

MISSION STATEMENT

***To Improve the Quality of Life
For Those Who Live and Work in The District***

05 June 2006

Dear Councillor

You are hereby invited to a meeting of the **Economy Board** to be held in **Committee Room 2**, Civic Centre, Portholme Road, Selby on 13 June 2006 commencing at **3.00pm**.

The agenda is set out below.

PUBLIC SESSION

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** and Notice of Substitution

2. **DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST**

To receive any disclosures of interest in matters to be considered at the meeting in accordance with the provisions of Sections 94 and 117 of the Local Government Act 1972 or the National Code of Local Government Conduct.

3. **MINUTES**

To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Economy Board held on 28 February 2006 (previously circulated).

4. **CHAIR'S ADDRESS TO THE ECONOMY BOARD**

5. **WORK PROGRAMME FOR THE ECONOMY BOARD – 2006/07** - Report of the Head of Service – Legal and Democratic Services (pages 6 to 11 attached)
6. **ECONOMY BOARD 2005/2006 PERFORMANCE INDICATOR REPORT: APRIL 2005 – MARCH 2006 & 2006/2007 PERFORMANCE INDICATOR REPORT: APRIL 2006** – Report of the Head of Policy and Performance (pages 12 to 26 attached).
7. **SERVICE PERFORMANCE AGREEMENT (SPA) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** - Report of the Head of Service for Planning and Economic Development (pages 27 to 29 attached).
8. **SERVICE PERFORMANCE AGREEMENT (SPA) BUILDING CONTROL** - Report of the Head of Service for Planning and Economic Development (pages 30 to 32 attached).
9. **SERVICE PERFORMANCE AGREEMENT (SPA) BENEFITS SECTION** - Report of the Head of Service for Planning and Economic Development (pages 33 to 35 attached).
10. **GROWING THE ECONOMY**
- 10.1 **GOOD JOBS FOR LOCAL PEOPLE** – Report of the Head of Service for Planning and Economic Development (pages 36 to 45 attached).
11. **COMMUNITY INVESTMENT BUILDING**
- 11.1 **SELBY DISTRICT URBAN RENAISSANCE PROGRAMME – PROGRESS UPDATE AND TOWNS TEAM EXECUTIVE CONSTITUTION** - Report of the Head of Service for Planning and Economic Development (pages 46 to 49 attached).
12. **RURAL ECONOMY**
- 12.1 **WHEELS 2 WORK** - Report of Head of Service for Planning and Economic Development (pages 50 to 52 attached).
- 12.2 **VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE** - Report of Head of Service for Planning and Economic Development (pages 53 to 56 attached).
- 12.3 **SELBY DISTRICT LEADER+ RESPONSE TO DEFRA CONSULTATION ON “RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR ENGLAND 2007 – 2013”** - Report of Head of Service for Planning and Economic Development (pages 57 to 61 attached).

13. **PRIVATE SESSION**

It will be recommended that in accordance with Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted, the meeting be not open to the Press and public during discussion of the following items as there will be disclosure of exempt information as defined in Section 100(1) of the Act as described in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12(A) of the Act.

- 13.1 **ASSET MANAGEMENT REPORT** – Report of Head of Service for Planning and Economic Development (pages 62 to 66 attached).

REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

1 **BENEFITS TAKE-UP RESULTS FOR 2005/2006**

A copy of this report is available in the Members' Room

2 **LEEDS CITY REGION**

A copy of this report is available in the Members' Room

3 **REPORT ON SELBY DISTRICT LEADER+ TRANSNATIONAL PROJECT**

A copy of this report is available in the Members' Room



M Connor
05 June 2006

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST – GUIDANCE NOTES:

- (a) Members are reminded of the need to consider whether they have any personal or prejudicial interests to declare on any item on this agenda, and, if so, of the need to explain the reason(s) why they have any personal or prejudicial interests when making a declaration.
- (b) The Democratic Services Officer or relevant Committee Administrator will be pleased to advise you on interest issues. Ideally their views should be sought as soon as possible and preferably prior to the day of the meeting, so that time is available to explore adequately any issues that might arise.

DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS OF THE ECONOMY BOARD

Date	Deadline
25 JULY 2006	12 JULY 2006
05 SEPTEMBER 2006	22 AUGUST 2006
03 OCTOBER 2006	19 SEPTEMBER 2006

MEMBERSHIP OF THE ECONOMY BOARD
11 MEMBERS

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J Ashton
D McSherry (Vice Chair)
J Meehan
W Norton
B Percival (Chair)
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DESCRIPTIONS OF EXEMPT INFORMATION

1. Information relating to any individual.
2. Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual.
3. Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).
4. Information relating to any consultations or negotiations, or contemplated consultations or negotiations, in connection with any labour relations matter arising between the authority or a Minister of the Crown and employees of, or office holders under, the authority.
5. Information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.
6. Information which reveals that the authority proposes –
 - (a) to give under any enactment a notice under or by virtue of which requirements are imposed on a person; or
 - (b) to make an order or direction under any enactment.
7. Information relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime.

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER:

PUBLIC SESSION

TITLE : WORK PROGRAMME FOR ECONOMY BOARD
TO : ECONOMY BOARD
DATE : 13 JUNE 2006
BY : HEAD OF SERVICE – PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
AUTHOR : HELEN DRYE, HEAD OF SERVICE – PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

1. LINK TO COUNCIL POLICY

The review of the 2005/06 programme is in accordance with the timetable agreed by the Board April 2005 and the proposed programme for 2006/07 meets the requirements on work programmes as stated in the Constitution.

2. PURPOSE OF REPORT

For Members to note the progress made against the 2005/06 programme and consider the proposed programme for 2006/07.

3. **LINK TO CORPORATE AIMS AND PRIORITIES**

The attached programme indicates the link of each topic to the Corporate Aims and Priorities.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT MEMBERS APPROVE THE REPORT

4. IMPACT ON CORPORATE POLICIES

- Best Value – the appropriate use of resources in delivering the work programme relates to ensuring best value
- Equalities – the elements in the programme on housing benefits. All Services are required to assess the impact the have on equality of opportunity

- Crime Reduction – no impact
- Procurement - no impact
- Risk Management –risk has been identified in the relevant project briefs. There is a risk that the programme will not be completed which will impact on service improvements and delivery
- Sustainability – no impact
- Gershon Efficiency Savings - no impact

5. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In April 2005 the Board considered a work programme which covered the following topics: -

- Review of the SPAs
- Results of the Staff survey and action plan
- Review of the Economic Development Strategy and improvement plan
- Renaissance
- State of the Area Address
- Review progress of the Sub Regional Improvement Plan
- Benefits Take Up
- Workforce development strategy

This report summarises the progress on each topic and includes a suggested work programme for 2006/07.

6. SUPPORTING INFORMATION Review of 2004/5

The work programme was agreed by Council in June 2004. Comments on each of the topics is given below: -

- i) Review of SPAs – all sections produced SPAs however they were not presented to the Economy Board.
- ii) State of the Area Address – The priorities identified from the State of the Area Address were adopted by Council in December 2005.
- iii) Renaissance – the Board received regular updates on

Renaissance including the Towns Team Executive Structure, the Charter document and progress of the programme. The Project was included in the priority list of projects for 2006/07 by Policy and Resources in April 2006.

- iv) Review of the Economic Development Strategy and improvement plan – these were considered by the Board in April, July and September 2005.
- v) Benefits Take Up – reports were presented on May/ 2005 and November 2005. In addition Members considered and approved the Vision, Policies and Strategies for the Benefits Service in September.
- vi) Review progress of the Sub Regional Improvement Plan – this was considered by the board in April 2005.
- vii) Workforce development programme – no separate report has been presented to the board, but the HR section is developing this programme. The HR department produced an absence management and policy and procedure, which was agreed by the Economy Board in November 2005.
- viii) Staff Survey and action plan – the staff survey results were considered in April 2005.

