#### **Local Government North Yorkshire and York**

### Meeting of Local Government North Yorkshire and York

to be held on

Friday 7 October 2016 at 10.30 am at

Craven District Council offices,
Belle Vue Square, Broughton Road, Skipton, BD23 1FJ

(Location plan attached)

#### AGENDA

1. Minutes of the meeting held on 8 July 2016 and matters arising (Pages 5 to 11)

2. Exclusion of the public from the meeting during consideration of each of the items of business listed in column 1 of the following table on the grounds that they each involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the paragraph(s) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to information)(Variation) Order 2006, as specified in column 2:-

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- 3. Welcome to Yorkshire -
  - (a) Activities Oral report of Sir Gary Verity (Chief Executive of Welcome to Yorkshire)
  - (b) Funding
    - (i) Oral report of Ron McMillan (Chairman of Welcome to Yorkshire)
    - (ii) Report of Gary Fielding (Corporate Director Strategic Resources, North Yorkshire County Council)

(Pages 12 to 15 - Private report circulated to LGNYY Members and Council Chief Executives only)

4. Statement of Intent for Improving Public Safety through Collaborative Arrangements between North Yorkshire Police and North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service – Report of Julia Mulligan (Police and Crime Commissioner for North Yorkshire)

(Pages 16 to 19)

5. York, North Yorkshire and East Riding Local Enterprise Partnership Update – Report of James Farrar (Chief Operating Officer, York, North Yorkshire and East Riding Local Enterprise Partnership)

(Pages 20 to 64)

**6. General Updates** – Report of the Honorary Secretary

(Pages 65 to 93)

7. Devolution - Update and General Discussion - Mary Weastell (Chief Executive, City of York Council) and Richard Flinton (Chief Executive, North Yorkshire County Council)

(Pages 94 to 114 - Private report circulated to LGNYY Members and Council Chief Executives only)

- 8. Arrangements for Future Meetings:-
  - Friday 16 December 2016 at 10.30am, City of York Council's offices
  - Friday 24 March 2017 at 10.30am, County Hall, Northallerton
  - Friday 7 July 2017 at 2pm, venue tbc. (A joint LGNYY/LEP event may be held on the morning of 7 July.)
  - Friday 6 October 2017, 10.30am, Tennants, Leyburn
  - Friday 1 December 2017, 10.30am, Ryedale House, Malton
  - Friday 9 March 2018, 10.30am, Scarborough district area
- 9. Business for Next Meeting, to include:-
  - 16 December 2016 meeting Director of Public Health's Annual Report 2016
- 10. Any other business

**Richard Flinton** 

**Honorary Secretary** 

County Hall Northallerton

29 September 2016 RAG

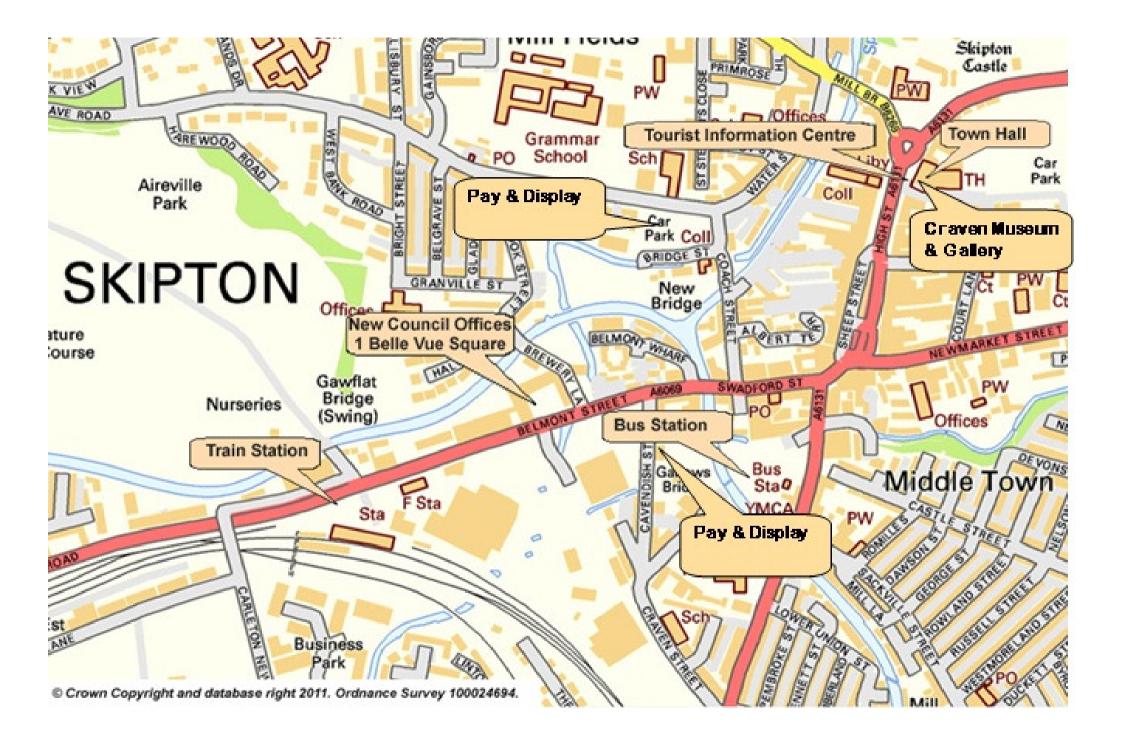
#### **LGNYY Membership as at 12 July 2016**

Constituent Authority	Representative
City of York Council	Member:- Councillor David Carr (Chair) Substitute:- Councillor Keith Aspden
Craven District Council	Member:- Councillor Richard Foster (Vice- Chair) Substitute:- Councillor Patrick Mulligan
Hambleton District Council	Member:- Councillor Mark Robson Substitute:- Councillor Peter Wilkinson
Harrogate Borough Council	Member:- Councillor Richard Cooper Substitute:- Councillor Michael Harrison
North York Moors National Park Authority	Member:- Mr Jim Bailey Substitute:- Mr Malcolm Bowes
North Yorkshire County Council	Member:- County Councillor Carl Les (Vice-Chair) Substitute:- Councillor Gareth Dadd
Richmondshire District Council	Member:- Councillor Yvonne Peacock Substitute:- Councillor Ian Threlfall
Ryedale District Council	Member:- Councillor Mrs Linda Cowling Substitute:- Vacancy
Scarborough Borough Council	Member:- Councillor Derek Bastiman Substitute:- Councillor Helen Mallory
Selby District Council	Member:- Councillor Mark Crane Substitute:- Councillor John Mackman
Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority	Member:- Mr Carl Lis OBE Substitute:- Mr Ian McPherson

Paragraph 13.2 of the Constitution states that the Chief Executive of each constituent Authority shall be entitled to attend, but not vote at, each meeting of the LGNYY, as may any other authorised officer from any constituent Authority.

The following each have a standing invitation to attending LGNYY meetings:-

- North Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner (LGNYY Minute 142).
- East Riding of Yorkshire Council Leader and Chief Executive or their Substitutes (LGNYY Minute 29)



#### LOCAL GOVERNMENT NORTH YORKSHIRE AND YORK

### Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on Friday 8 July 2016 at 2.00 pm at The Pavilions of Harrogate, Great Yorkshire Showground

#### Present:-

<u>Authority</u>	Member/Chief Executive
City of York Council	Councillor David Carr
	Phil Witcherley (Policy, Performance and Change Manager)
	(as Substitute for Steve Stewart (Chief Executive))
Craven District Council	Councillor Richard Foster
	Paul Shevlin (Chief Executive)
Hambleton District Council	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 Yorkshire County	County Councillor Carl Les
Council	Richard Flinton (Chief Executive to the County Council and
	Honorary Secretary to LGNYY)
Richmondshire District	Councillor Yvonne Peacock
Council	Tony Clark (Chief Executive)
Ryedale District Council	Councillor Linda Cowling
	Janet Waggott (Chief Executive)
Scarborough Borough	Councillor Helen Mallory (as Substitute for Councillor Derek
Council	Bastiman)
0    0	Jim Dillon (Chief Executive)
Selby District Council	Councillor John Mackman (as Substitute for Councillor Mark
	Crane)
Wardahira Dalaa National	Mary Weastell (Chief Executive)
Yorkshire Dales National	Mr Carl Lis OBE
Park Authority	

#### In Attendance:-

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

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

#### **Apologies for Absence:-**

Apologies for absence were received from Jim Bailey (Chairman of North York Moors National Park Authority), David Butterworth (Chief Executive of Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority), Julia Mulligan (North Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner) and Councillor Mark Robson (Hambleton District Council).

#### Copies of all documents considered are in the Minute Book

#### **County Councillor Carl Les in the Chair**

#### 112. LGNYY Membership

Considered -

The report of the Honorary Secretary listing Members and Substitutes appointed to serve on LGNYY for 2016/17. It was reported orally that the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority had appointed Mr Ian McPherson as its Substitute on LGNYY, to attend meetings in the absence of Mr Carl Lis OBE.

#### Resolved -

That the report be noted.

#### 113. Appointment of Chair

#### Resolved -

That Councillor David Carr, Leader of the City of York Council, be appointed Chair to serve until the Annual Meeting of LGNYY to be held in 2017.

#### Councillor David Carr in the Chair

#### 114. Appointment of Vice-Chairs

#### Resolved -

That County Councillor Carl Les and Councillor Richard Foster (Craven District Council) be appointed Vice-Chairs to serve until the Annual Meeting of LGNYY to be held in 2017.

#### 115. Minutes

#### Resolved -

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 11 March 2016, having been printed and circulated, be taken as read and be confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

#### 116. Appointment to Outside Bodies

Considered -

The report of the Honorary Secretary inviting LGNYY to make appointments to outside bodies for 2016/17.

#### Resolved -

(a) That the following representatives and substitutes be appointed to serve, until LGNYY's Annual Meeting in 2017, on the Shadow Board 2014-2020 European Structural and Investment Funds Programme Management Committee:-

#### Representatives:-

- 1. Councillor Ian Gillies (City of York Council)
- 2. County Councillor Chris Metcalfe (North Yorkshire County Council)
- 3. Councillor Linda Cowling (District Councils)

#### Substitutes:-

- David Walmsley (City of York Council officer) Substitute for Councillor Ian Gillies
- 2. County Councillor Carl Les Substitute for County Councillor Chris Metcalfe
- 3. Julian Rudd (Ryedale District Council officer) Substitute for Councillor Linda Cowling)
- (b) That, subject to their agreement to being re-appointed, the following District Council representatives and substitutes be appointed to serve, until LGNYY's Annual Meeting in 2017, on North Yorkshire Pension Fund Committee:-

Representative - Councillor Jim Clark (Harrogate Borough Council)

#### Substitutes:-

- 1. Councillor Yvonne Peacock (Richmondshire District Council)
- 2. Councillor Linda Cowling (Ryedale District Council)
- (c) That, in respect of the Yorkshire and Humber Strategic Migration Group:-
  - no elected Member be appointed to the Group for 2016/17
  - Ann-Marie Douglas (City of York Council's Temporary Accommodation Manager) and Neil Irving (the County Council's Assistant Director - Policy and Partnerships) be appointed as the two representatives for the North Yorkshire and York area and Jonathan Spencer (the County Council's Corporate Development Officer) be appointed as Neil Irving's substitute.

