

LOCAL GOVERNMENT NORTH YORKSHIRE AND YORK

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LGYH INDEPENDENT SUSTAINABILITY BOARD

Report of Councillor Brian Phillips (Hambleton District Council)

The Board met for their second meeting on the 15 April. At the opening of the meeting, the final version of the Terms of Reference was accepted.

The first agenda item focussed on Health and Sustainability issues and in particular the effect that poor health in a region can have on the economy. Paul Johnstone and Roger French of the Yorkshire and Humber Health Trust, who were in attendance, stated that the YH region is the third poorest health wise in the UK with only the North East and North West in a worse position.

David Hoggarth of Leeds Metro also attended to discuss Public Transport within the Leeds City area. Investment within the region on transport is currently at £239/head of population compared to £830/head in London.

The Yorkshire and Humber Integrated Appraisal, which would eventually feed into the Yorkshire and Humber Strategy was briefed upon and a workshop suggested to be held in May. This was subsequently postponed.

The next meeting is to be in July when it is hoped that the new Government will have made its views firmly known on where it sees Sustainability issues being discussed regionally.

BRIAN PHILLIPS