

LOCAL GOVERNMENT NORTH YORKSHIRE AND YORK

**Minutes of the meeting held on Friday 5 December 2014 at 10.30 am at
Scarborough Town Hall, St Nicholas Street, Scarborough**

Present:-

<u>Authority</u>	<u>Member/Advisor(s)</u>
City of York Council	Councillor Tracey Simpson-Laing (as Substitute for James Alexander) Steve Wragg (Flood Risk Planning Manager)
Craven District Council	Councillor Richard Foster Paul Shevlin (Chief Executive)
Hambleton District Council	Councillor Peter Wilkinson (as Substitute for Mark Robson)
Harrogate Borough Council	Councillor Phil Ireland (as Substitute for Richard Cooper) Rachel Bowles (Director of Corporate Affairs)
North Yorkshire County Council	County Councillor Carl Les (as Substitute for John Weighell) Richard Flinton (Chief Executive to the County Council and Honorary Secretary to LGNY)Y Mark Young (Flood Management Officer) Ruth Gladstone (Principal Democratic Services Officer and LGNY)Y Secretariat)
Richmondshire District Council	Councillor John Blackie Tony Clark (Managing Director)
Ryedale District Council	Janet Waggott (Chief Executive)
Scarborough Borough Council	Councillor Derek Bastiman (as Substitute for Tom Fox) Jim Dillon (Chief Executive)
Selby District Council	Mary Weastell (Chief Executive)
York, North Yorkshire and East Riding LEP	James Farrar (Chief Operating Officer)
Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority	David Butterworth (Chief Executive)

In attendance:- Gary Verity (Chief Executive of Welcome to Yorkshire).

Apologies for Absence:- Apologies were received from Phil Morton (Hambleton District Council), Councillor Linda Cowling (Ryedale District Council), Councillor Mark Crane (Selby District Council), Peter Charlesworth (Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority), 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

66. Election of Chair for the Meeting

Resolved –

That Councillor Richard Foster (Craven District Council) be elected Chair for the meeting.

Councillor Richard Foster in the Chair

67. Minutes

Resolved -

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 3 October 2014, having been printed and circulated, be taken as read and be confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

68. Tour of Yorkshire and the Future Direction of the Tourism Strategy

Note: During consideration of this item of business, County Councillor Carl Les advised that he was a Non-Executive Director of Welcome to Yorkshire, representing Local Government Yorkshire and Humber and appointed by LGYH.

Considered -

The presentation by Gary Verity (Chief Executive of Welcome to Yorkshire) in which he advised that:-

- the Tour de France 2014 had provided a £102M boost to the economy of Yorkshire in the run up to, during and just after the event;
- the first ever Tour de Yorkshire international cycle race would be held on 1-3 May 2015. The event would be broadcast live on national TV and throughout Europe. Full route details would be announced on 21 January 2015;
- the Welcome to Yorkshire annual Y tourism conference would be held on 18 March 2015 in Scarborough. Work in which Welcome to Yorkshire was currently involved included staging "The Railway Children" novel at London's King's Cross Station, a garden at the Chelsea Flower Show, and a film about the Tour de France.

With regard to the Tour de France 2014, Gary Verity asked that his thanks be placed on record for all the work and support provided by the Local Authority partners and the National Park Authorities. Gary Verity also advised that he would pass on a Member's concern that the toilets organised for Buttertubs Pass had not been delivered. He advised, however, that the Government Agency which had been responsible for organising those toilets had now been disbanded.

With regard to the Tour de Yorkshire on 1-3 May 2015, Chief Executives requested further information as soon as possible. They explained that Council staff would also be required for election duties in early May 2015.

Resolved -

That the presentation be noted.

69. York, North Yorkshire and East Riding Spatial Plan

Considered -

The report of James Farrar (Chief Operating Officer - York, North Yorkshire and East Riding Local Enterprise Partnership) concerning a potential draft of a Spatial Plan for the area and seeking agreement of steps towards establishing a Spatial Plan for York, North Yorkshire and East Riding. A copy of a working draft of a Spatial Plan was set out at Appendix 1 to the report.

