

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

Present and apologies		Action
<p>Present: Richard Flinton</p> <p>Tony Clark Jim Dillon Justin Ives Rachel Bowles</p> <p>Nigel Hutchinson Leah Swain Andy Wilson</p> <p>Mary Weastell (dialled in)</p> <p>In attendance: Dr Jonathan Carr-West Barry Khan David Bowe James Farrar</p> <p>Neil Irving Deborah Hugill</p> <p>Apologies: Clare Slater Amanda Bloor Janet Waggott Wallace Sampson Sandy Needham</p> <p>Caroline Lacey David Butterworth</p> <p>Paul Shevlin</p>	<p>North Yorkshire County Council (chair) Richmondshire District Council Scarborough Borough Council Hambleton District Council Harrogate Borough Council (on behalf of Wallace Sampson) North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Community First Yorkshire North York Moors National Park Authority City of York Council</p> <p>Local Government Information Unit North Yorkshire County Council North Yorkshire County Council York, North Yorkshire and East Riding LEP North Yorkshire County Council North Yorkshire County Council (secretariat)</p> <p>Ryedale District Council Harrogate and Rural District CCG Selby District Council Harrogate Borough Council West and North Yorkshire Chamber of Commerce East Riding Council Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority Craven District Council</p>	
1	Minutes of last meeting – 2 November 2017 – and matters arising	Action
	<p>The minutes were agreed as a true record.</p> <p>Matter arising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2019 UCI Road World Championships – Richard Flinton had raised concerns that assumptions were being made about the costs which local authorities would be meeting. Gary Verity is pressing for a meeting with the company and Richard Flinton and Mary Weastell will aim to attend. • An item on waste will be going to the next LGNYYY meeting to explore what more could be achieved by working more closely together. 	

Part 1		
Local Government Information Unit (LGiU)		
2		Action
	<p>Dr Jonathan Carr-West presented his views about the current situation in relation to local government and likely developments, and how partners could best use LGiU and the added value available.</p> <p>He considered that a period of stasis and uncertainty around a number of topics, including local government funding, social care and devolution meant that little progress can be expected while national government concentrates on Brexit negotiations. Reductions in trust in institutions and brands are also a challenge. More and better co-production, engagement and working with communities on demand management are the way forward.</p> <p>The LGiU has a policy programme delivering three major authority-led projects in 2018 – homelessness commission, public trust lab and local finance taskforce. A wide range of council representatives will be involved to challenge central government’s record on localism and find solutions that work for local people.</p> <p>The daily news bulletins, round-ups, in-depth guides etc provided by LGiU can also help provide digestible information to inform policy and practice. Contact details and further information will be circulated shortly to explain how to access more tailored support.</p> <p>There was a discussion about the beneficial potential of technology, the pros and cons of social media and the opportunities for local government to take a lead in positive action to harness the strengths of individuals and communities.</p>	
3	Devolution	Action
	<p>Some movement has been made in relation to a One Yorkshire deal and all shortlisted mayoral candidates for the Sheffield City Region have expressed their support.</p> <p>A paper is being pulled together and a draft will be circulated to all local authority chief executives in advance of it going to the LGNYY meeting on 9 March.</p> <p>There was a discussion, based on a briefing note circulated at the meeting, relating to governance and voting protocols and how best to ensure that the best interests of residents in North Yorkshire are represented in any future Combined Authority.</p>	
4	Police and fire collaboration	Action
	<p>Nigel Hutchinson updated the meeting on the current position.</p> <p>An independent assessment of the Police and Crime Commissioner’s business case by CIPFA has concluded and been reported to the Home Office, although this has not been shared locally. It is unclear when a decision can be expected; it may be later this month or into March.</p>	

