

Chief Executives' Group – North Yorkshire and York

8 November 2018

Report of the York, North Yorkshire and East Riding (YNYER) Directors of Development Group

1.0 Purpose of the Report

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

2.0 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 met on 4 October 2018. The principal items of business addressed at the meeting related to:
- Sirius Minerals Woodsmith Mine: Project Update
 - YNYER 'Housing Deal'.
 - LEP Review – Submission update
 - York Central and Enterprise Zone
 - Natural Capital Framework Progress Update

3.0 Sirius Minerals Woodsmith Mine: Project Update

- 3.1 Matt Parson's from Sirius Minerals attended the meeting to provide the Directors of Development (DoDs) with an update on the £3bn Woodsmith Mine project. The aim is for Sirius to become one of the world's highest producing Potash Mine. This is the only project that Sirius is working on in the country and construction commenced last May with approximately 400 people on site, 50% of those are local people.
- 3.2 Life expectancy of the site is in excess of 100 years and when it is in full operation there will be 1,000 people employed, 700 at the mine site, 200 at the port and 100 in the Scarborough head office. The start date for supply of polyhalite is 2021.

4.0 Towards a Housing Deal for YNYERH

- 4.1 Previous reports have also highlighted the work done by the DoDs to develop a Housing Deal for YNYER. This follows on from previous discussions with the Chief Executive of the Homes England Nick Walkley. He advised that a strong and committed housing offer from the sub-region would be welcomed, and indeed would be critical for YNYERH to compete successfully with other parts of the country for Homes England (HE) funds.
- 4.2 Directors and the LEP Board approved, in August and September respectively a final draft Housing Deal document to seek to build upon and accelerate delivery of housing across the sub region and to then test the content with HE in a separate meeting. At this meeting with HE the agency informed Directors that a "deal" was not necessarily on the table, but for this to move forward a new name would be needed such as a

“joint strategic investment plan”, focussing on the next 3 ½ years of this spending review period.

- 4.3 A draft delivery plan was produced, with our total ask for the next **3.5 years is £27,298m**, broken down as follows:

Theme 1. MOD Sites & Opportunities Funding Breakdown

Year	Funding payments	Capital	Revenue
1 April 2019	£1m	£1m	
1 April 2020	£3m	£2.5m	£0.5m
1 April 2021	£5m	£5m	
Total	£9m	£8.5m	£0.5m

Theme 2. Off Site Manufacturing

Year	Funding payments	Capital	Revenue
1 April 2019	£0.5m	£0m	£0.5m
1 April 2020	£2m	£1.5m	£0.5m
1 April 2021	£4.5m	£4.5m	
Total	£7m	£6.5m	£1m

Theme 3. Rural Affordable Housing

Year	Funding Payments
2019/20	£1m
2020/21	£4m
2021/22	£5m
Total	£10m

Capacity Funding

Year	Funding Payments
Design Quality Funding	£0.285m
Housing Growth Team	£0.563m
Feasibility Work	£0.45m
Total	£1.298m

- 4.4 The contents were discussed and agreed by Directors, it was confirmed that the proposed numbers in the deal- 5,000 homes and 1,600 affordable are in keeping with all local plans and the information is not inconsistent with any of our planning policy or stated ambitions for Growth. Further refinements were instructed to be made including in relation to the delivery of affordable homes, being explicit about coverage across YNYER and for the delivery plan discussions to be progressed directly with HE to refine the delivery plan prior to submission.

5.0 LEP Review – Submission update

- 5.1 The government official position remains that there should be no overlaps in the LEP’s geography, however further to conversation with Ministers, several regions including West Midlands and South Yorkshire, both of which have Mayoral Combined Authorities are submitting the case for retaining overlaps. Consequently the YNYER LEP Board unanimously agreed that the model which would deliver the greatest benefit for YNYER would be to retain the current LEP geography including overlaps.

6.0 York Central and Enterprise Zone

6.1 David Warburton from York City Council joined the meeting and circulated a set of slides to DoDs to assist with his update on the YNYER York Central update.

6.2 This project is a 72 hectare brownfield development opportunity located directly adjacent to York Railway Station. The site has the potential to accommodate up to 2,500 new homes and over 100,000 sq. of commercial space. As part of the project the National Railway Museum will receive £50m for improvements and capacity and environmental improvements to York Station, which will include western access to the concourse.

7.0 Natural Capital Framework Progress Update

7.1 A tender exercise to appoint a consultancy expert in natural capital assessment has been completed and AECOM partnered with the North and East Yorkshire Ecological Datacentre was the successful appointee.

8.0 Recommendation

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

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