

NORTH YORKSHIRE AND YORK LEADERS' MEETING**Friday 8th March 2013****Representation of Local Authority Leaders on the York, North Yorkshire and East Riding Local Enterprise Partnership****1. Purpose of Report**

To identify a Leader of a District Council to replace Councillor Keith Knaggs as a member of the Board of the York, North Yorkshire and East Riding Local Enterprise Partnership.

2. Background to the Report

The York, North Yorkshire and East Riding Local Enterprise Partnership is a partnership of private sector business people and a number of Leaders representing Councils within the area covered by the Partnership. There are currently 16 members of the Board, of these 10 are private sector business representatives (one of these is actually the Pro-Vice Chancellor of York University), there are six places on the Board for Local Authority Leaders. Since the inception of the Board these Leaders have been:-

- John Weighell – North Yorkshire County Council
- Stephen Parnaby – East Riding of Yorkshire Council
- James Alexander – City of York Council
- Tom Fox – Scarborough Borough Council
- Chris Knowles-Fitton – Craven District Council
- Keith Knaggs – Ryedale District Council

3. As can be seen from above District Councils are represented by three District Council Leaders. The rationale for identifying the three District Leaders related to the different economic geographies of North Yorkshire with Councillor Knowles-Fitton representing Selby, Harrogate and Craven, Districts strongly influenced by Leeds City Region. Councillor Fox represented the East Coast and Councillor Knaggs represented the remaining three rural Councils.

4. Vacancy for District Council Leader

It was previously agreed that the positions on the LEP Board representing Councils covered by the LEP area would be reserved for Leaders of Councils. Following Councillor Keith Knaggs stepping down as Leader of Ryedale District Council there is now a vacancy for a District Council Leader to join the LEP Board.

5. If the same methodology is adopted as set out above to identify a replacement Leader for the LEP then that nomination should come from Ryedale, Hambleton or Richmondshire District Councils.
6. It could equally be open to Leaders, particularly District Council Leaders, to look at another method of identifying Leaders of District Councils to sit on the LEP Board. A proposition has been raised that it is desirable for Harrogate, as well as Scarborough, to be represented on the Board, given its economic significance with the third District Leader representing the remaining Districts. Other propositions may of course exist.

7. **Recommendation**

That Leaders of District Councils identify from amongst their number a Leader to replace Councillor Keith Knaggs on the Local Enterprise Partnership.

**Richard Flinton,
Chief Executive.**