

## Local Government North Yorkshire and York

**Minutes of the Meeting held on  
Friday 28 September 2012 at 10.30 am at Innovate!, Chartermark Way,  
Colburn Business Park, Colburn, Catterick Garrison.**

**Present:-**

| <u>Constituent Authority</u>            | <u>Representatives</u>  |
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| City of York Council                    | Councillor James Alexander (in the Chair)<br>Ian Floyd (Director of Customer and Business Support Services) (as Substitute for Kersten England)                           |
| Craven District Council                 | Councillor Chris Knowles-Fitton<br>Paul Shevlin (Chief Executive)   |
| Harrogate Borough Council               | Councillor Anthony Alton<br>Wallace Sampson (Chief Executive)   |
| North Yorkshire County Council          | County Councillor Carl Les (as Substitute for County Councillor John Weighell)<br>Richard Flinton (Chief Executive of the County Council and Honorary Secretary to LGNYY) |
| Richmondshire District Council          | Councillor John Blackie<br>Tony Clark (Executive Director and Deputy Chief Executive)   |
| Ryedale District Council                | Councillor Keith Knaggs<br>Janet Waggott (Chief Executive)  |
| Scarborough Borough Council             | Councillor Tom Fox  |
| Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority | Mr Carl Lis OBE<br>David Butterworth (Chief Executive)  |

**In Attendance:-**

| <u>Organisation</u>  | <u>Representatives</u>   |
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| Welcome to Yorkshire | Gary Verity (Chief Executive)  |
| City of York Council | Andrew Flecknor (Electoral Services Manager)   |
| DCLG                 | Rosie Seymour (Deputy Director, Local Public Service Reform)                           |
| LGNYY Secretariat    | Ruth Gladstone (Principal Democratic Services Officer, North Yorkshire County Council) |

## **Apologies for Absence:-**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Neville Huxtable and Phil Morton (Hambleton District Council), Mr Jim Bailey and Andy Wilson (North York Moors National Park Authority), Councillor Mark Crane and Martin Connor (Selby District Council) and Jim Dillon (Scarborough Borough Council).

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**Copies of all documents considered are in the Minute Book**

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### **140. Minutes**

#### **Resolved –**

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 12 July 2012, having been printed and circulated, be taken as read and be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

### **141. Tour de France**

Considered –

The oral report of Gary Verity (Chief Executive, Welcome to Yorkshire) outlining work which had culminated in the submission of a bid for a future Tour de France race to start in Yorkshire. Gary Verity also advised that Welcome to Yorkshire would look to lead on promoting tourism in connection with the event if the bid was successful.

Members expressed the view that this was a fantastic opportunity from which every part of the sub-region would benefit. It was highlighted that local authority officers were meeting to discuss the technical arrangements for the race and that the City of Leeds Council had agreed to take the lead in underwriting the costs, with assistance from other authorities. Further work was required to enable local authorities to identify their likely financial contributions.

#### **Resolved –**

(a) That it be noted that LGNYY is totally supportive of the bid.

(b) That further preparatory work, in liaison with Welcome to Yorkshire and other local authorities, be undertaken.

### **142. Police and Crime Commissioner**

Considered -

(a) The report of Neil Irving (Assistant Director (Policy and Partnerships), North Yorkshire County Council) providing a update on the establishment of the North Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel.

(b) The report of Neil Irving (Assistant Director (Policy and Partnerships), North Yorkshire County Council) regarding the development of a collaborative relationship between local authorities and the Police and Crime Commissioner.

(c) The report of Andrew Flecknor (Electoral Services Manager, City of York

Council) providing an update on the arrangements for the Police and Crime Commissioner Elections to be held on 15 November 2012.

**Resolved –**

- (a) That the reports be noted.
- (b) That a standing invitation be issued to the Police and Crime Commissioner to attend LGNYY meetings.
- (c) That the Chairman of the Police and Crime Panel be invited to attend LGNYY meetings on occasion, as and when required.

**143. Report by Rosie Seymour (Deputy Director, Local Public Service Reform, DCLG)**

Considered -

The oral report of Rosie Seymour (Deputy Director, Local Public Service Reform, DCLG):- asking local authorities what they had gained from the DCLG new way of engaging with local areas; providing a short briefing in key Government issues for local government; and seeking Leaders' views to take back to Government.

Members expressed the view that the DCLG new way of engaging with local areas was good and useful eg for seeking Broadband ERDF funding, for the airing of concerns.

