

LOCAL GOVERNMENT NORTH YORKSHIRE AND YORK

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION
HELD ON 24 JUNE 2011 AT 10.00 AM
AT CRAVEN DISTRICT COUNCIL OFFICES,
GRANVILLE STREET, SKIPTON**

PRESENT:-

<u>Constituent Authority</u>	<u>Representatives</u>
City of York Council	Councillor Tracey Simpson-Laing (as Substitute for James Alexander)
Craven District Council	Councillor Chris Knowles-Fitton Paul Shevlin (Chief Executive)
Hambleton District Council	Councillor Ron Kirk (as Substitute for Neville Huxtable) Peter Simpson (Chief Executive of Hambleton and Richmondshire District Councils)
Harrogate Borough Council	Councillor Anthony Alton (as Substitute for Don Mackenzie) Wallace Sampson (Chief Executive)
North York Moors National Park Authority	Jim Bailey
North Yorkshire County Council	County Councillor John Weighell Richard Flinton (Chief Executive and Honorary Secretary to LGNYY)
Richmondshire District Council	Councillor John Blackie Peter Simpson (Chief Executive of Hambleton and Richmondshire District Councils)
Ryedale District Council	Councillor Keith Knaggs
Scarborough Borough Council	Councillor Tom Fox
Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority	Carl Lis OBE David Butterworth (Chief Executive)

IN ATTENDANCE:-

<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Representatives</u>
North Yorkshire County Council	County Councillor Carl Les (Deputy Leader) John Moore (Corporate Director – Finance and Central Services)
LGNYY Secretariat	Ruth Gladstone (Principal Committee Administrator, North Yorkshire County Council)

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:-

Apologies for absence were received from Martin Connor (Chief Executive, Selby District Council), Councillor Mark Crane (Selby District Council), Jim Dillon (Chief Executive, Scarborough Borough Council), Kersten England (Chief Executive, City of York Council), Janet Waggot (Chief Executive, Ryedale District Council) and Andy Wilson (Chief Executive, North York Moors National Park Authority).

COPIES OF ALL DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED ARE IN THE MINUTE BOOK

COUNTY COUNCILLOR JOHN WEIGHELL IN THE CHAIR

84. LGNY Y MEMBERSHIP 2011/12

CONSIDERED –

The report of the Honorary Secretary listing the names of representatives appointed to serve on LGNY Y for 2011/12.

RESOLVED –

That the report be noted.

85. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

RESOLVED –

That Councillor Tom Fox (Scarborough Borough Council) be appointed Chair to serve until the Annual Meeting of LGNY Y to be held in 2012.

86. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRS

RESOLVED –

That County Councillor John Weighell and Councillor James Alexander (City of York Council) be appointed Vice-Chairs, to serve until the Annual Meeting of LGNY Y to be held in 2012.

COUNCILLOR TOM FOX IN THE CHAIR

87. MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

It was noted that copies of the finalised York and North Yorkshire Sub-Regional Strategy would be distributed to all LGNY Y Members during the week following LGNY Y's meeting.

It was noted that LGYH's subscription fees would be considered at LGYH's AGM on 8 July 2011.

RESOLVED –

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 28 January 2011, having been printed and circulated, be taken as read and be confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

88. AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION

CONSIDERED –

The report of the Honorary Secretary seeking approval of amendments to LGNYY's Constitution to reflect decisions made by LGNYY on 28 January 2011 and recorded at Minute 78.

RESOLVED –

That the draft amendments to LGNYY's Constitution, as set out in the Appendix to the report, be approved.

89. REVIEW OF LOCAL PARTNERSHIP ARRANGEMENTS

CONSIDERED –

The report of the Chief Executive of Hambleton and Richmondshire District Councils concerning a review by Chief Executives in relation to local partnership arrangements and community engagement mechanisms and suggesting various principles for taking forward reviews at District level.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the suggested principles set out throughout the report be used to review local partnership arrangements and community engagement mechanisms when appropriate.
- (b) That each District Council report back to the next meeting on the progress/outcome or possible timescales of the reviews to which (a) of this Resolution refers.