#### 117. 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 (LEP)) advising of the LEP's key risks, performance, local growth deal, and a proposal to expand the remit of the LEP Infrastructure Programme Board to take on the role of Joint Public Assets Board for the York, North Yorkshire and East Riding LEP area.

James Farrar highlighted that the report had been written before the Referendum on the EU had taken place and therefore it contained no references to the risks associated with Britain leaving the EU. A strong case was being made to retain the EU funding programme and consequently it was important to maintain pressure to ensure those developments and investment went ahead.

With regard to the proposal concerning a Joint Public Assets Board:-

- It was noted that "Fourth Option" Councils would need to take a report through their respective Councils prior to formal approval of this proposal.
- It was noted that the HCA supported the proposal. The HCA was currently in discussions with the MoD to transfer ownership of MoD land to the HCA. This would give greater flexibility and control over what happened to MoD sites.
- Mr Carl Lis OBE (Chairman, Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority)
  highlighted that smaller sites for affordable housing needed to be viable and
  that landowners within the National Parks were not prepared to sell land for
  less than they considered it was worth.
- Members commented that the principle of the Joint Public Assets Board was good because the Board would be able to help landowners or public sector bodies, whose first duty was not land ownership, to rationalise their holdings. In particular, care needed to be taken to avoid piecemeal disposals, as had occurred during the 1960's, 70's and 80's, when the British Rail Property Board had disposed of many small pieces of land and consequently large opportunities were wasted.
- Mary Weastell (Chief Executive of Selby District Council) agreed to work with James Farrar to ensure the governance arrangements for the proposed Board were clarified. Issues which Members identified as being not completely clear were:- whether the Board would be a combined Board for both public assets and the LEP Infrastructure Board; what the decision making of this Board would be; who would be responsible for the Board's decision making; to whom would any decisions go higher than the Board; and who currently served on the LEP Infrastructure Programme Board and whether Councils wished to change their representation on that Board.
- James Farrar undertook to consult the HCA on a Member's suggestion that "Advisory" should be inserted into the name of the Board.
- James Farrar clarified that the reference in the report to "doubling housebuilding" referred to doubling the rate at which new houses were being built, which would, if achieved, therefore deliver Local Plans.
- James Farrar confirmed that the Board would be using the expertise of the Sub-Regional Housing Board to ensure that the programmes which the Joint Public Assets Board designed would achieve the outcomes which were needed.

#### Resolved -

- (a) That the key risks and performance issues be noted.
- (b) That the LEP approach to Local Growth Fund Round 3 be supported.

(c) That, subject to agreement of the wording to clarify the governance arrangements, the proposal that the LEP Infrastructure Board shall take on the role of Joint Public Assets Board for the YNYER LEP area, and be known as the LEP Infrastructure and Joint Assets Board, be supported in principle.

#### 118. Devolution

Considered -

The verbal report of Richard Flinton (Chief Executive, North Yorkshire County Council) providing an update on the current situation regarding devolution. He referred to the need to recognise the national political situation following the EU Referendum and the Secretary of State's very clear commitment to the on-going importance of the issue of devolution made at the recent LGA Conference in Bournemouth. Richard Flinton also highlighted that it was now clear that the YNYER area was not in a position to move to mayoral elections for May 2017 and that the current period of pause presented an opportunity for discussions.

Leaders discussed the situation and:-

#### Resolved -

That the following way forward be agreed:-

- Chief Executives aim to provide a comprehensive update to LGNYY's next meeting.
- In the meantime, Chief Executives look at the 'asks' and 'positions' which YNYER have arrived at and get into a state of readiness in case it is necessary to report back to Leaders quickly, outside the formality of a LGNYY meeting.
- Also in the meantime, Chief Executives, co-ordinated by the City of York Council and based on work undertaken previously, pull together the 'asks' from both West Yorkshire and YNYER and prepare a version of what a Greater Yorkshire combined authority would look like so that Leaders can take soundings from Government and MPs about pulling together a full bid.

### 119. North Yorkshire Business Rate Pool - Allocation of Economic Development Fund 2015/16

Considered -

The report of Scarborough Borough Council (Lead Authority for the Business Rate Pool) advising of the final benefits to North Yorkshire from operating the North Yorkshire Business Rate Pool (NYBRP) and recommending that a contribution of £250,000 be made to Welcome to Yorkshire from the NYBRP - Economic Development Fund.

Jim Dillon (Chief Executive, Scarborough Borough Council), in introducing the report, highlighted the decisions made previously concerning the operation of the Pool and the agreement that the balance held in the Economic Development Fund would be committed to support Welcome to Yorkshire. A similar agreement had been made in respect of the West Yorkshire Business Rate Pool.

Richard Flinton (Chief Executive, North Yorkshire County Council) advised that an officer group, including officers from West Yorkshire, had been established to monitor Welcome to Yorkshire's financial governance arrangements and implementation of the Financial Recovery Plan produced by KPMG. He also advised that the officer group was content with the arrangements which Welcome to Yorkshire had in place and that the Financial Recovery Plan had been actioned.

Members asked for governance of the officer group to be reviewed, to include provision for the group to report on its work to Council Leaders and the Chairmen of the two National Park Authorities.

Leaders advised that they were highly delighted at the decision to set up the North Yorkshire Business Rate Pool because, had the Pool not existed, £1.563k would have been repayable to central government rather than being retained in North Yorkshire.

#### Resolved -

- (a) That the contribution of £250,000 from the 2015/16 North Yorkshire Business Rate Pool Economic Development Fund to Welcome to Yorkshire be approved.
- (b) That authority be delegated to North Yorkshire County Council to agree governance arrangements with Welcome to Yorkshire on payment of the Fund.
- (c) That governance of the officer group which is monitoring Welcome to Yorkshire's financial governance arrangements be reviewed, to include provision for the group to report on its work to Council Leaders and the Chairmen of the two National Park Authorities.

#### 120. North Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel: Allowances for Community Members

#### Considered -

The report of Neil Irving (North Yorkshire County Council's Assistant Director - Policy and Partnerships) setting out a proposal to pay an allowance to the Community Members of North Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel. Community Members were the independent non-elected co-opted members, of which there were currently two on the Panel.

During discussion, it was clarified that the proposal was to pay the allowances for the Community Members from the grant which the County Council received from the Home Office towards the cost of providing the secretariat to the Panel.

#### Resolved -

- (a) That the proposal that Community Members of North Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel should qualify for the payment of a responsibility allowance of a half-unit (currently £772 pa) be supported.
- (b) That the proposal be referred to the County Council's Independent Remuneration Panel for consideration.

#### 121. General Updates

Considered -

The report of LGNYY's Honorary Secretary which set out the recent discussions of the Sub-Regional Housing Board and advised that the Sub-Regional Spatial Planning and Transport Board had not met subsequent to LGNYY's last meeting.

Mary Weastell (Chief Executive, Selby District Council) advised that the Sub-Regional Housing Board would be monitoring the impact of the outcome of the EU Referendum on sites progressing through to completion.

#### Resolved -

That the report be noted.

#### 122. Arrangements for Future Meetings

#### Resolved -

- (a) That the following LGNYY meeting arrangements, as previously advised, be noted:-
  - Friday 7 October 2016 at 10.30am, Craven District Council offices
  - Friday 16 December 2016 at 10.30am, City of York Council's offices
  - Friday 7 July 2017 at 2pm, venue tbc. (A joint LGNYY/LEP event may be held on the morning of 7 July.)
  - Friday 6 October 2017, 10.30am, venue tbc
  - Friday 1 December 2017, 10.30am, venue tbc
  - Friday 9 March 2018, 10.30am, venue tbc
- (b) That a meeting of LGNYY be held on Friday 24 March 2017 at 10.30 am, venue tbc.

#### 123. Business for Future Meetings

#### Resolved -

- (a) That it be noted that the following business is currently scheduled for future meetings:-
  - 7 October 2016 meeting Devolution
  - 16 December 2016 meeting Director of Public Health's Annual Report 2016
  - To a future meeting YNYER Spatial Plan
- (b) That further items of business for the next meeting be notified to the Honorary Secretary.

The meeting concluded at 3.15pm.

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## Statement of Intent for Improving Public Safety Through Collaborative Arrangements Between North Yorkshire Police and North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service

The benefits of working collaboratively across public services have been recognised in many settings and sectors for some time<sup>1</sup>. It is well understood that our emergency services can make substantial improvements to their efficiency and effectiveness by working together more closely.

The North Yorkshire Fire Authority (the Authority), the Police & Crime Commissioner (PCC), North Yorkshire Police and North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service (NYFRS) agreed a Statement of Intent for strategic partnership<sup>2</sup> over three years ago; it is now necessary to convert that intent into realisation of the benefits and advantages to our communities that will be achieved with a different, more ambitious approach. Those benefits and advantages are at the heart of a proposal that the Police and Crime Commissioner will be bringing to partners imminently. To achieve them we need to go beyond what have been termed the rituals of cooperation<sup>3</sup> and build in collaboration that is innovative, ambitious and inherent in all that we do for our communities. Enabled and supported by the Government's proposed legislation<sup>4</sup> there will be an unprecedented opportunity to provide our communities with a truly joined-up approach that will provide greater efficiency and effectiveness, allow reinvestment in our emergency services and ultimately improve public safety. The evidence base for this will be set out in detail in the business case which the Authority is invited both to support and develop.

In June 2013, following discussions with North Yorkshire Police (NYP), the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC), North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service (NYFRS) the Authority agreed a strategic approach to providing services for the County and the City of York in the future. While this was principally driven by the funding and resourcing requirements emanating from the Government's austerity programme, the strategic commitment made by partners remains as valid and necessary as it was then. What has changed is that the Government has signalled a very clear intention to encourage and empower forward-thinking and innovative local policing and fire bodies such as ours in North Yorkshire to align their services in the interests of their communities and public safety.

There is one principal overarching objective for this Statement of Intent: the outcomes for the communities of North Yorkshire. Early pre-statutory consultation within our communities shows

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See e.g. The Institute for Government <a href="http://www.instituteforgovernment.org.uk/blog/12858/integration-and-collaboration-in-public-service-markets/">http://www.instituteforgovernment.org.uk/blog/12858/integration-and-collaboration-in-public-service-markets/</a>;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See attached Statement of Intent

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Sennett, R. (2012) \*Together: The Rituals, Pleasures and Politics of Cooperation,\*

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> The Policing and Crime Bill 2016

support for a collaborative arrangement between the fire and policing bodies in North Yorkshire under a single accountability framework.

As set out in the Statement of Intent (2013) the principal drivers for alignment in a future collaboration remain:

- Operational synergies in the services provided, particularly those that prevent harm to our communities
- Similarities in organisational cultures of 24-7 emergency service provision across a wide and diverse geography
- A shared context in relation to national funding reductions and a need to cut non-frontline costs
- A coterminous boundary that encompasses a large and logistically difficult territory
- An innovative approach to service redesign
- Parallel work developing across the country between fire and police services.

