

LOCAL GOVERNMENT NORTH YORKSHIRE AND YORK

Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on Friday 18 July 2014 at 10.30 am at Ryedale District Council Offices, Ryedale House, Old Malton Road, Malton

Present:-

<u>Constituent Authority</u>	<u>Representatives</u>
City of York Council	Councillor Tracey Simpson-Laing (as Substitute for James Alexander) Ian Floyd (Director of Customer and Business Support Services) (as Substitute for Kersten England)
Craven District Council	Councillor Chris Knowles-Fitton Paul Shevlin (Chief Executive)
Hambleton District Council	Councillor Peter Wilkinson (as Substitute for Mark Robson) Phil Morton (Chief Executive)
Harrogate Borough Council	Councillor Phil Ireland (as Substitute for Richard Cooper) Rachel Bowles (Director of Corporate Affairs) (as Substitute for Wallace Sampson)
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	Councillor John Blackie 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	David Butterworth (Chief Executive)

In Attendance:-

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

Joe McTigue (Research Manager, Regional Economic Intelligence Unit, Leeds City Council).

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

Richard Owens (Assistant Director (Integrated Passenger Transport), North Yorkshire County Council).

Graham North (Policy Support Officer (Rail), North Yorkshire County Council).

Harriet Raine (Police and Research Officer, North Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner's Office) – observer.

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

Apologies for Absence:-

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mark Crane (Selby District Council), Mr Peter Charlesworth (Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority), Councillor Stephen Parnaby OBE and Nigel Pearson (East Riding of Yorkshire Council), Julia Mulligan (Police and Crime Commissioner) and Andy Wilson (North York Moors National Park Authority).

Copies of all documents considered are in the Minute Book

**County Councillor John Weighell (Vice-Chair) in the Chair in the absence of
Councillor James Alexander (Chair)**

44. LGNYY Membership

Considered –

The report of the Honorary Secretary advising:- of the names of representatives appointed to LGNYY for the 2014/15 civic year; and that the North Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner, together with the East Riding of Yorkshire Council's Leader and Chief Executive or their Substitutes, each had a standing invitation to attend LGNYY meetings.

Resolved –

That the report be noted.

45. Appointment of Chair

Resolved –

That Councillor Linda Cowling (Ryedale District Council) be appointed Chair, to serve until the Annual Meeting of LGNYY to be held in 2015.

Councillor Linda Cowling in the Chair

Councillor Linda Cowling, on taking the chair, thanked Members for appointing her. She also requested that the Minutes record Members' thanks to Councillor James Alexander for chairing LGNYY during the previous year.

46. 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 LGNYY to be held in 2015.

47. Minutes

Resolved -

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 7 March 2014, having been printed and circulated, be taken as read and be confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

48. York, North Yorkshire and East Riding Local Enterprise Partnership - Implementing Our Growth Deal

Considered -

The report of James Farrar (Chief Operating Officer, York, North Yorkshire and East Riding Local Enterprise Partnership) outlining the Growth Deal received from Government, together with an outline plan moving forward addressing projects receiving investment and also planning for future priorities.

During debate:-

- ◆ Members advised that they were very pleased with the overall level of Government funding which had been secured on this occasion and thanked James Farrar and his staff for their work.
- ◆ It was highlighted that, in developing future plans, it needed to be recognised that the Government had been willing only to fund projects which were "shovel ready". Significant funding was often required to get projects to "shovel ready" stage eg highway schemes which benefited the economy. The LEP could use some of its returns from the £8m Olympia Park investment, once it was repaid, as a contribution to development costs.
- ◆ The Chair advised that she was disappointed that rural projects had not been successful in receiving Government funding on this occasion. Other Members expressed support for that comment. There was general support round the table for trying to progress that aspect of work with the LEP in the next round of bidding. James Farrar advised that the LEP's Officers and Councils' Economic Development Officers were discussing how to progress those projects which had not been successful on this occasion.
- ◆ It was highlighted that, as part of the deal, the LEP was committed to supporting the nine local planning authorities to ensure they positively engaged with the Duty to Co-operate to deliver strategic planning priorities and update Local Plans in accordance with the timetable submitted as part of

the LEP monitoring framework. In addition, the deal committed the LEP and local planning authorities to working together to deliver the housing provided for in Local Plans.

