

Chief Executives' Group – North Yorkshire and York

15 June 2017

Report of the YNYER Directors of Development Group

1 Purpose of the Report

To update members of the Chief Executives' Group as to the work and progress of the YNYER Directors of Development Group.

2 Background

2.1 This report advises and updates members of the Chief Executives' Group of the work of the Directors of Development Group (DoDs) and the key issues arising.

2.2 The Directors of Development Group last met on 23 March 2017. The principal items of business addressed at the meeting related to:

- A presentation and discussion on the groups' role in supporting the delivery of the public health agenda.
- The national Industrial Strategy consultation.
- The YNYERH Spatial Framework.
- The Housing Whitepaper and implications for YNYERH.
- Natural Capital Mapping.
- An update in relation to the East –West Connectivity Economic Impacts Study.

3. Public Health Agenda

3.1 Rachel Richards gave a presentation regarding the public health agenda and the work that the Public Health Team is undertaking. The contribution of well paid, secure employment to supporting people's health and wellbeing was noted. Similarly the role of good quality places and access to biodiversity and a healthy environment was highlighted. Directors discussed a range of ways in which authorities could proactively support the agenda, including through

Local Plans and the undertaking of Health Impact Assessments assisted by local developers when considering potential sites.

4. Industrial Strategy

- 4.1 Directors were presented with an update by James Farrar of the work of the national Brexit Board, and the relatively low level of attention seemingly being paid to the rural issues. A number of issues were highlighted and discussed by Directors to help shape the responses of the LEP and partners to consultation on the Industrial Strategy.

5. YNYERH Spatial Framework

- 5.1 Carl Bunnage advised the group of the feedback of the Chief Executives Group following its earlier consideration of the draft document. It was noted that the draft, with some revisions, was to be forwarded to the 24 March meeting of the LGNYY Board.
- 5.2 Whilst recognising the need to await the decision of LGNYY Leaders, Directors took the opportunity to give early consideration to how the document could be further progressed, including through targeted stakeholder engagement and work to begin to develop and operationalise the Strategic Development Zones (key opportunity areas for growth) proposed within the draft document.

6. Housing Whitepaper and Implications for YNYERH.

- 6.1 Sarah Hall and Julian Rudd (NY Housing Partnership and YNYER LEP) gave a presentation on Housing and the Whitepaper. Directors were challenged and discussed the collective appetite for the development of a bespoke housing investment package for YNYER, and the sharing of staff and technical resources to develop and deliver it.
- 6.2 Directors felt that the development of a bespoke housing investment package for YNYER was something that all authorities would be likely to support in principle, but identified a number of more detailed issues needing to be considered including in relation to more proactive and effective partnership working with the HCA and MoD. It was agreed that the HCA be invited to the next meeting of the DoDs to discuss how a more collaborative approach to partnership working and delivery might be established.

7. Natural Capital Mapping.

- 7.1 Carl Bunnage introduced a paper outlining how a Natural Capital mapping exercise might be best undertaken to support bids for external funding and investment prioritisation. Directors noted that there was no requirement for new data, but there was a need for streamlining and the alignment of processes and data sources within existing resources in order for partners to make most efficient and effective use of the data that is currently available.

Directors supported the development of a more detailed business case for detailed consideration in due course, and each undertook to nominate a lead member of staff and contact within their authority to support the process.

8. East-West Connectivity Economic Impacts Study

8.1 Matt O'Neill updated Directors on the progress being made, and the need for some additional technical work to be undertaken. It was advised that officers had informally been liaising with Transport for the North (TfN) in the development of the study, and that the organisation was expressing significant interest in the approach being taken. DoDs will consider an interim report from the consultants (Mouchel and Regeneris) at their next meeting.

9. Next Meeting

9.1 The next meeting of the YNYERH Directors of Development is scheduled for 15 June 2017. Key items of business are likely to include:

- HCA presentation (towards more effective collaborative working)
- YNYERH Spatial Framework (next steps)
- East-West Connectivity Economic Impacts Study (interim report)
- Industrial Strategy / Brexit
- Forward work programme for the year ahead.

10. Recommendations

10.1 That Chief Executives note the recent and on-going work of the YNYER Directors of Development Group.

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capacity of Chair of the YNYER Directors of Development Group.

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