

JOINT DEVOLUTION COMMITTEE – TERMS OF REFERENCE

Summary of the York and North Yorkshire Joint Devolution Committee Functions

The York and North Yorkshire Joint Committee is established under Section 101(5) of the Local Government Act 1972, as applied by Section 9EB of the Local Government Act 2000 and Regulation 11 of the Local Authorities (Arrangements for the Discharge of Functions) (England) Regulations 2012 by the Executives of City of York Council and North Yorkshire County Council.

The Joint Committee will oversee and make decisions as required to ensure that stages of considering a Devolution deal prior to a potential creation of a mayoral combined authority is considered jointly by members of North Yorkshire Council and the City of York. The Joint Committee will provide a venue to review collaboratively the provisions of implementing the Deal and collaborating on projects that benefit the region through Devolution.

Membership

The Joint Committee will comprise of:

- Two Executive Members appointed from City of York Council; and
- Two Executive Members appointed from North Yorkshire County Council

The Executives of the two Constituent Councils have resolved to establish joint arrangements to carry out the functions of the Joint Committee. Membership of the joint committee does not need to reflect the political composition of the Council

The following shall be invited to attend and participate in formal meetings of the Joint Committee however they will not have voting rights and they will not have the right to receive any confidential information pursuant to Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 which may from time to time be part of a formal agenda:

- The Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner
- A nominated representative of the LEP

Substitutes

Each Constituent Council may appoint substitute members to attend formal meetings of the joint committee.

Appointment of Co-Chairs

The Joint Committee, at its first meeting, resolved to appoint Co-Chairs from amongst its constituent members. The Co-Chairs are to be the Leaders of the two constituent councils. The Chairing is to be determined by where the meeting is held, with the City of York Council Leader chairing meetings in York and the North Yorkshire County Council Leader chairing meetings in North Yorkshire. In the absence of the scheduled Co-Chair, the remaining Co-Chair will chair the meeting.

Quoracy

The four Members appointed to the Joint Committee will constitute a quorum

Voting

Decisions will be made by majority vote. In the event of a vote being required, each Member (or substitute Member) will have the ability to cast one vote.

Decisions made will be binding on both Constituent Councils

Rules of Procedure

The Standing Orders for North Yorkshire County Council will be the relevant Standing Orders for Rules of Procedure for formal meetings.

Frequency of Meetings

The Joint Committee shall meet as and when required to do so either at the request of the respective Leaders of the Constituent Councils and or at the request of the Chief Operating Officer of City of York Council and or the Chief Executive of North Yorkshire County Council. Each meeting shall be classed as a formal meeting supported by agenda, reports and minutes.

Administration of the York and North Yorkshire Joint Committee

North Yorkshire Council will take responsibility for the administration and support for the delivery of meetings for the Joint Committee. This includes production and publication of agendas, hosting of meetings and as such the Standing Orders as they relate to North Yorkshire County Council will be adopted for the purposes of supporting the Joint Committee.

Access to Information

Its access to information regime is the same as that applied to the Executive of the relevant Constituent Council.

Review of the terms of reference for the Joint Committee

In the event that the terms of reference for the Joint Committee require review and or amendment, this will be delegated to the Monitoring Officer in consultation with the Leader of the respective Council and the Chief Executive/Chief Operating Officer of the respective Council.

FUNCTIONS

The Joint Committee will have oversight of the development of the York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority and ensure that it is able to be launched in accordance with the Statutory Orders issued by Government.

The Joint Committee will ensure that sufficient resources are made available to support the creation and implementation of the York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority which includes financial management and oversight, securing of appropriate resources (officers, technical and otherwise) to enable delivery and the development of governance and a policy framework.

The Joint Committee will exercise the ability to approve or adopt any policy or policy framework which is solely and directly relevant to the development and implementation of the York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority.

It is noted that any reference to North Yorkshire County Council above will be a reference to North Yorkshire Council from the 1st April 2023.