A key enabler of this intent is the existing alignment at strategic level.

A review of the strategic aims and objectives of both North Yorkshire services shows immediately how closely aligned they are; the proposed arrangements would reflect and reinforce that alignment at the governance level, while at the same time introducing single, straight line accountability to communities for performance and delivery towards those aims and objectives (see fig 1).

This alliance, like the commitment given in 2013, will produce an alignment of services in the functions of:

- Community Safety
- Command and Control / FCR
- Training Facilities
- Transport Management
- HR / Personnel Services
- Training & Development
- Finance
- Estates including a shared Headquarters in the northern area
- Health and Safety
- Communications
- Planning (Operations)
- Planning (Corporate incl. Project teams)
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- Data / Information Management
- Legal Services

	NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE	NORTH YORKSHIRE FIRE & RESCUE  SERVICE
	Be Safe, Feel Safe	Working Together for Safer Communities
MISSION	To be the most responsive police service in the country.	To deliver the best service to the people of North Yorkshire.
PRIORITIES / VALUES	Policing Priorities:  • Protecting vulnerable peopl  • Cut crime & Antisocial Behaviour  • Prevention & early intervention  • Improve Victim Care  Corporate Priorities:  • Transforming the organisation  • People First  • Partnerships & commissioning	Strategic Aims:  Protection (technical fire safety)  Intervention  Prevention (community safety)  Sustainable organisation

Fig 1.

We already work well together. However since the initial statement of intent progress has been frustratingly slow. For example in terms of our estate we have six proposals in development with NYFRS but there are 22 co-location opportunities. There are many more operational benefits that we can achieve for our communities, benefits that include:

Protecting the vulnerable - a completely integrated approach would provide better care for the most vulnerable, early prevention work for those most at risk in their own homes Improving Road Safety - although we work collaboratively as members of 95 Alive, demand data illustrates that there is more that can be done by visibility of emergency vehicles on key routes Responding to calls for service - the quality of response through joint control room functions would ensure more efficient deployment

Managing and recovering from critical incidents – incidents that threaten people's lives, liberties and livelihood e.g. flooding and other civil emergencies can be improved through the function of one coordinated emergency service approach, together with better utilisation of enhanced first responder training in rural communities

In short, we could work even more efficiently and effectively if we align our police and fire services in a more streamlined, less bureaucratic way. Bringing both emergency services under a single strategic direction and governance framework will enable transformational collaboration to happen quickly, efficiently, effectively and with a firm view on protecting frontline servicers and increasing public safety.

By creating one clear direction of travel, one overarching strategy delivered and monitored through one governance mechanism where both the Chief Fire Officer and Chief Constable sit together on the sole Executive Board, the Police and Crime Commissioner would be able to provide accountable oversight and strategic direction in a way that gives our communities, for the first time, a single point of accountability for both of the critical emergency services across their county.

As under the previous strategic commitment, the scoping, costing and delivery of these community benefits will be governed under joint scrutiny arrangements through a Programme Board and Steering Group. Any disputes or changes to the scope will be dealt with at these forums. The Steering Group hold the final decision.

LGYNY MEETING: 7 October 2016
REPORT PRESENTED BY: James Farrar
TITLE OF PAPER: LEP Update

#### **Purpose of the Report**

The focus of this report is an update on;

	Headline
Post Brexit EU Funding	Government have committed to underwriting any EU
	contract signed by the Autumn statement – for us this
	expects to be c.£28m (30%) of our programme.
The Local Growth Fund	We are on track to deliver for 2016/17 and are looking
	to accelerate the pipeline for future years.
LEP Management and resources	There are significant emerging opportunities which are
	placing increased pressure on the LEP.

#### 2.0 Post Brexit EU Funding Update

The latest EU funding update following the EU Referendum result states;

"The government has now announced that all multi-year projects administered by government with signed contracts or funding agreements in place, and projects to be signed in the ordinary course of business before the Autumn Statement, will be fully funded, even when these projects continue beyond the UK's departure from the EU.

In the medium term, the Treasury will work with departments, Local Enterprise Partnerships and other relevant stakeholders to put in place arrangements for considering those ESIF projects that might be signed after the Autumn Statement but while we still remain a member of the EU. Further detail will be set out ahead of the Autumn Statement and we will ensure these spending commitments remain consistent with value for money and our own domestic priorities2

In Summary this shows across our EU Structural & Investment Funds;

£11.95m ERDF £16.6m ESF	<ul> <li>Contracted; or,</li> <li>Approved and likely to be Contracted by Autumn Statement</li> </ul>
£3.8m ERDF £1m EAFRD	<ul> <li>Applications in the pipeline that may be Contracted by Autumn Statement</li> </ul>
£24.28m ERDF £16.77m ESF £6.03m EAFRD	<ul> <li>Funding allocations not yet called for. These await further decisions and announcements from Government and Treasury.</li> </ul>

- This indicates c.30% of our ESIF programme is likely to be contracted by the Autumn Statement. This compares with c.25% Nationally.
- It is important to note the majority of funds not called for falls towards the end of the 2014-2020 period.

#### Table A below provides more detail, however please note;

#### European Regional Development Fund (Business Growth & Innovation)

- We have an interim 2018 performance target of £19.68m. Our forecast expenditure is £16.87m. This is 85.7% or target
- We are ahead of profile for Research & Innovation, ICT Infrastructure and SME Competitiveness,
- We are behind profile for Low Carbon, Climate Change (Flooding) and Environmental Protection. Given the nature of investment in these behind profile priorities (a smaller number of larger investments), we are confident, that if Government makes the decision to proceed with further calls we will still achieve target.

#### • European Social Fund (Skills)

- Devolution deals have meant that the SFA can only deliver Opt In activity until 2018.
   Despite these shortened timescales, we have managed to contract £9.5m of delivery through the SFA.
- Through a broad base of ESF Opt In delivery, we are on target to meet our 2018 performance target with £16.6m of programmes contracted for delivery.

#### • European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (Rural)

- We have £1m worth of applications in appraisal for tourism infrastructure and cooperation projects.
- Defra were intending to open calls in Sept/Oct for tourism infrastructure and food processing. We await further decisions on these calls,

'the Government had not only confirmed funding for CAP Basic Payments Scheme until 2020 but had highlighted that remaining EU funds, including LEADER, RDPE Growth Programme, Countryside Productivity, ERDF and ESF, will receive further clarification around the time of the Autumn Statement. The HMT announcement also indicated that some EU funded activity may continue between the Autumn Statement and the time that we leave the EU.

In summary we are on track to deliver our ESIF programme up to 2018, however little activity is contracted beyond that date. Government policy post Brexit will therefore be critical from 2018 onwards.

**Our next action** will be to get assurance from government that anything which is contracted and spent by 2018 will be honoured. This will allow us to launch further calls providing comfort to partners that should they invest in applying, the funding will be available, without putting risk on the government beyond the two year Article 50 deadline.

Table A

European regional Development Fund (ERDF) Business Growth & Innovation		European Social Fund (ESF) Skills	European Agricultural Fund Development (EAFRD) - Rural	for Rural	
	£m		£m		£m
PA1 Research & Innovation		Skills Funding Agency (SFA) Opt-in			
Stimulating innovation in agri-food	0.38	Skills Support for the Workforce	4.0		
Biovale bio-economy support	0.79	Apprenticeships	2.0		
programme		Higher Level Skills	0.75		
Project & Process Innovation	2.00	Not in Employment, Education or Training	0.37		
PA2 ICT Infrastructure		Careers Information advice & Guidance	0.43		
Broadband Infrastructure	1.00	Community Grants	1.00		
PA3 SME Competitiveness		Skills Support for the Unemployed	0.5		
Enterprise!	0.48	Big Lottery Opt-In			
Northern Powerhouse Access to Finance	7.00	Building Better Opportunities	4.00		
	0.30	DWP Opt-In			
Supply Chains (formerly MAS)	0.30	Access to Employment	3.55		

PA1 Research & Innovation				Tourism Infrastructure	0.5
Innovation Vouchers	1.00			Tourism cooperation	0.5
Innovation Grants for R&D	1.00				
PA3 SME Competitiveness					
IT Business Support	0.80				
PA4 Low Carbon					
Low Carbon Grants for R&D	1.00				
Allocations not yet called for		Allocations not yet called for		Allocations not yet called for	
PA1 Research & Innovation	5.12	IP1.1 Access to Employment	1.32	Food processing	
PA2 ICT Infrastructure	0.18	IP1.2 Young People	0.28	Broadband	2.00
PA 3 SME Competitiveness	0.83	IP1.4 Social Inclusion	0.56	Tourism infrastructure	3.50
PA4 Low Carbon	7.36	IP1.5 Community Led Local Development	4.20	Tourism cooperation	2.35
PA5 Climate change (Flood)	4.99	IP2.1 Lifelong Learning	6.70		1.00
PA6 Environmental Protection (Blue/Green Infrastructure	3.07	IP2.2 Skills Support for SME's	3.71		
PA8 Community Led Local Development	2.73				

#### 3.0 Local Growth Funding Progress

The Local Growth Deal for York, North Yorkshire and East Riding totals £122.2m.
 2016/17 Performance

The financial allocation for 2016/17 has been formally agreed by Government and comprises of the following:-

- £13.0m Local Growth Fund allocation
- £8.3m DfT Local Growth Fund for retained transport projects

Annex A sets out the current position and the key points being:

- The programme remains in a strong position, on track to deliver on the £21.3m spend for 2016/17
- The current forecast, considering both underspend and current mitigating action, shows 2016/17 headroom of £1.3m, however remain confident we can accelerate future investments to deliver on budget.
- The highest risk projects with spend in 2016/17 are
  - North Northallerton, with a planned 16/17 spend of £4.1m. Whilst this remains on track, there is significant work to complete to deliver in 2016/17.
  - Olympia Park £8m allocated as a loan with £3m originally profiled for 16/17. NYCC & Selby DC are currently exploring a public sector led solution. The profiled £3m spend in 2016/17 is unlikely to happen.
  - Bio-Economy Investment fund created following the decision not to invest in York Bio-Hub and the DEFRA sale of the National Agri-Food Innovation Campus (NAFIC), an industry led Task & Finish Group is currently working up proposals to develop the sector and delivering jobs and growth. A call for projects is out with investment starting 2017/18. The profiled £2m 2016/17 investment in NAFIC will not happen.
- Current actions to mitigate underspend
  - £2m to be allocated to support further business grants through the successful Let's Grow Scheme, currently assessing an outline business case (£1m 2016/17 spend); and
  - North Yorkshire County Council have provided the LEP with a loan of £2.5m to accelerate investment in flood defences to protect businesses and jobs. This Loan is to be repaid against future returns.
     On the back of this we have approved 2 investments totalling £3.2m both of which will spend in 2016/17. (Tadcaster Bridge & Dalton Industrial Estate)

#### • Overall Programme

The programme overall is showing an over profile of £2.1m, however this does not take into account the profiled returns from an £8m loan for Olympia Park. Considering this there remains £5.9m future returns unallocated

#### Future action to increase the pipeline

- It is proposed to increase the pipeline of priority projects approved through to full business plan. This 'reserve list' will be investment ready and should existing projects slip from their existing profiles, a decision will be made on reallocation of budgets
- The projects included within the Growth Deal 3 submission will form the initial basis of these projects, however should new opportunities emerge, partners will have the opportunity to present these through the relevant LEP Sub Board (Infrastructure, skills capital or Business) for approval.
- o This will be open to business, skills capital and infrastructure projects.
- All budget variations will be approved via the main LEP Board, taking into account delivery of programme level outputs and outcomes.

