

LOCAL GOVERNMENT NORTH YORKSHIRE AND YORK

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Friday 11 March 2016 at 10.30 am at
Selby District Council Offices, Civic Centre, Doncaster Road, Selby**

Present:-

<u>Authority</u>	<u>Member/Chief Executive</u>
City of York Council	Councillor Stuart Rawlings (as Substitute for Chris Steward) Steve Stewart (Chief Executive)
Craven District Council	Councillor Richard Foster Paul Shevlin (Chief Executive)
Hambleton District Council	Councillor Mark Robson Dr Justin Ives (Chief Executive)
Harrogate Borough Council	Councillor Richard Cooper Rachel Bowles (Director of Corporate Affairs) (as Substitute for 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	Carl Lis OBE (as Substitute for Peter Charlesworth)

In Attendance:-

Ron McMillian (Chairman, Welcome to Yorkshire).

From East Riding of Yorkshire Council:- Councillor Stephen Parnaby OBE (Leader) and Caroline Lacey (Director of Corporate Resources) (as Substitute for Nigel Pearson (Chief Executive)).

From York, North Yorkshire and East Riding LEP:- James Farrar (Chief Operating Officer) and Julian Rudd (Housing and Planning Lead).

Barry Khan (Member of the YNYER Devolution Governance Working Group (also Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services), North Yorkshire County Council)).

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

Apologies for Absence:-

Apologies for absence were received from David Butterworth (Chief Executive, Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority) and Julia Mulligan (North Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner)

Copies of all documents considered are in the Minute Book

105. Minutes

Resolved -

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 4 December 2015, having been printed and circulated, be taken as read and be confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

106. Ron McMillian, New Chairman of Welcome to Yorkshire

Considered -

The verbal report of Ron McMillian advising of Welcome to Yorkshire's challenges; financial situation; the Board's focus on the financial performance of the organisation, financial controls and governance processes; and forthcoming key events.

It was highlighted that Welcome to Yorkshire had an enormous impact on Yorkshire's economy relative to its running cost, the success it enjoyed was the envy of other similar organisations, and that Welcome to Yorkshire hugely appreciated the support which North Yorkshire authorities provided to Welcome to Yorkshire.

Resolved -

That the report be noted.

107. Exclusion of the Public

Resolved -

That, in pursuance of Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of item 4 on the grounds that discussion is likely to disclose exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 and 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information)(Variation) Order 2006.

The item at Minute 108 was considered in private and the public have no rights of access to the related reports and presentation

108. Devolution – York, North Yorkshire and East Riding Area

Considered –

- (a) General Update – Verbal report of Steve Stewart (Chief Executive, City of York Council).

- (b) Report “Towards a Way Forward for YNYER” – Written report of the YNYER Local Enterprise Partnership, presented by James Farrar (Chief Operating Officer) and assisted by Julian Rudd (Housing and Planning Lead).
- (c) Combined Authority - Governance Update – Written report of Janet Waggott (Chief Executive, Ryedale District Council).

The draft devolution deal for a York, North Yorkshire and East Riding combined authority (YNYER) was now at an advanced stage. The details were included in the presentation. The YNYER deal would see powers transferred from Whitehall to the YNYER region. It would also unlock £30m per year of new funding from central government which would enable the region to deliver large-scale investment in housing, transport and new jobs. It was anticipated that the YNYER deal would, in the long term, bring over £400m of public and local contributions; £300m of transport funding; and the ability to levy business rates, which together would deliver £1.1 billion for strategic investments. By 2035, the aim was to create 80,000 jobs; 100,000 homes; 85% of the region being within 45 minutes of an HS2 hub; and 100% broadband coverage. It incorporated a strategic role for the region in the development of new farming technologies.

It was highlighted that agreement, by LGNYY, to move into formal negotiations with government, did not formally commit any of the ten Councils involved to the deal because each had to go its own approval processes and consider all options, including any other possible deals such as the Leeds City Region.

Leaders expressed their thanks to officers for the work they had undertaken. They commended, in particular, Janet Waggott (Chief Executive, Ryedale District Council) for her drive in progressing discussions to the stage now achieved.

Resolved –

- (a) That the General Update provided by Steve Stewart (Chief Executive, City of York Council) be noted.
- (b) That –
 - (i) the support of Leaders is given to officers to continue discussions with government on a devolution deal based on a York, North Yorkshire and East Riding geography on a formal basis alongside other options;
 - (ii) discussions be opened with Hull to join that geography.
- (c) That the Combined Authority Governance model appended to the report of Janet Waggott (Chief Executive, Ryedale District Council) be noted and officers be supported in their work to produce a parallel arrangement with the Leeds City Region Combined Authority particularly relating to Transport.
- (d) That Council Leaders’ agreement to include the two National Park Authorities in the evolving governance arrangements be noted.

109. General Updates

Considered -

The report of LGNYY’s Honorary Secretary which advised of the recent deliberations of the Sub-Regional Housing Board and the Sub-Regional Spatial Planning and Transport Board.

Resolved -

That the report be noted.

110. Arrangements for Future Meetings

Resolved -

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

- Friday 8 July 2016 at 2 pm, Pavilions of Harrogate. (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 16 December 2016 at 10.30 am, City of York Council's offices

111. Business for Next Meeting

Resolved –

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

The meeting concluded at 12.00 pm.

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