituent Authorities.
- (c) That the County Council's Flood Management Officer check to ensure that the City of York Council is invited to participate in the event, to be held on 7 June 2010, to initiate the process for collating the information required to produce the Preliminary Flood Risk Assessments.

32. REGIONAL ARRANGEMENTS AFTER THE GENERAL ELECTION

CONSIDERED –

Members were invited to have a general discussion, at this meeting, concerning regional arrangements after the General Election to be held on 6 May 2010. Members commented that such a discussion would not be worthwhile today because the General Election was to be held very shortly.

RESOLVED –

That consideration of this item be deferred to the next meeting.

33. LGNYT THEMATIC BOARDS - FEEDBACK

CONSIDERED –

The reports of the Lead Officers concerning the business of the following LGNYT Thematic Boards:- Economy and Skills; Transport; Housing; and Spatial Planning.

In response to the question from the Housing Board concerning voting rights for non-Housing Authorities, the National Parks' representatives highlighted that affordable housing was their top priority and that they had had voting rights for a considerable number of years on the Partnership Executive. County Councillor Carl Les referred to the money which the County Council had contributed to affordable housing and sought clarification about whether the County Council was a Housing Authority for certain aspects of housing work. The Acting Honorary Secretary offered to investigate, in more detail, the issue of voting rights on LGNYT Thematic Boards, referring to the need for consistency.

In response to the question from the Housing Board, about whether the Housing Board and the other sub-regional Boards should each be formally constituted as a Joint Committee under the Local Government Act, it was noted that this would have the consequence of binding each individual Authority to the decisions of the Joint Committee. Not all Authorities might be in a position to consider such a delegation at this time, although representatives did not wish to dismiss the question of Joint

Committees for the future. It was suggested that the issue of Joint Committees should not be pursued further at this time.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the report of the Economy and Skills Board be noted and that the terms of reference for Board, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report, be endorsed.
- (b) That the report of the Transport Board be noted.
- (c) That, with regard to the report of the Housing Board:-
 - (i) the Acting Honorary Secretary investigate the question relating to voting rights on the Housing Board, seeking consistency with the Transport Board, and, if agreement can be secured with the Boards' Chairs, be authorised to resolve the issue and report the outcome to the next meeting of LGNYY. If agreement cannot be secured, the question to be referred back to LGNYY.
 - (ii) the question about whether the Board should be constituted as a Joint Committee not be pursued at this time.
- (d) That the report of the Spatial Planning Board be noted.

34. REGIONAL BODIES - FEEDBACK

CONSIDERED –

The reports of elected Members appointed by LGNYY to serve on the following regional bodies concerning the business of those bodies:- LGYH Leaders' Board; LGYH Spatial Planning Board; LGYH Regeneration and Housing Board; LGYH Transport Board; LGYH Work and Skills Board; LGYH Independent Sustainability Board; Yorkshire and Humber Strategic Migration Group; Yorkshire and Humber European Regional Development Fund Performance Management Board for North East and West Yorkshire; and Yorkshire and Humber Rural Affairs Forum Management Group.

RESOLVED –

That the reports be noted.

35. REGIONAL AND SUB-REGIONAL MATTERS OF INTEREST TO ALL AUTHORITIES

Members were invited to raise any further regional and sub-regional matters of interest to all Authorities. No matters were raised.

36. REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES

CONSIDERED –

The report of the Acting Honorary Secretary inviting LGNYY to appoint representatives to serve on outside bodies for 2010/11.

With regard to representation on LGYH Leaders' Board, Councillor Andrew Waller highlighted that LGYH officers had advised that, for legal reasons, the 2 seats to represent this sub-region must be taken by a North Yorkshire County Councillor and a District Councillor. However, at the Board's recent meeting, there had been issues

which were of critical importance to York and it was therefore essential that the City of York Council had a Member on the Leaders' Board rather than having a Substitute seat. Councillor Tom Fox explained why it was not always possible for the 2 current representatives to identify that York might have a position on particular Leaders' Board business prior to meetings. It was acknowledged that having a seat on the Board was of equal importance to the County Council, the District Councils and the City of York Council. It was further highlighted that this was the only sub-region whose Local Government structure included a County Council, District Councils and a Unitary Council. The Acting Honorary Secretary offered to raise this issue with LGYH.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That County Councillor John Watson OBE and Councillor Tom Fox (Scarborough), together with Councillor Andrew Waller (York) as Substitute, be re-appointed to the LGYH Leaders' Board, to serve until the next meeting of LGNYY and that, in the meantime, the Acting Honorary Secretary holds discussions with LGYH to investigate possible solutions recognising the importance of representation on the Board to the County Council, the District Councils and the City of York Council.
- (b) That the under-mentioned Members be re-appointed to serve on the bodies listed until the Annual Meeting of LGNYY to be held in 2011:-

<u>Outside Body</u>	<u>Representative</u>
LGYH Boards:-	
1. Spatial Planning Board – 2 Members	1. Councillor Keith Knaggs (Ryedale) 2. Councillor Ann Reid (York)(with Councillor Richard Watson as Substitute, or such other Member as the City of York Council wishes to nominate)
2. Regeneration and Housing Board (1 Regeneration Portfolio holder and 1 Housing Portfolio holder)	1. Councillor Derek Bastiman (Scarborough) – Regeneration 2. Councillor Jonathan Morley (York) (with Councillor Sue Galloway as Substitute, or such other Member as the City of York Council wishes to nominate) – Housing
3. Transport Board – 2 Cabinet Members	1. Councillor Steve Galloway (York) 2. County Councillor Clare Wood
4. Work and Skills Partnership Board – 1 Member or officer who is involved in the Work and Skills Board for the sub-region	County Councillor Chris Metcalfe
5. Independent Sustainability Board – 1 Member. (The appointee can not be a Member of the LGYH Leaders' Board.)	Councillor Brian Phillips (Hambleton)

<u>Outside Body</u>	<u>Representative</u>
Yorkshire and Humberside Rural Affairs Forum Management Group	Councillor Peter Sowray (dual-hatted Member nominated via North Yorkshire Rural Partnership)
NYCC Pension Fund Committee – 1 District Councillor and up to 2 District Councillor Substitutes	Councillor Jim Clark (Harrogate) Substitutes:- 1. Councillor Brian Phillips (Hambleton) 2. Vacancy

37. ARRANGEMENTS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS OF LGNYY

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the Annual Meeting on Friday 2 July 2010 at 10.00 am be held at the offices of Richmondshire District Council.
- (b) That the meeting on Friday 8 October 2010 at 10.00 am be held at the offices of Selby District Council.
- (c) That meetings be held on the following dates and times, at venues to be agreed:-
 - Friday 28 January 2011 at 10.00 am
 - Friday 20 May 2011 at 10.00 am (Annual Meeting)
 - Friday 16 September 2011 at 10.00 am
 - Friday 9 December 2011 at 10.00 am

38. ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

RESOLVED –

That business for future meetings be notified to the Acting Honorary Secretary outside this meeting.

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