Chief Executives' Group – North Yorkshire and York 7 June 2018 at County Hall, Northallerton Minutes and action points

Present and apologies		Action
Present:		
Mary Weastell	City of York Council (chair)	
Justin Ives	Hambleton District Council	
Wallace Sampson	Harrogate Borough Council	
Nigel Hutchinson	North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue	
Andy Wilson	North York Moors National Park	
	Authority	
Caroline O'Neill	Community First Yorkshire (on behalf	
	of Leah Swain)	
Callum McKeon	Richmondshire District Council (on	
	behalf of Tony Clark)	
Paul Ellis	Craven District Council (on behalf of	
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Nick Edwards	Scarborough Borough Council (on	
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Neil Irving	North Yorkshire County Council (on	
In attacher	behalf of Richard Flinton)	
In attendance:	Hambleton Bi Cl C 2	
Louise Branford-White	Hambleton District Council	
Vicky Metheringham	North Yorkshire County Council	
Martin Kelly	North Yorkshire County Council	
Claire Lowery	North Yorkshire County Council	
	(secretariat)	
Apologies:		
Richard Flinton	North Yorkshire County Council	
Paul Shevlin	Craven District Council	
Tony Clark	Richmondshire District Council	
Clare Slater	Ryedale District Council	
Jim Dillon	Scarborough Borough Council	
Amanda Bloor	Harrogate and Rural District CCG	
Janet Waggott	Selby District Council	
Leah Swain	Community First Yorkshire	
Sandy Needham	West and North Yorkshire Chamber	
	of Commerce	
Caroline Lacey	East Riding of Yorkshire Council	
David Butterworth	Yorkshire Dales National Park	
	Authority	
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The Chair expressed the grou	up's sadness at the death of Barry Dodd, Her	
Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for	North Yorkshire. His input to this group was	
	o give their condolences to the family for their	
loss.		
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1 Minutes of last meeting – 8	February 2018 – and matters arising	ACHOI
The minutes were agreed as	a true record.	

Part 1 2	Key strategic issue: Public finance	Action
	Louise Branford-White provided a short over view of the paper.	
	Nigel Hutchinson asked for the data for North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue to be updated. Mary Weastell felt that the paper did not reflect the position in York as it was very North Yorkshire focused. She requested that the paper be updated with more relevance to York including corrected data.	NYFO
	The need for 2 North Yorkshire Finance groups (North Yorkshire Finance Officers Group and North Yorkshire Finance Managers Group) was questioned. Louise highlighted that the North Yorkshire Finance Officers Group was made up of Section 151 Officers and was strategically focused whereas the North Yorkshire Finance Managers Group was more technically / operationally focused. The need for both these groups at this time was understood but it was highlighted as an area to keep under review.	
	It was agreed:	
	that more in-depth savings analysis across the councils should be produced and this should include information on commercialism.	
	 that councils should share responses to government in order to ensure that messages about rurality, shires and key cities are heard loudly in Whitehall. 	
	that further joint work should be done to reinforce areas of common interest on Fairer Funding.	
	 to endorse the proposed discussions on tier splits as a way of progressing Business Rates Retention Pilots in 2019/20 	
	 another paper should be produced in due course to look at more in- depth savings analysis and commerciality. 	
3	Yorkshire Devolution – vision and ambition for York, North Yorkshire & East Riding	Action
	Mary Weastell talked through the paper on the progress made in developing a vision and ambition for devolution in relation to York, North Yorkshire and East Riding.	
	The discussion covered the need to look further into the future (30 years plus) but still to build on the work that has already been completed; the devolution bid for York, North Yorkshire & East Riding, the Spatial Strategy and the LEP strategy. One possible gap is the lack of a regional cultural strategy. Andy Wilson highlighted some research he was aware of that would help provide more information around the assets of the coast which is not included in the report.	AW
	The issue of broader involvement was raised in relation to the recent civil society participation. The Strategic Leaders Group could possibly help provide input from the voluntary and community sector; this can be accessed via Community First Yorkshire. The need for engagement with elected members was also stressed – initially the LGNYY meeting can be used for this.	

	The group were asked if they would support the commissioning of the creative sector to animate the vision and narrative of the sub region with a financial contribution.	
	Information to be provided to the group on the cost for commissioning the creative sector and from which other stakeholders input is required.	JF
Part 2 4	LEP Update	Action
	The paper was taken as information only as unfortunately no-one from the LEP was able to attend.	
	Caroline O'Neill highlighted that it was a good succinct report but highlighted that she would value information in the report on whether or not they are reaching the priority groups listed in the strategy (tourism, social enterprises etc.).	JF
	Neil Irving highlighted the very positive outcome of the Government "Deep Dive" Audit particularly in comparison to the results in other areas.	
	Wallace Sampson welcomed the appointment of Katie Thomas who will pick up the energy strategy work which has slipped but is not behind other areas. This new appointment should help move it forward.	
	The likelihood of government proposals for changes in LEP boundaries and the need to respond as a group was highlighted.	All
5	Corporate parenting responsibilities - Children and Social Work Act 2017	Action
	Vicky Metheringham and Martin Kelly presented a report detailing the strengthened corporate parenting responsibilities for looked after children brought in by the Children and Social Work Act 2017. She distributed the LGA Corporate Parenting Resource Pack as a useful reference tool for the group.	
	Work is ongoing on a revised Looked after Children's Strategy and it is hoped that this will be launched at the end of November 2018.	
	There was a discussion around what district councils have already done and what more they need to do to promote the corporate parenting responsibilities particularly around housing, leisure and recreation, strategic policies and local tax collection.	
	Mary Weastell said she was happy to share the work that City of York have done on this area. She highlighted the need to review housing implications at a regional level and that there may be a need to talk to the sub-regional housing group about the responsibilities.	
	A request was made for all districts to provide a named contact to Vicky Metheringham. In addition Vicky offered to meet with any district council wanting input.	All
	A request was made for further district council representation to the MALAP. It was felt that a representative should come from Scarborough as it would have the highest impact. Nick Edwards said he would take the request back to Jim Dillon.	NE
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6	LGNYY meeting 6 July 2018	Action
	It was agreed to recommend to the secretary of the group that the items on waste collection and disposal and CCTV be deferred. In addition an item on Yorkshire Devolution – vision and ambition for York, North Yorkshire and East Riding will be suggested. The Spatial Strategy should be used as part of this item as it will act as a useful introduction to the discussion.	
7	Any other business	Action
	Caroline O'Neill highlighted Community First Yorkshire's role in volunteering and volunteers. A large element of this work is around trustees, recruiting them and ensuring they have the skills required. Caroline highlighted that they were keen to link in with pre-retirement sessions or similar to promote being a trustee. She requested that members of the group provide her with contact details of someone within their organisation with whom Community First Yorkshire can liaise.	AII
8	Date and time of next meeting	Action
	Thursday 6 September 2018 at 2.00pm – County Hall, Northallerton	