In addition to the above work programme, the Board considered reports on:

- Regional Economic Development Strategy
- Tourism
- Grading Evaluations
- Good Jobs for Local People
- Industrial unit portfolio and updates
- Leader Plus Programme

Work Programme 2005/6

The proposed programme is attached as Appendix A

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Any costs associated with the programme should be met from existing budgets

8. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

None

WORK PROGRAMME FOR ECONOMY BOARD 2006-07

	MEETING	ANNUAL CYCLE	SPECIALIST TOPICS	LINK TO CORPORATE AIMS	LINK TO PRIORITY THEMES
1	13 June 2006	2005 -2006 Year End and April 2006 PI Report SPA – Economic Development	Renaissance Benefits Take Up 2005/06 – for information Building Control update	1, 4, 6, 7, 8 8 1	1, 2, 2, 4, 8 8
2	25 July 2006	April 2006 – May 2006 PI Report	SRIP Update CIPs Property Issues Partnering update	1 1, 4 1	1 1, 2, 1
3	05 Sep 2006	April 2006 – July 2006 PI Report	Renaissance Review of Community Economic Development Strategy and priorities Benefits – Vision Policies and Strategies	1, 4, 6, 7, 8 1, 4, 6, 7, 8 8	1, 2, 3, 4, 8 1, 2, 3, 4, 8 6
4	3 Oct 2006	April 2006 – August 2006 PI Report	SRIP Update Leader Plus update	1 1	1

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5	14 Nov 2006	April 2006 – Sept 2006 PI Report	Renaissance CIPs Property Issues Partnering update	1, 4, 6, 7, 8 1,4	1, 2, 3, 4, 8 1,2
6	10 Jan 2007	April 2006 – Nov 2006 PI Report	SRIP Update Building control update	1 1	1
7	13 Feb 2007	April 2006 – Dec 2006 PI Report	Renaissance Leader Plus Partnering update	1, 4,6, 7, 8 1	1, 2, 3, 4, 8
8	11 Apr 2007	April 2006 – Feb 2006 PI Report	Work Programme CIPs SRIP Update	1,4, 1	1,2 1

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER:

PUBLIC SESSION

TITLE : ECONOMY BOARD 2005/2006 PERFORMANCE INDICATOR REPORT: APRIL 2005 – MARCH 2006 & 2006/2007 PERFORMANCE INDICATOR REPORT: APRIL 2006

TO : ECONOMY BOARD

DATE : 13 JUNE 2006

BY : HEATHER WATTS- HEAD OF SERVICE - POLICY & PERFORMANCE

AUTHOR : IAN STRICKLAND – CORPORATE PERFORMANCE OFFICER

1. LINK TO COUNCIL POLICY

1.1 Performance management work is linked to all council policies.

2. PURPOSE OF REPORT

2.1 To assist Members in focussing on priority areas and managing the performance of the Council by updating the Economy Board on the progress that is being made in 2005/2006 and 2006/2007 for the corporate and statutory Best Value Performance Indicators (BVPs) for which they are responsible.

3. LINK TO STRATEGIC THEMES AND PRIORITIES

3.1 *The ongoing management of performance and improvement data assists the Authority in achieving its strategic themes and priorities.*

RECOMMENDATION

THAT FUTURE ACTIONS AND PRIORITIES BE ESTABLISHED TO RECOGNISE ACHIEVEMENT AND ADDRESS THE AREAS OF WEAKNESS HIGHLIGHTED.

4. IMPACT ON CORPORATE POLICIES

Performance management plays a key role in all of the corporate policy work, listed below.

4.1 • Best Value

- 4.2 • Equalities
- 4.3 • Community Safety and Crime Reduction
- 4.4 • Procurement
- 4.5 • Risk Management and Risk Register

There is a significant risk given the impact that performance management has on the outcome of Council and service area inspections.

- 4.6 • Sustainability
- 4.7 • Gershon Efficiency Savings

5. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 5.1 This report has been produced in accordance with the format recommended by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee at their meeting on 10 March 2005 (agenda item 770).
- 5.2 The 'star' ratings for the statutory performance indicators are categorised by using the quartile ratings that are calculated from the performance statistics submitted by District Councils. They are used to compare performance both nationally and locally.
- 5.3 For the non - statutory performance indicators the star ratings are based on the tolerance levels and/or projected target figures provided by the relevant service managers.
- 5.4 The thumbs up/down are based on the commentary provided, quartile ratings, tolerance levels and projected targets.
- 5.5 Details of the projected targets and the background figures used to determine quartile ratings and tolerance levels can be obtained from the Policy and Performance section. This information helps to decide on the content of this exception-based report.

(For greater detail see the main report)

6. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 6.1 This report has been produced using the statistical data that is collated from a broad range of service areas for statutory performance indicators throughout the year. Background figures and full audit trails are available within service areas and from the Policy and Performance section.

- 6.2 The quartile ratings currently relate to 2004/2005 year-end data.
Appendix 1 shows the Year End data for April 2005 – March 2006.
Appendix 2 shows the year to date data for April 2006.
- 6.3 The commentary for this report has been provided by the Officer's responsible for reporting the data.
- 6.4 The report shows which BVPIs have been classed as a High Risk and/or a CPA PI by the Audit Commission.
- 6.5 In accordance with the new constitution, from 2006/2007 Human Resources will be reported under Policy and Resources Committee.

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 There are no financial implications.

8. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

- 8.1 ***ECONOMY BOARD 2005/2006 PERFORMANCE INDICATOR REPORT:
APRIL 2005 – MARCH 2006***

***ECONOMY BOARD 2006/2007 PERFORMANCE INDICATOR REPORT:
APRIL 2006***







Please find below a key to the star ratings.

KEY	QUARTILE / TOLERANCE
★ ★ ★ ★	BEST
★ ★ ★ ☆	SECOND
★ ★ ☆ ☆	THIRD
★ ☆ ☆ ☆	WORST

Appendix 1
April 2005 – March 2006

ECONOMY BOARD PERFORMANCE UPDATE

BENEFITS SERVICES

Code	Description	2004/2005 Year End	2005/2006 Target	Reporting Period	2005/2006 Year End		2004/2005 District Council Best Quartile Figure
BV76a	The number of housing benefit claimants in the local authority area visited, per 1,000 caseload.	468	422 ↑	Annual	428.75 	★★★★	297
BV76b	The number of fraud investigators employed by the Local Authority, per 1,000 caseload.	0.5	0.5	Annual	0.12	No quartile figures.	N/A
BV76c	The number of Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit (HB/CTB) fraud investigations carried out by the Local Authority per year, per 1,000 caseload.	64	50 ↑	Annual	66.48 	★★★★	59.53
BV76d	The number of Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit (HB/CTB) prosecutions and sanctions, per year, per 1,000 caseload, in the Local Authority area.	3	6 ↑	Annual	4.61 	★★★☆☆	6.25
BV78a	Speed of processing: Average time for processing new claims in days.	43.5	35.0 ↓	Monthly	24.8 	★★★★	28.0
BV78b	Speed of processing: Average time for processing notifications of changes of circumstances in days.	11.2	9.0 ↓	Monthly	11.0 	★★☆☆	6.8
BV79a	Accuracy of processing: Percentage of cases for which the calculation of the amount of benefit due was correct on the basis of the information available for the decision for a sample of cases checked post-decision.	97.20%	97.00% ↑	Quarterly	98.40% 	★★★☆☆	99.00%

ECONOMY BOARD PERFORMANCE UPDATE

BENEFITS SERVICES (Continued)

Code	Description	2004/2005 Year End	2005/2006 Target	Reporting Period	2005/2006 Year End		2004/2005 District Council Best Quartile Figure
BV79b (i) (Amended)	The amount of Housing Benefit overpayments (HB) recovered during the period being reported on as a percentage of HB deemed recoverable over-payments during that period.	N/A	60.00% ↑	Annual	96.23% 👍	No quartile figures.	
BV79b (ii) (Amended)	HB overpayments recovered during the period as a percentage of the total amount of HB overpayment debt outstanding at the start of the period plus amount of HB overpayments identified during the period.	N/A	33.00% ↑	Annual	31.82% 🤞		
BV79b (iii) (Amended)	Percentage of Recoverable Overpayments Recovered (HB) Housing Benefit (HB) overpayments written off during the period as a percentage of the total amount of HB overpayment debt outstanding at the start of the period, plus amount of HB overpayments identified during the period.	N/A	6.00%	Annual	4.95%		
BENSPS1	DWP 2005 National Performance Standards overall score.	N/A	3 ↑	Quarterly	4 👍		
BENSPS2	Percentage of new claims processed within 14 days of all information.	83.59%	92.00% ↑	Monthly	95.57% 👍		

BENEFITS SERVICES COMMENTARY

BV76a-d - It is likely that this figure will be much higher than many other LA's as our policy on interventions is to use the option of visit for virtually all. Visiting can be regarded as a more robust method of fraud and error check as the primary criteria of residency can be verified whereas this would not be the case with a postal intervention. Similarly this policy is an efficient method of fraud and error detection in that the average time to complete an intervention is that much less by visiting than it would be for a postal intervention. We also identify in 27% of cases that we visit a change to the benefit entitlement that the claimant has not notified. Comparison and benchmarking with other LA's when the BVPI's are published will be helpful in indicating, across all the BV76 indicators, where we might find ourselves in relation to Counter Fraud work. BV 76a, b and c generally identify the proportion of resources input to this work and BV76d identifies the relative outcome.

ECONOMY BOARD PERFORMANCE UPDATE

BENEFITS SERVICES COMMENTARY (CONTINUED)

BV78a - This excellent year end figure is 11 days below the current national performance standard.

Actions taken to ensure continued improvement.

- Daily statistics of outstanding work
- Weekly review performance with all staff.
- Personal and specific performance targets set in annual JPRs as normal.

BV78b - Performance is at 10.1 days average for March 2006 and we have come in at 11.0 days for the year-end. We have addressed a number of areas of the 'Change in Circumstances' processing operation to identify a small number of anomalous changes that have been skewing the figures and are not representative of the general good performance in this area.

We have had to process over two and a half times the number of changes normally processed in the last month because of the year end and national uprating of welfare benefits so this has reduced performance significantly in this area which we were expecting to be much better but for the huge number of changes received.