5	Strategic data working group update	Action
	<p>Nigel Hutchinson explained the background and the aspiration to share data to improve information across services, particularly in relation to vulnerable people.</p> <p>The working group set up to consider this concluded that the cost and complexity of producing a comprehensive 'rich picture' were currently prohibitive and that national guidance in relation to the Joint Strategic Needs Analysis and the Joint Strategic Intelligence Analysis meant that it would be increasingly difficult to bring them together.</p> <p>However, the group were recommending to Chief Executives that three pilot data sharing initiatives be developed, focussing on:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Child neglect – this would involve looking at and expanding on a recent joint project and report by North Yorkshire County Council and North Yorkshire Police. b) Service demand in a geographical area – this would focus on the Woodfield area in Harrogate with each agency looking at their respective demands for service to identify commonality. c) Repeat callers – this would look at identifying patterns of repeat callers with a view to identifying potential activities to reduce this demand. <p>It was agreed that these would be scoped for resource requirements and proposals brought back to a future meeting of the Chief Executives' Group.</p> <p>The working group also wished to continue to work towards a longer-term vision for data sharing across all relevant agencies in the area.</p>	<p>NH</p>
6	Community plan / strategic issues	Action
	<p>Neil Irving presented a report detailing responses to the request from the last meeting of the group about strategic issues which will be used to formulate a forward plan.</p> <p>The key issues most often identified were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing – affordability, key role in supporting economic growth and health, major developments, local plan delivery performance, supported housing, preventing homelessness, ensuring we attract and make maximum use of external funding opportunities (including Community Housing Funds). • Achieving inclusive growth – more high quality jobs, sustainability, reducing inequalities, local industrial strategy, future of town centres, broadband and mobile phone coverage. • Devolution – red lines for the county in any regional devolution deal. • Public finance - austerity challenge, impact of cuts, future funding arrangements. <p>It was agreed that these themes would be used to plan future meetings, starting with finance.</p> <p>A summary of key partnerships was also provided and further work will be undertaken to identify inter-dependencies through partnership boards.</p>	<p>NI/DH</p>

7	Asylum seekers and refugees	Action
	<p>Neil Irving presented a report for information which detailed the Syrian refugee resettlement programme in North Yorkshire.</p> <p>He also updated the meeting on asylum seeker dispersal and the proposal from the Home Office to be considered at the sub-regional Housing Board in the following week.</p>	
Part 2 8	Report of the YNYER Directors of Development Group	Action
	<p>David Bowe presented a report on the work and progress of the group. He was pleased to report that the group was working well and developing a sense of shared purpose, notably on local plans. A longer term strategic approach is being fostered.</p> <p>One area of priority remains unimplemented planning consents and looking for positive ways forward with those consents which are capable of implementation.</p> <p>At the moment funding for work through the group is piecemeal and scoping is being carried out to ascertain whether allocation of a dedicated budget would work better.</p> <p>Disposals of MoD sites will be very important and will inevitably cross local authority boundaries.</p>	
9	Energy strategy update	Action
	<p>An update on energy strategy work-streams was provided by James Farrar. An energy baseline and technology options appraisal have both been completed. Work is also underway to establish an energy hub in Teesside.</p> <p>Energy infrastructure is vitally important as this has not been previously modelled in rural areas and current infrastructure, for example, would not accommodate a rapid increase in the use of electric cars.</p>	
10	LEP update	Action
	<p>James Farrar presented an update on the performance of the LEP. Performance for work-streams which the LEP directly manages is good and targets are being met or exceeded; where there is less local control, performance is variable.</p> <p>LEPs are under increased scrutiny nationally and a review by the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy found that the York, North Yorkshire and East Riding LEP was very strong on performance and delivery, and strong on governance. A key area for improvement, however, was transparency and the proactive publishing of information and data. A new website is being developed to facilitate improvement in this area.</p> <p>Overlapping boundaries are also to be reviewed nationally which could prove challenging as some members of the LEP are also members of other LEPs.</p> <p>The LEP is currently recruiting two new Board members following the appointment of David Kerfoot as Chair and increased diversity is a key</p>	

	<p>objective. Smaller businesses and social enterprises are currently under-represented, for example.</p> <p>David Kerfoot is keen to meet with partners and discuss mutual concerns and ascertain local authorities' needs.</p> <p>James highlighted some good work being carried out in the Yorkshire Dales with the National Park Authority to assess the potential for results based payments in upland farming.</p>	
11	LGNY meeting 9 March 2018	Action
	No further items for the agenda, other than those already identified, were suggested.	
12	Any other business	Action
	There was none.	
13	Date and time of next meeting	Action
	Thursday 7 June 2018 at 2.00pm – County Hall, Northallerton	