

**Chief Executives' Group – North Yorkshire and York  
8 November 2018 at County Hall, Northallerton  
Minutes and action points**

<b>Present and apologies</b>		<b>Action</b>
<p><b>Present:</b> Richard Flinton Justin Ives Leah Swain Tony Clark Paul Ellis</p> <p>Jim Dillon David Butterworth</p> <p>Wallace Sampson</p> <p>Stacey Burlett Alan Menzies</p> <p>Amanda Oliver</p> <p><b>In attendance:</b> Colin Dales Sarah Hall Kim Robertshaw James Farrar</p> <p>Mark Kibblewhite Neil Irving Deborah Hugill</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b> Mary Weastell Paul Shevlin Amanda Bloor Janet Waggott Caroline Lacey Andy Wilson</p> <p>Lisa Winward Jez Rushworth</p>	<p>North Yorkshire County Council Hambleton District Council Community First Yorkshire Richmondshire District Council Craven District Council (on behalf of Paul Shevlin)</p> <p>Scarborough Borough Council Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority (and also representing North York Moors National Park)</p> <p>Harrogate Borough Council North Yorkshire Police Ryedale District Council East Riding of Yorkshire Council (on behalf of Caroline Lacey) North Yorkshire Police</p> <p>Richmondshire District Council Hambleton District Council Ryedale District Council North Yorkshire County Council York, North Yorkshire and East Riding LEP</p> <p>North Yorkshire County Council North Yorkshire County Council North Yorkshire County Council (secretariat)</p> <p>City of York Council Craven District Council Harrogate and Rural District CCG Selby District Council East Riding of Yorkshire Council North York Moors National Park Authority North Yorkshire Police North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue</p>	
<b>1</b>	<b>Minutes of last meeting – 6 September 2018 – and matters arising</b>	<b>Action</b>
	The minutes were agreed as a true record.	
<b>Part 1</b>		
<b>2</b>	<b>Housing strategic priority</b>	<b>Action</b>
	Colin Dales, Sarah Hall and Kim Robertshaw attended at the request of the group to present a report updating on the strategic priority of housing, including affordability and homelessness.	

	<p>The York, North Yorkshire and East Riding Housing Strategy drives this area for work., and has nine key priorities including some which focus specifically on affordability and homelessness.</p> <p>Colin outlined the work which is being carried out to increase housing supply in partnership with the LEP. The overall housing supply target is being met but the target for affordable housing is proving more challenging for a number of reasons. However, some success has been achieved through programmes like the Rural Housing Enable Programme.</p> <p>Going forward a Housing Deal with Homes England is being developed and has been positively received to date. The LEP has also been successful in a bid for funds around quality design.</p> <p>A community led housing hub has been developed and one community led housing scheme has already been delivered with around 25 more schemes currently in the pipeline.</p> <p>Work is also ongoing with a group of registered providers to develop a compact agreement.</p> <p>It was acknowledged that although the picture for homelessness is variable across the area, rough sleeping has increased. The new duty to refer was also discussed.</p> <p>Responding to a question, Colin confirmed that all local authority Leaders were now fully informed about the Housing Deal and that MPs had been briefed.</p> <p>It was also confirmed that, as the law currently stands, community led housing is exempt from the right to buy.</p> <p>Wallace Sampson raised the issue of access to housing, rather than supply, and it was confirmed that the strategy included work around shared ownership schemes.</p> <p>Leah Swain mentioned that an Affordable Housing Commission has been established with funding from the Nationwide Foundation which will be making a call for evidence.</p> <p>The lifting of the cap on housing revenue accounts was discussed although it was recognised that not all local authorities would be able to take advantage of this.</p>	
<b>3</b>	<b>A cultural strategy for North Yorkshire</b>	<b>Action</b>
	<p>Richard Flinton and Mark Kibblewhite outlined the background behind the paper which related to discussions with the Arts Council, and the area's ability to access funding for arts and cultural activities which would be significantly enhanced by development of a formally adopted strategy for the county as a whole. Mark presented a paper proposing that partners in North Yorkshire in consultation with the cultural sector, should work together to develop a new Cultural Strategy for North Yorkshire.</p> <p>It was agreed that a task and finish group would be brought together which would report back to the Chief Executives' Group, rather than the Directors of Development Group as proposed in the paper.</p>	<b>MK</b>

