

## Chief Executives' Group – North Yorkshire and York

28th August 2019

### Report of the YNYERH 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 YNYERH Directors of Development Group.

#### **2.0 Background**

- 2.1 This report updates the Chief Executives' Group on the work of the Directors of Development Group (DoDs) and the key issues arising.
- 2.2 The Directors of Development Group met on 8 August 2019. The principal items of business addressed at the meeting related to:
- York Local Plan – Modifications Consultation
  - Local Industrial Strategy
  - Business Rate Funds and Spending Priorities

#### **3.0 York Local Plan – Modifications Consultation**

- 3.1 Directors considered an update report on the City of York Local Plan Examination and proposed modifications to the submitted Local Plan which was subject to a 6 week consultation. The consultation ran from 10 June to 22 July 2019.
- 3.2 The report asked Directors to consider and approve the City of York Council's approach to the Duty to Cooperate under the Localism Act 2011 and note significant outcomes from consultation.
- 3.3 The paper set out formal groupings and reporting within the sub-region where issues relating to the duty to cooperate were raised.
- 3.4 Through the various groups and actions following representations made during Local Plan preparation, the 'positive outcomes' identified in the Duty to Cooperate Matrix include:
- The analysis, the general direction and purpose of the work undertaken by City of York Council (CYC) to analyse the extent of the York housing market area (HMA) and information on housing land supply across the market area are all supported;
  - Minimising the increase in inward or outward commuting;
  - Memorandum of Understanding for A64 Trunk Road York – Scarborough Improvement Strategy, and
  - Agreement between CYC, Harrogate Borough Council and North Yorkshire County Council for improved Rail services between York, Harrogate and Leeds.

3.5 Directors noted the contents of the report and commented on modifications. Directors have agreed to endorse the approach taken by City of York Council in meeting the requirements of the duty to cooperate in the plan making process.

#### **4.0 Local Industrial Strategy**

4.1 The Directors were updated by LEP officers on the progress of the development of the Local Industrial Strategy including setting out the economic context.

4.2 Workshops have taken place across the region as follows and a summary of the emerging themes was given to the Directors.

<b>Local Consultation Event</b>	<b>Lead Local Authority</b>
Rural	North York Moors/ Dales National Park
Hull & East Riding Links	East Riding
York & its hinterland	York
Yorkshire Coast	Scarborough
A59 Harrogate Line Corridor	Harrogate
A1/A19 Central Corridor	Hambleton
A59 Airedale Corridor	Craven

4.3 The Directors' discussion picked up the following matters in terms of what was missing from the strategy:

- Brexit as a theme to the LIS
- The level of engagement with the private sector
- The Northern Powerhouse

4.4 The first draft is expected to be published in the early autumn, Directors commented on the positive engagement with partners to date.

#### **5.0 Devolution**

5.1 Richard Bradley had attended on behalf of his Chief Executive the York and North Yorkshire Chief Executive Meeting with Paul Rowsell from the Cities and Local Growth department of government. He updated Directors on the status of devolution in particular, the prospect of a York and North Yorkshire deal. Directors discussed.

5.2 Following the discussion on devolution Directors instructed James Farrar on behalf of the LEP to prepare a report for the Chief Executives Group Meeting on 28 August outlining a development process for a York and North Yorkshire deal.

#### **6.0 Business Rate Funds and Spending Priorities**

6.1 The report to the group asked Directors to consider the most appropriate approach to funding opportunities arising from North and West Yorkshire Business Rates Pool surplus.

6.2 The contents of the paper was noted by Directors. The unallocated funds in the pool stand at c£4.1m.

- 6.3 It was considered advantageous for the North Yorkshire region that the unallocated funds be split according to their allocations. That would result in approx. £1.3m - £1.5m for the North Yorkshire Region.
- 6.4 Discussions will be had with the Managing Director of West Yorkshire Combined Authority confirming the intention to separate the unallocated funds. In the meantime, work on spend priorities and the process for bidding will begin and be brought back to the October meeting.
- 6.5 Directors also noted the potential surplus of £250,000 after the current allocation of those funds (the financial recovery of Welcome to Yorkshire) came to an end 2018/19. In the event that the new N and NY Business Rates Pilot supports Welcome to Yorkshire, the surplus would be available to North Yorkshire Business Rates Pool for economic priorities.
- 6.6 It is noted that it is subject to the decisions of the N&NY BR Pilot and as such no firm commitments must be made yet.
- 6.7 Directors discussed potential uses of the funds. It was proposed and agreed that a masterplan approach for all seven Districts' principal towns would be taken forward. The masterplan would identify growth priorities and infrastructure requirements, detailing phasing. It would be for all districts to feed in and establish what their principal town should be. With the procurement approach undertaken by the County Council.
- 6.8 It was confirmed the Directors were happy for the potential £250,000 to be used to develop seven masterplans.

## **7.0 Public Health Presentation**

- 7.1 A presentation was given on how to develop healthy places through town planning. DoDs were supportive of a funding bid to Public Health England for capacity to embed this as an approach on the YNYERH geography.

## **8.0 Further Action Points**

- 8.1 Culture Strategy paper to be circulated outside ahead of its presentation at the Chief Executives Group 28 August 2019.
- 8.2 John Till: Thinking Places (Future of High Streets) to be invited to the next meeting.

## **9.0 Recommendations**

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

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