

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT NORTH YORKSHIRE AND YORK**

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Friday 18 October 2019 at 10.30 am  
at Allerton Waste Recovery Plant, Moor Lane (off A168), Knaresborough**

**Present:-**

<u>Authority</u>	<u>Member/Chief Executive</u>
City of York Council	Councillor Keith Aspden (in the Chair) Ian Floyd (Deputy Chief Executive) (as Substitute for Mary Weastell (Chief Executive))
Craven District Council	Councillor Richard Foster Paul Ellis (Director of Services) (as Substitute for Paul Shevlin (Chief Executive))
Hambleton District Council	Councillor Mark Robson Mick Jewitt (Deputy Chief Executive) (as Substitute for Dr Justin Ives (Chief Executive))
Harrogate Borough Council	Councillor Graham Swift (as Substitute for Councillor Richard Cooper) Trevor Watson (Director of Economy and Culture) (as Substitute for Wallace Sampson (Chief Executive))
North York Moors National Park Authority	Mr Jim Bailey
North Yorkshire County Council	County Councillor Carl Les Richard Flinton (Chief Executive and also LGNY Y Honorary Secretary)
Richmondshire District Council	Councillor Helen Grant (as Substitute for Councillor Angie Dale) Tony Clark (Chief Executive)
Ryedale District Council	Councillor Stephen Arnold (as Substitute for Councillor Keane Duncan) Stacey Burlet (Chief Executive)
Scarborough Borough Council	Councillor Steve Siddons Mike Greene (Chief Executive)
Selby District Council	Councillor Mark Crane Janet Waggott (Chief Executive)
Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority	Mr Carl Lis OBE David Butterworth (Chief Executive)

**In Attendance:-**

David Bowe (Chair, YNYERH Directors of Development Group), James Farrar (Chief Operating Officer, York, North Yorkshire and East Riding LEP), Neil Irving (Assistant Director - Policy, Partnerships and Communities, North Yorkshire County Council), Barry Khan (Assistant Chief Executive - Legal and Democratic Services, North Yorkshire County Council) and Ruth Gladstone (LGNY Y Secretariat).

One member of the press.

**Apologies for Absence:-**

Apologies for absence were received from Andy Wilson (Chief Executive, North York Moors National Park Authority) and Julia Mulligan (North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner).

**71. Declarations of Interest**

In respect of the item "Police, Fire and Crime Panel: Member Allowances and Contribution to Administration", Councillors Keith Aspden, Richard Foster and Helen Grant each declared an interest as a member of the North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Panel and County Councillor Carl Les declared an interest as the Chair of that Panel.

**72. Minutes and Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

**Resolved –**

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 28 June 2019, having been printed and circulated, be taken as read and be confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

**73. Exclusion of the Public**

**Resolved -**

That the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of item 5, the LEP Merge Update section of item 6, and item 7 on the grounds that they each 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.

**74. York and North Yorkshire Devolution**

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This item was considered in private and the public has no right of access to the report. This Minute is a public summary of business conducted in private.

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**Considered –**

The report of James Farrar (Chief Operating Officer of York, North Yorkshire and East Riding Local Enterprise Partnership) which explored the opportunities for devolution for York and North Yorkshire. The report outlined what York and North Yorkshire devolution might look like and the key processes/activity to achieve devolution.

**Resolved -**

- (a) That further work continue.
- (b) That a meeting of the Chief Executives of the County Council, City of York Council and the seven District Councils, followed by a meeting of the Leaders of those Councils, be scheduled for as soon as possible to look at further feedback from dialogue to see if Leaders are then in a position to move forward.
- (c) That, pending the meetings to which part (b) of this Minute refers, further discussion and a meeting takes place with Leaders.

## 75. LEP Update

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The LEP Merge Update part of this item was considered in private and the public has no right of access to that part of the report. The part of this Minute which relates to the LEP Merge Update is a public summary of business conducted in private.

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Considered -

The report of James Farrar (Chief Operating Officer of York, North Yorkshire and East Riding Local Enterprise Partnership) which provided updates on the progress of the Local Growth Fund, the LEP merge, and the Local Industrial Strategy.

**Resolved -**

- (a) That all possible levers be used to ensure deliverability of Local Growth Fund projects.
- (b) That the progress on the LEP merge be noted.
- (c) That the progress on the Local Industrial Strategy, and in particular the local engagement events, be noted.

## 76. YNYERH Spatial Framework

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Considered -

The report of David Bowe (Chair of YNYERH Directors of Development Group) concerning a Spatial Framework for York, North Yorkshire, the East Riding and Hull.

David Bowe, in introducing the report, advised of minor amendments required on pages 19 and 21.

Members asked for minor amendments to be made to paragraphs 2.7 and 4.3, and for neighbouring authorities to be identified on the maps.

Members requested that the Directors of Development Group provide a form of words to outline the non-statutory status of the Spatial Framework.