The effect of the year-end processes as above has affected the figures slightly however there are a large number of advance changes that have been able to have been completed during this period which has balanced out the average. This is because the DWP have changed the way certain types of transaction are dealt with for statistical purposes.

BV79a - For the third year running we have had an overall year on year improvement in this area.

BV79b(i) - An excellent performance of 96.0% over the year means that we have just about recovered in cash terms the same amount of debt that has been created over the year. We have concentrated on older debt at the same time as ensuring current debt is kept up to date in recovery action and have put in this year a number of improvements to try and speed up the process of this notoriously difficult and fluid area of debt.

BV79b(ii) - Again a good result in that nearly a third of all our debt value in cash terms has been recovered during the year. This is remarkable achievement considering that we had previously inherited a large volume of old debt where little if any real recovery action had ever taken place.

ECONOMY BOARD PERFORMANCE UPDATE

BENEFITS SERVICES COMMENTARY (CONTINUED)

BV79b(iii) - We have had a complete review of all old debt and this included making sound business decisions to write off a number of very old or un-collectable debts where we had no prospect of recovery. This has resulted in a higher result than we would have liked for this indicator at 4.95% over the year. Debts for the customer base we are dealing with are notoriously difficult to collect as many people simply have not got the ability to pay even if they wanted to. Many of our debtors are also prone to disappear and we are looking at several improved methods and systems of tracing people that we may have available in the near future.










BENPS1 - Re-assessment of the performance standards score at the year end shows maintenance of an score of 4, which is classed as 'Excellent'. It has been confirmed that the current (or revised) format of the Performance Standards assessment will form the primary basis for future contribution that Benefits Services make to the CPA process. This will generally be done by means of a desk-top assessment made by the Benefit Fraud Inspectorate following the scoring submission of the Housing Benefits Service.

BENPS2 - A maintained excellent performance of 95% processed within 14 days for all types of claim for the month and finishing the year on a high of 95.57 %.

Forecast and actions as shown for BV78a.

ECONOMY BOARD PERFORMANCE UPDATE

HUMAN RESOURCES

Code	Description	2004/2005 Year End	2005/2006 Target	Reporting Period	2005/2006 Year to Date		2004/2005 Government Best Quartile Figure
BV2a CPA	The level of the Equality Standard for local government to which the Authority conforms in respect of gender, race and disability.	Level 1	Level 2 ↑	Annual	Level 2 	N/A	
BV2b CPA	The quality of an Authority's Race Equality Scheme (RES) and the improvements resulting from its application.	63%	78% ↑	Annual	Year End due end of May 2006.		63.00%
BV11a	Percentage of top-paid 5% of local authority staff who are women.	25.00%	26.00% ↑	Annual	22.70% 	★ ★ ☆ ☆	28.93%
BV11b	The percentage of the top 5% of Local Authority staff who are from an ethnic minority.	0.00%	0.50% ↑	Annual	0.00% 	Compared to 2005/2006 Target	1.98%
BV11c	Percentage of the top paid 5% of staff who have a disability. (excluding those in maintained schools.)	N/A	Target not required ↑	Annual	0.00%	N/A	
BV12	The number of working days/shifts lost to the Local Authority due to sickness absence.	11.98 days	8.93 days Government Best Quartile ↓	Monthly Cumulative	10.51 days 	★ ★ ☆ ☆	8.48 days
BV14	The percentage of employees retiring early (excluding ill-health retirements) as a percentage of the total work force.	0.00%	0.14% ↓	Annual	0.00% 	★ ★ ★ ★	0.00%
BV15	The percentage of local authority employees retiring on grounds of ill health as a percentage of the total workforce.	0.25%	0.00% ↑	Annual	0.29% 	★ ★ ★ ☆	0.00%
BV16a	The percentage of local authority employees with a disability.	1.77%	2.60% ↑	Annual	2.31% 	★ ★ ☆ ☆	4.10%
BV17a	The percentage of local authority employees from ethnic minority communities.	0.63%	0.8% ↑	Annual	0.50% 	★ ☆ ☆ ☆	2.5%
HR1	Voluntary leavers as a percentage of staff in post.	14.7%	13.5% ↓	Quarterly Cumulative	13.11% 	Compared to 2005/2006 Target	

ECONOMY BOARD PERFORMANCE UPDATE

HUMAN RESOURCES continued

Sickness absence: 1st April 2005 - 31st March 2006 stands at 10.51 days per whole time equivalent.

HR is continuing to provide assistance to managers with long-term or complex cases of absence management.



Home visits are being maintained alongside the use of the occupational health function.

A policy has been implemented including trigger dates. This has been effective from the 1st March 2006. Training has been provided for managers in January 2006 covering skills and the remit of the policy. In addition, staff awareness sessions have been conducted to introduce the policy.

Voluntary Leavers: 1st April - 31st March stands at 13.04% turnover of staff in the year. The overall year-end figures have been provided for this performance indicator - 13.11% turnover of staff. There has been a reduction in turnover from 14.7% (2004/5) to 13.11%. The target for 2005/6 was 13.5% therefore performance against this target is greater than the target set.

ECONOMY BOARD PERFORMANCE UPDATE

LOCAL TAXATION

Code	Description	2004/2005 Year End	2005/2006 Target	Reporting Period	2005/2006 Year End		2004/2005 District Council Best Quartile Figure
BV9	Percentage of Council Tax collected.	96.85%	98.50% ↑	Monthly Cumulative	97.77% 	★ ★ ☆ ☆	98.50%
BV10	The percentage of non-domestic rates due for the financial year which were received by the authority.	99.35%	99.40% ↑	Monthly Cumulative	98.83% 	★ ★ ★ ☆	99.20%

LOCAL TAXATION COMMENTARY

BV9 - Based on currently available information this performance takes us into all District Council's third quartile, and when compared to All England figures the second quartile.

The All England 2004/5 Best Quartile figure is 98.53%.

BV10 - Actual collection performance now places us in the second quartile for District Councils and All England.

The All England 2004/5 Best Quartile figure is 99.14%.

General

Bearing in mind that no recovery was able to take place from August 2005 to October 2005 inclusive following the implementation of the new Revenues and Benefits system, overall performance for both council tax and non domestic rates remains strong. Feedback from other authorities implementing new systems have reported losses in collection between 1% and 5%.




Plans in place to increase performance include:

- One agency staff employment extended to support the section until the end of May 2006.
- The recovery timetable for 2006/7 has been intensified and the number of court hearings doubled to eight.
- The Senior Local Taxation Officer and the most experienced Local Taxation Assistants removed from all other duties to concentrate on outstanding National Non Domestic Rate issues.

Appendix 2
April 2006

ECONOMY BOARD PERFORMANCE UPDATE

BENEFITS SERVICES

Code	Description	2005/2006 Year End	2006/2007 Target	Reporting Period	2006/2007 Year to Date		2004/2005 Government Top Quartile Figure
BV78a	Speed of processing: Average time for processing new claims in days.	24.8	23.00 ↓	Monthly	21.76 	★★★★	28.0
BV78b	Speed of processing: Average time for processing notifications of changes of circumstances in days.	11.0	8.30 ↓	Monthly	11.39 	★★☆☆	6.8
BENSPS2	Percentage of new claims processed within 14 days of all information.	96%	96.90% ↑	Monthly	87.50% 	Compared to 2006/2007 Target	

BV78a - Maintenance of excellent performance at 21.8 days average time to process new claims for the month of April. The current national performance standard has changed from 1 April 2006 to 30 days from the previous 36 days.

Forecast : The DIP system crash will have added several days onto the process time because of the inability to process over this period and the backlog of scanning and indexing. There is an increased risk of a reduced performance in May.

- Actions taken to minimize the risks.
- Ring fenced certain high-risk items and reallocated resource to concentrate on these.
 - Daily statistics of outstanding work
 - Weekly review performance with all staff.

ECONOMY BOARD PERFORMANCE UPDATE

BENEFITS SERVICES continued

BV78b - Performance is at 11.4 days average for the month. We have addressed a number of areas of the COC processing operation to identify a small number of anomalous changes that have been skewing the figures and are not representative of the general good performance in this area.

There are still an amount of changes related to the year end that have been processed through April including private rent changes which has added to the volumes of changes, but these have increased our performance as the Department for Works and Pensions (DWP) has changed the way these type of changes are recorded within the overall statistic and they can artificially reduce the days to process at the beginning of the year so that month on month figures are slightly skewed. This also poses a higher risk of reduced (but normal) performance for the following months.

Note that the DWP have revised the scoring against the national standard for this indicator in the performance standards because of recent administration and legislation changes to Housing Benefit. The standard remains at 9 days but we still retain a score of 3 (good) For any number between 9 and 20 days even if this may be in one of the lower quartiles overall. The DWP are not convinced that the reporting of these statistics is accurate amongst many authorities.

Actions taken as on previous page.

BENPS2 - A good performance of 87.5% processed within 14 days for all types of claim for the month which is a slippage from previous months and has just dropped below the new performance standard of 90%.

Forecast and actions as above.

