

**Chief Executives' Group – North Yorkshire and York
9 February 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 Dave Jones Tim Madgwick Simon Kent</p> <p>Nigel Hutchinson Paul Shevlin Caroline O'Neill</p> <p>Janet Waggott</p> <p>Andy Wilson</p> <p>Sue Lang</p> <p>In attendance: Odette Robson Neil Irving James Farrar</p> <p>David Bowe Richard Wood Deborah Hugill</p> <p>Apologies: Mary Weastell Sandy Needham</p> <p>David Butterworth</p> <p>Nigel Pearson Simon Hills Wallace Sampson</p>	<p>North Yorkshire County Council (chair) Richmondshire District Council Scarborough Borough Council Hambleton District Council North Yorkshire Police North Yorkshire Police Harrogate Borough Council (on behalf of Wallace Sampson) North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Craven District Council North Yorkshire and York Forum (on behalf of Simon Hills) Ryedale District Council and Selby District Council North York Moors National Park Authority (and also representing Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority) East Riding Council (on behalf of Nigel Pearson)</p> <p>North Yorkshire County Council North Yorkshire County Council York, North Yorkshire and East Riding LEP North Yorkshire County Council Richard Wood Associates 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 North Yorkshire and York Forum Harrogate Borough Council</p>	
1	Minutes of last meeting – 16 June 2016 – and matters arising	Action
	<p>The minutes were agreed as a true record.</p> <p>Accredited training for Gold Commanders has been booked for 12 – 14 June at a venue in North Yorkshire. A formal invitation will follow. This is aimed at chief executive and director level.</p>	

	A discussion followed in relation to recent incidents and the lessons which should be learnt from them, particularly around public relations and communications.	
Part 1		
2	Devolution	Action
	<p>Richard Flinton gave a verbal update from a recent meeting of the region's chief executives in Leeds. There is currently still no clear consensus emerging and a range of views were expressed at the meeting by the different authorities. A brief report from this meeting is being taken to a meeting of the Leaders on 9 March. It was noted that even if an agreement can be reached on overall footprint, the detail of any proposal will require intensive negotiation.</p> <p>Andy Wilson reported that the Teesside devolution deal was going ahead and that the National Park Authority had been involved in discussions.</p>	
3	Prevent peer review	Action
	Paul Shevlin, as Chair of the Prevent Strategic board, reported that there was an opportunity for North Yorkshire to undergo a peer review of its Prevent processes. This will involve producing a self-assessment followed by a three to four day review from external assessors. He felt that this would be beneficial. It was agreed to progress this.	PS/OR
4	Police and fire collaboration	Action
	<p>Dave Jones and Nigel Hutchinson gave a verbal update on the current situation. The Policing and Crime Act received Royal Assent on 31 January 2017. The legislation places a duty on police, fire and ambulance services to work together and enables police and crime commissioners (PCCs) to take on responsibility for fire and rescue services where a local case is made. In North Yorkshire the PCC has commissioned a consultancy to put together a business case along these lines. It is likely that the business case will go out to public consultation after the local elections in May. Any formal objections must be triggered by North Yorkshire County Council or City of York Council.</p> <p>It was emphasised that the imperative for the emergency services was keeping the public safe and that the police and fire services will continue to collaborate whatever the outcome. Good practice across the region and wider will be used to inform this. In addition, the Fire Authority is keen to pursue wider collaboration with other partners. Meetings are taking place with CCGs, social care and the ambulance service. The Authority has approved a new collaboration policy which will go out to consultation soon and will include operational matters but also cover support functions such as procurement and estates.</p> <p>It was agreed that, for the present, police and fire collaboration would be a standing item on the agenda.</p>	DH
5	Community safety hub business support function	Action
	Justin Ives, as Chair of the North Yorkshire Community Safety Partnership, presented a report on the progress of the multi-agency Community Safety Hubs and the need for greater support function capacity to continue future service delivery. A case management system is being procured with the aim of increasing efficiency and creating a single audit trail of actions and	

