

**Chief Executives' Group – North Yorkshire and York  
5 February 2015 at County Hall, Northallerton  
Minutes and action points**

1	<b>Present and apologies</b>	<b>Action</b>
	<p><b>Present:</b>  Richard Flinton  Tony Clark  Dave Jones  Jim Dillon  Jon Carling  Wallace Sampson  Andy Wilson    Janet Waggott  Kersten England  Jonathan Lund    Nigel Hutchinson  Phil Morton  Paul Ellis    <b>In attendance:</b>  Jon Coates  James Farrar    David Bowe  Neil Irving  Deborah Hugill    <b>Apologies:</b>  Amanda Bloor    Sandy Needham    David Butterworth    Mary Weastell  Paul Shevlin</p> <p>North Yorkshire County Council (chair)  Richmondshire District Council  North Yorkshire Police  Scarborough Borough Council  North Yorkshire and York Forum  Harrogate Borough Council  North York Moors National Park Authority (also on behalf of David Butterworth)  Ryedale District Council  City of York Council  Selby District Council (on behalf of Mary Weastell)  North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue  Hambleton District Council  Craven District Council (on behalf of Paul Shevlin)</p> <p>North Yorkshire County Council  York, North Yorkshire and East Riding LEP  North Yorkshire County Council  North Yorkshire County Council North Yorkshire County Council (secretariat)    Harrogate and Rural District CCG (representing all local CCGs)  West and North Yorkshire Chamber of Commerce  Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority  Selby District Council  Craven District Council</p>	
2	<b>Minutes of last meeting – 6 November 2014 – and matters arising</b>	<b>Action</b>
	<p>The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a true record and there were no matters arising which were not on the agenda.</p>	
3	<b>Update on the current terrorist threat in UK and the relevance to North Yorkshire</b>	<b>Action</b>
	<p>Kersten England introduced a presentation on the current terrorist threat both nationally and locally. She emphasised the need to understand local communities and to ensure that data sharing was carried out effectively. There was a discussion about ensuring the education sector was involved.</p>	

	It was agreed that the counter terrorism local profile would be brought to a future meeting.	<b>KE</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>The Promise</b>	<b>Action</b>
	<p>Jon Coates presented a report on the development of 'The Promise', a document outlining the commitment to listen to and respond to the voice of children and young people in North Yorkshire. It consists of 5 principles developed through the North Yorkshire Youth Council and has been agreed at the Children's Trust board.</p> <p>Jon circulated a booklet which contained the principles and a self-evaluation form for organisations to assess their current practice. If training needs are identified through this process they will be looked at on a multi-agency basis. It was acknowledged that methods of engagement vary considerably depending on the age of the child or young person.</p> <p>The Promise was welcomed by the group.</p>	
<b>5</b>	<b>Draft volunteering strategy</b>	<b>Action</b>
	<p>Jon Carling gave a presentation detailing the development of the draft volunteering strategy by the VCSE strategy group. The vision is to develop a culture of volunteering in the county. The strategy sets key principles and strategic aims, and an action plan is to be developed. The draft strategy will be subject to consultation from 9 February to 12 May.</p> <p>The group agreed that volunteers are a vital resource and discussed ways to improve signposting them to opportunities in partner organisations. A single portal was suggested and it was agreed that a feasibility study to consider this would be considered. North Yorkshire Police may be able to assist with support. NYCC Stronger Communities staff can also help.</p> <p>There was a discussion about how to support key community volunteers and promote neighbourliness more generally.</p>	<b>JC</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Emergency planning Gold symposium – next steps</b>	<b>Action</b>
	Nigel Hutchinson led a discussion on improvements to working arrangements in emergency planning, following, what was agreed to be, a very useful recent Gold symposium. Particular improvement areas were mentioned including training and call logging and evidence. A further report will be brought to the next meeting of the group.	<b>NH</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>LEP update</b>	<b>Action</b>
	<p>James Farrar gave an update on LEP performance to date, including detail about investments in districts.</p> <p>Since its inception, the LEP has developed its strategic economic plan and secured considerable investment funds. All funds are fully committed and on track to deliver the agreed outputs and outcomes. The biggest risk identified is in relation to EU monies, which are the only source of revenue funding. There are concerns about delays in government receiving approval from EU for the UK Implementation Plan and also the governance process which has been developed nationally and the lack of local control. This is being taken up</p>	

	<p>nationally through LEP networks.</p> <p>Capacity is also a key challenge and the LEP is working at a sub-regional level to see if shared frameworks for evaluation etc. can be developed.</p> <p>There was a discussion about progress in relation to specific local projects.</p>	
<b>8</b>	<b>Report of Directors of Development and sub-regional devolution</b>	<b>Action</b>
	<p>David Bowe presented a report from the Directors of Development group which was set up at the request of the Chief Executives' Group. Regular reports will be brought to future meetings.</p> <p>The report detailed recent and proposed consultancy analysis undertaken on the case and appetite for the establishment of a Combined Authority arrangement within the sub-region; proposals to enhance the effectiveness of partnership governance structures, including enabling the establishment of a Joint Committee; and the recommended preparation of a York, North Yorkshire and East Riding Spatial Plan.</p> <p>After discussion, it was agreed to pursue the development of a spatial plan and that David Bowe would investigate whether assistance would be available from East Riding, who have recent experience in this area. It was noted that the National Park Authorities were keen to pursue the spatial planning process but felt that spatial planning should not be a transferred function.</p> <p>It was also agreed that whilst investigatory work would be continued, no moves toward potential devolution would be pursued until after the general election, when the issues would be revisited in the light of the priorities of the new government.</p>	<p><b>DB</b></p> <p><b>DB</b></p>
<b>9</b>	<b>Tourism and Welcome to Yorkshire</b>	<b>Action</b>
	<p>Wallace Sampson gave an update on the 5 year regional tourism strategy. Its headline target is to achieve a 1% increase in national market share. Tourism UK is working on a final draft of the strategy.</p> <p>He detailed the arrangements which have been made to fund the delivery of the strategy and there was a discussion about the possibility of contributing from the North Yorkshire business rate pool.</p> <p>The £10m to boost northern England tourism announced by Deputy Prime Minister, Nick Clegg in November was also discussed. If money from this pot is secured for the Tour de Yorkshire it will need to be used to promote the event internationally. A decision should be made by the end of March.</p> <p>Welcome to Yorkshire was discussed. The organisation is putting together interventions to deliver against the tourism strategy and developing a commissioning relationship with the LEPs. Due diligence work is being carried out on their finances.</p> <p>It was agreed that individual discussions would be had with leaders in relation to the use of the business rate pool and Richard Flinton undertook to collate views and take the issue to the next meeting of LGNYY for decision.</p>	<p><b>All</b></p> <p><b>RF</b></p>

<b>10</b>	<b>LGNY meeting 13 March 2015</b>	<b>Action</b>
	The only item suggested for inclusion on the agenda was that discussed under agenda item 9.	
<b>11</b>	<b>Any other business</b>	<b>Action</b>
	There was none.	
<b>12</b>	<b>Date and time of next meeting</b>	<b>Action</b>
	Thursday 18 June 2015 at 2.30pm – County Hall, Northallerton	