

LOCAL GOVERNMENT NORTH YORKSHIRE AND YORK

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SUB-REGIONAL COLLABORATION ON INFRASTRUCTURE MAPPING AND PLANNING

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To advise the LGNYY Board of the progress being made in sub-regional collaboration on infrastructure mapping and planning, and to invite comment and discussion about the central issues and delivery challenges relating to the key strategic development sites across North Yorkshire and York.

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At its meeting on 20 January 2012 the LGNYY Board considered and commented upon a report addressing collaborative work in relation to understanding and mapping the key infrastructure needs associated with the delivery of the largest strategic residential and employment development sites across North Yorkshire and York. Since then further work and progress has been made, including through the LGNYY Chief Executive Officers Group.
- 2.2 The purpose of this report is to advise Leaders of the nature of the mapping work undertaken; the infrastructure delivery challenges associated with delivering the sub-region's planned strategic development sites; as well as further collaborative working being undertaken to help unlock economic growth. Leaders are invited to further comment as to how these challenges and opportunities might best be addressed.

3.0 INFRASTRUCTURE MAPPING

- 3.1 Work has progressed, coordinated by the County Council but in partnership with, and with contributions from, all other local and National Park Authority colleagues to digitally map key information relating to:
- The main employment and housing development sites being planned through the sub-region's suite of emerging Local Development Frameworks.
 - The infrastructure needs of these sites
 - Wherever possible the indicative costs and phasing of the sites and their infrastructure needs.
- 3.2 **The mapping work undertaken to date will be presented to Leaders at your meeting as part of this report, and so for brevity it is not detailed further here.** It has however provided a more comprehensive and truly sub-regional understanding of the planned developments and their servicing needs over the next 10-15 years and is being made available for the use of NYY local authority and National Park partners. It is also intended that the resource will continue to be developed through partnership, and should become an increasingly useful tool in assisting and supporting collaborative working to facilitate desired growth and development. As such it will also of course help to evidence joint working under the Duty to Cooperate in plan-making embodied within the Localism Act.

- 3.3 One particular way in which work to develop the resource further is to include information and mapping 'layers' relating to the current and forecast economic strengths, weaknesses and opportunities across the sub-region. This 'econometric' information is being introduced with the support and assistance of the York, North Yorkshire and East Riding Local Enterprise Partnership. This additional information should assist the making of links between the requirements for investment and the economic needs, strengths and potential of localities.

4.0 WIDER COLLABORATION

- 4.1 In addition to the mapping work outlined above, CEOs have considered further ways in which benefits can be achieved through joint working. Not least amongst these is the initiation of discussions between all authorities as to the potential advantages of working together to jointly develop Community Infrastructure Levy mechanisms. These include achieving both procurement savings and a greater consistency of approach throughout NYY.

5.0 DECISIONS REQUESTED

- 5.1 Members are asked to note the progress made in relation to the sub-regional mapping of information in relation to planned developments and their associated infrastructure needs, and to consider and comment upon the central issues and delivery challenges relating to the key strategic development sites across NYY.

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