Resolved -

That the report be noted.

49. Railway Matters Update

Considered -

The report of Richard Owens (North Yorkshire County Council's Business and Environmental Services' Assistant Director (Integrated Passenger Transport)) providing updates concerning:- the devolution of rail services to the North; Northern and Transpennine rail franchises; issues relating to the East Coast mainline; and HS2 affecting North Yorkshire, York and the East Riding.

During debate, the following issues were highlighted:-

- ◆ By Autumn 2014, governance arrangements needed to be agreed by all Rail North transport authorities.
- ◆ Graham North (North Yorkshire County Council's Policy Support Officer - Rail) was in touch with District Councils' officers about the Department for Transport consultation concerning the Transpennine Express and Northern Rail franchises, responses to which were required by the Department for Transport by 18 August 2014.
- ◆ County Council Integrated Passenger Transport officers were working closely with officers from Lancashire County Council and were aware of aspirations relating to greater use of the Hellifield – Clitheroe line by running trains from the Settle to Carlisle railway onto the line. Consultants had provided a high level business case for this option.
- ◆ Various rail stations, including those at Selby and Garsdale, had accessibility issues. Officers confirmed that they worked to identify funding to improve access, e.g. through rail schemes such as "Access for All", and had been successful in winning funding for Northallerton Station. Officers were currently working with the rail industry to seek other opportunities, one being Selby where work might be required due to electrification of the line. Officers would also work with the rail industry and other partners to seek further opportunities for funding.

Resolved -

That the report be noted.

50. Tour de France 2014 - Initial Views about the Economic Impact

Considered -

The PowerPoint presentation by Joe McTigue (Research Manager, Regional Economic Intelligence Unit, Leeds City Council) advising of the work being undertaken to evaluate the economic and social impacts of the UK stages of the Tour de France 2014. Early headlines included:- the description of the 2014 Grand

Depart as “the grandest”; early estimates of 2.5m spectators on the first two days; and over 3.5m ITV and ITV4 viewers across the first two days.

Joe McTigue offered to attend, or provide a report to, LGNYY’s meeting on 3 October 2014 to advise of further progress.

During debate, Members highlighted the following:-

- ◆ Spectators had been respectful to the local countryside and had taken most of their litter home with them. There had been no instances of anti-social behaviour of which Members were aware.
- ◆ The takings of many, but not all, local businesses had seen a significant increase, in particular those selling food, drink and ice cream.
- ◆ There was some criticism of encouraging too much car parking provision.
- ◆ Hosting the event had given local communities a real sense of self-esteem and pride. Many local people had commented that they had never seen their towns and villages looking so good.
- ◆ Two-tier working between the County Council and the District Councils had been excellent. Councils working together was a valuable legacy of the event.
- ◆ It was suggested that the numbers of bicycles using the highway should be measured, in particular because the number of cyclists was anticipated to increase as a result of the event. This might be a road safety issue for the future.
- ◆ It was reported that LGYH had commissioned work on the quality of what was currently available to visitors and it was hoped that such work would highlight weaknesses which could then be addressed.

Resolved -

- (a) That the presentation be noted.
- (b) That anecdotes, in particular any relating to businesses doing something differently as a result of the Tour de France, be provided to Joe McTigue (email: Joe.McTigue@leeds.gov.uk).
- (c) That the Regional Economic Intelligence Unit be asked to share any analysis which is complete by August so that such information can inform other work taking place in August, although it is recognised that the economic impacts will increase over time.
- (d) That a copy of the slides used during today’s presentation be emailed to LGNYY Members.

