

LOCAL GOVERNMENT NORTH YORKSHIRE AND YORK

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Friday 6 December 2013
at 10.30 am at Hambleton District Council Offices**

Present:-

| <u>Constituent Authority</u> | <u>Representatives</u> |
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| City of York Council | Councillor James Alexander (in the Chair) |
| Craven District Council | Councillor Chris Knowles-Fitton Paul Shevlin (Chief Executive) |
| Hambleton District Council | Councillor Mark Robson Phil Morton (Chief Executive) |
| Harrogate Borough Council | Councillor Alan Skidmore (as Substitute for Anthony Alton) Wallace Sampson (Chief Executive) |
| North York Moors National Park Authority | Mr Jim Bailey |
| North Yorkshire County Council | County Councillor John Weighell Richard Flinton (Chief Executive of the County Council and Honorary Secretary to LGNYY) |
| Richmondshire District Council | Tony Clark (Managing Director) |
| Ryedale District Council | Councillor Linda Cowling Janet Waggott (Chief Executive) |
| Scarborough Borough Council | Councillor Tom Fox Jim Dillon (Chief Executive) |
| Selby District Council | Mary Weastell (Chief Executive) |
| Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority | Mr Peter Charlesworth David Butterworth (Chief Executive) |

In Attendance:-

Julia Mulligan (Police and Crime Commissioner).

County Councillor Carl Les (Chair, North Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel).

Nicky Roche (Chief Executive) and Alex Nancolas (Command, Control and Communication Manager (C3 Manager)), TdFHUB2014Ltd.

James Farrar (Chief Operating Officer, York, North Yorkshire and East Riding Local Enterprise Partnership).

Sue Lang (Regeneration and Funding Group Manager, East Riding of Yorkshire Council).

Neil Irving (Assistant Director (Policy and Partnerships), North Yorkshire County Council).

Ruth Gladstone (Principal Democratic Services Officer, North Yorkshire County Council and LGNYY Secretariat).

Apologies for Absence:-

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor John Blackie (Richmondshire District Council), Councillor Mark Crane (Selby District Council), Kersten England (Chief Executive, City of York Council) and Andy Wilson (Chief Executive, North York Moors National Park Authority).

Copies of all documents are considered in the Minute Book

27. Minutes

Resolved -

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 4 October 2013, having been printed and circulated, be taken as read and be confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

28. North Yorkshire Safer Communities Forum – Future Role and Remit

Considered –

The report of Julia Mulligan (Police and Crime Commissioner) which outlined arrangements for a York and North Yorkshire Community Safety Board responsible for strategic planning and priorities driven by the Joint Strategic Intelligence Assessment, and two CSPs (ie North Yorkshire CSP and Safer York) each to provide, within its respective area, co-ordination and oversight of delivery against agreed strategy set by the Board. A copy of the terms of reference for the Board and the North Yorkshire CSP were appended to the report.

The Police and Crime Commissioner, in introducing her report, asked Councils to provide comments on the proposals by mid-January.

The Police and Crime Commissioner highlighted that only Scarborough had provided input for the Joint Strategic Intelligence Assessment, with the deadline for responses having now passed. Members commented that it was important that all areas input into the Joint Strategic Intelligence Assessment as it was the evidence base for future decisions. They queried whether there was opportunity to provide input at this stage. The Police and Crime Commissioner advised that she would check the situation with the Police Service and advise Members accordingly as a matter of urgency.

Resolved –

- (a) That the report be noted.
- (b) That the opportunity for Councils to provide comments by mid-January, on the proposals within the report submitted to today's meeting, be noted.

- (c) That the Police and Crime Commissioner provide clarification, as a matter of urgency, about whether Councils can, at this stage, provide input into the Joint Strategic Intelligence Assessment.

29. York, North Yorkshire and East Riding LEP Update

(a) Governance Arrangements

Considered -

The written report of James Farrar (LEP Chief Operating Officer) which proposed governance arrangements for delivering the LEP strategy and securing maximum investment from Government.

Members commented that helpful discussions had been held with the LEP Chief Operating Officer.

Resolved –

- (i) That Chief Executives, including the Chief Executive of the East Riding of Yorkshire Council, discuss:-
- arrangements for membership of the Infrastructure Programme Board to reflect the breadth of potential infrastructure investments;
 - arrangements for communication with Leaders and Chief Executives which take on board the East Riding of Yorkshire Council; and
 - future arrangements to ensure Leaders are more engaged with the LEP.
- (ii) That clarification be provided about substitution arrangements for circumstances when an elected Member on the LEP Board is unable to attend a meeting and his/her normal Substitute was also unavailable.

(b) Growth Deal

Considered -

The written report of James Farrar (Chief Operating Officer) which set out the key elements of proposals forming the LEP's asks to Government to secure a share of £2.1bn Single Local Growth Fund.

