

# LOCAL GOVERNMENT NORTH YORKSHIRE AND YORK

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## PUBLIC SECTOR PARTNERS AND LGNY Y – THE RATIONALE

### 1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To explain the rationale for the inclusion of wider public sector partners to alternate meetings of LGNY Y.
- 1.2 To seek views on the areas where LGNY Y and wider public sector partners can strengthen collaboration.

### 2.0 Background

- 2.1 Structural changes have recently been made to the North Yorkshire Strategic Partnership (NYSP) which have resulted in the dissolution of the NYSP 'Partnership' (the specific forum which brought together the public, business, voluntary and community, local authority Leaders and other partners within North Yorkshire). As a result of this move, there was no remaining forum where the political leadership of local government and leaderships of other public sector partners could engage.
- 2.2 In order to address this gap it was agreed that alternate Local Government North Yorkshire and York (LGNY Y) meetings would be extended to include the Chairs and Chief Executives of the Primary Care Trust, the Police and Fire and Rescue. This would provide a forum for strategic NYSP business and other cross-cutting issues that require the engagement and endorsement of local authority Leaders and the Chairs of key local public sector partners, for example the county-wide Sustainable Community Strategy and the Local Area Agreement.
- 2.3 Whilst the geographical area covered by LGNY Y includes the City of York and the area covered by NYSP does not, the Primary Care Trust, the Police and Fire and Rescue also serve the City of York. As a result, a platform is provided for sub-regional partners to engage with all of the constituent local authorities at the same time.

### 3 Future Areas for Consideration / Collaboration?

- 3.1 Whilst the addition of the PCT, Police and Fire and Rescue was partly as a result of necessity there are also likely to be significant areas of business where value can be derived given the commonality of customers and geography. Examples may include:-
  - Updating partners on specific issues which are likely to have subsequent impacts upon others
  - Exploring the financial challenges faced across the sector (i.e. sharing information and where possible helping)

- Progressing 'Total Place' at the political level
- Shaping how local collaboration works in the future (particularly given the more flexible approaches that appear to be advocated by the new government).

3.2 It is clear that there will need to be a periodic review of how arrangements are working and appropriate changes made to LGNYY (and potentially other collaborative fora within North Yorkshire and York). It is suggested that a review is simply incorporated into the existing approach which reviews LGNYY and its Thematic Boards.

#### **4.0 Recommendation**

4.1 That the report be noted and views be invited from all parties.

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