**Resolved -**

- (a) That the final version of the Y&NYERH Spatial Framework, subject to the minor amendments identified at this meeting, be noted.
- (b) That the release be agreed of the Core Approach document on individual local authorities' websites, following individual local authorities' processes to determine such release.
- (c) That the work underway on the Strategic Development Zones and preparation of Long Term Development Statements be noted.

## 77. North Yorkshire Refugee Resettlement

Considered -

The report of Neil Irving (Assistant Director - Policy, Partnerships and Communities, North Yorkshire County Council) which provided an overview of the Government's recently announced global resettlement scheme and sought the commitment of the Leaders of North Yorkshire District Councils and North Yorkshire County Council to propose, to their respective Councils, participation in the Government's future refugee resettlement scheme from 2020/21.

**Resolved -**

That the Leaders of North Yorkshire District Councils and North Yorkshire County Council propose, to their respective Councils, participation in the Government's future refugee resettlement scheme from 2020/21.

**78. Police, Fire and Crime Panel: Member Allowances and Contribution to Administration**

Considered -

The report of the Chair of the North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Panel which invited Councils to consider payment of an allowance for their constituent member on the North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Panel, and to agree a funding contribution to ensure the Panel could receive adequate staffing support.

During discussion about the request for Councils each to agree a funding contribution to ensure the adequate staffing support for the Panel, the meeting was advised as follows:-

- Craven District Council had decided not to provide such funding contribution.
- Ryedale District Council's Policy and Resources Committee had decided not to provide such funding contribution. However, Councillor Stephen Arnold undertook to ask for that Council's situation to be re-considered.
- Richmondshire District Council's Corporate Board would be making a decision during November 2019.
- The remaining six Councils (namely, North Yorkshire County Council, City of York Council, Harrogate and Scarborough Borough Councils, and Hambleton and Selby District Councils) each would contribute to the additional officer support for the Panel, in the amounts set out in paragraph 9 of the report.

**Resolved -**

- (a) That it be noted that each Council is invited to determine provision for a Member Allowance for their representative on the Police, Fire and Crime Panel.
- (b) That the Chair of the North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Panel have further discussions with the Leaders of Craven, Ryedale and Richmondshire District Councils about the request for those Councils to contribute the amounts, as set out in paragraph 9 of the report, to the staffing support for the Panel and, in the event that those Councils do not agree the request, North Yorkshire County Council determine its response. The County Council is asked not to refer this issue back to LGNYY.

**79. General Updates**

Considered -

The report of LGNYY's Honorary Secretary which advised of recent discussions of the Sub-Regional Housing Board, the Sub-Regional Spatial Planning and Transport Board, and the Yorkshire and Humber Strategic Migration Group.

**Resolved –**

That the report be noted.

**80. Arrangements for Future Meetings**

**Resolved –**

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

- Friday 20 December 2019 at 10.30am at Richmondshire District Council's offices, Mercury House, Richmond, DL10 4JX
- Friday 6 March 2020 at 10.30am at Craven District Council's offices, 1 Belle Vue Square, Broughton Road, Skipton, BD23 1FJ
- Friday 3 July 2020 at 10.30am at Ryedale District Council's offices, Ryedale House, Old Malton Road, Malton, YO17 7HH
- Friday 9 October 2020 at 10.30am at Selby District Council's offices, Civic Centre, Doncaster Road, Selby, YO8 9FT
- Friday 4 December 2020 at 10.30am, venue tba

**81. Business for Meeting on 20 December 2019**

It was noted that a different representative from Welcome to Yorkshire needed to be invited to attend future LGNYY meetings to provide a briefing on developments at Welcome to Yorkshire.

**Resolved –**

That items of business for the next meeting be notified to Richard Flinton.

**82. Other Business - Appointment of Chair of Welcome to Yorkshire**

Members asked questions concerning the governance arrangements surrounding the appointment of Councillor Peter Box CBE (Leader of Wakefield Council) as Chair of Welcome to Yorkshire.

**Resolved –**

- (a) That Richard Flinton (LGNYY Honorary Secretary) seek information concerning the governance arrangements surrounding the appointment of Councillor Peter Box CBE (Leader of Wakefield Council) as Chair of Welcome to Yorkshire.
- (b) That Councillor Peter Box CBE and Jacqui Gedman (Chief Executive of Kirklees Council) both be invited to attend a future meeting of LGNYY to brief Members concerning developments at Welcome to Yorkshire and that the invitation be accompanied by a request for at least one of them to attend.

**83. Other Business – North and West Yorkshire Business Rates Pool**

It was noted that considerable activity was taking place concerning the Business Rates Pool. This would necessitate Leaders and Chief Executives having discussions early during the week commencing 21 October 2019. It was highlighted that Councils needed to avoid failing to come to an agreement due to timescales. It was acknowledged that the issues currently being discussed by the Pool were not for discussion at today's meeting of LGNYY.

The meeting concluded at 12.55pm.

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