ECONOMY BOARD PERFORMANCE UPDATE

LOCAL TAXATION

Code	Description	2005/2006 Year End	2006/2007 Target	Reporting Period	2006/2007 Year to Date		2004/2005 Government Top Quartile Figure
BV9	Percentage of Council Tax collected.	97.77%	98.20% ↑	Monthly Cumulative	12.58%	N/A - Cumulative	98.50%
BV10	The percentage of non-domestic rates due for the financial year which were received by the authority.	98.83%	99.15% ↑	Monthly Cumulative	10.53%	N/A - Cumulative	99.20%

On 26 and 27 April no processing work could be done due to the loss of the Document Image Processing (DIP) system. This has exacerbated not only the normal level of work outstanding, caused by the issue of the Council Tax and Non Domestic Rate bills for 2006/7, but also the response to the earlier issue of reminders.

Despite this, collection rates for both Council Tax and Non Domestic Rates are up on last year's performance.

Reconciliations for the 2005/6 year end were completed on target.

One member of staff returned from long term illness providing a full complement of staff.

Plans in place to improve performance include:

- One agency staff employment extended to end of May 2006 to support the section whilst training on Non Domestic Rates is completed.
- The recovery timetable for 2006/7 has been intensified and the number of court hearings doubled to eight.
- The Senior Local Taxation Officer removed from most other duties to concentrate on outstanding National Non Domestic Rate issues together with the most experienced Local Taxation Assistants.

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER:

PUBLIC SESSION

TITLE : SERVICE PERFORMANCE AGREEMENT (SPA)

TO : ECONOMY BOARD

DATE : 13 JUNE 2006

BY : HEAD OF SERVICE PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

AUTHOR : EILEEN SCOTHERN

1. LINK TO COUNCIL POLICY

- 1.1 *Links to the following themes of the Community Strategy 2005 to 2010:*
- *Targeting & co-ordinating our efforts in the areas of greatest need*
 - *Working with our community*
 - *Developing sustainable communities*
 - *Developing our three market towns and surrounding rural areas*
 - *Improving the image of the area*

2. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 2.1 The purpose of the report is to seek Members approval to the service performance agreement for 2006/07 for the Economic development unit..

3. LINK TO CORPORATE THEME AND PRIORITIES

- 3.1 ***Links to the Council's corporate theme – Promoting Prosperity.***

RECOMMENDATION

That the Service Performance Agreement is approved

4. IMPACT ON CORPORATE POLICIES

4.1 Best Value

The delivery of the services covered by EDU SPA will be undertaken within the principles of Best Value

4.2 Equalities

An equalities impact assessment has been undertaken as part of the Service Plan review.

4.3 Community Safety and Crime Reduction

Community safety impact will be considered as part of the EDU work programme.

4.4 Procurement

Expenditure on services undertaken will be within the Council's procurement Strategy

4.5 Risk Management and Risk Register

A risk assessment has been undertaken as part of the Service Plan review

4.6 Sustainability

Services provided will be carried out with the aim of providing sustainable delivery and/or building local capacity

4.7 Gershon Efficiency Savings

Partnership working aims to provide saving in the cost of delivery of the EDU Services

5. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

5.1 Service Performance Agreements will enable Members to exercise control over services at strategic level by outlining the nature of the service, staff involve, budgets, challenges, changes and performance indicators. They represent the agreed level of service provision within allocated resources. (For greater detail see the main report).

6. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

6.1 Attached is the Service Performance Agreement for Economic Development Unit.

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 The financial implications are provided in table 1 of the Service Performance Agreement

8. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

8.1 *The service plan for 2005/06 and the draft service plan for 2006/07 is held in EDU*

SERVICE PERFORMANCE AGREEMENT 2006/07		
Selby D C	Planning & Economic Development	Eileen Scothern

Nature of service: To promote prosperity. To influence national and regional policies and strategies of other organisations. To advise Members, partners, stakeholders on economic issues.

Staff (SDC and Partners): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Principal Economic Development Officer ▪ Assistant Economic Development Officer (vacant) ▪ Leader Plus Co-ordinator (Temp) ▪ Funding Development Officer (Temp) ▪ Community Link Officer (Temp) ▪ Renaissance Officer (Temp) 	Budget Summary 2006/07 (£s): <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 25%;">Expenditure:</td> <td style="width: 25%;"></td> <td style="width: 25%; text-align: right;">Total</td> <td style="width: 25%; text-align: right;">1,010,609</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Employee costs</td> <td style="text-align: right;">183,587</td> <td style="text-align: right;">Income Total</td> <td style="text-align: right;">587,364</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Premises related</td> <td style="text-align: right;">48,182</td> <td style="text-align: right;">Net Cost</td> <td style="text-align: right;">423,245</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Supplies and Services</td> <td style="text-align: right;">577,230</td> <td style="text-align: right;">Capital</td> <td style="text-align: right;">0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CEC Recharges</td> <td style="text-align: right;">128,080</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Other</td> <td style="text-align: right;">73,530</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	Expenditure:		Total	1,010,609	Employee costs	183,587	Income Total	587,364	Premises related	48,182	Net Cost	423,245	Supplies and Services	577,230	Capital	0	CEC Recharges	128,080			Other	73,530		
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- Improvements for 2006/07 – where we need to be:**
- Agree partnering SLA with NYCC, successful transition to new working arrangements
 - Review the Community Economic Development Strategy with the Board and LSP
 - Maximise the District input into the Sub Regional Investment Plan & Leeds City Region
 - Consult on the Renaissance Strategic Development Framework and implement key projects
 - Encourage growth of community capacity and development
 - Improve the image of the District
 - Promote projects that will contribute to the sustainable growth of the District

Performance Indicators	Report	Targets	Date
Successful negotiation with NYCC on partnering	Annually	10% saving	March 2008
Community Economic Development Strategy reviewed by Council and LSP by November	Annually	Yes	November 2006
Leverage of public/private sector funding (Renaissance and sustainable growth projects, excludes community project leverage)	Annually	1:5	March 2007
Community/Voluntary Groups supported to application stage	Annually	75	March 2007
Service Plan Approved: 20/09/05, review currently taking place for 2006/10 Service Plan.	Progress Reports Due: April 2007		
Responsible Board/Committee	Economy Board		

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER:

PUBLIC SESSION

**TITLE : SERVICE PERFORMANCE AGREEMENT (SPA)
BUILDING CONTROL**

TO : ECONOMY BOARD

DATE : 13 JUNE 2006

**BY : HEAD OF SERVICE PLANNING & ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT**

**AUTHOR : HELEN DRYE - HEAD OF SERVICE PLANNING &
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

1. LINK TO COUNCIL POLICY

- 1.1 The partnership working developed by the Building Control Partnership links to our increased partnership working and efficiency gains.

2. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 2.1 The purpose of the report is to seek Members approval to the service performance agreement for 2006/07 for the Building Control Partnership.

3. LINK TO CORPORATE THEMES AND PRIORITIES

- 3.1 *Links to the Council's corporate themes of Making Better Use of Resources and Organising to Deliver*

RECOMMENDATION

That the Service Performance Agreement is approved

4. IMPACT ON CORPORATE POLICIES

4.1 Best Value

The delivery of the services covered by the SPA will be undertaken within the principles of Best Value

4.2 Equalities

No impact

4.3 Community Safety and Crime Reduction

No impact

4.4 Procurement

- No impact
- 4.5 Risk Management and Risk Register

A risk assessment has been undertaken as part of the Service Plan review

- 4.6 Sustainability

No impact

- 4.7 Gershon Efficiency Savings

The partnership was set up to improve the efficiency of the building control service.

5. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 5.1 Service Performance Agreements will enable Members to exercise control over services at strategic level by outlining the nature of the service, staff involve, budgets, challenges, changes and performance indicators. They represent the agreed level of service provision within allocated resources. (For greater detail see the main report).

6. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 6.1 Attached is the Service Performance Agreement for Building Control Partnership

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 The financial implications are provided in table 1 of the Service Performance Agreement

8. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

- 8.1 *The service plan for 2005/06 and the service plan for 2006/07 is held on the Performance management system of Selby District Council*

Nature of service: To secure the health, safety, welfare and convenience of people in and about the buildings. This is achieved through processing building regulation applications under the provisions of Sections 91-92 of the Building Act 1984 via the "Full Plans" or "Building Notice" procedures and promoting fuel/power conservation and the reduction of CO2 emissions in accordance with Local Agenda 21 issues.

Staff (SDC and Partners):

- Building Control Manager x 1
- Senior Building Control Officer x 2
- Building Control Officers x 6
- Assistant Building Control Officers x 3 (1 secondment)
- Part time Senior Administration Officer x 1
- Full time Administration Officer x 2
- Part time Administration Officers x 1
- Temp part time Administration Officer x 1

Budget Summary (£s):

Expenditure

Support Charges	5,270
Supplies & Services	7,850
Third Party Repayments	<u>47,330</u>
Total	60,450

Improvement for 2006/07 & ongoing / future projects:

- In accordance with the Building Control Partnership business plan, develop a new marketing plan targeting the commercial and new property market.
- Once developed monitor the effectiveness of the marketing plan.
- To incorporate and work towards all relevant actions included within the Partnerships Improvement Plan.
- Carry out judging of the Good Design and Construction Awards annually.
- Integrate the Partnerships computer systems with those of Selby District Council. (e.g. DIP, access to services etc)
- Reintroduce the Partnerships website back into the domain of Selby District Council's web site, giving applicants relevant building control information and the ability to download forms, submit applications, deposit fees etc.
- Undertake stakeholder research.

