

Local Government North Yorkshire and York

Minutes of the remote meeting held on Friday, 10th December, 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>

Present: Councillor Angie Dale in the Chair and LGNY Y Members/Substitutes Keith Aspden, Jim Bailey, Mark Crane, Richard Foster, Dinah Keal, Carl Les and Mark Robson.

Chief Executives/Deputies in attendance: David Butterworth, Tony Clark, Richard Flinton, Ian Floyd, Mike Greene, Tom Hind, Wallace Sampson OBE, Phillip Spurr and Janet Waggott.

Other Attendees: James Farrar and Ruth Gladstone.

Apologies: LGNY Y Members Richard Cooper, Neil Heseltine and Steve Siddons. Dr Justin Ives and Paul Shevlin.

Copies of all documents considered are in the Minute Book

129 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

130 Minutes of the Meeting held on 15 October 2021 and any Matters Arising

Resolved –

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 15 October 2021 be taken as read and be confirmed as a correct record.

131 Yorkshire and Humber Climate Action Plan

Considered –

The oral report of Wallace Sampson OBE in which he advised of the considerable activity that had taken place since March 2021 when the Yorkshire and Humber Climate Commission had been set up. The activity had included the establishment of working groups and panels to take forward the work of the Climate Commission, a national policy forum for the Climate Commission to interact with MPs in the region and national government, and a regional policy forum comprising Members and officers who had climate change responsibilities. However, the key activity that had taken place had been the development and publication of the Yorkshire and Humber Climate Action Plan, a copy of which had been circulated with the papers for this LGNY Y meeting. The key challenge now was taking forward that Plan. The Plan had been brought to a meeting of the Yorkshire Leaders' Board to identify issues on which local authorities could work together collaboratively at a regional level. The Leaders' Board had also considered how the Climate Commission could be supported and funded to ensure continued momentum of the work. The Leaders' Board had agreed to provide funding support for the Climate Commission for the subsequent two years to match the commitment that was being given by other partners. In addition, the Climate Commission was producing a self-assessment checklist, which would be circulated in due course to local authorities, including National Park Authorities, to help them identify the specific areas to which they could contribute.

The checklist would also be used to identify opportunities that would be best addressed at regional level. Wallace Sampson advised that he would be reporting back to the Yorkshire Leaders' Board and offered to report back to a future meeting of LGNY. Members asked questions, to which Wallace Sampson provided responses.

Resolved –

- (a) That Wallace Sampson OBE be thanked for his useful and interesting report.
- (b) That the Climate Commission's intention, to circulate a self-assessment checklist to local authorities, including National Park Authorities, be noted.
- (c) That Wallace Sampson OBE submit a further report to a future meeting of LGNY.

132 LEP Update

Considered –

The report of James Farrar (Chief Operating Officer of the York and North Yorkshire LEP) which provided an update on:-

- LEP delivery of programmes for which the LEP had direct delivery responsibility, namely, Capital Projects under the Getting Building Programme, the Business Support Growth Hub, and the Careers and Enterprise Programme.
- Progress on the development of the LEP's Plan for Growth.
- Community Renewal Fund successful bids, namely, the City of York had successfully secured two bids (totalling £591k) which strongly supported the ambitions of the collaborative Celebrating our Distinctive Heritage Report, and North Yorkshire had one successful bid (£768k) which strongly supported the Carbon Negative ambition.

James Farrar, in introducing the report, advised that, during the previous week, slippage had been agreed regarding the timetable for the LEP's Plan for Growth to align with the timescales for York's 10 Year Plan and work being undertaken concerning economic development for the new North Yorkshire Council. James Farrar advised that the intention now was to publish the draft strategy at the end of March and the final strategy at the end of June.

Resolved –

That the report, and the role of local authority partners in delivery the Community Renewal Fund project, be noted.

133 Arrangements for Future Meetings

Resolved –

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

- Friday 11 March 2022 at 3.00pm (finishing 5pm) – Virtual meeting
- Friday 1 July 2022 at 2.30pm (finishing 4.30pm) – Virtual meeting
- Friday 14 October 2022 at 2.30pm (finishing 4.30pm) – Virtual meeting
- Friday 9 December 2022 at 2.30pm (finishing 4.30pm) – Virtual meeting

134 Business for Next Meeting

Resolved –

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

135 Any Other Business

There were no other items of business for this meeting.

The meeting concluded at 3.05 pm.