Members expressed views on several issues, including the following:- Government recognition of the implications for rural areas of various changes including those relating to the Health Service, Council Tax Support and School Funding; Government support for local authorities' work in promoting economic growth; the timing of Government announcements on local authorities' grant figures; and recognition of what local authorities could be expected to achieve in terms of transformation with acknowledgement of the really good things which were taking place. Rosie Seymour undertook to feed Leaders' views back to relevant colleagues.

**Resolved –**

That the report be noted.

**144. Pooling of Business Rates**

Considered –

The report of Paul Shevlin (Chief Executive, Craven District Council) concerning the opportunity, under the new Business Rates retention funding system, for a cluster of local authorities to join together in a pooling arrangement. Craven District Council, Harrogate Borough Council and the City of York Council had expressed an interest in the Leeds City Region Business Rates Pool. Various two-tier County schemes were also being pursued nationally.

Members expressed support for undertaking further research to explore the merits of a North Yorkshire pooling arrangement for the 2014/15 financial year, whilst acknowledging that this did not preclude Councils from the opportunity to be in an alternative pooling for 2014/15.

**Resolved –**

- (a) That further research be undertaken to explore the merits of a North Yorkshire pooling arrangement for the 2014/15 financial year.
- (b) That a report be brought back to LGNYY for consideration.

#### **145. Recommendations from the Spatial Planning and Transport Board**

Considered –

The report of the sub-regional Spatial Planning and Transport Board's meeting held on 2 August 2012 which included a recommendation concerning the Board's governance arrangements and terms of reference.

**Resolved –**

- (a) That the Spatial Planning and Transport Board's recommendations concerning its governance arrangements and terms of reference, as set out at Appendix A and Annexes A and B to the report, be approved.
- (b) That the Spatial Planning and Transport Board's other deliberations be noted.

#### **146. General Updates**

Considered –

The report setting out a brief update concerning North Yorkshire Credit Union and discussions at recent meetings of various regional bodies to which LGNYY had appointed elected Members.

Councillor John Blackie (Richmondshire District Council) raised a further issue orally, namely, the decision of the Board of the Primary Care Trust, on 25 September 2012, to proceed with a consultation whilst omitting a particular option which the overwhelming weight of public opinion had wanted including. Following discussion, it was suggested that LGNYY's Chair and Honorary Secretary should be authorised to identify the relevant people to invite to attend LGNYY's meeting on 7 December 2012 to discuss the information included in/omitted from this consultation. It was further suggested that there should also be a separate discussion at the same LGNYY meeting concerning the PCT's latest reduction package.

**Resolved –**

- (a) That the report be noted.
- (b) That the appointment of Councillor Derek Bastiman to the sub-committee of the Yorkshire and Humberside ERDF Performance Management Board for North East and West Yorkshire be endorsed.
- (c) That LGNYY's Chair and Honorary Secretary be authorised to identify the relevant people to invite to attend LGNYY's meeting on 7 December 2012 to discuss the information included in/omitted from the consultation approved by the Board of the Primary Care Trust on 25 September 2012.
- (d) That the Primary Care Trust be invited to report to LGNYY's meeting on 7 December 2012 concerning its latest reduction package.

#### **147. York and North Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership**

**Resolved –**

That the Minutes of the meeting of the York and North Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership held on 13 July 2012 be noted.

**148. Arrangements for Future LGNYY Meetings**

**Resolved -**

That the following arrangements be noted:-

- Friday 7 December 2012 at 10.30 am at Selby District Council offices.
- Friday 8 March 2013 at 10.30 am at County Hall.
- Friday 12 July 2013 at 10.30 am at Craven District Council offices.
- Friday 4 October 2013 at 10.30 am at City of York Council's new offices.
- Friday 6 December 2013 at 10.30 am at Hambleton District Council offices.

**149. Business for LGNYY's Meeting on 7 December 2012**

**Resolved –**

That business for LGNYY's meeting on 7 December 2012 include the following:-

- Oral report from Michael Coughlin (Executive Director, LGA).
- ICT Shared Services Commission.
- Health Service issues as minuted at (c) and (d) of Minute 146.

**150. Other Business – Yorkshire and Humberside Regional Spatial Strategy**

Councillor James Alexander (City of York Council) reported that the Planning Minister had contacted him and other Group Leaders within the City of York Council to advise that he intended to make an announcement on 28 September 2012 concerning the Yorkshire and Humberside Regional Spatial Strategy. The announcement was likely to affect other areas too.

The meeting concluded at 1.10 pm.

RAG/JD