

LOCAL GOVERNMENT NORTH YORKSHIRE AND YORK

**Minutes of the meeting held on Friday 7 October 2016 at 10.30 am at
Craven District Council offices, Belle Vue Square, Broughton Road, Skipton**

Present:-

<u>Authority</u>	<u>Member/Chief Executive</u>
City of York Council	Councillor David Carr (in the Chair) Mary Weastell (Chief Executive)
Craven District Council	Councillor Richard Foster Paul Shevlin (Chief Executive)
Hambleton District Council	Councillor Mark Robson
Harrogate Borough Council	Councillor Richard Cooper Wallace Sampson (Chief Executive)
North Yorkshire County Council	County Councillor Carl Les Richard Flinton (Chief Executive to the County Council and Honorary Secretary to LGNY)
Richmondshire District Council	Councillor Yvonne Peacock Tony Clark (Chief Executive)
Ryedale District Council	Janet Waggott (Chief Executive)
Scarborough Borough Council	Councillor Derek Bastiman Jim Dillon (Chief Executive)
Selby District Council	Councillor John Mackman (as substitute for Mark Crane) Janet Waggott (Interim Chief Executive)
Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority	Mr Carl Lis OBE David Butterworth (Chief Executive)

In Attendance:-

Julia Mulligan (North Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner) accompanied by Fraser Sampson (Acting CEO from the PCC's office) and Will Naylor (Chief of Staff to the PCC)

County Councillor John Fort BEM (Chairman, North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority) accompanied by Nigel Hutchinson (Chief Fire Officer, North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service)

From Welcome to Yorkshire:- Ron McMillan (Chairman) and Sir Gary Verity (Chief Executive)

Gary Fielding (Corporate Director – Strategic Resources, North Yorkshire County Council)

James Farrar (Chief Operating Officer - York, North Yorkshire and East Riding LEP)

David Walmsley (Programme Director Business Consolidation, City of York Council)

Ruth Gladstone (LGNY Secretariat)

Apologies for Absence:-

Apologies for absence were received from Jim Bailey (Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority), Councillor Linda Cowling (Ryedale District Council) and Dr Justin Ives (Chief Executive, Hambleton District Council).

124. Minutes

James Farrar (Chief Operating Officer - York, North Yorkshire and East Riding LEP) confirmed that a report would be submitted to a future LGNYY meeting concerning the final proposals for expanding the remit of the LEP Infrastructure Programme Board to take on the role of the Joint Public Assets Board for the York, North Yorkshire and East Riding LEP area.

Resolved -

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 8 July 2016, having been printed and circulated, be taken as read and be confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

125. Declarations of Interest

With reference to the item of business relating to Welcome to Yorkshire, County Councillor Carl Les and Councillor Richard Cooper (Harrogate Borough Council) advised that they were Directors of Welcome to Yorkshire and Councillor Yvonne Peacock advised that her businesses relied on income from tourism.

126. Exclusion of the Public

Resolved -

That, in pursuance of Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of each of the items of business listed in column 1 of the following table on the grounds that they each involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the paragraph(s) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to information)(Variation) Order 2006, as specified in column 2:-

<u>Item Number on the Agenda</u>	<u>Paragraph Number(s)</u>
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127. Welcome of Yorkshire

(a) Activities

Considered -

The oral report of Sir Gary Verity (Chief Executive, Welcome to Yorkshire) concerning the Tour de Yorkshire, including feedback from the 2015 event, and Welcome to Yorkshire's other current key activities.

Councillor Richard Cooper, as a member of Welcome to Yorkshire's Board, emphasised that wide range of activities in which Welcome to Yorkshire was involved eg food and drink, heritage and cultural events and festivals.

Resolved -

That the report be noted,

**The business at Minute 127(b) was considered in private and the public have no right of access to the report.
The following is a public summary of business conducted in private.**

(b) Funding

Considered -

The oral report of Ron McMillan (Chairman, Welcome to Yorkshire) and the written report of Gary Fielding (Corporate Director - Strategic Resources, North Yorkshire County Council) concerning funding for Welcome to Yorkshire.

It was reported that Welcome to Yorkshire had carried out the majority of planned activities and had measured outputs where possible. The financial position was marginally ahead of target by the end of March 2016 and was estimated to continue to be ahead of plan by the end of the 2016/17 year. The financial plan committed Welcome to Yorkshire to a number of initiatives, many of which were planned for in 2016/17 and beyond and it was stressed that there needed to be a continued focus on such areas to deliver the financial recovery plan. It was possible that Welcome to Yorkshire's financial position might be recovered earlier than planned if initiatives, and other contributions not included in the financial plan, were delivered. It was highlighted that Welcome to Yorkshire was working on the basis that either the contributions from the two Business Rates Pools would be available to it in 2017/18 and 2018/19, or reductions would be made to the programme of activity in the absence of such funding being available.

The situation, as reported to this meeting, was confirmed by an oversight group, comprising four senior officers from various Councils, which had held regular discussions with Welcome to Yorkshire on progress against the financial plan.

Members commented that, given positive progress to date, as reported by the oversight group, they were minded to support committing funds from top-slicing the Business Rates Pools.

Resolved -

That it be noted that Leaders are minded to support the continuation of the Business Rates Pool contributions to Welcome to Yorkshire from the top-slice in 2017/18 and 2018/19.