The implication of this will be that allocation through a Local Growth Deal will not guarantee investment if an investible business plan and delivery is not brought forward in a timely manner.

#### 4.0 LEP Management & Resources

#### **Business Support resources**

- Working in partnership with professionals, the LEP Growth Hub 'Hows business' have been creating a series of e-books to help small business. The current set is available at <a href="http://howsbusiness.org/hows-business-ebooks">http://howsbusiness.org/hows-business-ebooks</a>
- I would draw Leaders attention to the Hows Business Regulations E-book.
  The York version is attached as an example, however a bespoke book has
  been created for each LA area. These are being extremely well received by
  businesses and I would encourage promotion of these books across your
  sme base.
- Inward Investment There are significant inward investment opportunities emerging across the region. We are working closely with Local Authorities and Leeds City Region to ensure we maximise our chances of success.

There are several emerging pressures on the LEP

#### **Infrastructure Delivery Capacity**

 We operate with a small secretariat, and a model which closely aligns with Local Authorities, utilising secondments wherever possible. This supports the close working relationship between the LEP and Local Authorities, however as austerity continues and LA's review their resources, it also provides significant risk – both within the LEP secretariat and to our partnership.

- Delivery of our Local Growth Fund requires both the LEP and contracted partner (often Local authorities) to work up and then implement major projects. These investments are often large, complex and require specialist delivery skills. Our major LGF investments for 16/17 and 17/18 include significant spend across some of our most complex projects, with potential for future investment in schemes such as York Central, South Skipton Employment Zone, Scarborough Cyber Security Park, Bridlington Marina, Harrogate Station Parade, Northallerton Prison and Pickering Business Park all of which require major input from the local authorities to deliver.
- Even with existing resources there is insufficient capacity at some local authorities to bring forward projects, with some YNYER authorities not submitting proposals in response to the 2016 call for LGF projects.
- In line with our Growth Deal, the LEP is also working increasingly closely with Local Authorities around Local Plans, the duty to co-operate and also bringing forward significant future opportunities eg. Ripon Barracks, Junction 47, Garden Villages etc.
- We have developed an excellent relationship with the HCA and we are to codesign a bespoke housing investment package for YNYER in partnership with HCA and local authorities to support delivery of housing and increase HCA investment levels in our area.
- Working together to ensure the right skills are in the right place to deliver
  these investments on time is vital. As local budgets are squeezed, there is an
  increasing need to collaborate and share resources to deliver these investments
  and to bring forward new projects that secure investment in our area. This
  raises a number of issues/opportunities at this time of reduced local authority
  resources:
- Success is projects delivering, bringing homes and jobs to the region. How can we work better together to lower delivery risk and accelerate investment and impact?
- Bringing sites forward into investible propositions will be crucial to future bidding rounds for Local Growth Fund and also to accessing other opportunities, such as HCA funding. How can we deliver more, better propositions?
- We are keen to develop a more flexible, responsive, specialist shared resource, which also allows for greater capitalisation of costs and therefore lower residual revenue requirements. Working across authorities, such a model could provide the appropriate level of skills while addressing the peaks and troughs that are involved with working up and delivering major projects on an individual authority basis.

#### **Post Brexit Opportunities**

- Whilst there has been significant uncertainty post Brexit, several opportunities and actions which have emerged subsequent to agreeing the 2016/17 delivery plan need progressing. These will require significant resources to develop and we are working closely with Local Authority, however it remains a significant challenge.
- UK Industrial Strategy the new government has committed to a comprehensive industrial strategy which will be both sectoral and geographical. It is imperative we work with partners and industry to maximise the potential for this region.
- LEPS have received a letter from DCMS, which sets out details of three national initiatives in the cultural / heritage / tourism sector:
  - o Great Place Scheme
  - o Discover England Fund

Two bids are being co-ordinated into the Great places Scheme

- 1. Yorkshire Coast
- 2. York & North Yorkshire
- We are working in partnership with York Potash to increase local supply chain activity. We will lead a project across YNYER, Humber and Leeds City Region targeting specific areas of opportunity.
- We need to progress the Cyber Security Business Park alongside GCHQ in partnership with Scarborough BC. A Task and Finish group is being created to coordinate this opportunity.

#### 5.0 Recommendations

- 1. LGNYY are asked to:
  - a. Note EU Funding development
  - b. Note progress on Local Growth Fund
  - c. Note the resource challenges and comment on the potential for greater collaboration and sharing.

#### **Annex A: Current Growth Deal budget variation**

**Annex A: Local Growth Fund Budget Variation** 

	2015/16 This Financial Year 2016/17			All	All Years 2015-21		
Project Name	Actual	Original	Revised	Variance	Original	Revised	Variance
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Business Growth			<u> </u>				
National Agri-Food Innovation Campus.	0	2.0	0	-2.0	8.3	0	-8.3
York Bio-Hub.	0	1.0	1.0	0	5	1	-4.0
Lets Grow Business Grant Scheme	0	0	1.0	+1.0	0	2	+2.0
Bio economy Programme	0	0	0	0	0	8.6	+8.6
Skills Capital		_	<u>.</u>	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	N.	<u>.</u>	<u> </u>
Harrogate College.	2.8	0	0.2	0.2	4	3	-1
Askham Bryan College - Agricultural Skills	1	0	0	0	1	1	0
Askham Bryan College - Engineering Centre.	0.6	0	0	0	0.6	0.6	0
<ul> <li>Skills Capital projects</li> <li>Selby College Equipment</li> <li>Craven College new build</li> <li>Small scale projects</li> </ul>	0.1	0	0.5	0.5	0	1	1
Strategic Sites						_	
Housing growth at Scarborough.	2.3	0	0	0	2.3	2.3	0
Growth at Catterick Garrison.	1.2	0	0	0	1.2	1.2	0
Housing and employment at Northallerton.	1.9	5	4.1	-0.9	6	6	0
Olympia Park, Selby – LGF	0	3.0	0	-3.0	8	8	0
Skipton Employment -Flood Alleviation Scheme	1.2	1.2	0	-1.2	1.2	1.2	0
Malton Agri Business Park	0.6	0.8	1.5	0.7	2.1	2.1	0
Olympia Park, Selby HCA Loan (THIS IS DEALT WITH DIRECTLY BY THE HCA)	0	0	0	0	3.5	3.5	0
Transport							
Newlands Bridge Drax-M62	1.5	0	0	0	1.5	1.5	0
North Yorkshire Road Improvement Scheme	2.1	5.0	5.0	0	24	24	0
A1079 – Improvements	0	0	0	0	8	6.3	-1.7
A1/A59 improvements	0	0	0	0	0.8	2.5	1.7
East Riding Road Improvement scheme	0	3.3	3.3	0	16.7	16.7	0
Dalton Bridge	0	0	1.8	+1.8	0	1.8	+1.8
Tadcaster Bridge	0	0	1.4	+1.4	0	1.4	+1.4

Pre-allocated transport funding  1. Bedale Bypass (£18.4m)  2. York-Harrogate Rail Improvements (£9.6m)	15.5	0	0	0	28	28	0
Development and Delivery Costs		0	0.2	+0.2	0	0.8	+0.8
Total value of Growth Deal Projects	30.8	21.3	20.0	-1.30	122.2	124.3	+2.1
Finance Summary							
Income received							
Local Growth Fund	30.8	21.3			122.2	122.2	
NYCC flood defence loan					0	2.1	
LGF Loan Returns (Olympia Park)					-8.0	8.0	
Outstanding Liability							
NYCC Loan Repayment						-2.1	·
Re-Investment Surplus					8.0	5.9	

# How's BUSINESS





## What's How's Business

Hello. First of all, we'd like to say a big thank you for downloading our guide.

We're How's Business, the growth hub for York, North Yorkshire and East Riding.

We're one of 39 growth hubs set up by the Department for Business Innovation and Skills.

Our role is to make it easy for business owners like you to find the support you need. This could be to locate funding, help with marketing or advice on how to expand your set-up.

As our patch is quite rural, travel times can really cut into your day. So we try to focus on what's available locally. We've got a website, www.howsbusiness.org that plays a vital role in offering advice from anywhere with an internet connection.

We hope you find our guide really useful.

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### Introduction

At an initial glance, regulations can seem very complex. With so many different regulations and organisations dealing with them, it can be hard to know where to go for help.

We've put together this simple and straightforward guide to show you all the regulatory help that's out there.

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#### Disclaimer

This guide's sole purpose is to show you the main regulations that apply to small businesses. It also serves to introduce you to the different organisations that cover those regulations and the help and advice they can provide.



## **Building Regulations**

#### Why you may need this service

If you're making alterations to your business premises, putting in place an extension, or even building new premises, then you'll need to comply with building regulations.

Your building work will require approval by an inspector either from your local authority building control department or an external approved inspector. Some changes of use of premises may also mean that the premises may need to comply with Building Regulations.

#### How Councils can help your business

Councils work to ensure that buildings are safe, healthy, accessible and sustainable for current and future generations. If you are contemplating undertaking any building work, the council will help you decide whether the project will require a planning permission and/or a building regulations application, these are two separate applications and must be applied for individually.

#### What do they offer?

- Full advisory and approval service at design and construction stages on all matters relating to building works, including demolition
- Advice on whether building regulations approval will be required for the works you are planning
- Plan approval Vetting of drawings to ensure compliance with building regulations including consultation with other interested parties e.g. The Fire Service
- Site inspection Undertake inspections at key stages in construction to ensure compliance with building regulations

#### Further information

Contact the appropriate council where your business is located

#### City of York Council

https://www.york.gov.uk/info/20047/building\_control/779/building\_control

West Offices, Station Rise, York, YO1 6GA

phone: (01904) 551354 /551333 email: building.control@york.gov.uk

#### Further Information

#### PLANNING PORTAL

https://www.gov.uk/topic/planning-development/building-regulations

#### BUILDING REGULATIONS APPROVAL

https://www.gov.uk/building-regulations-approval

#### PARTY WALL ACT: EXPLANATORY BOOKLET

https://www.gov.uk/guidance/party-wall-etc-act-1996-guidance#explanatory-booklet

LOCAL AUTHORITY BUILDING CONTROL

http://www.labc.uk.com/



## **Business Continuity**

#### Why you may need this service

An incident large or small, natural, accidental or deliberate, can cause major disruption to your business. This may cause loss of income, customers, reputation, legal or regulatory penalties or even complete loss of your business.

Business continuity is a planning process that's aim is to manage the risks and ensure continuity as much as possible in the event of disruption to your business. Effective business continuity may also help in securing business insurance.

