

Local Government North Yorkshire and York

Minutes of the remote meeting held on Friday, 5th March, 2021 commencing at 2.30 pm.

This meeting was live broadcast and a recording is available using the following link - <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/live-meetings>

LGNYY Members present: Councillor Keith Aspden, Mr Jim Bailey, Councillors Liz Colling, Richard Cooper, Mark Crane, Angie Dale, Richard Foster and Carl Les.

Chief Executives present: David Butterworth, Tony Clark, Richard Flinton, Ian Floyd, Mike Greene, Dr Justin Ives, Wallace Sampson OBE, Paul Shevlin and Janet Waggott.

Other Attendees: Helen Simpson, James Farrar and Ruth Gladstone.

Apologies: Councillor Mark Robson, Mr Neil Heseltine and Councillor Steve Siddons. Stacey Bulet and Tom Hind.

Copies of all documents considered are in the Minute Book

102 Election of Chair

Note: Richard Flinton (Honorary Secretary to LGNYY) chaired the meeting during consideration of this item of business.

Resolved –

That Councillor Keith Aspden (City of York Council) continue as Chair until LGNYY's AGM to be held in July 2021.

Councillor Keith Aspden in the Chair

103 Declarations of Interest

No interests were declared.

104 Minutes of the LGNYY meeting held on 6 March 2020

Resolved –

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 6 March 2020, having been printed and circulated, be taken as read and be confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

105 York and North Yorkshire LEP's Project Pipeline

The Chair welcomed Helen Simpson (Chair Elect of the LEP Board) to the meeting. Helen Simpson responded that she looked forward to working with Council Leaders and National Park Chairmen, a number of whom she had already met.

Considered –

The report of James Farrar (Chief Operating Officer of the York and North Yorkshire LEP) which provided an update on LEP 2020/21 performance; progress by the LEP to develop a Capital Investment Plan and a pipeline of capital projects; and LEP core funding and Board recruitment.

James Farrar introduced the report and responded to Members' questions.

Resolved –

(a) That the report be noted.

(b) That Helen Simpson be welcomed into the role of Chair of the LEP Board with effect from 15 March 2021.

106 Devolution Update

Considered –

The verbal report of James Farrar (Chief Operating Officer of the York and North Yorkshire LEP) advising that a proposal for Devolution had been submitted to Government the week before Christmas 2020 and that a date for a first meeting to be held in March 2021 was awaited.

Resolved –

That the report be noted.

107 Nomination of a Vice-Chair to represent York and North Yorkshire on the Yorkshire & Humber Climate Commission

Considered –

The verbal report of Wallace Sampson OBE (Chief Executive of Harrogate Borough Council) inviting LGNYY to nominate a Vice-Chair to represent York and North Yorkshire on the Yorkshire & Humber Climate Commission.

Wallace Sampson OBE advised that the Yorkshire & Humber Climate Commission saw this as a three-year appointment, consistent with the appointment of an independent Chair, although their work was evolving.

In response to questions from Mr Jim Bailey (Chairman of the North York Moors National Park Authority), Wallace Sampson OBE undertook to check that there would be representation on the Yorkshire & Humber Climate Commission to adequately reflect the National Park Authorities and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Note: During consideration of this item of business, there was an adjournment in order to take procedural advice.

Resolved –

(a) That Councillor Richard Cooper be nominated as Vice-Chair to represent York and North Yorkshire on the Yorkshire & Humber Climate Commission.

(b) That Councillor Keith Aspden be nominated as Substitute Vice-Chair to represent York and North Yorkshire on the Yorkshire & Humber Climate Commission, subject to Wallace Sampson OBE checking that the Commission consider substitution arrangements to be appropriate and acceptable.

- (c) That Wallace Sampson OBE seek a clear view from the Yorkshire & Humber Climate Commission concerning whether these are three-yearly appointments or whether York and North Yorkshire can review its representation on an annual basis.
- (d) That Wallace Sampson OBE provide feedback, at the next meeting of LGNYY, on the outcome of the enquiries he makes in actioning the decision recorded at paragraph (c) of this Resolution.

108 Arrangements for Future Meetings

Resolved –

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

- Friday 2 July 2021 at 3pm (finishing at 5pm) – Virtual meeting – AGM.
- Friday 15 October 2021 at 2.30pm (finishing at 4.30pm) – Virtual meeting.
- Friday 10 December 2021 at 2.30pm (finishing at 4.30pm) – Virtual meeting.

109 Business for Next Meeting

Resolved –

That any suggested business for LGNYY's meeting to be held on 2 July 2021 be notified to Richard Flinton (Honorary Secretary).

110 Any Other Business

There was no other business for this meeting.

The meeting concluded at 3.35 pm.