

LOCAL GOVERNMENT NORTH YORKSHIRE AND YORK

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Friday 4 December 2015 at 10.30 am at
Hambleton District Council Offices, Civic Centre, Stone Cross, Northallerton**

Present:-

<u>Authority</u>	<u>Member/Chief Executive</u>
City of York Council	Councillor Chris Steward Steve Stewart (Chief Executive)
Craven District Council	Nicola Chick (Strategic Manager (Financial Management) (as substitute for Paul Shevlin))
Hambleton District Council	Councillor Mark Robson Dr Justin Ives (Executive Director and Deputy Chief Executive (as substitute for Phil Morton))
Harrogate Borough Council	Wallace Sampson (Chief Executive)
North York Moors National Park Authority	Jim Bailey Andy Wilson (Chief Executive)
North Yorkshire County Council	County Councillor Carl Les (in the Chair) Richard Flinton (Chief Executive to the County Council and Honorary Secretary to LGNYY)
Richmondshire District Council	Councillor Yvonne Peacock Tony Clark (Managing Director)
Ryedale District Council	Councillor Linda Cowling Janet Waggott (Chief Executive)
Scarborough Borough Council	Councillor Derek Bastiman Jim Dillon (Chief Executive)
Selby District Council	Councillor Mark Crane Mary Weastell (Chief Executive)
Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority	Mr Peter Charlesworth David Butterworth (Chief Executive)

In Attendance:-

East Riding of Yorkshire Council:- Councillor Jonathan Owen (Deputy Leader) and Nigel Pearson (Chief Executive).

Katie Needham (Public Health Consultant).

James Farrar (Chief Operating Officer, York, North Yorkshire and East Riding LEP).

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

Apologies for Absence:-

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Richard Cooper (Harrogate Borough Council), Councillor Richard Foster (Craven District Council) and Julia Mulligan (North Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner)

Copies of all documents considered are in the Minute Book

97. Minutes

Resolved -

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 2 October 2015, having been printed and circulated, be taken as read and be confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

98. 2015 Report of Dr Lincoln Sargeant (Director for Public Health for North Yorkshire)

Considered -

- (a) The 2015 Annual Report of the Director for Public Health for North Yorkshire "The health of our children: Growing up healthy in North Yorkshire".
- (b) A presentation summarising the key issues in the Annual Report. (A copy of the presentation slides is in the Minute Book.)

The recommendations within the Annual Report related to child poverty; the 0-5 Healthy Child Programme; parenting programmes; childhood obesity; PSHE in schools; and opportunities arising from the "Future in Mind" report, published by the Government, to enhance the resilience and emotional wellbeing of young people.

During discussion, Leaders advised that they would like to explore how District Councils could assist in implementing the recommendations within the Annual Report. It was suggested that district by district discussions might be valuable, in particular in relation to development and behaviours in early years because problems in later years could often be tracked back to early years. It was reported that the County Council was planning an event for February 2016 to bring together people to look at key leadership challenges. District Council Leaders advised that they would welcome an invitation to attend, together with a few other Members from their respective Councils.

Resolved -

That the recommendations in the 2015 Annual Report of the Director for Public Health for North Yorkshire be noted.

99. York, North Yorkshire and East Riding Local Enterprise Partnership - Update

Considered -

The report of James Farrar (Chief Operating Officer, York, North Yorkshire and East Riding Local Enterprise Partnership) which summarised:-

- the LEP's performance to date, highlighting key risks and providing updates relating to business support, skills, and infrastructure including implementation of the Local Growth Deal; and
- opportunities following the Chancellor's Autumn Statement.

James Farrar confirmed that the LEP was ensuring that its actions were aligned and consistent with developments in devolution.

Members expressed support for the shift towards a self-financing approach for business support, as modelled by the East Riding of Yorkshire.

Members welcomed the success of the bid for a York Central Enterprise Zone. It was noted that York had demonstrated an integrated approach with the local business community, together with a clear vision and ambition which would attract investors.

It was suggested that Chief Executives might discuss how, through joint working with partners, and in particular Network Rail, rail connectivity could be further improved.

Resolved -

- (a) That the progress in implementing the Local Growth Deal be noted.
- (b) That the proposed structure for any future Growth Fund bid be noted.

100. Impact of the Chancellor's Comprehensive Spending Review and Budget Statement - Discussion

Members were invited to comment on the impact of the Chancellor's recent CSR and Budget Statement.

In response to questions, County Councillor Carl Les advised that it seemed highly likely that the County Council would wish to take the Government offer of raising a specific precept on the Council Tax of 2%, to go towards adult social care funding. It was highlighted that that specific precept might need to be shown separately on Council Tax bills and that it was important that members of the public understood this aspect of increase in Council Tax.

A Member highlighted that the Government would be consulting on a proposal for the New Homes Bonus, which was currently shared between counties and districts, to be top-sliced and redirected towards adult social care.

Richard Flinton advised that the County Council was estimating that it would need to find savings, between 2016/17 and 2019/20, amounting to somewhere in the region of £42million. This assumed that the Council took the Government offer of a special precept for adult social care and also had its own Council Tax increase of around 2%. He described this as another difficult Settlement for local government, particularly compared to other parts of the public sector.

Members highlighted that the situation would become clearer after 23 December 2015 when further detail would become available from Government.

101. Update on Devolution and Combined Authorities

Considered -

An oral report from Steve Stewart (Chief Executive, City of York Council) providing an update on devolution and combined authorities.

Steve Stewart reported that a meeting with Ministers had been held a few weeks previously, attended by some North Yorkshire Leaders. The meeting had been inconclusive, although had allowed views to be aired on all sides. No further Government discussions concerning this area were planned until after passage of the Bill, which was expected to be January 2016. In the meantime, work continued on various workstreams supporting the devolution bid for the City of York, North Yorkshire and East Riding. It was acknowledged that, after January, the pace of work would need to increase significantly.

It was understood that the Hull City Council had asked to join the West Yorkshire Combined Authority and that no decision had been taken over whether to admit Hull.

Leaders briefly discussed the late amendments to the Bill concerning the establishment of combined authorities.

Resolved -

That the update be noted.

102. General Updates

Considered -

The report of LGNYY's Honorary Secretary which advised of recent deliberations of the Sub-Regional Housing Board.

Resolved -

That the report be noted.

103. Arrangements for Future Meetings

Resolved -

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

- Friday 11 March 2016 at 10.30 am, Selby District Council offices.
- Friday 8 July 2016 at 2 pm, venue tbc. (A joint LGNYY/LEP Board event is scheduled for the morning of 8 July 2016.)
- Friday 7 October 2016 at 10.30 am, Craven District Council offices.
- Friday 2 December 2016 at 10.30 am, City of York Council's offices

104. Business for Next Meeting

Resolved –

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

The meeting concluded at 11.55 am.

RAG/JR