

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT NORTH YORKSHIRE AND YORK**

**Minutes of the meeting held on Friday 16 December 2016 at 10.10 am at  
City of York Council's West Offices, Station Rise, York, YO1 6GD**

**Present:-**

<u>Authority</u>	<u>Member/Chief Executive</u>
City of York Council	Councillor David Carr (in the Chair) Mary Weastell (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 Wallace Sampson (Chief Executive)
North Yorkshire County Council	County Councillor Carl Les Richard Flinton (Chief Executive to the County Council and Honorary Secretary to LGNY)
Richmondshire District Council	Councillor Yvonne Peacock Tony Clark (Chief Executive)
Ryedale District Council	Councillor Linda Cowling Janet Waggott (Chief Executive)
Scarborough Borough Council	Councillor Derek Bastiman Jim Dillon (Chief Executive)
Selby District Council	Councillor John Mackman (as Substitute for Councillor Mark Crane) Janet Waggott (Interim Chief Executive)
Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority	Mr Carl Lis OBE David Butterworth (Chief Executive)

**In Attendance:-**

From West Yorkshire Councils:- Councillor Judith Blake (Leader, Leeds City Council), Councillor Susan Hinchcliffe (Leader, Bradford Council), Councillor David Sheard (Leader, Wakefield Council) and Tom Riordan (Chief Executive, Leeds City Council).

From the East Riding of Yorkshire Council:- Councillor Stephen Parnaby OBE (Leader) and Nigel Pearson (Chief Executive).

Julia Mulligan (North Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner) accompanied by Tom Thorp (Acting Chief of Staff to the Police and Crime Commissioner for North Yorkshire).

County Councillor Chris Metcalfe (Chairman, North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority).

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

Ruth Gladstone (LGNY Secretariat)

**Apologies for Absence:-**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Peter Box (Leader, Wakefield Council), Councillor Mark Robson (Leader, Hambleton District Council), Jim Bailey (Chairman, North York Moors National Park Authority) and Andy Wilson (Chief Executive, North York Moors National Park Authority).

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

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**134. Any declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**135. Exclusion of the Public**

**Resolved -**

- (a) That the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of item 4 on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information)(Variation) Order 2006.
- (b) That it be noted that the public are excluded from the meeting during consideration of item 6 on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of confidential information, namely, information provided by a Government department on terms which forbid the disclosure of the information to the public.

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**The business at Minute 136 was considered in private.  
The following is a public summary of business conducted in private.**

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**136. An Ambitious Devolution Deal on the Widest Possible Geographical Footprint – Discussion**

A discussion took place with Leaders across York, North Yorkshire and the East Riding and Leaders of West Yorkshire Councils.

**137. Minutes**

**Resolved -**

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 7 October 2016, having been printed and circulated, be taken as read and be confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

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**The business at Minute 138 was considered in private and  
the public have no right of access to the paper provided for discussion.  
The following is a public summary of business conducted in private.**

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**138. Local Growth Deal for York, North Yorkshire and East Riding**

Considered -

The oral report and paper from James Farrar (Chief Operating Officer, York, North Yorkshire and East Riding LEP) advising of the allocation under the Local Growth Deal to the Yorkshire, North Yorkshire and East Riding LEP, information in respect of which was embargoed.

Members commented that they had no concerns relating to the governance or the process which had been followed.

It was recognised that the Chief Operating Officer would be reporting to the Infrastructure Board in early February, taking a paper through the main LEP Board in January and that, in the event of dispute, the main LEP Board would make the ultimate decision. It was also recognised that clear explanations needed to be provided to Councils about the outcome.

**Resolved -**

That the report be noted.

**139. Expansion of LEP Infrastructure Board Responsibilities to Cover Public Assets**

Considered -

The report of James Farrar (Chief Operating Officer, York, North Yorkshire and East Riding LEP) seeking agreement regarding the expansion of the remit of the LEP Infrastructure Programme Board to include the role of the Joint Public Assets Board for the YNYER LEP area. It was proposed that the Board would be known as the LEP Infrastructure and Joint Assets Board and would work to the terms of reference set out in the report.