128. Statement of Intent for Improving Public Safety through Collaborative Arrangements between North Yorkshire Police and North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service

Considered -

The paper provided by Julia Mulligan (Police and Crime Commissioner for North Yorkshire) in which she advised that efficiencies could be made, and public safety would be improved, if responsibility for North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service was transferred, from North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority, to North Yorkshire's Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC).

Julia Mulligan, in introducing the paper, highlighted that, under her proposed business case: the Fire Service would be under the leadership of a Chief Fire Officer and the leadership of the Police Service would be under the Chief Constable; that there would

be completely separate budgets and separate precepts for the two Services; and that savings which were realised as a consequence of coming together would be divided on a pro-rata basis back to each organisation. She also advised of the outcome of a piece of research undertaken with a representative sample of residents from across all areas of North Yorkshire and York, the outcome of which showed that local accountability was preferred.

During discussion, reference was made to a separate business case which was being prepared jointly by North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority and Humberside Fire Authority for the merger of those two Authorities.

County Councillor John Fort BEM (Chairman, North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority) advised that there was significant other information which was not available at this meeting. He suggested that Leaders might wish to consider both business cases at LGNYY's meeting on 16 December 2016 when all information could be provided. Julia Mulligan expressed support for that suggestion whilst highlighting that the Minister would not accept two business cases from an area. Therefore a decision had to be made around which business case went forward.

Also during discussion, it was clarified that the piece of research which had been undertaken with the representative sample of residents had been for the PCC only and that it had not been a collaborative exercise on behalf of both the PCC and the North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority.

Resolved -

That both the following be submitted for consideration at LGNYY's meeting on 16 December 2016:-

- The business case for the role of North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority to be transferred to the Police and Crime Commissioner for North Yorkshire.
- The business case for the merger between North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority and Humberside Fire and Rescue Authority.

129. York, North Yorkshire and East Riding Local Enterprise Partnership Update

Considered -

The written report of James Farrar (Chief Operating Officer, York, North Yorkshire and East Riding LEP) which provided an update concerning post-Brexit EU funding, the Local Growth Fund, and LEP Management and resources.

With regard to post-Brexit EU funding, the Government had committed to underwrite any EU contract signed by the Autumn Statement. This was expected to be c£28m (30%) of the LEP's programme.

With regard to the Local Growth Fund, the LEP was on track to deliver for 2016/17 and were looking to accelerate the pipeline of priority projects approved through to full business plan for future years.

With regard to LEP Management and resources, there were significant emerging opportunities which were placing increased pressure on the LEP.

Members expressed support for the suggestion that it was important to ensure that activity was moving on and that capability and capability were maximised.

Councillor John Mackman (Selby District Council) commented that it was of critical importance that the Olympia Park project was delivered.

Resolved -

- (a) That the EU Funding development be noted.
- (b) That the progress on the Local Growth Fund be noted.
- (c) That the resource challenges, together with the potential for greater collaboration and sharing, be noted.

130. General Updates

Considered -

The report of Richard Flinton (LGNYY's Honorary Secretary) which advised of the Sub-Regional Housing Board's recent discussions and the current situation relating to the Sub-Regional Spatial Planning and Transport Board, and sought the appointment of a Lead Officer for the North Yorkshire and York Housing Board.

Resolved -

- (a) That the report be noted.
- (b) That Mary Weastell (Chief Executive, City of York Council) be appointed as the Lead Officer for the North Yorkshire and York Housing Board.

**The business at Minute 131 was considered in private and the public have no right of access to the report.
The following is a public summary of business conducted in private.**

131. Devolution Update and General Discussion

Considered -

The verbal update of Mary Weastell (Chief Executive, City of York Council) and Richard Flinton (Chief Executive, North Yorkshire County Council) which provided a statement regarding the current situation relating to devolution.

It was noted that various geographic footprints were currently in play and that the Government had re-confirmed the policy that devolution deals had to include a directly elected mayor in order to achieve substantial 'gain share'.

The need for all Councils to be kept 'in the loop' was emphasised and Mary Weastell advised that the City of York Council has happy to continue to provide a co-ordinating role.

Resolved -

That the verbal update be noted.

132. Arrangements for Future Meetings

Resolved -

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

- Friday 16 December 2016 at 10.30am, City of York Council's offices
- Friday 24 March 2017 at 10.30am, County Hall, Northallerton
- Friday 7 July 2017 at 2pm, venue tbc. (A joint LGNYY/LEP event may be held on the morning of 7 July.)
- Friday 6 October 2017, 10.30am, Tennants, Leyburn
- Friday 1 December 2017, 10.30am, Ryedale House, Malton
- Friday 9 March 2018, 10.30am, Scarborough District area

133. Business for Future Meetings

Resolved -

(a) That it be noted that the following business is scheduled for future meetings of LGNYY:-

- To be submitted to the meeting to be held on 16 December 2016 – The 2016 Annual Report of the Director of Public Health.
- To be submitted to the meeting to be held on 16 December 2016 -
 - The business case for the role of North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority to be transferred to the Police and Crime Commissioner for North Yorkshire.
 - The business case for the merger between North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority and Humberside Fire and Rescue Authority.
- To be submitted to a future LGNYY meeting - The final proposals for expanding the remit of the LEP Infrastructure Programme Board to take on the role of the Joint Public Assets Board for the York, North Yorkshire and East Riding LEP area.

(b) That further items of business for the next meeting be notified to the Honorary Secretary.

The meeting concluded at 12.30pm.

RAG/JR