

LOCAL GOVERNMENT NORTH YORKSHIRE AND YORK

**Minutes of the meeting held on Friday 24 March 2017 at 10.30 am at
County Hall, Northallerton, DL7 8AD**

Present:-

| <u>Authority</u> | <u>Member/Chief Executive</u> |
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| 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 | Councillor Mark Robson Dr Justin Ives (Chief Executive) |
| Harrogate Borough Council | Wallace Sampson (Chief Executive) |
| North Yorkshire County Council | County Councillor Carl Les Richard Flinton (Chief Executive to the County Council and Honorary Secretary to LGNYY) |
| Richmondshire District Council | Councillor Yvonne Peacock Tony Clark (Chief Executive) |
| Ryedale District Council | Janet Waggott (Chief Executive) |
| Scarborough Borough Council | Councillor Derek Bastiman Trevor Watson (Director)(as Substitute for Jim Dillon (Chief Executive)) |
| Selby District Council | Councillor Mark Crane Janet Waggott (Interim Chief Executive) |
| Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority | Mr Carl Lis OBE |

In Attendance:-

From the East Riding of Yorkshire Council:- Councillor Jonathan Owen and Caroline Lacey.

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) and Neil Amos (PA Consulting).

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

Matt O'Neill (North Yorkshire County Council's Assistant Director for Growth, Planning and Trading Standards) and Richard Wood (Richard Wood Associates Ltd).

Ruth Gladstone (LGNYY Secretariat)

Apologies for Absence:-

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Richard Cooper (Harrogate Borough Council), Councillor Linda Cowling (Ryedale District Council) and David Butterworth (Chief Executive, Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority).

Copies of all documents considered are in the Minute Book

145. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

146. Minutes

Resolved -

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 16 December 2016, having been printed and circulated, be taken as read and be confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

147. Exclusion of the Public

Resolved -

That the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of items 5, 6 and 7 on the Agenda on the grounds that the reports and/or discussions involve 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.

The business at Minute 148 was considered in private.

The following is a public summary of business conducted in private.

148. Police and Fire Collaboration

Considered -

A paper from North Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) which provided an update on the process of identifying opportunities for collaboration and the development of a local business case, including an evaluation of governance options for North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service, to improve public safety. The paper requested feedback from Council Leaders on the implications for their organisations and the wider public sector, together with the identification of any particular factors which needed to be addressed through the process.

Julia Mulligan (PCC) and Neil Amos (PA Consulting) introduced the paper and added that it was important that the opportunities for wider collaboration, eg with the Ambulance Service and other organisations, were pursued. Julia Mulligan advised that she anticipated that a business case was likely to emerge in late April 2017, which she would then assess and amend if necessary, and that any formal consultation on a business case would commence after the local government elections in May 2017.

County Councillor Chris Metcalfe (Chairman of North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority) advised of the work being undertaken by his Authority in respect of collaboration with partner organisations including CCGs. He also expressed concern about the process which the PCC was following and emphasised that closer collaboration and better outcomes for residents could be achieved without a change of governance of North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service.

Some Council Leaders addressed questions and concerns to Julia Mulligan and emphasised that any change needed to be in the best interests of the residents of York and North Yorkshire.

Resolved -

That the report be noted.

The business at Minute 149 was considered in private.
The following is a public summary of business conducted in private.

149. Spatial Framework

Considered -

The report of North Yorkshire County Council's Corporate Director - Business and Environmental Services concerning a Spatial Framework.

Matt O'Neill (North Yorkshire County Council's Assistant Director for Growth, Planning and Trading Standards) and Richard Wood of Richard Wood Associates Ltd introduced the report.

During discussion, Richard Flinton (North Yorkshire County Council's Chief Executive) confirmed that it was important that this work did not jeopardise existing plans/processes.

Resolved -

That the recommendations, as set out in the report, be approved.

The business at Minute 150 was considered in private.
The following is a public summary of business conducted in private.

150. Devolution

Considered -

Leaders had a general discussion concerning the current situation regarding Devolution.

Leaders voiced frustrations with the current situation regarding Devolution, whilst also acknowledging that Devolution needed to be regarded as a longer term gain. Chief Executives highlighted recent positive actions, which had included the decision for Yorkshire Leaders to meet quarterly; the establishment of a group to consider the implications of Brexit; the widespread acknowledgement of the benefit of the Yorkshire brand; a commitment to collaborate on areas of common interest; and the work which Chief Executives had been asked to do and were now preparing for the next meeting of Yorkshire Leaders.

It was agreed that it would be useful to remind Leaders/Chief Executives of the benefits that could be gained from Devolution and that work should be done to establish this and bring a report to an appropriate Leaders' meeting, subject to fully understanding the Government's position on Devolution.

Resolved –

That the situation be noted.

151. General Updates

Considered -

- (a) The report of Richard Flinton (LGNYY's Honorary Secretary) which set out the recent discussions of the York, North Yorkshire and East Riding ESI Funds Sub-Committee and the Sub-Regional Housing Board.

- (b) A report considered by the YNYER LEP Board on 17 March 2017 which outlined the Ministry of Defence's estate optimisation plans. The LEP Board had expressed great interest in the substantial opportunities of both a significant capital injection at Catterick Garrison arising from a large influx of military personnel and their dependents and also barracks which were being vacated and provided opportunity for housing development. The LEP Board had suggested that a group should come together, from Councils and the LEP, to ensure all opportunities were identified. Leaders expressed support for that suggestion.

Resolved -

- (a) That the reports be noted.
- (b) That Chief Executives consider how Councils together can form an appropriate Working Group to consider how all opportunities arising from the Ministry of Defence's estate optimisation plans can be identified.

152. Arrangements for Future Meetings

Resolved -

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

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

153. Business for Next Meeting

The following business was suggested for LGNY Y's meeting on 7 July 2017:-

- Devolution discussion
- Consultation on the current Industrial Strategy
- Housing White Paper

154. Other Business – Appointment of Chief Executive, East Riding of Yorkshire Council

Councillor Jonathan Owen (East Riding of Yorkshire Council) advised that he was delighted to report that Caroline Lacey would be taking up the post of Chief Executive at the East Riding of Yorkshire Council during the following week. Leaders congratulated Caroline Lacey on her new appointment.

The meeting concluded at 12:15 pm.

RAG/JR