Members confirmed that the issues identified previously relating to the proposed expansion were satisfactorily addressed in the report before this meeting.

**Resolved -**

That the expansion of the remit of the LEP Infrastructure Board, as set out in the report, be agreed.

**140. 2016 Report of Dr Lincoln Sargeant, Director for Public Health for North Yorkshire**

Considered -

The 2016 Annual Report of Dr Lincoln Sargeant (Director for Public Health for North Yorkshire) entitled "Good Work - Good for You, Good for Business". The report highlighted that North Yorkshire's workforce was shrinking and ageing, together with actions to enable the workforce to be healthier and productive over a longer working life.

**Resolved -**

That the report be noted.

**141. General Updates**

Considered -

The report of Richard Flinton (LGNYY's Honorary Secretary) which advised of the recent discussions of the Sub-Regional Housing Board and the York, North Yorkshire and East Riding ESI Funds Sub-Committee. It also advised of the current situation relating to the Sub-Regional Spatial Planning and Transport Board.

**Resolved -**

That the report be noted.

**142. Arrangements for Future Meetings**

**Resolved -**

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

- Friday 24 March 2017 at 10.30am at County Hall, Northallerton
- Friday 7 July 2017 at 2pm, venue to be to be advised. (A joint LGNYY/LEP event may be held on the morning of 7 July.)
- Friday 6 October 2017 at 10.30am at Tennants Auctioneers, Leyburn
- Friday 1 December 2017 at 10.30am at Ryedale District Council offices, Malton
- Friday 9 March 2018 at 10.30am in the Scarborough district area

**143. Business for Future Meetings**

**Resolved -**

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

**144. Emergency Services Collaboration - Update on Recent Developments**

**Considered -**

The oral report and paper from Julia Mulligan (Police and Crime Commissioner for North Yorkshire) which advised of recent developments and the process and timeline for the development of her business case for future collaboration between Emergency Services, including a possible change in governance to transfer responsibility for North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service to the Police and Crime Commissioner. Julia Mulligan advised that she was suggesting a process which would fully involve Council Leaders and Chief Executives and would include independent people to check and challenge the process. She asked Leaders and Chief Executives to consider approaches which they would be receiving from PA Consultants during the Collaboration Options Assessment.

County Councillor Chris Metcalfe (Chairman, North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority) advised that the Fire Authority welcomed the new duty for blue light services to collaborate but felt that the pace of collaboration needed to be accelerated and also should extend much further than just blue light services eg to include Adult Services and Children's Services. County Councillor Chris Metcalfe expressed the view that it was unfortunate that there was a focus on governance at a time when there was the opportunity, right now, to focus on collaboration. He suggested that the issue of governance should be paused for now and that a change of governance should be considered only if the collaboration discussions failed.

Following discussion, the Chairman summarised Leaders' views that, whilst recognising that the timeframe was set by the Police and Crime Commission, Leaders were concerned that the length of time suggested for the Collaboration Options Assessment was extremely short. He highlighted that most Leaders and Chief Executives would wish to be involved in that process and that Leaders needed to be involved, in some form, at the end of the Collaboration Options Assessment. Julia Mulligan responded that she wanted Leaders and Chief Executives to be involved, not just in the assessment of the options, but also in the development of options. Councillors David Carr and Carl Les confirmed that they would be happy to be involved in the Collaboration Options. Julia Mulligan added that, if a whole range of issues

transpired from the Collaboration Options, such issues would be discussed and the issues moved forward appropriately.

Julia Mulligan advised that she would have a discussion with her consultants, reflect on the comments made during this meeting, and put forward a structure which allowed Leaders and Chief Executives to have their say and input.

**Resolved -**

That the report be noted.

The meeting concluded at 3:20 pm.

RAG/JR