51. Appointments to Outside Bodies

Considered -

The report of the Honorary Secretary inviting LGNYY to appoint elected Members to serve on outside bodies for 2014/15.

Resolved -

- (a) That Councillor Derek Bastiman (Scarborough Borough Council) and Councillor Tracey Simpson-Laing (City of York Council) be re-appointed as the sub-region's representations on the LGYH Improvement and European Board, to serve until the Annual Meeting of LGNY Y to be held in 2015, and that Councillor John Blackie (Richmondshire District Council) be appointed as Substitute to attend meetings of the Board in the absence of either Councillor Derek Bastiman or Councillor Tracey Simpson-Laing.
- (b) That Councillor Derek Bastiman (Scarborough Borough Council) be re-appointed as the sub-region's representative on the Yorkshire and Humberside European Regional Development Fund Performance Management Board for North East and West Yorkshire, to serve until the Annual Meeting of LGNY Y to be held in 2015.
- (c) That Councillor Jim Clark (Harrogate Borough Council) be re-appointed as the District Councils' representative on North Yorkshire Pension Fund Committee, to serve until LGNY Y's Annual Meeting to be held in 2015.
- (d) That Councillor Jane Parlour (Richmondshire District Council) be re-appointed as the District Councils' Substitute representative on North Yorkshire Pension Fund Committee, to serve until LGNY Y's Annual Meeting to be held in 2015.
- (e) That an elected Member be not appointed to Yorkshire and Humber Strategic Migration Group for 2014/15.
- (f) That the continuing appointment of Councillor Mark Crane (Selby District Council) as LGYH Vice-Chair of the two year period 2013/15 be noted.
- (g) That, with regard to the representation of Harrogate Borough Council and Selby District Council on the York, North Yorkshire and East Riding LEP Board:-
 - (i) it be noted that the Leaders of those two Councils will agree such representation; and
 - (ii) LGNY Y's Honorary Secretary advise LGNY Y's other constitute Authorities of the agreement which the Leaders of Harrogate Borough Council and Selby District Council reach.
- (h) That the Substitutes for the three District Council Leaders on the York, North Yorkshire and East Riding LEP Board shall be the Leaders of the other four District Councils.

52. General Updates

Considered –

The written report of the Honorary Secretary which provided a brief update on the recent deliberations of the Sub-Regional Housing Board and the Yorkshire and Humber Member Improvement and European Board.

Resolved –

That the report be noted.

53. Arrangements for Future Meetings

Resolved –

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

- ◆ Friday 3 October 2014 at 10.30 am at Richmondshire District Council offices.
- ◆ Friday 5 December 2014 at 10.30 am at Scarborough Borough Council offices.

(b) That the following meeting arrangements be approved, such meetings to be held at venues to be organised by the Honorary Secretary:-

- ◆ Friday 13 March 2015 at 10.30 am.
- ◆ Friday 17 July 2015 at 10.30 am.
- ◆ Friday 2 October 2015 at 10.30 am.
- ◆ Friday 4 December 2015 at 10.30 am.

54. Business for Future Meeting

Resolved -

- (a) That the Honorary Secretary be authorised to decide whether future funding for Welcome to Yorkshire shall be an item of business for a future LGNYY meeting.
- (b) That a discussion be scheduled for LGNYY's meeting on Friday 3 October 2014 about the possible impact on the future numbers of young families in, and the sustainability of, rural communities if distribution of funding for public services is based on population numbers, and that Richmondshire District Council representatives assist the Honorary Secretary in preparing for this debate.
- (c) That other previously agreed items of future business, as listed on the Agenda for today's meeting, be noted.

55. Other Business – Rural Businesses' Access to Utility Services

Resolved –

That case studies of circumstances where access to utility services is unaffordable to rural businesses, or prevents expansion of rural businesses, be forwarded to Paul Shevlin (Chief Executive, Craven District Council).

The meeting concluded at 12.25 pm.

RAG/JR