

## Local Government North Yorkshire and York

28 June 2019

## Appointments to Outside Bodies

## Report of the Honorary Secretary

**1.0 Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1 To invite LGNYY to appoint elected Members to five outside bodies, to serve until LGNYY's annual meeting on 3 July 2020.

**2.0 Appointments Sought**

- 2.1 LGNYY is invited to appoint elected Members to the five outside bodies listed at paragraph 2.4 below. The term of the new appointments is from 28 June 2019 until the date of LGNYY's annual meeting in 2020.
- 2.2 The names of last year's appointees are included in the list at paragraph 2.4.
- 2.3 Information relating to the purpose and meeting arrangements of each outside body is at Appendix A to this report.
- 2.4 Outside bodies to which appointments by LGNYY are requested are listed below.

**(a) York, North Yorkshire and East Riding European Structural and Investment Funds Sub-Committee:-**

2018/19 Representatives:-

1. From the City of York Council – Former Councillor Peter Dew
2. From North Yorkshire County Council - Councillor Andrew Lee
3. From the 7 District Councils – Councillor Stephen Arnold (Ryedale District Council)

2018/19 Substitutes:-

1. From the City of York Council – A substitute selected by the Councillor from the City of York Council on this sub-committee
2. From North Yorkshire County Council - Councillor Carl Les
3. From the 7 District Councils - None

**(b) North Yorkshire Pension Fund Committee – District Councils' representation:-** *(Please see further information at paragraph 4.2 below.)*

2018/19 Representative:- Councillor Jim Clark (Harrogate Borough Council)

2018/19 Substitute:- Councillor Yvonne Peacock (Richmondshire District Council)

**(c) North Yorkshire Health and Wellbeing Board – A District Council Leader:-**

2018/19 Representative:- Councillor Richard Foster (Craven District Council)

**(d) York, North Yorkshire and East Riding LEP Board – District Councils' representation:-**

2018/19 Representatives:

- A District Council Leader from the Ryedale, Hambleton and Richmondshire areas – Cllr Mark Robson (Hambleton)
- A District Council Leader from the Craven, Harrogate and Selby areas – Cllr Richard Cooper (Harrogate)

Substitutes: Not permitted, although observers may attend with the Chair's prior permission.

Note: The Leaders of the following Councils are also Members of the LEP Board:- North Yorkshire, York, East Riding, and Scarborough. This is specified in the LEP's Constitution. There is no requirement for LGNYY to confirm the appointments made by these Councils.

**(e) Yorkshire and Humber Strategic Migration Group:-** *(Please see further information at paragraph 4.3 below.)*

2018/19 Representatives:-

1. Councillor Derek Bastiman (Scarborough Borough Council)
2. Neil Irving (NYCC's Assistant Director (Policy, Partnerships and Communities))

2018/19 Substitutes (either Substitute to attend in the absence of either Councillor Derek Bastiman or Neil Irving):-

1. Ann-Marie Douglas (City of York Council's Temporary Accommodation Manager)
2. Jonathan Spencer (NYCC's Corporate Development Officer who is project managing the refugee resettlement)

#### **4.0 Nominations**

4.1 Nominations should be submitted orally during LGNYY's discussion of this report on 28 June 2019.

4.2 With regard to the District Councils' representation on North Yorkshire Pension Fund Committee, the previous representative, Councillor Jim Clark (Harrogate Borough Council) has advised that he would be happy to continue to serve on the Pension Fund Committee for a further term, should LGNYY wish to re-appoint him. LGNYY may also appoint a Substitute to attend any meetings of the Pension Fund Committee which the representative is unable to attend. However, in recent years, the Substitute has been required only very occasionally.

- 4.3 With regard to the Yorkshire and Humber Strategic Migration Group (SMG):-
- (a) Councillor Derek Bastiman of Scarborough Borough Council does not wish to be nominated for re-appointed.
  - (b) In the event that the four positions (ie, for two SMG Representatives and two Substitutes) are not filled by elected Members, the under-mentioned officers would be happy to continue on the SMG. These officers have an email list which they use to pass relevant items to colleagues in the County Council, the City of York Council, and District Councils.
    - 1. Neil Irving (NYCC's Assistant Director (Policy, Partnerships and Communities))
    - 2. Ann-Marie Douglas (City of York Council's Temporary Accommodation Manager)
    - 3. Jonathan Spencer (NYCC's Corporate Development Officer who is project managing the refugee resettlement)

## **5.0 Recommendations**

- 5.1 That elected Members, to be nominated orally at today's meeting and selected by voting if necessary, be appointed to the outside bodies listed at paragraph 2.4 of this report, to serve until LGNY's annual meeting to be held in July 2020.

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# APPENDIX A

## Information about Outside Bodies

### (a) **York, North Yorkshire and East Riding European Structural and Investment Funds Sub-Committee**

Purpose (as summarised):- There is a European Structural and Investment (ESI) Funds sub-committee for each LEP area in England. Each ESI Funds sub-committee considers and provides advice on the local, on-the-ground, implementation of the ESI Funds Growth Programme which, in England, has aligned:- the 2014-2020 European Regional Development Fund; the European Social Fund; and part of the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development Operational Programmes. ESI Funds sub-committees undertake their role via project calls, applications and ongoing implementation. Each sub-committee comprises representatives of the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government and the business, public, environmental, voluntary and civil society sectors.

