

LOCAL GOVERNMENT NORTH YORKSHIRE AND YORK

**Minutes of the meeting held on Friday 3 October 2014 at 10.30 am at
Richmondshire District Council Offices, Mercury House, Station Road, Richmond**

Present:-

<u>Authority</u>	<u>Member/Advisor(s)</u>
City of York Council	Councillor James Alexander Kersten England (Chief Executive) Mike Slater (Assistant Director (Development Services, Planning and Regeneration))
Craven District Council	Councillor Chris Knowles-Fitton Paul Shevlin (Chief Executive)
Hambleton District Council	Councillor Mark Robson Councillor Peter Wilkinson Justin Ives (Director of Support Services/Deputy Chief Executive)
Harrogate Borough Council	Councillor Phil Ireland (as Substitute for Richard Cooper) Wallace Sampson (Chief Executive)
North Yorkshire County Council	County Councillor John Weighell County Councillor Carl Les Richard Flinton (Chief Executive to the County Council and Honorary Secretary to LGNY)Y David Bowe (Corporate Director – Business and Environmental Services) Dr Lincoln Sargeant (Director for Public Health for North Yorkshire) Neil Irving (Assistant Director – Policy and Partnerships) Ruth Gladstone (Principal Democratic Services Officer and LGNY)Y Secretariat)
Richmondshire District Council	Councillor John Blackie Tony Clark (Managing Director)
Ryedale District Council	Councillor Linda Cowling (in the Chair) Janet Waggott (Chief Executive)
Scarborough Borough Council	Councillor Derek Bastiman (as Substitute for Tom Fox) Hilary Jones (Deputy Chief Executive)
York, North Yorkshire and East Riding LEP	James Farrar (Chief Operating Officer)
Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority	Peter Charlesworth (Chair) David Butterworth (Chief Executive)

In attendance:- One member of the press.

Apologies for Absence:- Apologies were received from Councillor Mark Crane and Mary Weastell (Selby District Council), Jim Bailey and Andy Wilson (North York Moors National Park Authority, Councillor Stephen Parnaby and Nigel Pearson (East Riding of Yorkshire Council) and Julia Mulligan (North Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner).

Copies of all documents considered are in the Minute Book

56. Minutes

Resolved -

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 18 July 2014, having been printed and circulated, be taken as read and be confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

57. 2014 Report of the Director for Public Health for North Yorkshire

Considered -

The 2014 Report of the Director of Public Health for North Yorkshire which advised of the health profile of North Yorkshire, areas where a co-ordinated approach by partners was needed, and seven recommendations for each Council to progress locally. A presentation was made to the meeting and a copy of the presentation slides is in the Minute Book.

Resolved -

That the recommendations in the 2014 Report of the Director for Public Health for North Yorkshire be noted.

58. Proposals for Yorkshire to host the Yorkshire Rally as a Round of the European Rally Championship 2015

Considered -

The report of Councillor Chris Knowles-Fitton (Leader, Craven District Council) which set out a proposal that Yorkshire should host the Yorkshire Rally as a round of the European Rally Championships in 2015. Part of the proposal was that local authorities would contribute £285,000 to fund the sanction fee required by the promoter Eurosport. It was proposed that the amount to be met by each Authority in this sub-region would be:-

Craven DC	£12,000	
Hambleton DC	£12,000	
Harrogate BC	£30,000	
North Yorkshire County Council	£55,000	
North York Moors National Park Authority	£5,000	
Ryedale DC	£12,000	
Selby DC	£12,000	
Scarborough BC	£16,000	
Richmondshire DC	£12,000	
Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority	£5,000	that amount having been amended from £12,000 during debate
City of York Council	£12,000	

Members expressed support for having large events in Yorkshire and referred to the economic benefits which had arisen from the Tour de France 2014. They commented that further information about the economic impact would be helpful to make the case to Authorities about the proposal concerning the European Rally Championship 2015.

Resolved -

- (a) That it be noted that Members support, in principle, the proposal that Yorkshire host the Yorkshire Rally as a round of the European Rally Championships in 2015.
- (b) That further information about the economic impact of the proposal be provided by Craven District Council by email.
- (c) That each Authority in this sub-region be asked to indicate, by 31 October 2014, whether it supports this proposal.

59. “Young People - an Endangered Species?”

Considered -

The report of Councillor John Blackie (Leader, Richmondshire District Council) which highlighted the crisis of retaining young people and families within rural areas and the sustainability of rural communities when distribution of funding for public services was based on population numbers. To address the situation, Richmondshire District Council recognised that there was a need to increase the supply of affordable housing in rural and deeply rural areas by tackling the supply chain in new ways. It also intended to work closely with the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority to deliver affordable housing within the National Park, and was working further to explore:- community led schemes; the quality of materials required to deliver rural housing schemes; alternatives to using surveys to determine housing need; and taking a lead on delivery of affordable housing potentially on its own account by utilising commuted sums.

Members indicated that they would be pleased to attend the conference proposed by Richmondshire District Council to highlight the issues. They suggested that the task was to work with the LEP and get partners and the HCA to engage. They also suggested that the sub-region could help with framing solutions.