#### How Councils can help your business

Local Authorities have a statutory duty under the Civil Contingencies Act 2004 to provide free advice and assistance with regards to business continuity for small and medium enterprises and voluntary organisations. Using their advisors to be better informed and better prepared to deal with emergencies has a wide range of benefits and is good business practice.

#### What do they offer?

- Advice and support in planning, developing and documenting systems to maintain business continuity
- Help to identify the critical activities and resources needed to continue business
- Help to assess the internal and external risks to these activities
- Help to identify and prioritise services necessary to recover from disruption, set objectives for recovery time and determine the resources needed to achieve your objectives
- Signpost you to relevant information/tool-kits available

#### City of York Council

https://www.york.gov.uk/info/20044/business continuity/660/what help can i get with business continuity

West Offices, Station Rise, York, YO1 6GA

phone: 01904 551039 email: emergency.planning@york.gov.uk

#### **Further Information**

**Business Continuity Management Tool-kit - Gov.uk** 

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment data/file/137994/Business ContinuityManagment Toolkit.pdf



## **Business Rates**

#### Why you may need this service

If you're occupying a business premises, then you'll need to pay business rates to your local council. Even if you are working from home, the part of your property used for business may be liable to business rates. Small business relief may be available in some circumstances. If you are moving to a different premise you can find out the rateable value by contacting your local council or using the Valuation Office Agency.

### How Councils can help your business

Occupiers of non-domestic properties pay non-domestic rates (often known as business rates) which contribute towards the cost of local services which support your business. The councils collect business rates and this money then goes towards paying for the services provided by your council, the county council, the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Fire and Rescue Authority.

#### What do they offer?

- Advise you on how much you will have to pay, if you have a particular property in mind
- Ensure that you receive any relief or exemption that you are entitled to
- They will set up an account for you and give the maximum available number of instalments for payment
- Advise on the best way to pay your business rates

#### **Further Information**

Contact the council where your business is located:

#### City of York Council

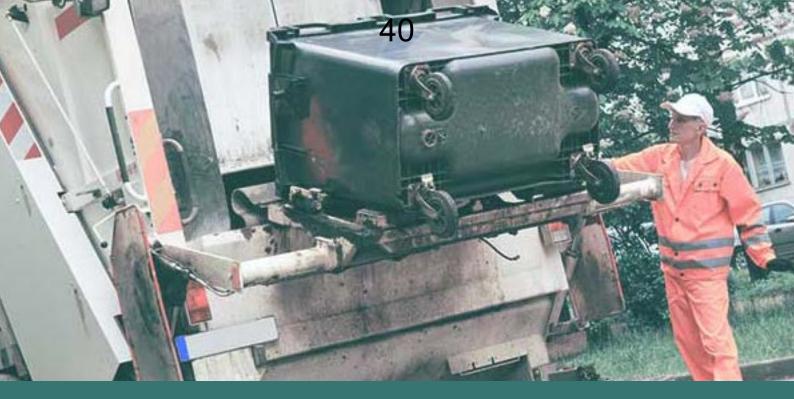
https://www.york.gov.uk/homepage/22/business

West Offices building, Station Rise, York, YO1 6GA

phone: (01904) 551553: email: business.rates@york.gov.uk

#### VALUATION OFFICE AGENCY

https://www.gov.uk/guidance/valuation-office-agency-andbusiness-rates-non-domestic-rates



## Commercial Waste

#### Why you may need this service

Disposing of rubbish costs your business money and wastes natural resources. It is estimated that waste typically costs companies around four per cent of their annual turnover and is increasing. Once a substance or object has become waste, it will remain waste until it has been fully recovered and no longer poses a potential threat to the environment or human health. As a business owner you have a legal responsibility to ensure that you produce, store, transport and dispose of your business waste in accordance with the law and meet your duty of care.

It is advisable to either contact the environment agency or the local authority where your business is located.

#### How councils can help your business

They can give clarity on the definitions of waste and guidance on safe storage and options available for managing your waste.

- Most councils provide a chargeable waste collection service for businesses at competitive prices, providing both a sack and container service
- Potentially help you to save money
- Provide advice on reducing, reusing or recycling your waste
- · Advice on recovering energy from waste

#### Further information

Contact the appropriate council where your business is located:

#### City of York Council

https://www.york.gov.uk/info/20090/commercial waste/1569/commercial waste disposal responsibilities

Hazel Court, James Street, York, YO10 3DS

phone: (01904) 553270 or (01904) 553282 email: commwaste@york.gov.uk

#### **Environment Agency**

email: enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk

**phone:** (03708) 506506

Monday to Friday, 8am to 6pm

#### **Further Information**

THE ENVIRONMENT AGENCY GUIDANCE ON WASTE RESPONSIBILITIES

https://www.gov.uk/managing-your-waste-an-overview







# **Employment**

# Why you may need this service

Your staff are one of your most important assets, not only do you want them to perform well, you also need to be mindful of the law and your staff's rights when dealing with them.

ACAS (Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service) are governed by an independent Council, including representatives of employer and employee organisations and employment experts. They are a recognised source of best practice and impartial advice on employment issues.

### What does ACAS offer?

- Free and impartial information and advice to employers and employees on all aspects of workplace relations and employment law
- Support in building good relationships between employers and employees which underpin business success
- Help when things go wrong by providing conciliation to resolve workplace problems
- Provision of good value, high quality training and tailored advice to employers, based on millions of contacts with employers and employees each year

- Advice and support to improve organisational performance and quality of working life
- Booklets, leaflets and handbooks covering a wide range of employment matters, from writing a contract of employment, to holiday entitlement, to the latest employment legislation to resolve disputes at the earliest stage and avoid conflict in the future which you can download or order on line

# Further information

#### **ACAS HOME PAGE:**

http://www.acas.org.uk/

#### Publications ACAS publications -

Free to download, use and share. Including Advisory booklets, leaflets and fact sheets and guidance

http://acas.ecgroup.net/

Training events:

https://obs.acas.org.uk/



# Food Safety

# Why you may need this service

If you are intending to produce, store or sell food and drink, in almost all cases you will need to register your food business with your council at least 28 days before starting trading. There is no charge for registration.

Food safety is normally regulated by your council, although in some cases it may be by the Food Standards Agency. You will also need to ensure that you and your staff have appropriate food hygiene training before you start running your business.

# How Councils can help your business

Councils have a team of experienced food safety officers that give help and advice, in addition to carrying out inspections of your food business to ensure the food you are producing is safe to eat.

Following a food safety inspection they will rate your business in accordance with "The National Food Hygiene Rating Scheme" to show how well you are complying with food safety law. They also investigate complaints about food, food businesses and food poisoning cases notified by local doctors.





- · Advice and information on food safety law
- Where appropriate, advisory visits to your business premises (there may be a charge for this)
- Help in compliance with the law and support in the development of good practice
- · Help in developing a robust food safety management system
- · Advice on food hygiene training requirements

#### Further information

Contact the appropriate council where your business is located:

#### City of York Council

https://www.york.gov.uk/homepage/25/food\_safety\_and\_standards

Eco Depot, Hazel Court, York, YO10 3DS

phone: (01904) 551525 email: public.protection@york.gov.uk

#### **Further Information**

FOOD STANDARDS AGENCY

http://www.food.gov.uk

Guidance on Food Law Requirements

http://www.food.gov.uk/multimedia/pdfs/publication/hygieneguidebooklet.pdf

FSA Guidance on Setting up a Other Catering Business

http://www.food.gov.uk/multimedia/pdfs/publication/starting-up-booklet.pdf

SAFER FOOD BETTER BUSINESS

http://www.food.gov.uk/business-industry/caterers/sfbb/

FOOD HYGIENE RATING SCHEME

https://www.food.gov.uk/business-industry/hygieneratings



# Fire Safety

# Why you may need this service

You have a responsibility for fire safety if you're an employer, self employed with premises, responsible for buildings with public access, or are a contractor who exercises a degree of control over premises.

If that's you, then you have a legal duty to ensure the safety of those using the premises or in the immediate vicinity who may be at risk should a fire occur.

The Regulatory Reform (Fire safety) Order 2005 covers virtually every type of building, structure and open space with the exception of private homes and individual flats in a block or house.

### How the Fire and Rescue Service can help your business.

The Fire & Rescue Service is committed to working in partnership to deliver a fully integrated protection, prevention, and intervention service that reduces the risk to the community from fire and other emergencies.

# What do they offer?

- Advice, information and support for employers and owners of business premises, including multiple-occupation flats and houses
- Information on the legal responsibilities to ensure the safety of employees and the public in these premises
- Fire Safety inspections
- · Guidance on conducting a fire risk assessment

# Further information

Contact the appropriate Service where your business is located:

#### North Yorkshire and the City of York

NORTH YORKSHIRE FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE: (Craven, Hambleton, Harrogate, Richmondshire, Ryedale, Scarborough, Selby)

http://www.northyorksfire.gov.uk/businesssafety

phone: (01609) 780150

Headquarters, Thurston Road, Northallerton, North Yorkshire, DL6 2ND

#### **Further Information**

DUTIES OF THE 'RESPONSIBLE PERSON'

https://www.gov.uk/workplace-fire-safety-your-responsibilities

FIRE SAFETY LAW AND GUIDANCE

https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/fire-safety-law-and-guidance-documents-for-business



# Health and Safety

# Why you may need this service

In general, health and safety laws apply to all businesses. As an employer, or a self-employed person, you are responsible for health and safety in your business. Health and safety laws are there to protect you, your employees and the public from workplace dangers. The legislation may seem daunting, however specialist guidance and advice is freely available and often it is only simple steps that are necessary to ensure compliance. The approach you take should be proportionate to the size of your business and the nature of your business activity. For most small, low-risk businesses the steps you need to take are straightforward.

Compliance with health and safety legislation is not only necessary, it will protect your business and help keep costs down to enhance the productivity and reputation of your business.

### What help is out there

Good practice in health and safety is good for your business – and it's the law. Councils can give advice on what you need to know about health and safety, the development of good practice and assist you in complying with relevant legal requirements. There are a number of health and safety requirements which need to be considered when running a business.

Councils can help you identify which legal requirements are relevant to your business and where to get appropriate information. They cover premises such as shops, offices, hairdressers, cinemas, hotels, leisure activities, warehouses, tyre and exhaust centres, and consumer services, e.g. launderettes, churches, banks, beauty parlours, residential care homes.

### What do they offer?

- General help and advice on health and safety and training
- Discussion on your health and safety concerns
- · Signposting to relevant guidance advice
- What documentation and records you may need to keep
- Site visits if necessary (there may be a charge for these)

#### Further information

Contact the appropriate authority where your business is located:

#### City of York Council

https://www.york.gov.uk/info/20041/information\_for\_businesses/19/health\_and\_safety\_at\_work

Eco Depot, Hazel Court, York, YO10 3DS

phone: (01904) 551525: email: public.protection@york.gov.uk

#### **Further Information**

THE HEALTH & SAFETY EXECUTIVE (HSE)
 <a href="http://www.hse.gov.uk/">http://www.hse.gov.uk/</a>

Institution of Occupational Safety & Health (IOSH)

https://www.iosh.co.uk/ (Free advice on occupational health & safety
and on health & safety at work)

phone: (0116) 2573100 email: reception@iosh.co.uk



# HM Revenue and Customs

# Why you may need this service

Legally, your business is going to have to deal with HMRC. They're known for handling taxes but they've got a lot of really useful information on the gov.uk website, including videos, webinars and newsletters. All in all, this makes it really easy to find out exactly what information you need to give them and also, to find out about the handy ways for you to get money back from the Government.