90. REVIEW OF LGNYY THEMATIC BOARDS

CONSIDERED –

The report of the Honorary Secretary asking LGNYY to agree whether to retain any of the four LGNYY Thematic Boards.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the Economy and Skills Board be disestablished, the LEP Board having taken over its role.
- (b) That the Housing Board be retained for the reasons set out at paragraph 12 of the report.
- (c) That the Transport and Spatial Planning Boards be formed into a single Board, that the Chief Executives' Group - North Yorkshire and York be requested to consider how this single Board shall operate and be supported,

and that the Group submit recommendations to LGNYY's meeting on 16 September 2011.

- (d) That the Honorary Secretary be requested to draft appropriate amendments to the LGNYY Constitution for approval at the meeting on 16 September 2011.

91. POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

CONSIDERD –

The report the Honorary Secretary to facilitate early discussions between the nine local authorities in North Yorkshire and York about the arrangements for the proposed Police and Crime Panel for North Yorkshire and York.

RESOLVED –

That the Leaders of North Yorkshire County Council, the City of York Council and each of the seven District Councils each nominate an Elected Member from his/her Council, either the Leader or a Portfolio Holder, to be involved in a meeting on how to take forward the issue of a Police and Crime Panel.

92. YORK AND NORTH YORKSHIRE LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP (LEP) - UPDATE

CONSIDERED -

The report of the Assistant Director, Economic Partnership Unit, North Yorkshire County Council, concerning the first formal meeting of the LEP Board when decisions had included the identification of Scarborough as the preferred choice for an Enterprise Zone and the setting of the LEP's Priorities and Objectives for 2011/12.

Members commented that the first meeting of the LEP Board had been very positive.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the report be noted.
- (b) That the names of any persons from tourism, who Leaders wish to suggest for appointment to the LEP Board, be forwarded to the Chief Executive of Hambleton and Richmondshire District Councils for submitting to the Chairman of the LEP Board.

93. HOMES AND COMMUNITIES AGENCY: A PROPOSED GOVERNANCE MODEL FOR YORKSHIRE AND THE HUMBER

CONSIDERED –

The report of the Honorary Secretary seeking LGNYY's response to a proposed governance model for Yorkshire and the Humber for a Stewardship Scheme for Regional Development Agency assets.

During the debate, Members expressed support for the suggestion that the governance model should be implemented in such a way that there is regional, rather than sub-regional, oversight of assets in order to maintain influence on how such assets are used.

RESOLVED –

That the Honorary Secretary respond to the consultation on behalf of LGNYY.

94. BROADBAND – CONNECTING NORTH YORKSHIRE

CONSIDERED –

The report of the County Council's Corporate Director – Finance and Central Services and Assistant Chief Executive (Policy, Performance and Partnerships) providing an update on developments relating to Broadband and inviting LGNYY to endorse the Connecting North Yorkshire Vision and approach.

It was commented that, when local communities were being consulted, it was important that both residents and businesses were involved.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the Connecting North Yorkshire Vision and approach be endorsed.
- (b) That the progress made relating to Connecting North Yorkshire be noted.
- (c) That the City of York Council contact the Corporate Director – Finance and Central Services if that Council wishes to engage in the Connecting North Yorkshire project.

95. LOCAL GOVERNMENT RESOURCE REVIEW – LGYH RESPONSE

CONSIDERED –

The report of the Honorary Secretary seeking LGNYY's comments on the draft response of LGYH to the Local Government Resource Review.

The main points raised during the debate were as follows:

- Two tier areas - There needed to be recognition in LGYH's response about possible implications for two tier areas and how the system might work. There was particular concern about disadvantage/advantage to either tier, whether as an unintended consequence or not. There was no real idea what Government thinking was in two tier areas. The basis on which any particular scheme was promulgated would have additional dynamics for two tier areas. Particular issues were:
 - any split of business rate yield between Districts and Counties and how this would work;
 - how the recognition of a County area overall being in 'top up' or 'tariff' would work with individual Districts which themselves would be a mixture of top ups and tariffs; and
 - how decisions on such as rate relief might be made when they would affect both tiers, collection rates etc.
- The point about all areas not being able to promote and support economic growth to the same degree could be a function of many things beyond local authority control, including rurality. Also strategic decision-making at LEP level might favour particular economies at the 'expense' of others when looking at

economic growth potential of a sub-region. How, in these cases, would all local authorities benefit from, and be encouraged to support, strategic decision-making of this kind?