Performance Indicators	Report	Targets	Date
Check full plan applications within 10 days.	Quarterly	88%	Mar 2005/2006
		90%	Mar 2006/2007
		90%	Mar 2007/2008
Building Notices processed within 2 days.	Quarterly	92%	Mar 2005/2006
		92%	Mar 2006/2007
		93%	Mar 2007/2008
Plans checked within statutory time period.	Quarterly	100%	Mar 2005/2006
		100%	Mar 2006/2007
		100%	Mar 2007/2008
To undertake site inspections on the day of notification.	Quarterly	86%	Mar 2005/2006
		88%	Mar 2006/2007
		90%	Mar 2007/2008
Dangerous structures inspected within 2 hours of notification.	Quarterly	82%	Mar 2005/2006
		84%	Mar 2006/2007
		86%	Mar 2007/2008
To answer telephone calls within 4 rings.	Quarterly	90%	Mar 2005/2006
		90%	Mar 2006/2007
		90%	Mar 2007/2008

SPA Approved:

Improvement Plan Approved: dd/mm/yy

Progress Reports Due: April 2007

Responsible Board/Committee

Economy Board

Valid until: 31-03-2007

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER:

PUBLIC SESSION

**TITLE : SERVICE PERFORMANCE AGREEMENT (SPA)
BENEFITS SECTION**

TO : ECONOMY BOARD

DATE : 13 JUNE 2006

**BY : HEAD OF SERVICE PLANNING & ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT**

**AUTHOR : HELEN DRYE - HEAD OF SERVICE PLANNING &
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

1. LINK TO COUNCIL POLICY

1.1 The Benefits service provides a statutory service.

2. PURPOSE OF REPORT

2.1 The purpose of the report is to seek Members approval to the service performance agreement for 2006/07 for the Benefits Section.

3. LINK TO CORPORATE THEMES AND PRIORITIES

3.1 *Links to the Council's corporate themes of Making Better Use of Resources and Organising to Deliver*

RECOMMENDATION

That the Service Performance Agreement is approved

4. IMPACT ON CORPORATE POLICIES

4.1 Best Value

The delivery of the services covered by the SPA will be undertaken within the principles of Best Value

4.2 Equalities

The service has undertaken an impact assessment to achieve level 2 of the Equalities Standard.

4.3 Community Safety and Crime Reduction

No impact

4.4 Procurement

Expenditure is undertaken in line with the Council's procurement policies.

4.5 Risk Management and Risk Register

A risk assessment has been undertaken as part of the Service Plan review

4.6 Sustainability

No impact

4.7 Gershon Efficiency Savings

The department works in partnership with East Riding of Yorkshire Council to seek efficiency gains.

5. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

5.1 Service Performance Agreements will enable Members to exercise control over services at strategic level by outlining the nature of the service, staff involve, budgets, challenges, changes and performance indicators. They represent the agreed level of service provision within allocated resources. (For greater detail see the main report).

6. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

6.1 Attached is the Service Performance Agreement for the Benefits Section.

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 The financial implications are provided in table 1 of the Service Performance Agreement

8. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

8.1 *The service plan for 2005/06 and the service plan for 2006/07 is held on the Performance management system of Selby District Council*

SERVICE PERFORMANCE AGREEMENT 2006/07**Selby D C****Service Area****Service Manager**

Nature of service: To provide high quality and effective service delivering the governments Council Tax Benefit and Housing Benefit schemes including a Counter Fraud Service.

Staff (SDC and Partners):

- Benefits Manager (PO3)
- Counter Fraud Officer(Sc 6)x2
- Senior Benefits Officer (PO 1)
- Benefits Officer (Technical) (Sc 6)
- Benefits Officer (Sc 6) x 3
- Quality/Verification Officer (Sc 6)
- Assessment Officer (Sc 1c/3/4) x 12
- Overpayments Officer (Sc 2/3/4)
- Counter Fraud Assistant (Sc 2)
- Customer Liaison Officer (Sc2/3/4) x5

Budget Summary 2006/07 (£s):

Expenditure:		Total	12367245
Employee costs	649940	Income Total	-11516650
Premises related	2020	Net Cost	850595
Supplies and Services	118110	Capital	12700
CEC Recharges	184175		
Other Payments	11413000		

Improvements for 2006/07 – where we need to be:

- Management and implementation of welfare reforms as they directly affect Housing Benefit Administration, involving changes to software, procedure and administrative processes, training and project management.
- Full contribution to the implementation of the corporate customer contact centre including staffing and training resource plan, business process re-engineering and support procedures in place.
- Continued capacity building and retention activity through a period of major change.
- Review of Counter Fraud activity including pro-active fraud drives, funding and joint working initiatives

Performance Indicators	Report	Targets	Date
BV 78a - Average time (days) for processing new claims.	Monthly	23.0 days 21.4 days 20.1 days	Mar 2007 Mar 2008 Mar 2009
BV78b - Average time (days) for processing notifications of changes in circumstances.	Monthly	8.3 days 7.3 days 6.4 days	Mar 2007 Mar 2008 Mar 2009
BV 79a - % of cases processed accurately.	Quarterly	98.0% 98.4% 98.7%	Mar 2007 Mar 2008 Mar 2009

Service Plan Approved:**Progress Reports Due:****Responsible Board/Committee****Economy Board**

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER:

PUBLIC SESSION

TITLE : GOOD JOBS FOR LOCAL PEOPLE

TO : ECONOMY BOARD

DATE : 13 JUNE 2006

**BY : HEAD OF SERVICE PLANNING & ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT**

AUTHOR : EILEEN SCOTHERN

1. LINK TO COUNCIL POLICY

- 1.1 *Links to the following themes of the Community Strategy 2005 to 2010:*
- *Targeting & co-ordinating our efforts in the areas of greatest need*
 - *Working with our community*
 - *Developing sustainable communities*
 - *Developing our three market towns and surrounding rural areas*
 - *Improving the image of the area*

2. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 2.1 To report to Members the findings of the consultation exercise undertaken by york-england.com.

3. LINK TO CORPORATE THEME AND PRIORITIES

- 3.1 ***Links to the Council's corporate theme Promoting prosperity.***

RECOMMENDATION

- i) That the report be noted**
- ii) That the findings be published and fed into policy development.**

4. IMPACT ON CORPORATE POLICIES

- 4.1 • Best Value

The consultation exercise was undertaken to identify the communities needs and potential improvements to services

- 4.2 • Equalities

No impact

- 4.3 • Community Safety and Crime Reduction

No impact

- 4.4 • Procurement

No impact

- 4.5 • Risk Management and Risk Register

No impact

- 4.6 • Sustainability

This report will assist in developing future economic policies.

- 4.7 • Gershon Efficiency Savings

No impact

5. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 5.1 In November 2005 the Assistant Economic Development Officer presented a report titled Good jobs for local people. Members noted the report and resolved

That further consultation be under taken with colleagues, partners and stakeholders and the findings be referred to a future meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee.

In view of the staff reductions within the Economic Development Unit, the Council employed york-england.com to carry out a consultation exercise on our behalf. This consultation took place during April and May 2006. This report provides details of their findings; Denise Dodd Chief executive of york-england.com will be in attendance for this item.

(For greater detail see the main report).

6. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

6.1

The questionnaire was sent out to a cross section of the community made up from names on the following databases:

Selby Active Business
Selby Citizens Panel
North Yorkshire Citizens Panel

What is a good job?

Four areas were defined as important:

- Better income
- Better prospects for improvement
- More job satisfaction
- Opportunity to train to improve skills

However a better job than the one currently held, location, convenient hours and an opportunity to broaden experience were less important.

56.1% felt that there were opportunities with their existing employer to develop and achieve their definition of a good job.

Travel to work:

Living close and the cost of travel is important.

Living and working in Selby

45.9% of people questioned live and work in Selby.

39.5% of people questioned live in Selby but work outside of the district and of these the majority would like to work in Selby.

About two thirds of people questioned, or their family members travel out of Selby District to work, with the majority travelling to York and Leeds. A higher percentage of jobs were Academic followed closely by clerical, management, NHS and sales.

Selby Council's short term objectives on 'good jobs for local people'

The majority of people questioned agreed that:

- the number of apprentices/school leaver development opportunities available should be increased
- the liaison between business, education and local media to promote awareness is important
- raising awareness of skills and workforce available in the area is a vital objective

Selby Council's medium term objectives on 'good jobs for local people'

The majority of people questioned agreed that:

- Reduce the number of people commuting from the district to work was necessary
- Utilising the high skilled projects as an opportunity to showcase the area's skills and graduate numbers to business was a valuable tool not only locally but nationally
- Targeting growth sectors is an important factor

however a high percentage of people neither agreed nor disagreed with the above.

University Graduates or people with similar qualifications

The highest percentage of people questioned were registered themselves as 'other', with the next highest percentages employed in the professional sector followed by Engineering, and then Manufacturing.