So, whether you're setting up a business, changing the structure of your business, trying to make sure you pay only as much tax as you need to, or taking on staff, HMRC have the resources you need to do it all legally.

### How HMRC can help your business

HMRC offer new or existing businesses a range of information relating to employing people, recording the information you will need to complete your tax returns, claim allowances, VAT and payments.

- Fundamental tax advice, e.g. tax returns, allowances and tax codes
- · Help and support with self-assessment and record keeping
- Information about national insurance contributions
- · Advice on self-assessment and how you can pay any tax liability
- Fact-sheets about working for yourself
- Helpline and online presentations
- · Advice on taking on staff
- · Advice on if you need to register for VAT

#### **Further Information**

#### My new business

For interactive help and advice from across government in one place specifically designed for small businesses go to the 'Starting up a Business' pages at <a href="https://www.gov.uk/starting-up-a-business">https://www.gov.uk/starting-up-a-business</a>

#### Tax help information

Working for yourself – what you need to know. <a href="https://www.gov.uk/working-for-yourself/overview">https://www.gov.uk/working-for-yourself/overview</a>

Expenses and allowances for the self-employed – what you need to know. <a href="https://www.gov.uk/expenses-if-youre-self-employed">https://www.gov.uk/expenses-if-youre-self-employed</a>

#### **Online presentations**

https://www.gov.uk/government/news/webinars-and-videos-aboutself-assessment

#### Register your self-employment

On line - https://www.gov.uk/set-up-sole-trader/register

### Register for tax

https://www.gov.uk/new-business-register-for-tax



# Intellectual property

# Why you may need this service

Having the right type of intellectual property protection helps you to stop people stealing or copying things as inventions; written and artistic works, designs and symbols, names and images which you may create and use in your business. IP is protected in law by, for example, patents, copyright and trademarks.

### **Further Information**

#### INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE

https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/intellectual-property-office

The Intellectual property Office has a range of resources that you can use for guidance. Advice is available on the circumstances in which you can apply for patents, and how your local Trading Standards office can help protect them.

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https://www.york.gov.uk/info/20046/trading standards and consumer advice/923/trading standards business advice



# Licensing

# Why you may need this service

A number of licensing requirements may need to be considered when running a business.

Councils are responsible for dealing with the licensing, registration and regulation of a wide range of activities, premises and vehicles. Some of these are required by law nationally, but there are sometimes also local requirements which may also affect your business. It is important to know whether your business activity requires a licence or registration so that you can stay legal.

# What can licensors do for you?

If you are unsure whether your business activity requires a licence or registration, you should contact the council in which your business is located (the people you pay your business rates or council tax to).

Local authorities can help you identify what might be relevant to your business and where to get appropriate information. They can also offer you guidance on completing and submitting your licence/registration application and complying with relevant legal requirements.

- Guidance when completing and submitting applications
- Help with identifying which forms you might need and advice on how to complete them
- Advice on which other agencies you may need to consult to get a licence
- Checks on safety issues and potential public nuisance issues
- · Help with identifying the relevant legal requirements

#### Further information

If your business involves any of the following activities it is likely you will need to register or obtain a licence, please contact the local authority where your business is located:

Alcohol and entertainment, gambling, animal welfare (pet shops, kennels/ catteries, zoos, horse riding, dog breeding, dangerous wild animals), street trading and markets, charitable collections, scrap metal or motor salvage operators, caravan sites, pleasure boats, sex shops and sexual entertainment venues, cosmetic piercing (registrations for tattooing, ear piercing, acupuncture), houses of multiple occupation, taxis, pavement cafes.

### Council contact information

#### CITY OF YORK COUNCIL

https://www.york.gov.uk/homepage/22/business#

Licensing services, Eco Dept, Hazel Court, York, YO10 3DS

phone: (01904) 552512 email: licensing.unit@york.gov.uk



# Nuisance

# Why you may need this service

If you cause or fail to deal with a nuisance problem created by the operation of your business then you could face legal action and a fine. The local authority could also restrict or stop your business activities.

Nuisance is any action or neglect which interferes with peoples use and enjoyment of land or property or could have a negative effect on health. There are 2 types of nuisance, common law and statutory nuisance. Examples of common law nuisance which businesses need to consider may include excessive noise, excessive artificial light, vermin, litter, dust and smoke.

Statutory nuisance is regulated through other council services or agencies e.g. noise from licenced premises.

# How Councils can help your business

Your council can give advice on nuisance control matters, there are a number of requirements which need to be considered when running a business. They can help you identify which is relevant to your business and where to get appropriate information. This is particularly suitable if you are starting a business or thinking of moving your business to different premises. They can help you identify and comply with relevant legal requirements and support you in the development of good working practices. They provide advice, information and some authorities where appropriate may carry out advisory visits (there may be a charge for these).

- Environmental Protection officers are available to support your business in complying with common law and statutory nuisance caused by noise, odour, dust, smoke and other nuisance
- They can provide information and guidance on whether any activities which you wish to carry out may cause a statutory nuisance
- They can advise on measures you can take to control these activities
- They have statutory consultees for planning and licensing applications

#### Further information

Contact the appropriate council where your business is located:

#### City of York Council

https://www.york.gov.uk/info/20020/environment and animals

Eco Depot, Hazel Court, York, YO10 3DS

phone: (01904) 551525: email: public.protection@york.gov.uk

### **Further Information**

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Gov.UK site)

https://www.gov.uk/search?q=nuisance



# Planning

# Why you may need this service

Many types of building work will require planning permission – such as relocation, new build, conversion or expansion of your business resulting in extension to buildings or sites. It can also apply if you are wanting to use your premises for more and different activities. Some other examples may include the change of use of land or putting up adverts to promote your business.

# How Councils can help your business

It is recommended that you contact your Local Council planning service before you submit a planning application to build, extend or convert a property to suit the needs of your business.

Pre-application advice can help identify any problems with your scheme before plans are submitted and may be able to give an indication of the likely outcome of your planning application.

The planning rules do vary from area to area so it is important you contact the council where your premises is located.

- · Advice on whether a planning application is necessary
- · Checks on the permitted use of a premises
- Assistance in finding if existing planning permissions have conditions attached to them which may restrict their use
- Advice when you are considering new builds, extensions to existing buildings or changes of use of land or buildings which typically would require planning permission
- Information to help businesses negotiate the planning process
- Consultation on planning applications with other statutory or nonstatutory bodies
- · Help with planning problems

#### Further information

Contact the local council where your business is located:

#### City of York Council

https://www.york.gov.uk/homepage/34/planning and building

West Offices building, Station Rise, York, YO1 6GA

phone: (01904) 551553: email: planning.enquiries@york.gov.uk

### **Appeals**

If you want information on how to appeal against a planning decision go to:

https://www.gov.uk/appeal-planning-decision



# Protection from pollution

# Why you may need this service

Many business activities are carefully regulated to ensure they do not cause short or long term damage to the environment. To stop you from falling foul of the law, councils and the Envionment Agency regulate such activities.

Businesses who act in a socially and environmentally responsible way have found that this can positively affect profitability and the long term success of their business.

### How Councils can help your business

Much of the guidance and advice you need to ensure that your business is compliant with environmental regulations is specialist. It is advisable to seek advice from your local authority, the environment agency or your water provider to ensure you know fully what it is you need to do to be compliant.

Councils can help you comply with relevant legal requirements and support you in the development of good working practices. They provide advice and information which is particularly suitable if you are starting a business or thinking of moving your business to different premises or area. Officers are available to support your business in complying with a wide range of environmental protection and pollution control legislation including - contaminated land, noise, industrial pollution, private water supplies and air quality management.

- Environmental Protection officers are available to support your business in complying with the relevant legislation relating to pollution control
- They can advise on measures you can take to control such activities
- They are statutory consultees for planning and licensing applications
- They can advise on energy savings
- Issue authorisations and permits for certain industrial processes.

Note: for pollution control in a watercourse you should contact the Environment Agency.

#### Further information

Contact the appropriate authority where your business is located:

#### City of York Council

https://www.york.gov.uk/info/20020/environment and animals

Eco Depot, Hazel Court, York, YO10 3DS

phone: (01904) 551525: email: public.protection@york.gov.uk

### **Further Information**

THE ENVIRONMENT AGENCY'S BUSINESS PAGES

https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/environment-agency

POLLUTION PREVENTION GUIDANCE DOCS FROM THE ENVIRONMENT AGENCY

https://www.gov.uk/search?q=Pollution+prevention+guidance&filter organisations%5B%5D=environment-agency

#### Appeals:

If the authority decides to refuse a permit, a business can appeal to the government. A business can also appeal if it has received a permit but does not agree with any of the conditions.



# Trading Standards

# Why you may need this service

It is very important for your business that you stay legal and compliant with trading standards legislation, otherwise you could face criminal or civil legal action.

Trading Standards legislation protects the customer, but it is also useful to remember that compliance and a good understanding of your responsibilities and rights under the legislation will also help to protect your business. Compliance can also enhance your reputation as a business that has the interests of its customers at its heart.

### How Councils can help your business

Trading standards can seem a complex area and consequently it is highly advisable that you contact the service for help. The trading standards service provides advice for businesses and is responsible for enforcing laws covering the safety, descriptions and pricing of products and services. Their aim is "safeguarding consumers, supporting legitimate trade".

### What do they offer?

- Comprehensive advice
- Published guidance to advise businesses on a variety of topics
- Specialist trader advice
- Advice to businesses on the Consumer Rights
- Free, impartial legal guidance for businesses

#### Further information

Contact the appropriate Authority where your business is located:

City of York Council Trading Standards (City of York)

https://www.york.gov.uk/info/20046/trading standards and consumer advice/923/trading standards business advice (Covering York area)

Hazel Court, York, YO10 3DS

Phone: (01904) 551525 email: public.protection@york.gov.uk

#### Further Information

#### Business Companion

https://www.businesscompanion.info/

#### Online and Distance Selling for Businesses

https://www.gov.uk/online-and-distance-selling-for-businesses/overview

#### THE NATIONAL MEASUREMENT AND REGULATION OFFICE

https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/national-measurement-and-regulation-office



# Next steps

Hopefully this guide has helped you to get a better grip on regulations. But before we say goodbye, we thought we'd offer you a few more places you can go for general business advice.