Resolved –

- (i) That the first draft Growth Deal submission be emailed to Members after it has been updated to reflect the guidance to be received on 15 December but before it is submitted to Government by the deadline of 19 December 2013.
- (ii) That a half-day be arranged for February/March 2013 for a Leaders and LEP Board joint meeting.

(c) Autumn Statement

Considered -

The oral report of James Farrar (LEP Chief Operating Officer) advising that the Chancellor of the Exchequer, in his Autumn Statement of the previous day, had announced that LEPs would not be receiving funding from the New Homes Bonus. As a consequence, LEP money was now for Capital purposes only, except for a very small amount.

Members commented that the implications needed to be discussed, in particular for projects the LEP was intending to fund from New Homes Bonus money. It was also commented that the interrelationship between the Accountable Body the LEP Board needed to be thought through, that the LEP Board needed an understanding of local government finance, and that clear ground rules needed to be set down from the outset. County Councillor John Weighell also highlighted a need to examine match funding for the administration of the LEP. (*See also Minute 34.*)

Resolved –

That the report be noted.

(d) Chairmanship of the LEP Board

Considered -

The oral report of Richard Flinton (Chief Executive, North Yorkshire County Council) seeking consideration a process for a formal appraisal of the LEP Chair, to be undertaken prior to the next appointment to that office.

Resolved –

That County Councillor John Weighell and Councillor Mark Crane (Selby District Council) be nominated to be involved in an appraisal of the LEP Chair, alongside the LEP Vice-Chair and any private sector LEP members whose names might be put forward for this purpose.

30. Tour de France 2014

Considered –

The presentation by Nicky Roche (Chief Executive, TdFHUB2014Ltd) which outlined the following:- the scale of the event; the dates and distances of the three stages between Leeds and London; funding; the work of TdFHUB2014Ltd; governance arrangements; the economic and social benefits; risks which needed to be managed; the impact on “business as usual”; planning, communication and engagement to mitigate the impact; and arrangements for testing and exercising. (A copy of the slides used in the presentation is in the Minute Book).

Members commented that local authorities were contributing additional funding on works which were not recognised within the £27m which was going through the hub.

Members commended the progress which TdFHUB2014Ltd was making under the leadership of Nicky Roche and thanked her for offering to visit Councils.

Resolved –

That the presentation be noted.

31. North Yorkshire Community Plan

Considered –

The report of Neil Irving (Assistant Director (Policy and Partnerships), North Yorkshire County Council) which provided an update on the development of the North Yorkshire Community Plan 2014/17 and sought comments on the draft of the Community Plan 2014/17 as part of the consultation process.

In response to Members' questions, it was confirmed that the statutory duty, to have a Community Plan, continued, although statutory guidance no longer existed. It was also confirmed that Public Health colleagues were involved in the Plan.

Mr Jim Bailey (Chairman, North York Moors National Park Authority) urged that the environment should not be forgotten in striving to focus on clear priorities.

Resolved –

- (a) That the update be noted.
- (b) That Members' comments on the consultation draft of the Community Plan 2014/17, as recorded in the preamble to this Minute, be noted.
- (c) That the final draft be submitted to LGNY's meeting to be held on 7 March 2013.

32. General Updates

Considered –

The report of Richard Flinton (Honorary Secretary) which provided a brief update on the recent deliberations of the Sub-Regional Housing Board.

It was highlighted that, within the Chancellor's Autumn Statement of the previous day, it had been proposed that housing developments of ten or few units would not qualify as affordable housing and that such a proposal was significant for deeply rural areas.

Resolved –

- (a) That the report be noted.
- (b) That the Sub-Regional Housing Board prepare a collective response, on behalf of Local Government North Yorkshire and York, to the proposal that housing development of ten or few units shall not qualify as affordable housing.

33. Arrangements for Future Meetings

Resolved –

That the following meeting arrangements, as previously agreed, be noted:-

- Friday 7 March 2014, 10.30am, Selby District Council offices.
- Friday 18 July 2014, 10.30am, Ryedale District Council offices.
- Friday 3 October 2014, 10.30am, Richmondshire District Council's offices.
- Friday 5 December 2014, 10.30am, Scarborough Borough Council's offices.

34. Business for Next Meeting

Resolved -

That the following business be submitted to LGNYY's meeting on 7 March 2014:-

- Federation of Small Businesses - Procurement and fast payments and the North Yorkshire economy in general (*as per Minute 26*).
- Impact of Welfare Benefit Reforms on North Yorkshire Residents – Update (*as per Minute 22*).
- Final draft of the North Yorkshire Community Plan 2014/17 (*as per Minute 31*).
- Future revenue to support the LEP and funding arrangements for projects which were intended, prior to the Chancellor's Autumn Statement, to be funded by New Homes Bonus money via the LEP.

The meeting concluded at 12.35 pm.

RAG/ALJ