Resolved -

- (a) That Richmondshire District Council’s campaign be endorsed.
- (b) That it be noted that Leaders have indicated that they would be pleased to attend the conference being organised to highlight the issues.

60. City of York Local Plan Publication Draft

Note: During debate, Janet Waggott advised that she was a resident of York and had provided comments on the Local Plan.

Considered -

The report of the City of York Council’s Assistant Director (Development Services, Planning and Regeneration) which sought comments and broad support for the City of York Local Plan Publication Draft. A presentation was made to the meeting and a copy of the presentation slides is in the Minute Book.

Resolved -

- (a) That the update on the preparation of the City of York Local Plan be noted.

- (b) That it be noted that LGNY Y gives broad support for the City of York Local Plan Publication Draft.
- (c) That it be noted that, during this meeting, Members have expressed no particular comments concerning the City of York Local Plan Publication Draft.
- (d) That it be confirmed that the City of York Local Plan Publication Draft has been positively prepared, has given due regard to strategic cross boundary issues, and has addressed the cross boundary issues effectively.
- (e) That the Spatial Planning and Transport Board's acceptance of the Planning Advisory Service's invitation to attend a Members Duty to Co-operate Workshop be noted.
- (f) The City of York Council officers be requested to clarify by email the situation regarding the venue for the Workshop.

60. Driving Growth Across York, North Yorkshire and East Riding

Considered -

The report of the LEP's Chief Operating Officer concerning:- implementation of Local Growth Deal round 1; Local Growth Deal proposed round 1b; local governance discussions and proposals for a Directors of Development Group; and Welcome to Yorkshire (W2Y) and the future of the visitor economy.

The County Council's Corporate Director – Business and Environmental Services expressed support for the establishment of a Directors of Development Group. He advised that such officers did not currently engage on a regular basis, mainly engaging when a specific issue arose.

There was a discussion concerning W2Y and the future of the visitor economy. W2Y required an extra £2m pa to sustain it. That amount represented, on a per capita basis, about £180,000 pa from across this sub-region excluding Harrogate and York. Authorities required a mechanism across the region to take a view on whether they would fund W2Y and such a decision was required by 6 November 2014. It was reported that the Leeds area was looking at using the Business Rate Pool. Views were sought from Authorities, by the end of the month, on whether they would be prepared to support W2Y using the Business Rate Pool top-slice. Various Members expressed the view that W2Y needed to be supported. One Leader indicated that his Council had reservations about W2Y. It was suggested that specific projects would fit LEP criteria and the LEP could commission W2Y to deal with the economy through the visitor economy.

Resolved -

- (a) That the progress in implementing the Local Growth Deal be noted.
- (b) That Authorities ensure that local priorities for the Local Growth Deal round 1b are communicated to the LEP as a matter of urgency.
- (c) That progress towards a December paper outlining the options for a York, North Yorkshire and East Riding Joint Committee be noted.
- (d) That a Directors of Development Group be established and North Yorkshire County Council be the lead authority.

- (e) That Councillor Derek Bastiman (Scarborough Borough Council), Councillor Tracey Simpson-Laing (City of York Council) and County Councillor Carl Les be appointed to the ESIP Programme Management Committee and that the LEP Board be recommended to agree that there shall be three local authority representatives from this sub-region on the ESIP Programme Management Committee to reflect the County Council, the District Councils, and the City of York Council.
- (f) That it be noted that LGNY Y agrees, in principle, to trying to find a way forward to support W2Y through additional funding. This needs to be linked to a regional economic strategy which is overseen through the LEPs and to negotiations with W2Y in terms of ways of working with the public sector and governance issues with the public sector.

62. Impact of Welfare Benefit Reforms on North Yorkshire Residents

Considered -

The report of the County Council's Assistant Director - Policy and Partnerships which provided an update on the impacts of benefit changes brought about by the Welfare Reform Act 2012 and associated regulations.

Resolved -

- (a) That the report be noted.
- (b) That further reports be submitted to LGNY Y when the situation changes rather than on an annual basis.

63. General Updates

Considered -

The report of the Honorary Secretary which provided an update on the recent deliberations of the Sub-Regional Housing Board, the Sub-Regional Spatial Planning and Transport Board, the Yorkshire and Humberside European Regional Development Fund Performance Management Board for North East and West Yorkshire, and the Yorkshire and Humber Member Improvement and European Board.

Resolved -

That the report be noted.

64. Arrangements for Future Meetings

Resolved -

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

- Friday 5 December 2014 at 10.30 am at Scarborough Borough Council offices.
- Friday 13 March 2015 at 10.30 am at Selby District Council offices.
- Friday 17 July 2015 at 10.30 am at Craven District Council offices.

- Friday 2 October 2015 at 10.30 am at Harrogate Borough Council's Crescent Gardens offices.
- Friday 4 December 2015 at 10.30 am at Hambleton District Council offices.

65. Business for Next Meeting

Resolved –

That business for the next meeting be notified to the Honorary Secretary.

The meeting concluded at 1.00 pm.

RAG/JR