

**Chief Executives' Group – North Yorkshire and York
15 June 2017 at County Hall, Northallerton
Minutes and action points**

Present and apologies		Action
<p>Present: Richard Flinton</p> <p>Tony Clark Jim Dillon Justin Ives Phil Cain</p> <p>Wallace Sampson Nigel Hutchinson Paul Shevlin Caroline O'Neill</p> <p>Janet Waggott</p> <p>Alan Menzies</p> <p>In attendance: Neil Irving James Farrar</p> <p>David Bowe Deborah Hugill</p> <p>Apologies: Mary Weastell Sandy Needham</p> <p>David Butterworth</p> <p>Caroline Lacey Leah Swain Amanda Bloor Dave Jones Andy Wilson</p>	<p>North Yorkshire County Council (chair) Richmondshire District Council Scarborough Borough Council Hambleton District Council North Yorkshire Police (on behalf of Dave Jones) Harrogate Borough Council North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Craven District Council Community First Yorkshire (on behalf of Leah Swain) Ryedale District Council and Selby District Council East Riding Council (on behalf of Caroline Lacey)</p> <p>North Yorkshire County Council York, North Yorkshire and East Riding LEP North Yorkshire County Council North Yorkshire County Council (secretariat)</p> <p>City of York Council West and North Yorkshire Chamber of Commerce Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority East Riding Council Community First Yorkshire Harrogate and Rural District CCG North Yorkshire Police North York Moors National Park Authority</p>	
1	Minutes of last meeting – 9 February 2017 – and matters arising	Action
	The minutes were agreed as a true record.	
Part 1		
2	Post-election discussion	Action
	Richard Flinton led a discussion on the outcome of the general election and the implications for the county. It seems likely that the ability to achieve progress in a number of areas will be lacking, and there is also no clarity about public sector budgets and funding. The implications in relation to health expenditure and planning were also discussed.	

3	Devolution	Action
	<p>The situation in relation to devolution is similarly unclear and the areas where decisions are pending are not likely to be resolved without a consensus locally. This may not be a high priority for the new government.</p>	
4	Police update on security issues	Action
	<p>Phil Cain explained the approach the force was taking to respond to lessons from recent terrorist attacks in other parts of the country and the identified areas of concern for North Yorkshire.</p> <p>Work which had been carried out with schools was praised and it was agreed that more of this sort of engagement was necessary. The Prevent programme was discussed and the applicability to staff of its messages and approaches as well as to communities.</p>	
5	Police and fire collaboration	Action
	<p>Nigel Hutchinson provided an update on the current situation. The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) has shared a draft business case with the chief executives and leaders of the first tier councils, the Fire Authority chair and Nigel as Chief Fire Officer. The preferred option of the PCC is to adopt the governance model, where the Fire Authority is vested in the PCC and members of the Fire Authority stand down. The move to this model would be irreversible.</p> <p>The PCC is proposing that there will be a ten week consultation launched on 17 July, after which the business case will be refined and submitted to the Home Office. Government will then have six months to review the case in order to deliver any change by 1 April 2018, although this may be a challengingly timetable given the likely capacity available.</p> <p>The Fire Authority remain unconvinced by the business case and propose a representation model, whereby the Authority continues and the PCC becomes a voting member.</p> <p>The opportunities to respond to the consultation were discussed and it was felt that it would be useful for the matter to be included on the agenda for the meeting of Local Government North Yorkshire and York (LGNYY) on 7 July. Richard Flinton will discuss this with the Chair.</p> <p>Likely changes in other parts of the country were also discussed.</p>	RF
Part 2 6	Report of the YNYER Directors of Development Group	Action
	<p>David Bowe presented a report giving an update on the work of the Directors of Development (DoDs) group. The most recent meeting had focused on housing and the spatial framework. Outstanding permissions for housing development were reviewed and the reasons for non-delivery considered to see if there was any action which could be taken to remove blockages. It was felt that some of the issues could have been identified as part of the planning process and action will be taken to improve this.</p> <p>There have been problems recruiting planning professionals and the group had considered the benefits of a shared resource. The use of compulsory</p>	

	<p>purchase powers was also raised. Overall DoDs felt that a change of mind-set from regulatory to delivery supportive was needed.</p> <p>The spatial framework is moving forward and a draft document is the subject of engagement with neighbouring authorities, LEPs and other relevant bodies.</p> <p>The M62 energy corridor is to be pursued as a pilot strategic development zone.</p> <p>Questions were raised about skills and the need to intervene more to improve the build out rate. In relation to the issue of energy it was felt that this was a major cross-cutting issue which would benefit from better co-ordination. Wallace Sampson offered to support DoDs on this issue and act as a link back to the Chief Executives' Group which would have ownership of the issue. This was agreed.</p> <p>An update on progress on the A59 at Kex Gill was provided.</p>	WS
7	LEP update	Action
	<p>James Farrar provided an update from the Local Enterprise Partnership.</p> <p>The progress in relation to the growth fund is very positive with targets being exceeded. James expressed his thanks to the teams on the ground in the districts for their work on this. There is an area of risk for 2018/19 spend around the rail dualling between Harrogate and York and Olympic Park. There will be a new call for expressions of interest in July.</p> <p>Whilst progress on private sector investment and housing is good, there is a shortfall in jobs. The LEP therefore welcomes permission being granted to the Flaxby development.</p> <p>The European Social Investment Fund is on track. A Member from one of the district or borough councils is needed on the committee and this will be included as an item on the agenda of the LGNYY meeting on 7 July. The need to improve management information was identified.</p> <p>Applications for available funding around food processing and rural tourism infrastructure are being encouraged. The latter need to be in relation to capital and the point was made that larger bids which were of good quality had a chance of approval even if they were above the allocation as money might be redistributed from other areas if this was felt appropriate.</p> <p>The paper proposed the same level of contributions from partner organisations and this was approved.</p> <p>The post-election challenges were discussed, although some of these will not be clear until after the Queen's speech.</p> <p>A number of other issues were considered, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The value of a local food brand and a potential pilot • Economic input of the MoD <p>In relation to the rail dualling risk, it was agreed to speak to Barry Dodd, as Chair of the LEP, about whether a high level meeting with Network Rail to understand the issues and receive an update would be a viable approach.</p>	JF

8	Representation on the North Yorkshire Health and Wellbeing Board	Action
	It was agreed that Janet Waggott would continue as the representative of district council chief executives on the HWB. Member representation would be considered by LGNYY on 7 July 2017.	NI
9	LGNYY meeting 7 July 2017	Action
	It was agreed that, given the uncertainty of the national political picture, there was little benefit in the items requested by Members being included on the agenda at this time and Chief Officers were requested to brief their Leaders on the reasons for this. The Police and Fire collaboration item will be considered as agreed at item 5. Co-ordination and protocol in relation to major incidents was raised but it was agreed that a briefing on the latest position would be circulated rather than being included on the agenda.	RF
10	Any other business	Action
	Caroline O'Neill reminded the group that the North Yorkshire equality and diversity strategic group could be used as a sounding board for relevant items.	
11	Date and time of next meeting	Action
	Thursday 7 September 2017 at 2.00pm – County Hall, Northallerton.	