	<p>Wallace Sampson asked that following should be considered for inclusion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A stronger linkage to events</li> <li>• Attraction of younger people through use of digital approaches</li> <li>• Focus on people and inclusion</li> </ul> <p>It was noted that York was currently developing its own strategy and close working would be needed to ensure alignment. It was also noted that some funding from the Arts Council might be available to support development of the strategy.</p>	
<b>4</b>	<b>Devolution</b>	<b>Action</b>
	<p>Richard Flinton gave a verbal update on devolution. Little progress has been made other than the reiteration of previous submissions to provide clarity for the current Secretary of State.</p>	
<b>5</b>	<b>UCI Road World Cycle Championships 2019</b>	<b>Action</b>
	<p>Richard Flinton gave a verbal update on work to prepare for the championships. The recent 2018 championships were held in Innsbruck and colleagues from a number of organisations across the county had visited to learn lessons.</p> <p>Most routes for 2019 have now been finalised and engagement with district councils seems to have been satisfactory. The budget is very tight and security is, of course, a major issue.</p> <p>Wallace Sampson detailed some of the operational issues being experienced in Harrogate.</p> <p>Richard Flinton agreed to send relevant contact details to Community First Yorkshire in relation to the ask for volunteer support.</p>	<b>RF</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>CCTV</b>	<b>Action</b>
	<p>Amanda Oliver provided an update from the lead on this area of work within North Yorkshire Police, Phil Cain.</p> <p>An independent assessment report had recommended that provision of CCTV in the county was unsustainable in its current form and that it should be delivered as single service by a not for profit trust.</p> <p>Meetings have been held with stakeholders achieving agreement in principle and work is ongoing towards producing a business case. A project manager has been assigned and business analyst time is being sought. Further data has been requested from stakeholders.</p> <p>It is anticipated that the business case would be signed off in January and brought to the meeting of the Chief Executives' Group – North Yorkshire and York on 7 February 2019.</p> <p>Justin Ives made the point that Hambleton DC had invested heavily in CCTV and Members would need to be convinced of considerable service improvements and cost reductions for any new service.</p>	

<b>Part 2</b>		<b>Action</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>LEP review update</b>	
	<p>James Farrar provided a verbal update on the latest progress. David Kerfoot, the Chair of the LEP, had attended a meeting in London where it was made clear that overlaps in geography between LEPs would be penalised. Leeds City Region have been asked for their response to the key issues raised by the York, North Yorkshire and East Riding LEP.</p> <p>The date for implementation of new arrangements was confirmed as 1 April 2019, although there would need to be a period where arrangements ran in parallel to avoid jeopardising current contracts.</p>	
<b>8</b>	<b>Business rates pilot update</b>	<b>Action</b>
	<p>Gary Fielding was unable to attend the meeting but had provided a written update as follows:</p> <p>The joint bid between West and North Yorkshire was submitted by the deadline and it incorporates the five West Yorkshire Councils, the County Council, the seven District Councils and the City of York Council. An announcement on the successful bids is expected with the Local Government Finance Settlement on 6 December 2018. North Yorkshire MPs have been advised of the bid and asked to offer their support – this had been well received.</p> <p>A mechanism was agreed on how the upside on Business Rates would be shared amongst constituent councils and the creation of a top slice with its priority areas. The governance of this approach was set out in the submission and a joint committee is created to oversee governance of the pilot. There are to be nine representatives on this joint committee (five from West Yorkshire plus one from the County Council; one from City of York Council; and two from District Councils in North Yorkshire which are put forward as Scarborough and Harrogate). Further discussions will need to take place between the County Council and the District Councils to ensure that all Districts feel adequately represented etc.</p> <p>It should be noted that the pilot is for 12 months only and no arrangements should therefore be regarded as cast in stone beyond the 12 months. It should also be noted that the pilot is for 75% Business Rates Retention as opposed to 100% as was the case last year. The quantum of funding is therefore reduced in West Yorkshire if the bid is successful, but there is an upside for all parties (barring a major collapse in Business Rates) when compared to the status quo for those who are not successful with a bid for pilot status.</p> <p>Further work will need to be carried out between December and March in order to firm up arrangements but finance officers are in communication to progress such issues.</p>	
<b>9</b>	<b>Report of the YNYER Directors of Development Group</b>	<b>Action</b>
	The report was received with no comments.	
<b>9</b>	<b>Corporate parenting responsibilities: promises</b>	<b>Action</b>

	<p>The report was received for information. Richard Flinton urged colleagues to ensure engagement with this worthwhile work within their organisations.</p> <p>It was noted that the events would now take place between 5pm and 6pm, rather than 5.30pm and 6.30pm as detailed in the report.</p>	
<b>11</b>	<b>Any other business</b>	<b>Action</b>
	<p>The agenda for the forthcoming meeting of Local Government North Yorkshire and York was discussed.</p>	
<b>12</b>	<b>Date and time of next meeting</b>	<b>Action</b>
	<p>Thursday 7 February 2019 2pm – 4pm, County Hall, Northallerton, North Yorkshire</p>	