- Some form of pooling seemed essential, but what size or type of pooling?
- There were concerns about periodic revaluations of the distribution base, in particular, how these would be assessed initially and how often they would be kept up to date in line with principles of fairness, stability and predictability.
- The agenda seemed one of an alternative distribution mechanism rather than localisation and the advantages of this to local government needed to be on the face of any proposals for consideration.
- Any change could not be 'botched' as this was too fundamental to local government finance. The timetable seemed far too rushed to support an actual change or understand how transitional arrangements would support a 'no worse off' position etc.

RESOLVED –

That the Chief Executive of Hambleton and Richmondshire District Councils respond to the consultation on behalf of LGNYY and supply a copy of the response to all LGNYY Members and Chief Executives.

96. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

CONSIDERED –

The report of the Honorary Secretary seeking the appointment by LGNYY of representatives to serve on outside bodies for 2011/12.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That Councillor Tom Fox (Scarborough Borough Council) be appointed as this sub-region's LGYH Vice-Chair to serve for the period 2011/13.
- (b) That LGYH be asked whether a Substitute may be appointed for Councillor Tom Fox (LGYH Vice-Chair for 2011/13) and, if such a Substitute is permitted, County Councillor Carl Les be appointed as that Substitute to serve for the period 2011/13.
- (c) That the Honorary Secretary to LGNYY be authorised to seek nominations, and conduct any necessary ballot, electronically if LGNYY is asked to appoint/nominate to any new LGYH Boards and such appointments/nominations are required before the date of LGNYY's next meeting.
- (d) That County Councillor Chris Metcalfe be re-appointed to the LGYH Work and Skills Partnership Board to serve for 2011/12.
- (e) That Councillor Brian Phillips (Hambleton District Council) be re-appointed to the LGYH Independent Sustainability Board to serve for 2011/12.
- (f) That Councillor Peter Sowray be re-appointed to the Yorkshire and Humberside Rural Affairs Forum Management Group to serve for 2011/12.

- (g) That Councillor Jim Clark (Harrogate Borough Council) be re-appointed to the NYCC Pension Fund Committee to serve for 2011/12 and that the Honorary Secretary write to Councillor Jim Clark to advise that LGNYY would wish him to arrange for one of his Substitutes to attend any meetings which he is unable to attend.
- (h) That Councillor Brian Phillips (Hambleton District Council) be re-appointed as the District Councils' first-named Substitute on the NYCC Pension Fund Committee to serve for 2011/12.
- (i) That any nominee from the District Councils, for appointment as their second-named Substitute on the NYCC Pension Fund Committee for 2011/12, be submitted to the Honorary Secretary.
- (j) That no appointment be made to Yorkshire and Humber Strategic Migration Group for 2011/12.

97. FEEDBACK FROM REGIONAL BODIES AND LGNYY THEMATIC BOARDS

CONSIDERED –

- (a) The reports of elected Members representing LGNYY on various regional bodies concerning the recent proceedings of those bodies.
- (b) The reports of the lead officers of LGNYY's Thematic Board concerning the recent proceedings of those Boards.

RESOLVED –

That the reports be noted.

98. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the following previously agreed arrangements for LGNYY meetings be noted:-
 - Friday 16 September 2011 at 10.00 am at Hambleton District Council offices. (Wider public sector partners invited).
 - Friday 9 December 2011 at 10.00 am, Ryedale District Council offices.
- (b) That further meetings of LGNYY be held on the following dates and times:-
 - Friday 20 January 2012 at 10.00 am, venue to be identified.
 - Friday 25 May 2012 at 10.00 am, venue to be identified.

99. BUSINESS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the following business be scheduled for LGNYY's meeting to be held on 16 September 2011:-

- Collaborative Working (Liz Smith and Jacobs Consultants).
 - Progress on Joint Working on Transport (Gary Fielding and Richard Owens).
- (b) That further business for future meetings be identified by the Chief Executives' Group - North Yorkshire and York or be notified direct to the Honorary Secretary.

100. OTHER BUSINESS – INTERNATIONAL RAC RALLY

CONSIDERED –

The letter of Councillor Chris Knowles-Fitton (Leader of Craven District Council) advising of a project he was leading to bring the International RAC Rally back to Yorkshire in November 2012. The Rally had been held in Wales for the previous 10 years. Councillor Chris Knowles-Fitton highlighted the benefits which the project, if successful, would provide to Yorkshire. He also advised that an article about the project was likely to be published in the Yorkshire Post on 25 June 2011.

RESOLVED –

That the project be noted.

The meeting concluded at 1.10 pm.

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