	<p>decision. This is being led by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner. The support function is considered to be critical to use of such a system and other hub tasks.</p> <p>Various options for organising and funding the support function were outlined in the report. The preferred option for funding in the report was a three way split between district councils, North Yorkshire Police and North Yorkshire County Council.</p> <p>It was acknowledged that one size did not fit all and that solutions in local areas had built on local conditions and needs, but equally that there was an increasing need to meet community safety obligations collectively. Modern day slavery was cited as an example of a growing area of concern.</p> <p>While all partners were supportive of the benefits and added value of the hubs, not all district councils were supportive of the report, with some feeling that it did not reflect the situation in their area and that the funding request was inappropriate.</p> <p>Richard Flinton expressed the County Council's view which was that it did not support the preferred option for funding, as the only way of funding the County Council's element would be to take money from other community safety services already funded by the County Council.</p> <p>There was a view expressed that funding should be sought from the PCC, although bids for funding for posts and administration have not previously been welcomed.</p> <p>It was agreed to reflect on the discussions and provide views on the way forward to Justin.</p>	All
6	Improving mobile phone coverage	Action
	<p>David Bowe presented a report detailing the current issues with mobile phone coverage in the county. There are currently four providers active in the county with network sharing agreements effectively putting them into two groups. Criteria for coverage is set by Government but is assessed using computer predictions rather than practical tests. The case was made for considering mobile phone connectivity as a utility and an important factor in growth, for example in relation to tourism. Seen in this way there is a good case for the public sector investing in expansion in the same way as with broadband. The report called for all public sector partners to make a collective commitment to work with the industry, Government and Ofcom to maximise commercial investment in improving coverage and pioneer innovative solutions to address coverage issues in rural areas that are currently less commercially viable.</p> <p>This approach was strongly supported by the group with partners expressing their concern that lack of coverage was impacting negatively on the county. The recommendation that District Chief Executives seek the necessary Member approval for their authority to sign up to the commitment and contribute where required was agreed.</p> <p>The Directors of Development group will be kept involved.</p> <p>At this point in the meeting, Police and Fire representatives left. Before they went it was explained that this was Tim Madgwick's last meeting as he was retiring imminently. Richard Flinton, as Chair, thanked Tim both personally and on behalf of partners for his great and much valued input to partnership</p>	

	working which has been much appreciated. This was echoed by the meeting as a whole.	
Part 2		
7	Draft North Yorkshire, East Riding and Hull spatial framework	Action
	<p>David Bowe and Richard Wood, a consultant contracted through the Directors of Development Group to carry out work on developing the framework, presented a report on the framework. It is an expansion of the spatial plan and pulls together the essence of the local plans across the area. Its purpose is to be an influential but informal document, covering a longer time period, which highlights broad issues. It is aligned with the LEP plans and fits well with the proposed 'statement of common ground' requirement in the recent Housing White Paper. Links to a devolution deal could also be made, if and when this is achieved, and opportunities to use it to influence Transport for the North were discussed.</p> <p>The framework was praised as a sensitive and good quality document. In order to move things forward it was felt that political sign up was needed and it was agreed to take the framework report to the next meeting of LGNYY.</p> <p>There were some queries about detail, in particular certain road corridors which it was felt had not received sufficient attention e.g. A65 and A1079. This feedback will be taken on board.</p>	
8	LEP update	Action
	<p>James Farrar presented an update on a number of areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Local Growth Fund Delivery Performance has been positive and is on target. This is due to good work in the local authorities and the LEP is grateful for their efforts. The clarity and ease of communication is much appreciated. It is possible that some Round 3 money may be allocated early as a result. • Industrial Strategy Green Paper The LEP will be submitting a standalone response and will also contribute to a combined response with other LEPs in the region. Chief Executives were encouraged to let James know their thoughts on key issues / opportunities they would like to see referenced in any response. In response to a question about the land based sector, James confirmed that this would be fed into a piece of work on the impact of Brexit which is being carried out. • Improving our bid success rate The LEP has been reflecting on the success rate of recent bids which has been disappointing, particularly in the area of housing, and what could be done to improve this. Proposals for joint working around the Community Housing Fund were also outlined. • Independent Scrutiny The LEP is currently scrutinised through the County Council as the accountable body but it is felt that it would be useful to have some sort of partnership scrutiny of the annual report. This was agreed with the proviso that there should be robust governance put in place. 	All

9	LGNYY meeting 24 March 2017	Action
	<p>The following items were agreed for inclusion on the agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Devolution • Draft North Yorkshire, East Riding and Hull spatial framework • Police and Fire collaboration 	
10	Any other business	Action
	There was none.	
11	Date and time of next meeting	Action
	Thursday 15 June 2017 at 2.00pm – County Hall, Northallerton.	