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 The survey was undertaken by york-england.com as part of additional services contract for the period January – March 2006, following the reduction of staff in EDU. The contract totally £4,000 was funded via the Yorkshire Forward Inward Investment Contract. The results will be fed into the Community Economic Development Strategy/Service Plan reviews in determining priorities for future years. There are no financial implications at this stage, as and when more details on any financial implications are known these will be reported back to this Board.

8. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

- 8.1 *Copies of the responses are held by york-england.com*

GOOD JOBS FOR LOCAL PEOPLE

Results of the questionnaire sent out in March 2006

The questionnaire was sent to a random selection of people from the following groups:

Selby Active Business
 Selby Citizens Panel
 North Yorkshire Citizens Panel

The percentages are made up from the total amount of responses received not the questions answered.

	1 – 3	4 - 5	6 - 8
1. What is a good job? Please rank the following characteristics in order of importance, with 1=most important and 8=least important			
a. A better job than you currently have?	12.2%	18.5%	54.7%
b. Better income?	45.2%	24.2%	15.3%
c. Better prospects for improvement?	31.9%	31.9%	21.1%
d. More job satisfaction?	52.8%	19.1%	12.1%
e. Located close to home?	32.5%	14%	38.1%
f. Convenient hours?	31.2%	17.8%	37.5%
g. A job which includes the opportunity to train to improve your skills?	47%	17.8%	26.7%
h. An opportunity to broaden your experience?	28.6%	26.1%	32.5%

<p>2. Are there opportunities with your existing employer to develop and achieve your definition of a good job</p> <p>3. How important is it to you to live close to your work?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Very important Quite important Unimportant</p> <p>4. How important is travel to work cost to you?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Very important Quite important Unimportant</p> <p>5a. Do you live and work within Selby District?</p> <p>5b. If you work outside Selby District would you like a job in the area?</p> <p>Do you have any other suggestions or comments on questions 1 to 5?</p>	<p>Yes 56.1% No 21.0%</p> <p>31.8% 44.6% 12.7%</p> <p>32.5% 45.2% 9.6%</p> <p>Yes 45.9% No 39.5%</p> <p>Yes 31.9% No 16.6%</p>
<p>6. These are Selby Council's short term objectives on 'good jobs for local people'. Please indicate whether you agree with them or not.</p> <p>a. Increase the number of apprentices/school leaver development opportunities available throughout the district</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Strongly Agree Neither agree nor disagree Disagree strongly</p> <p>b. Assist in the liaison between business, education and the local media to promote awareness</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Strongly Agree Neither agree nor disagree Disagree strongly</p> <p>c. Raise awareness of skills and workforce available in the area</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Strongly Agree Neither agree nor disagree Disagree strongly</p>	<p>87.9% 6.4% 0%</p> <p>77.0% 15.9% 0.6%</p> <p>85.4% 8.9% 0%</p>

7. These are Selby council's medium term objectives on 'good jobs for local people. Please indicate whether you agree with them or not.

a. Reduce the number of people commuting from the district to work

Strongly Agree	64.3%
Neither agree nor disagree	36.9%
Disagree strongly	4.5%

b. Utilise the high skilled projects as an opportunity to show case the area's skills and graduate numbers to business not only locally but nationally

Strongly Agree	64.3%
Neither agree nor disagree	26.8%
Disagree strongly	0.6%

c. Target growth sectors – for example office/service companies

Strongly Agree	56.7%
Neither agree nor disagree	31.2%
Disagree strongly	3.8%

8. If you are a university graduate or have similar qualifications, please answer the next question, otherwise please go to question 9.

What area of work are you engaged in?

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|---|-------|
| ○ Professional – eg Accountancy, Legal, Financial, Architecture | 15.9% |
| ○ IT/Digital | 2.5% |
| ○ Science based | 2.5% |
| ○ Creative e.g. graphic design | 1.3% |
| ○ Manufacturing | 4.5% |
| ○ Engineering | 7.0% |
| ○ Other – please state: | 22.9% |

9a. Do you or any family members travel out of Selby District to work?	Yes 63.0% No 26.8%
9b. If the answer is yes, please indicate who travels out of Selby District to work:	
Yourself	Yes 39.5% No 23.6%
Other family members	Yes 44.6% No 21.0%
Where to	Overseas: 2.5% UK wide: 6.4% North Eng' 5.1% London 1.9% Leeds 15.9% York 18.5% Harrogate 1.9% Wakefield 3.2% Doncaster 2.4% Bradford 1.3% Hull 1.9% Pontefract 1.3% Normanton 0.6% Wetherby 0.6% Manchester 0.6% Linton on Ouse 0.6% Sheffield 0.6% Ravensthorpe 0.6% Castleford 0.6% Barnsley 0.6% Birmingham 0.6% West Riding 0.6% Goole 0.6%
What type of job	Research 0.6% Fire service 0.6% Clerical 8.3% Project Manager 3.8% Prison service 0.6% Warehousing 1.3% Academic 9.6% NHS 5.1% Accountant 1.3% Entertainer 0.6% Sales 5.1% Social services 3.2% Electrician 1.3% Engineer 4.5% Armed forces 0.6% Consultant 1.3%

Plumber	0.6%
Estimator	0.6%
Graphic design	0.6%
Financial	3.8%
Management	5.1%
Invigilator	0.6%
Legal	0.6%
Business Development	1.3%
Voluntary	0.6%
Civil service	3.2%
Construction	3.8%
Beauty therapist	0.6%
Rail	0.6%
Postal worker	0.6%
National security	0.6%
Pilot	0.6%
Journalist	0.6%

10. Please indicate which of the following descriptions applies to you with a tick:

Below 30 years old	3.8%
Over 30 years old but less than 50	33.1%
Over 50 years old	52.9%
Male	40.8%
Female	43.3%
Single	12.7%
Married	65.0%
Skilled	9.6%
Semi-skilled	11.5%
Unskilled	1.3%
Professional	38.9%
Employer	1.9%
Self employed	12.7%
Employee	32.5%
Unemployed	5.1%

Are there any other comments that you would like to make?

- About to be made redundant from Exel
- Has lived in Selby for 8 years and likes it very much
- Must encourage all sectors of work
- Does not want Selby to become an Industrial Estate
- Travel link from York to Selby needs sorting out
- Selby still lacks basic social infrastructure
- Does not want the area to be overdeveloped
- Too many part time jobs when full time ones are needed
- Selby needs progression, it is a benefit society
- Mothers returning to work often have a problem
- Childcare is a problem for women who want to work
- There are young people hanging around with no work
- Why do people who work in Selby not live there
- People should be educated to use public transport

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wealthy people live in Selby but do not earn there• The current industry in Selby should be expanded• Businesses do not nurture individuals anymore• Give jobs to locals not immigrants• Poor office salaries do not attract graduates to the area• Green areas need to work to allow youth activities• Local Training courses need to be provided• Selby should embrace York and Leeds• | |
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AGENDA ITEM NUMBER:

PUBLIC SESSION

**TITLE : SELBY DISTRICT URBAN RENAISSANCE
PROGRAMME – PROGRESS UPDATE AND TOWNS
TEAM EXECUTIVE CONSTITUTION**

TO : ECONOMY BOARD

DATE : 13 JUNE 2006

**BY : HEAD OF SERVICE – PLANNING & ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT**

AUTHOR : NEIL SKINNER – EXTERNAL FUNDING MANAGER

1. LINK TO COUNCIL POLICY

1.1 Linked to Corporate Plan Priority Action – Regenerating our Three Market Towns

Linked to Community Strategy 2005-10 theme – Developing our three market towns and surrounding rural areas.

2. PURPOSE OF REPORT

2.1 To update Members on the progress of the Selby District Urban Renaissance programme

3. LINK TO CORPORATE AIMS AND PRIORITIES

3.1 ***Directly linked to Council's priority of 'Regenerating our Three Market Towns'***

RECOMMENDATIONS

**i) THAT MEMBERS NOTE THE PROGRESS BEING MADE
ON THE RENAISSANCE PROGRAMME**

4. IMPACT ON CORPORATE POLICIES

4.1 • Best Value – No impact

4.2 • Equalities

Urban Renaissance, partly through its process of ongoing community engagement via Town Teams and partly through the anticipated impact of increased investment in the District, will positively address equality issues

and social inclusion.

4.3 • Community Safety and Crime Reduction

North Yorkshire Police are actively involved in the Renaissance process, particularly with regard to the public realm design issues.

4.4 • Procurement - No impact

4.5 • Risk Management and Risk Register
No impact at this stage of the programme

4.6 • Sustainability

The Selby District Renaissance programme positively impacts on the sustainability of local communities by engaging these communities in the long-term development planning of Selby, Sherburn and Tadcaster. The programme will, in particular, have major impacts on improving the public realm (civic pride and image of the area) in revitalising the town and promoting the skills, knowledge and capacity of local people in order to provide a skilled workforce for business.

4.7 • Gershon Efficiency Savings - No impact

5. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

5.1 Since the last report to Economy Board in February 2006 progress has been made on the management of the Urban Renaissance programme and a number of issues are being addressed both internally and with Yorkshire Forward.