### The National Business Support Helpline:

If you need some free advice for your business, give the folk at the National Business Support Helpline a ring. Their advice is free, and the number is **0300 456 3565** 

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#### **Local Government North Yorkshire and York**

#### 7 October 2016

#### **General Updates**

### **Report of the Honorary Secretary**

#### 1.0 Purpose of the Report

1.1 To provide a brief update on issues which do not require a full paper.

# 2.0 Sub-Regional Housing Board – Report of Mary Weastell, Chief Executive, Selby District Council

Progress report as at September 2016

Enhanced two tier project title: Affordable Housing

Project Description: Working Together to Increase the Number of Affordable Housing

Units

Project Lead: Colin Dales, Corporate Director (Operations), Richmondshire District Council, Tel: 01748 901002 email: colin.dales@richmondshire.gov.uk

#### 2.1 Progress to date/update:

- (a) The Housing Partnership's Annual Housing Strategy Update for 2015/16 is attached. This shows how the partnership is performing in terms of delivering the outcomes within the Housing Strategy after its first year of operation. As the report shows, progress is good but the overall policy environment remains challenging.
- (b) The Housing Board is closely monitoring national policy developments, particularly around the extension of the Right to Buy to Housing Associations, annual rent changes for social landlords (being set at -1% each year for the next 4 years), the selloff of high value Council housing and starter home proposals which may have an impact on Council's approach to Section 106 housing supply. The details of how and when these key policies will be rolled have been delayed due to Brexit etc.
- (c) Related to the impact of national policy developments, proposals to cap housing benefit entitlement further is currently undermining the development of new supported housing schemes as registered providers hold back on their development programmes until the revenue implications and future Government intentions to mitigate the impact become clear. The Government has made recent concessions to reduce fears within the supported housing sector but a great deal of uncertainty remains in the medium to longer term.

(d) As part of a wider North Yorkshire partnership approach with all key agencies, North Yorkshire Councils have agreed to assist with the Syrian Refugee Resettlement Programme. Each Council will resettle an agreed number of refugees based on a simple pro rata population formula. The total figure for North Yorkshire is 200 (people). Refugees have started to be resettled in North Yorkshire as phase 1 Councils (Selby, Harrogate and Craven) deliver on the Regional commitment. Lessons are being learned from these initial placements. It is likely that further phases (Council roll out) will be more compressed than originally anticipated meaning that phase 2 and phase 3 Councils will become involved sooner than originally planned.

#### 2.2 Barriers to progressing the project over the next period

- (a) The main barrier continues to relate to current housing market conditions which are hindering the contribution that the planning system can make to affordable homes delivery. However, housing market conditions and associated confidence are continuing to improve and this barrier continues to lower as housing market confidence grows.
- (b) Lack of suitable land continues to be a barrier to the delivery of affordable housing although Local Authority planning frameworks are continuing to develop with a growing number receiving or anticipating Planning Inspectorate approval. This progress should ease housing land supply in the medium term. The Growth Deal makes specific reference to the need to have up to date local plans and associated land supply.
- (c) Private sector housing improvement funding ceased from 1 April 2011 as a direct result of CSR. Local Authorities still have the freedom to fund private sector housing renewal from their own funds, but current feedback from Local Authority colleagues is that this area of activity has reduced significantly with Disabled Facilities Grants being the core business.
- (d) Local opposition to housing (including affordable housing) is also hindering progress in boosting housing supply. The Housing Board has written to the Housing Minister to request that more supportive key messages come out of Government, supporting new housing and the key role it plays in boosting local economies and sustaining communities. The Chair of the Board has also met with the Housing Minister when he visited the region in July in order to reinforce this message.
- (e) Funding the infrastructure needed to bring housing sites forward is also a barrier which has, at least in part, been resolved via the allocation of Local Growth Funding. However, this is likely to be an on-going pressure as further key sites come forward.
- (f) Selby District Council has also had a further barrier raised by developers and agents within its area which relates to delays in statutory agency consultee responses to planning applications.
- (g) The vast raft of new / proposed housing legislation is also proving to become a barrier as housing providers take stock and come to terms with all the new policies and proposals and the impact on business plans. This barrier is likely to reduce as time moves on and updates will continue to be provided in this respect.

# 3.0 Sub-Regional Spatial Planning and Transport Board – Report of Ian Stokes (Development Officer (Transport Strategy), City of York Council)

3.1 The Spatial Planning and Transport Board last met on 9 December 2015 and a subsequent meeting has not been arranged at the time of writing this report. The Board, on 9 December, agreed that the Directors of Development should look at streamlining reporting structures where possible. A new structure was agreed by the Directors of Development in April 2016. Under the new structure, the Directors of Development Group (which reports to the Chief Executives' Group) has agreed to establish a new Heads of Planning Group, which in turn will determine any subordinate officer groups necessary. Discussions are on-going amongst members of the former North Yorkshire Planning Officer Group around the transition to the new Heads of Planning group. At the time of writing this report, information is awaited from the new Heads of Planning group in relation to the sub-ordinate officer groups, including the Technical Officers' Group.

#### 4.0 Appointment of Lead Officer for the North Yorkshire and York Housing Board

- 4.1 LGNYY is asked to identify and appoint a new lead officer for the North Yorkshire and York Housing Board or reconfirm Mary Weastell in the role. Mary Weastell has been lead officer since 2014. The request for a new appointment is made subsequent to Mary's appointment as Chief Executive of the City of York Council.
- 4.2 The North Yorkshire and York Housing Board was set up by LGNYY and reports on its proceedings at each LGNYY meeting. The Board aims to ensure that housing and housing-related regeneration priorities and initiatives in the North Yorkshire and York sub-region are coordinated in a way that makes the strongest possible contribution to the area. The Board aims to contribute to successful, thriving and inclusive communities urban and rural, inland and coastal across York and North Yorkshire. It brokers agreement on priorities and associated investment plans for housing and housing-related regeneration. Its membership is one elected Member from each of the seven District Councils, the City of York Council, the County Council, and each of the two National Park Authorities, together with a Government Office representative and a Homes and Communities Agency representative. Each Elected Member can be supported by an officer from his/her organisation.

#### 5.0 Recommendations

- 5.1 That the report be noted.
- 5.2 That LGNYY identify and appoint a new lead officer for the North Yorkshire and York Housing Board or reconfirm Mary Weastell in the role.

#### **Richard Flinton**

Honorary Secretary to Local Government North Yorkshire and York



# York, NorhPPENDIX Yorkshire & East Riding Housing Board

Housing Strategy 2015-21

Annual Report 15/16

Sept 2016

Our <u>Housing Strategy</u> 2015-21 sets the housing priorities for York, North Yorkshire & East Riding. The Housing Board is responsible for the development, implementation and delivery of the Strategy, reporting to the Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) Infrastructure Board and the Leaders Board.

The Strategy & Action Plan set out how the Board will work with stakeholders to deliver the housing aims of the LEP and promote investment which increases and improves our housing stock.

Delivery against the targets and objectives in the Strategy is reviewed annually by the Housing Board. This report summarises our progress, performance & achievements in 2015/16, the first year of this Strategy.



# Vision

"To enable the delivery of more new homes and for all housing to be of a quality, type and size which meets the needs of our urban, rural and coastal communities and supports economic growth."

### We need to

- Address housing supply and affordability
- Respond to our varied geography
- Respond to our changing demography
- Address the quality of existing housing stock
- Continue to prevent homelessness
- Respond to the needs of vulnerable households and specific needs groups



# Our Housing Issues

# Average House Prices

North Yorkshire	£202,960
East Riding of Yorks	£160,716
York	£229,893
England	£226,807

UK house Price Index - May 2016

# Priorities 2015-21

Work with Partners to increase the supply of good quality new housing – all tenures & locations

Ensure our housing stock meets the needs of urban, rural and coastal communities

Ensure that housing stock meets the diverse needs of communities at all stages of their lives

Ensure new homes are of a high design & environmental quality

Continue to make best use of existing stock & ensure it is of decent quality to meet community needs

Ensure all homes have a positive impact on health & well being & are affordable to run

Continue to reduce homelessness

Ensure housing is allocated fairly and on the basis of need

Provide appropriate housing and support for those with specific needs



- 200,000 Starter Homes by 2018, contributing to 1m homes target by 2020
- 135,000 (Help to Buy) Shared
   Ownership homes by 2021
- Help to Buy Extension to 2021
   to support the purchase of 145,000 new build homes
- 10,000 homes to allow tenants to save a deposit through sub market rent, with the opportunity to buy after 5 years
- Right to Buy to help council & housing association tenants buy their home at a discount
- 8,000 specialist homes for older people & those with disabilities



# National Government Housing Priorities



# Changes in 2015/16

The first year of the strategy has seen many changes in the housing & planning arena. Key areas influencing delivery of our priorities are:



The development and implementation of the Housing and Planning Act 2016, including:

- A focus on home ownership & introduction of Starter Homes
- Sale of higher value council housing



The 1% rent cut and the voluntary extension of the Right to Buy for Housing Association tenants



Housing Benefit capped at Local Housing Allowance rates for social housing tenants.

Housing
Strategy:
Key Aims &
Performance
2015/16





# Key Aims 2015/16

- Double the rate of housebuilding (from 12-14 levels), to around 5,400 per year
- Triple the rate of Affordable Housing delivery, to around 2,700 per year
- Get Local Plans in place
- Increase diversity in size, type and tenure – including for older people
- Increase energy efficiency and reduce the impact of housing on health and wellbeing
- Continue to prevent homelessness though partnership working







# Progress & Achievements 2015/16

- Housing Board includes Home Builders
   Federation & National Housing Federation reps
- Close working with York, North Yorkshire & East Riding Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) and Homes & Communities Agency (HCA)
- Housing completions increased by 31%
- Good progress on development of Local Plans
- Refresh of Gypsy, Roma, Traveller & Showpeople sub group action plan
- Continuation of the Rural Housing Enabler Programme, delivering 161 rural affordable homes
- Achievements and progress against the Homelessness Gold Standard
- Close working with Health & Well Being Colleagues



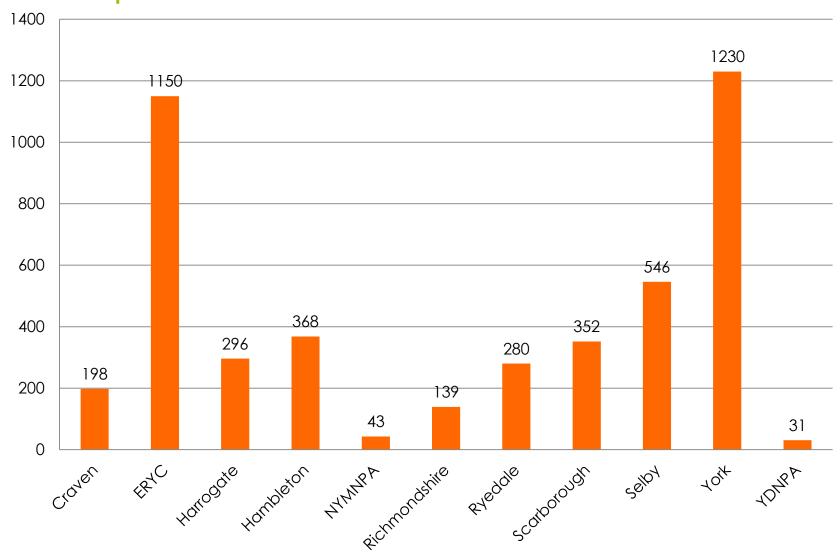




#### Housing Completions

- 31% increase in Housing Completions from 2014/15
- 85% of 5,400 annual target delivered in 2015/16
- 14% of completions are affordable homes