During discussion, the importance of preparing a Spatial Plan for the area was agreed, to set out the key spatial implications of the Strategic Economic Plan and thereby provide a growth direction to shape and co-ordinate local plans, strategies, investment programmes and decisions. The working draft appended to the report was welcomed as a first step, although it was agreed that more work was required, including highlighting where things were not happening eg to address the needs of some communities in Richmondshire which were struggling to keep in existence. Members suggested that the case for improving the strategic transport route to Lancashire also needed to be included. Various Chief Executives advised that they intended to attend future meetings of the Directors of Development because the Spatial Plan would be very valuable to enable Authorities to support each other to properly plan the economic future of the area.

Resolved -

That the working draft, as set out at Appendix 1 to the report, be accepted as a first step, with a view to formal production of a Spatial Plan for York, North Yorkshire and East Riding, in partnership with local authorities and stakeholders.

70. Local Governance for Economic Growth

Considered -

The report of James Farrar (Chief Operating Officer - York, North Yorkshire and East Riding Local Enterprise Partnership) setting out three models considered, by the Government, to be suitable for strengthening governance and ensuring greater accountability for any public funding under the Growth Deal and for delivery of agreed projects and investments. Members' agreement was sought to:- the immediate formation of a Joint Committee to strengthen governance for York, North Yorkshire and East Riding for economic development and transport; and the development of a Combined Authority model to allow informed consideration following the May 2015 elections.

During discussion, it was highlighted that Councils needed to be clear about what they wanted to achieve from any future devolution and what functions they wished to give up to a Combined Authority. Councillor John Blackie advised that he was unable to agree the recommendations before today's meeting because elected Members of Richmondshire District Council had not been advised of, or discussed, this issue. Councillor Peter Wilkinson advised that Hambleton District Council elected Members had not been shown the proposals. Members of various other Councils advised that Members of their Councils were aware of the proposals.

Resolved -

That a Joint Committee for York, North Yorkshire and East Riding be formed immediately and that a Combined Authority model be developed to support informed decision post-election 2015.

Note: Councillors John Blackie and Peter Wilkinson requested that it be recorded in the Minutes that they had voted against the above Resolution.

71. Flood Risk Management - Overview

Considered -

The joint presentation by Mark Young (North Yorkshire County Council's Flood Management Officer) and Steve Wragg (City of York Council's Flood Risk Planning Manager) concerning the context for flood risk management, local flood risk strategies, and the future in relation to flooding. Key messages within the presentation were:-

- community engagement and action was a key aspect of the Local Strategy;
- strong relationships between Risk Management Authorities was critical; and
- Councils needed to work hard to secure inward investment in Flood Risk, but opportunities did exist.

During discussion, it was confirmed that the County Council was discussing coastal flooding costs with the Environment Agency and that the County Council's Local Flood Risk Strategy included links to coastal flooding issues. Members described the Government's announcement of a six year funding programme as very positive because previous announcements had been made on an annual basis. It was noted that the County Council's current consultation relating to its Local Flood Risk Strategy finished on 17 December 2014, although comments would continue to be taken on board from any District Council which had difficulty with that timescale.

Resolved -

That the presentation be noted.

72. General Updates

Considered -

- (a) The report of the Honorary Secretary which advised of the recent deliberations of the Sub-Regional Housing Board.
- (b) A discussion about DCLG's recent announcement that the proposals, to exempt developments of ten homes or less from section 106 affordable housing contributions, would go ahead. Members expressed grave concern about the announcement and its consequences for the provision of homes for families in villages and smaller towns in North Yorkshire and York.

Resolved -

- (a) That the report be noted.
- (b) That the Sub-Regional Housing Board, at its meeting on 8 December 2014, be requested to send correspondence expressing strong opposition to the DCLG announcement that developments of ten homes or less are now exempt from section 106 affordable housing contributions.

73. Arrangements for Future Meetings

Resolved -

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

- 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.

74. Business for Next Meeting

Resolved –

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

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