

ITEM 13 (a)

LOCAL GOVERNMENT NORTH YORKSHIRE AND YORK

24 JUNE 2011

REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES ON REGIONAL BODIES

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To present the reports of elected Members appointed by LGNY, to serve on various regional bodies concerning the recent proceedings of those bodies.

2.0 LGYH EXECUTIVE – REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR CARL LES

- 2.1 Main areas that have been considered, including the meeting of 26 May 2011:-

- Continuation of sector led leadership and challenge – how to assist failing councils through peer reviews and support? Further deliberations are taking place.
- New structure for LGYH – the introduction of sub-regional vice-chairs to replace the Executive. This will be debated at the AGM in July.
- A small working group is to be set up to provide a response to the Local Govt Resource Review. I have volunteered to join Cllr Fox to present an NY view from both DC and CC interests, given the unique nature of the County.
- The AGM is on 8th July in Leeds.
- Cllr Barker presented a paper on climate change and especially flooding considerations, with a call for a greater number of adaptations from Councils and the community to cope.
- A response has been sent on behalf of LGYH relating to the new Policing Bill. LGYH are supporting an alternative 'Police Commission' model (as pushed through recently by Peers) rather than directly elected Commissioners.
- It was reported informally that discussions have been taking place about a Hull based economic partnership covering both banks of the Humber. This may develop further into a formal LEP and/or Enterprise Zone.

- 2.2 I am happy to provide further information given the short nature of this note.

3.0 LGYH SPATIAL PLANNING BOARD – REPORT OF COUNCILLOR ANN REID (YORK)

- 3.1 The Regional Spatial Planning Board has not met and therefore there is no report.

**4.1 LGYH REGENERATION AND HOUSING BOARD –
REPORT OF COUNCILLOR DEREK BASTIMAN (SCARBOROUGH)**

4.1 The Board has not met recently.

**5.0 LGYH TRANSPORT BOARD –
REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR CLARE WOOD**

5.1 As far as I am aware, this Board has been abolished and will no longer meet.

**6.0 LGYH WORK AND SKILLS BOARD –
REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR CHRIS METCALFE**

6.1 I have nothing to report.

**7.1 LGYH INDEPENDENT SUSTAINABILITY BOARD –
REPORT OF COUNCILLOR BRIAN PHILLIPS (HAMBLETON)**

7.1 This Board has not met recently.

**8.0 YORKSHIRE AND HUMBERSIDE EUROPEAN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT
FUND PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR NORTH EAST AND
WEST YORKSHIRE –
REPORT OF DEREK BASTIMAN (SCARBOROUGH)**

8.1 Set out below are my notes from the meeting held on the 31 January 2011:-

We received a paper re. PMC update which noted that there was £23.6M outstanding expenditure at this moment within the programme. We received a paper from the PMC regarding the revised risk register. This set out the substantive programme risks in 6 main areas, namely:- transition; resource; match funding; non compliant ERDF project delivery; operational programme objectives not achieved; and Yorkshire Forward closure. All these were noted.

We received a report on the progress on digital region and it was noted that this project was running behind due to a number of factors.

We received a presentation from Deloitte's regarding Jessica and the advantages of working with it.

The next meeting should take place 10 March which I cannot attend as I am representing my Authority at the Olympic Village in London.

9.0 YORKSHIRE AND HUMBER RURAL AFFAIRS FORUM MANAGEMENT GROUP – REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR PETER SOWRAY

9.1 As with many of the regionally based partnerships structures, there has been a degree of discussion about the future of the YH RAF or otherwise. A group has been set up in order to consider future issues particularly –

- The likely loss of funding.
- The existence of the LEPs and the extent to which they can champion rural business.
- The existence of other rural fora.

There is still a prevailing view that the aim of the RAF is to represent the views and concerns of people living and working in the countryside. It should advise on, and influence, the delivery of plans, policies and programmes in Yorkshire so that rural areas are not forgotten and the needs of rural communities are met.

Further discussions are due to take place including the prospect of securing funding. It is likely that there will be greater clarity for the next meeting of LGNYY.

10.0 RECOMMENDATION

10.1 That the reports be noted.

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