### Completions 2015/16



# Completions Breakdown

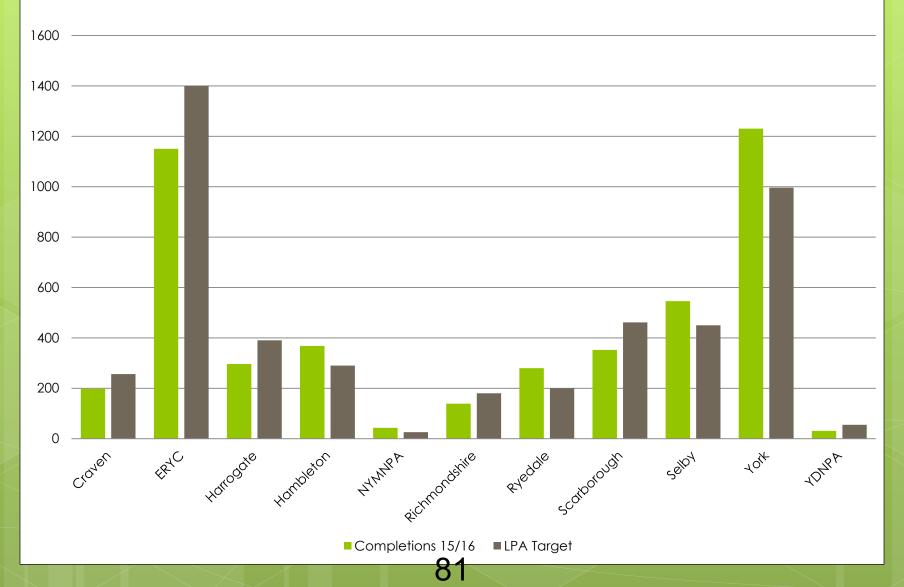
Of the 4,618 completions

- 671 (14%) were Affordable Homes
- 664 (14%) were in rural areas, of which 161 (24%) were affordable
- 392 (8%) were in coastal areas
- 141 (3%) were for older people
- 579 (12%) were student accommodation





#### Performance Against Local Targets



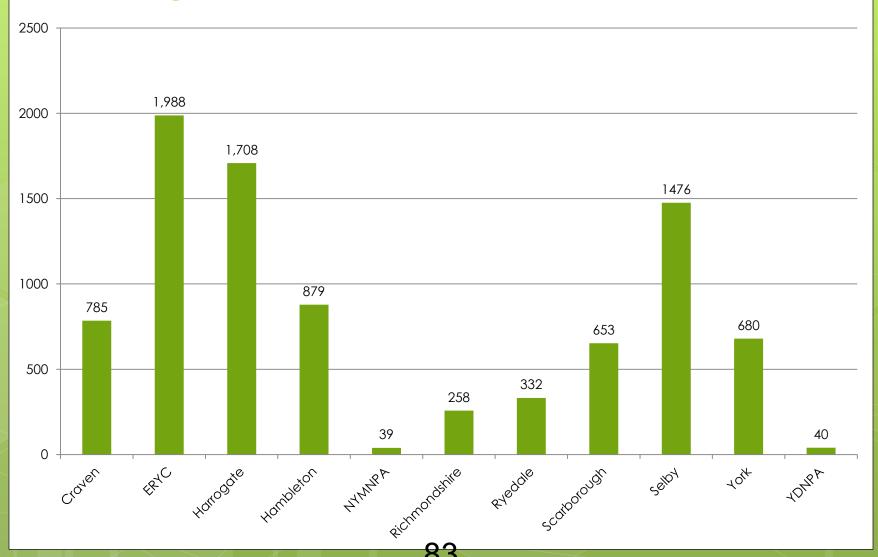


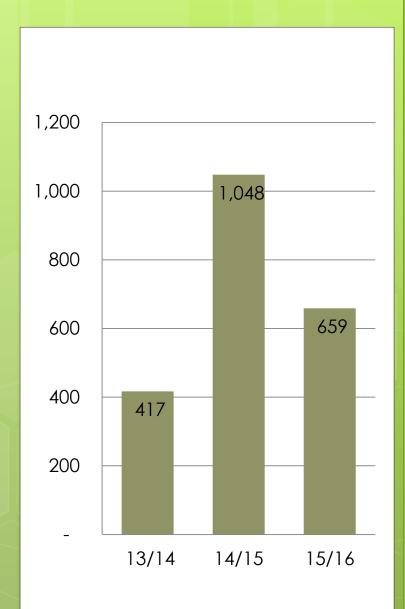


#### Planning Permissions

8,838 new homes were granted planning permission in 2015/16 forming the pipeline for later years

### Planning Permissions 2015/16



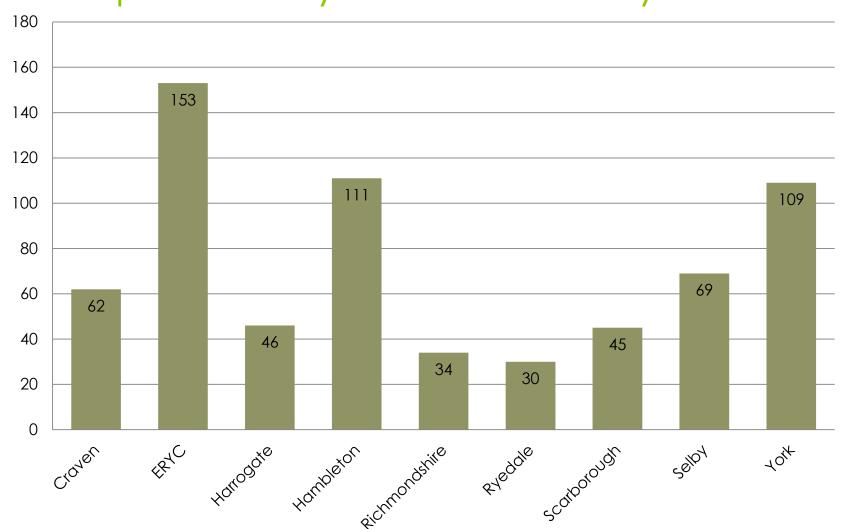




# Affordable Housing Completions

- 24% rural, via the Rural Housing Enabler Network
- 46% received subsidy
- 29% were through \$106 agreements
- 6% were developed by Local Authorities
- 64% rent & 12% low cost home ownership

# Affordable Housing Completions by Local Authority



# Homelessness 2015/16

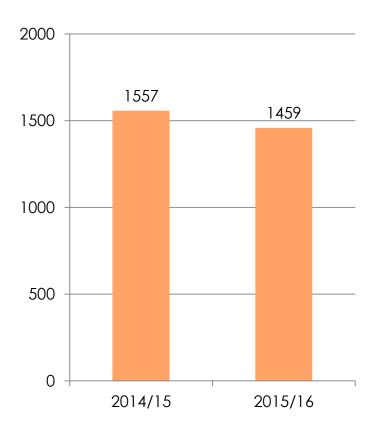
10,325 households accessed Housing Options Services in YNYER in 2015/16

687 households were owed a main homeless duty, a decrease of 10% from 2014/15

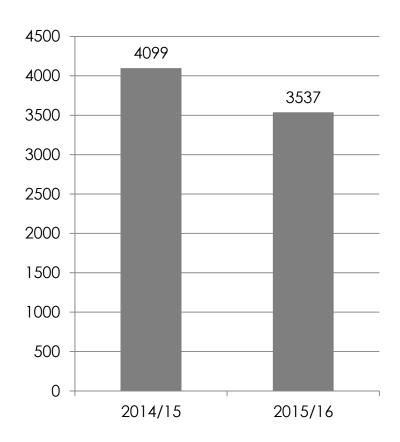
Households in temporary accommodation decreased by 2% between Q4 14/15 and Q4 15/16 (227 to **223**)

Only two 16/17 year olds were in Bed & Breakfast accommodation

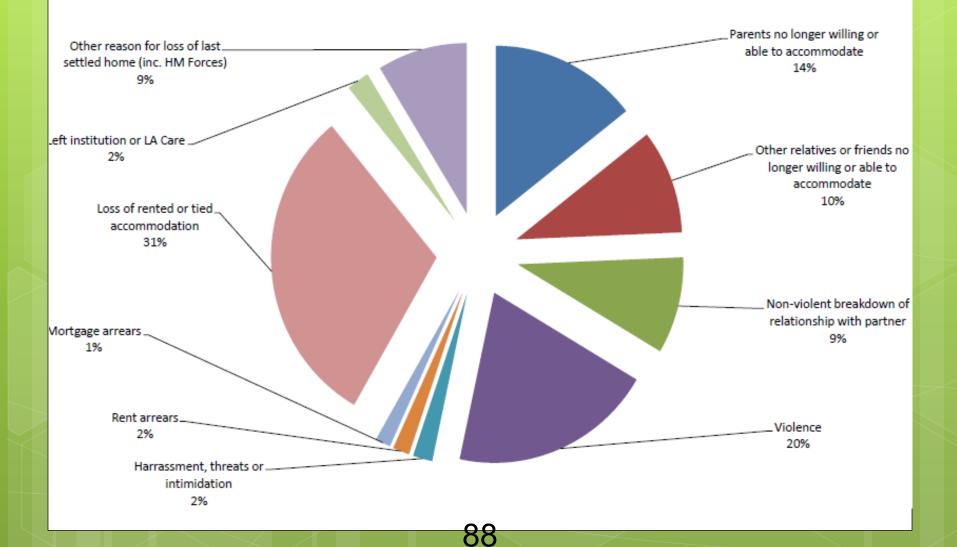
# Homelessness Decisions



#### Homelessness Preventions



## Reasons for Homelessness



### Homelessness

All of our Local Authorities:

- Have a Homelessness Strategy& Action Plan in place
- Are working towards the Gold Standard for Homelessness Services. 2 have reached the Bonze Standard and 3 Silver and are n the top 3% in the country.
- Have a formalised No Second Night Out (NOSO) offer



# Investing in Existing Homes







## Investment in 2015/16

Local Authority	Disabled Facilities Grants #	Disabled Facilities Grants £
Craven	34	£ 249,258
ERYC	495	£ 2,323,000
Harrogate	29	£ 383,936
Hambleton	44	£ 260,562
Richmondshire	23	£ 114,963
Ryedale	19	£ 117,000
Scarborough	92	£ 684,790
Selby	22	£ 150,000
York	150	£ 1,019,000
TOTAL	908	£ 5,302,509

Local Authorities also invested a total of £5,023,191 on 1,211 energy efficiency measures

and

£1,227,254 on 230 other works, including property improvement & repair assistance loans.

# 2016/17 - Risks and Opportunities

<ul> <li>Changes in Govi policy</li> <li>Local Plan adoption</li> <li>Strategic site progress</li> <li>Economy and house prices</li> <li>Starter Homes</li> <li>Welfare Reform</li> </ul>	New administration/ministers Focus on smaller builders & sites Rural focus and poss £60m funding New Local Growth Fund £ Starter Homes Community led Housing Joint Assets Board

For more information visit

# www.nycyerhousing.gov.uk