Dates of meetings to be held in the remainder of 2019 are Friday 12 July and Friday 18 October. Each meeting starts at 2pm and finishes at 4pm and will be held at City of York Council offices.

### (b) **North Yorkshire Pension Fund Committee**

Purpose (as summarised):- North Yorkshire Pension Fund Committee oversees all aspects of the management and administration of North Yorkshire Pension Fund, which provides retirement benefits for staff working for local authorities, and other employers admitted by agreement, in the North Yorkshire area. All aspects of the day to day management of investment funds are undertaken by external fund managers. The Pension Fund Committee discusses economic and market trends, monitors the performance of the investment managers, and considers their individual investment strategies.

North Yorkshire County Council is the statutory administering authority for the North Yorkshire Pension Fund, and the Pension Fund Committee is a committee of North Yorkshire County Council.

North Yorkshire Pension Fund Committee comprises:- 8 Members of North Yorkshire County Council; 1 Member of the City of York Council; 1 District Councillor representing the seven District Councils; and the Chairman of North Yorkshire Pension Board. The Members from the County Council, the City of York Council and the District Councillor each have voting rights on the Pension Fund Committee.

The Committee usually has a minimum of five formal meetings a year.

### (c) **North Yorkshire Health and Wellbeing Board**

Purpose:- This Board brings together leaders across the NHS, local government and wider partners to focus on key health and wellbeing issues. Health and Wellbeing Boards are established by statute.

The core functions of the North Yorkshire Health and Wellbeing Board are to:- encourage the improvement and integration of working of health and social care for North Yorkshire; promote integration and partnership across the Council's area

including promoting joined up commissioning plans across the NHS Social Care and Public Health; support joint; and commissioning and pooled budgets; and assess the needs of the population in the Council's area.

Dates of future meetings:- The North Yorkshire Board meets six times a year. Arrangements for meetings to be held during the remainder of 2019 are listed below:-

- Friday 19 July 2019 at 9.30 am at Craven District Council Offices
- Friday 20 September 2019 at 1.00 pm at "The Street", Scarborough
- Friday 29 November 2019 at 9.30 am at Selby District Council Offices
- Wednesday 22 January 2020 at 1.00 pm at County Hall, Northallerton
- Friday 20 March 2020 at 9.30 am at Cedar Court Hotel, Harrogate

Given the size of the County, and the number of potential participants, the Board comprises representative categories of membership, in addition to the prescribed statutory membership. For example, there is one Chief Executive representing the four main Acute and Community Hospital Trusts; another Chief Executive representing the two Mental Health Trusts; a representative elected by the Voluntary and Community Sector; and two representatives from across the seven Borough and District Councils – one representing elected Members and one representing Chief Executives.

The Board has markedly shifted its approach to how it conducts its business in the last twelve months. Less time is now spent on transacting formal business (although, naturally, some formal matters still require consideration). The majority of time is now devoted to Workshop Sessions, to encourage debate between Board Members and invited participants with a knowledge in the area concerned and to produce solutions on issues that affect all of us in the health economy.

Time commitment required:- Meetings generally last between two and three hours at various venues across North Yorkshire. There is usually no time commitment between meetings unless, say, due to the subject matter, the elected Member Representative chooses to become more involved.

**(d) York, North Yorkshire and East Riding LEP Board – District Councils' representation**

Purpose (as summarised):- The Board has responsibility for ensuring that the YNYERLEP complies with any statutory or administrative requirements for the use of public funds. Other responsibilities of the Board include:- establishing the overall strategic direction of the YNYERLEP within the policy and resources agreed with Government; overseeing the delivery of planned results by monitoring performance against agreed strategic objectives and targets; ensuring the Board operates sound environmental policies and practices; ensuring that high standards of corporate governance are observed at all times; ensuring that, in reaching decisions, the Board has taken into account any guidance issued by Government; and ensuring that the Board operates within the limits of its authority and in accordance with any conditions relating to the use of public funds.

The Board meets six times per year at 10am at various venues across York, North Yorkshire and the East Riding.

**(e) Yorkshire and Humber Strategic Migration Group**

Purpose:- To provide a strategic leadership, advisory, decision-making and coordination function for migration in the Yorkshire and Humber region. This includes facilitating collaboration among the Home Office, national, regional and local government, private providers, non-governmental organisations, and regional and local stakeholders to develop a strategic approach to promoting the benefits of migration and minimising any adverse impacts.

The core membership of the Strategic Migration Group is:- 8 local authority Members or officers (2 of which are from the North Yorkshire and York area); a Home Office representative; an asylum accommodation provider; an asylum advice provider; a Police representative; a Health sector representative; 2 migrant workers' representatives; a overseas student/higher education representative; and 4 voluntary/community sector representatives.

Dates of future meetings will be decided once a new Chair of the Strategic Migration Group has been appointed. The Strategic Migration Group meets up to four times per year, usually in Leeds and lasting around 2.5 hours.