URBED, Yorkshire Forward's consultants have still not produced the version of the Strategic Development Framework which will be used for community consultation.

Projects in Selby and Sherburn are moving forward.

The Energy and Water themes are generating a great deal of interest and form external bodies (both public and private).

6. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

6.1 **Programme management**

The Urban Renaissance team are actively working on a Project Initiation Document (PID) for the Council's corporate priority of Regenerating our Three Market Towns. Urban renaissance forms a major part of this.

This work has identified a number of issues, at both the strategic and operational levels, which are being discussed within SDC and also with

Yorkshire Forward.

An Urban Renaissance Project Board and a Project Team are to be established to ensure closer inter-agency working between the Council, Yorkshire Forward and major stakeholders. The Project Board will focus on strategic issues while the Project Team will be more involved in the operational delivery of the programme.

6.2 **Strategic Development Framework**

The draft Strategic Development Framework has been the subject of internal SDC and external stakeholder consultation. The comments received as a result of this are being collated by Yorkshire Forward.

Once this has been done URBED (Yorkshire Forward's consultants) will print 5 copies (3 for SDC, 2 for Yorkshire Forward). These will be read through and, if agreed, a print run of 250 copies will be done by URBED.

These will then put in the public domain for consultation (controlled by SDC).

Depending on the results of the consultation SDC will issue an Addendum to the SDF if necessary.

It is anticipated that this external consultation will take place in late June 2006.

6.3 **Selby**

- **Linear Park**
The Environment Agency have started work on the Memorial Garden (between the road bridge and Westmill Foods). There is still some uncertainty around the final design for the river side between the road and rail bridges as this dependent on a private development.
- **Gowthorpe improvements**
This is being discussed as part of the Selby Traffic Management Strategy
- **"Café society"**
The possibility of on-street café bars in the Finkle Street/Market Place area is being investigated. There are issues relating to road closures, licensing laws and health and safety to be addressed.

6.4 **Sherburn-in-Elmet**

NYCC/Mouchel Parkman have completed the detailed design work for the development of Low Street. Yorkshire Forward are obtaining a land valuation, and this will determine the financial viability (or otherwise) of the proposed scheme.

6.5 Tadcaster

Because of the unresolved issue of SDC representation on the Tadcaster Town Team Executive, progress on the plans for the development of the central area of Tadcaster is unknown.

6.6 Energy

- There is very significant interest in a number of the projects from the private sector, public sector (Yorkshire Forward, Future Energy Yorkshire, Recycling Action Yorkshire) and academic sector (White Rose Consortium)
- On Hearts and minds': Education & awareness and 'Fit for the 21st Century' – energy efficiency we are seeking SDC/NYCC lead although the issue is resources & funding
- Private Sector/Public sector partnership is driving elements of Biomass 'Community heating' and industrial developments under Future coal.

6.7 Water

- Yorkshire Water Park – feasibility on hold pending the results of the SPROUT and the Humberhead Levels partnership programmes feasibility studies.
- SPROUT workshops on Renewable Energy uses attended on May 25th, the workshop for Urban Waterfronts and Watercourses is scheduled for June 20th and awaiting scheduling of the Leisure & Recreation workshop.
- Once we have the material from these findings, a decision can be made on the scope of a feasibility study.
- The intention is to incorporate the Water theme work within the Selby Town team in order to gain community involvement in the work.

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 There are no financial implications at this stage, however, as and when more details on the financial implications of these projects are known these will be reported back to this committee.

8. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

- 8.1 Background documents are held in Planning Policy and in the External Funding Unit at the Prospect Centre

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER:

PUBLIC SESSION

TITLE : WHEELS 2 WORK
TO : ECONOMY BOARD
DATE : 13 JUNE 2006
BY : HEAD OF PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
AUTHOR : EILEEN SCOTHERN, PRINCIPAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

1. LINK TO COUNCIL POLICY
 - 1.1 The Council's involvement is included in the Community Economic Development Strategy.
2. PURPOSE OF REPORT
 - 2.1 To inform Members of discussions which have taken place between Selby District Council, Ryedale District Council and RYECAT.

3. LINK TO CORPORATE AIMS AND PRIORITIES
 - 3.1 ***Linked to Corporate Theme - Making Better Use of Resources***

RECOMMENDATION

Members approve the transfer of ownership to RYECAT as outlined in paragraph 6.5

4. IMPACT ON CORPORATE POLICIES
 - 4.1 Best Value

Selby District Council, Ryedale District Council and RYECAT have all sought quotes for the insurance premium for the mopeds owned by the two Councils
 - 4.2 Equalities

The W2W scheme assists entry into employment or training for those individuals on long term unemployment/leaving school due to lack of public transport.

- 4.3 Community Safety and Crime Reduction
At this stage the report refers to strategies and principles, however as project initiatives are developed the implications for community safety and crime reduction will be considered
- 4.4 Procurement
Working in partnership with the other local authorities will enable a saving to be made in the annual insurance premiums.
- 4.5 Risk Management and Risk Register
The proposed agreement with RYECAT will enable SDC to regain ownership of the mopeds if the scheme folds
- 4.6 Sustainability
The merger with RYECAT has taken place to provide a more sustainable project.
- 4.7 Gershon Efficiency Savings
There is a cost savings on premiums of 5.6%, plus there are efficiency savings in administration with the transfer of the bikes and administering the project.

5. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 5.1 Potential Saving on the cost of the Wheels 2 Work project have been identified.
(For greater detail see the main report)

6. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 6.1 Following Members decision on 19 May 2005
“THAT OFFICERS BE AUTHORISED TO CONTINUE NEGOTIATIONS AND ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH RYECAT BASED ON OPTION 2 OF THE AMENDED REPORT AND IF THIS SCHEME IS NOT SUCCESSFUL REVERT TO OPTION 3 OF THE AMENDED REPORT.”
- 6.2 RYECAT are now managing the Wheels 2 Work project. However it was agreed that SDC would continue to insure the original 15 mopeds until the current policy came up for renewal. SDC and Ryedale District Council have received quotes from their respective insurance company and the following quotes have been received.
- Quote for SDC £300 per moped, with a repair limit of £500,
Quote for Ryedale District Council, £283 with a repair limit equivalent to the value of the moped.
- 6.3 RYECAT have asked if the ownership of the mopeds can be transferred to Ryedale District Council. Officers have provisionally agreed to a transfer of the mopeds at a nominal rate if a clause is included that they

can't sell the mopeds and if the project folds Selby District Council can regain ownership for the same nominal figure. In addition RYECAT are to maintain the mopeds in good working order

- 6.4 Members' approval of the transfer of the 15 mopeds to Ryedale District Council at a nominal figure of £1 per moped is requested.

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 The estimated income would be
2006/07

£15

- 7.2 There are no material financial implications for the Council arising from the recommendation in this report. The Council's current budget assumes no financial contribution from Selby District Council, although in kind contribution regarding staff time has been allocated to the scheme.

- 7.3 On the basis of the recommendation in this report, there will be no further costs to this Council

8. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

- 8.1 *All papers and reports are kept by EDU.*

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER:

12.2

PUBLIC SESSION

TITLE : FUNDING BID PROPOSAL FOR THE PROVISION OF VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE NYCC LIBRARY AND INFORMATION CENTRE AT SELBY

TO : ECONOMY BOARD

DATE : 13 JUNE 2006

BY : HEAD OF SERVICE – PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

AUTHOR : HELEN DRYE, HEAD OF SERVICE – PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

1. LINK TO COUNCIL POLICY

- 1.1 *The proposal links to the Community Strategy them of improve the image of the district.*

The proposal links to the Council's policy on access to information and services.

2. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 2.1 To inform members of the relevant issues regarding the future provision of a Visitor Information Centre (VIC) from the NYCC Library and Information Centre (VIC) at Micklegate, Selby

3. LINK TO CORPORATE THEMES AND PRIORITIES

- 3.1 *How does this link to the Council's themes and priorities?*

The provision of the Visitor Information Centre at Selby links to the Council's priorities on access to information and services. However the Council no longer funds Tourism, and it is no longer a priority of the Community Economic Development Strategy.

RECOMENDATION

- i) **That the Head of Service Planning and Economic Development review the budget for 2006/07 to establish**

whether the contribution as proposed can be funded from within existing budgets;

- ii) **In the absence of any existing budget provision, it be recommended to Policy and Resources Committee that approval be given to a supplementary revenue estimate of £7,500 for 2006/07 only;**
- iii) **That further work be undertaken by NYCC to assess the benefits and rationale for continued VIC provision and that following the outcome of this work, a further report be brought back to this Committee on the matter.**

4. IMPACT ON CORPORATE POLICIES

How does this report affect the following?

- 4.1 • Best Value

The provision of the VIC facility provides enhanced provision of services to local/visitor population in Selby.

- 4.2 • Equalities

The provision of the VIC facility provides improved/enhanced access to information services to a wide range of users including diverse sections of the population.

- 4.3 • Community Safety and Crime Reduction

Provides alternative opportunities for proactive use of leisure time in town centre through extended services/opening hours.

- 4.4 • Procurement

No impact.

- 4.5 • Risk Management and Risk Register

Not approving recommendation could jeopardise the continued provision of the visitor information service.

- 4.6 • Sustainability

Report outlines impact of service on local community in provision of extended/accessible services.

- 4.7 • Gershon Efficiency Savings

No impact.

5. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 5.1 NYCC's Library and Information Service currently provides a Visitor Information Centre (VIC) at Selby.

Provision of this service was undertaken in partnership with Selby DC through Leader and Grant funding which initial set up costs and ongoing revenue to provide the service up to December 2005.

The provision of the centre, and extended services/opening hours has had a significant impact and take up from both local residents and visitors over the 2 years that it has been in operation: At the same time, the Library and Information Centre have seen increases in visitors/use of library facilities as a result.

In conclusion the Centre and its provision of enhanced access to services have benefited a diverse range of local users and visitors to Selby. There are however, ongoing resource issues that need to be addressed in order to sustain its ongoing provision.

(For greater detail see the main report)

6. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 6.1 **Outputs:** The original opening hours of the Library and Information Centre were extended by 13 hours to include Thursday and Saturday afternoons as well as Sundays and Bank Holidays. As a result, between January and December 2005, over 2,000 enquiries and 200 bed bookings were dealt with by the VIC.

The Centre has raised approximately £3,500 in income on sales of merchandise and commissions from bed bookings.

Between 250-300 people now regularly use all services provided by the Library and Information Service on Sundays.

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 The contributions required from respective partners for providing the Visitor Information Centre, as identified by NYCC are as follows:-

	2006/07 £	2007/08 £	2008/09 £
Selby District Council	7,500	7,690	7880
North Yorks County Council	10,000	10,250	10,510
Total	17,500	17,940	18,390

- 7.2 Members should note that there is currently no budget provision for this contribution within the Council's General Fund Revenue Budget. Indeed, Members will be aware that budgets for tourism-related activities were excluded from the budget for 2006/07 as Tourism was not considered to be one of the Council's priorities.

- 7.3 Should Members choose to proceed with the contribution for 2006/07, consideration would need to be given initially to establishing whether the contribution could be funded from within existing budgets of the Economy Board. This could lead to a reduction in budget provision for other services.
- 7.4 In the absence of this, the Council's contribution for 2006/07 would have to be funded from the Council's General Fund Working Balance and would therefore require approval of a supplementary revenue estimate by Policy and Resources. In this context, Members should be aware that, subject to confirmation of the Council's General Fund outturn position for 2005/06, the General Fund Working Balance is likely to be below the minimum working balance of £1.5m. In view of this, Members of the Policy and Resources Committee would need to consider whether this proposal would constitute an appropriate use of balances.

8. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

- 8.1 Briefing note for Head of Service, Planning and Economic Development Visitor Information Centre (VIC) facilities at Selby.

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER:

PUBLIC SESSION

**TITLE : SELBY DISTRICT LEADER+ RESPONSE TO DEFRA
CONSULTATION ON "RURAL DEVELOPMENT
PROGRAMME FOR ENGLAND 2007 – 2013"**

TO : ECONOMY BOARD

DATE : 13 JUNE 2006

**BY : HEAD OF SERVICE – PLANNING AND ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT**

AUTHOR : LEADER+ PROGRAMME CO-ORDINATOR

1. LINK TO COUNCIL POLICY

- 1.1 *Links to the following themes of the Community Strategy 2005 to 2010:*
- *Developing sustainable communities*
 - *Developing our three market towns and surrounding rural areas*

2. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 2.1 To inform Members of DEFRA's proposals for the delivery of rural funding post-2006 and to seek their endorsement of the response made by the Selby District LEADER+ Local Action Group to DEFRA's consultation document

3. LINK TO CORPORATE AIMS AND PRIORITIES

- 3.1 ***How does this link to the Council's aims and priorities?***

Corporate aim: To facilitate and encourage quality sustainable enterprise and employment

***RECOMMENDATION :
THAT MEMBERS ENDORSE THE LOCAL ACTION GROUP
RESPONSE***

4. IMPACT ON CORPORATE POLICIES

How does this report affect the following? (A comment should be made against each point. If no impact, put "no impact").

- 4.1 • Best Value

No impact

4.2 • Equalities

One of the key criteria for projects receiving LEADER+ funding is that they actively promote equal opportunities

4.3 • Community Safety and Crime Reduction

LEADER+ is not primarily related to community safety and crime reduction. However, some of the Selby LEADER+ projects have indirectly made a positive contribution to these priorities

4.4 • Procurement

No impact

4.5 • Risk Management and Risk Register

No Impact

4.6 • Sustainability

One of the key criteria for projects receiving LEADER+ funding is that they are sustainable

4.7 • Gershon Efficiency Savings

No impact

5. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

5.1 DEFRA are proposing changes to the delivery of rural funding post-2006. These proposals are contained in their consultation document "*Rural Development Programme for England 2007 – 2013*".

The Selby District LEADER+ Local Action Group has made a formal response to DEFRA on this consultation document

(For greater detail see the main report)

6. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

6.1 Introduction

The current LEADER+ Programme technically ends on 31 December 2006. However, in the United Kingdom projects are allowed to incur expenditure up to 31 December 2007.

As of 1 January 2007 the new European Union Rural Development

Regulation comes in to effect. This is a wide-ranging regulation covering all aspects of payments to the food and farming sector and also incorporating payments for environmental activity in rural areas and rural community development.

The Commission is moving from targeted funding (e.g. LEADER+) to providing central government with a single stream of rural development funding. It will then be for government to decide how and where this funding should be spent.

The implementation of this Regulation in England is now subject to public consultation. The consultation document, *Rural Development Programme for England 2007-2013*, can be viewed on-line or downloaded from <http://www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/consult/rdp2007-13/rdpconsultdoc.pdf>

This paper only looks at those issues relevant to LEADER+

6.2 Background

LEADER+ is a community-based bottom-up approach that provides opportunities for local communities to identify their needs and devise appropriate, sustainable solutions.

While LEADER+ itself will cease to exist as a separate funding programme, the Commission is committed to the L+ principles and wants to see the LEADER approach applied to the new rural development programme.

The Commission has grouped rural development in to three Axes:

- Axis 1: Improving competitiveness of the agricultural and forestry sector
- Axis 2: Improving the environment and countryside
- Axis 3: Quality of life In rural areas and diversification of the rural economy;

and included a fourth Axis which can be applied to the first three:

- Axis 4: LEADER

Axes 1 – 3 each contain a number of Measures, or actions, (examples being “Agricultural holding modernisation”, “Natura 2000 payments”, “Encouragement of tourism activities”).

Axis 4 – LEADER – is a delivery and development approach that can be applied to these Measures.

Whilst in theory the LEADER approach can be applied to the other three Axes, practically it is best suited to activities under Axis 3 and, to a much lesser extent, Axis 1.

The Commission Regulation allocates 5% of the European Rural Development funding to the LEADER approach. This percentage means there will be more money in cash terms available across England than under the present LEADER+ programme.

6.3 The future

Proposed priorities

In its consultation document the Government proposes that its priority for Axis 3 activity will be “to enhance economic opportunity in rural areas through increased investment in skills, enterprise and innovation by targeting support to:

- Those on low pay or without regular employment;
- Economically-lagging areas with a high concentration of low-paid jobs;
- Upland communities where remoteness and sparse populations create particular difficulties.”

Axis 4 – LEADER

LEADER will cease as a separate programme and become an integrated element in the new Programme “*to support the themes in the [the new] Strategy*”. This means it is the LEADER approach (area-based development strategies, bottom-up approach, multi-sectoral design, innovation, co-operation, and networking) that is being preserved rather than specific LEADER programmes. The approach will have to be applied to the development and delivery of the activities under Axes 1 – 3.

The consultation document proposes the continuation of the locally-driven private/public partnerships (LAGs) but makes it very clear that there is no guarantee that existing LAGs will continue. Similarly it makes it very clear that current LEADER+ areas will not necessarily benefit from future Axis 4 funding.

Delivery mechanisms

Funding for Axes 1 & 3 activity and for the delivery of the LEADER approach (Axis 4) will come via the regional development agencies (in our case Yorkshire Forward).

6.4 Implications for Selby District

DEFRA have a Public Service Agreement to “*Reduce the gap in productivity between the least well performing quartile of rural areas and the English Median by 2008, demonstrating progress by 2006, and improve the accessibility of services for people in rural areas.*” (PSA4).

The indications from DEFRA and the RDAs suggest that much of the rural development funding will be targeted at these PSA4 areas. Selby is not a PSA4 area!

Within Yorkshire and the Humber region PSA4 areas cover part of East Riding, the northern coastal strip and moors in North Yorkshire and parts of the Pennines.

While this does not totally preclude Selby from receiving rural development funding it will make it difficult.

- 6.5 The Selby District LEADER+ LAG discussed this document at their meeting on 8 May and it was agreed to make a formal response.

This response is attached for information

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 There are no financial implications.

8. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

- 8.1 All background documents are held by the External Funding Unit at the Prospect Centre