

**Chief Executives' Group – North Yorkshire and York
28 August 2019 at County Hall, Northallerton
Minutes and action points**

| Present and apologies | | Action |
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| <p>Present: Richard Flinton Justin Ives Caroline O'Neill</p> <p>Tony Clark Paul Shevlin Nick Edwards</p> <p>Andy Wilson</p> <p>Rachel Bowles</p> <p>Lisa Winward Stacey Bulet Janet Waggott Ian Floyd</p> <p>Alan Menzies</p> <p>Andrew Brodie David Butterworth</p> <p>In attendance: James Farrar</p> <p>Mark Kibblewhite David Bowe Neil Irving Deborah Hugill</p> <p>Apologies: Amanda Bloor Mary Weastell Caroline Lacey Mike Greene Wallace Sampson Leah Swain</p> | <p>North Yorkshire County Council Hambleton District Council Community First Yorkshire (on behalf of Leah Swain)</p> <p>Richmondshire District Council Craven District Council Scarborough Borough Council (on behalf of Mike Greene)</p> <p>North York Moors National Park Authority</p> <p>Harrogate Borough Council (on behalf of Wallace Sampson)</p> <p>North Yorkshire Police Ryedale District Council Selby District Council City of York Council (on behalf of Mary Weastell)</p> <p>East Riding of Yorkshire Council (on behalf of Caroline Lacey)</p> <p>North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority</p> <p>York, North Yorkshire and East Riding LEP</p> <p>North Yorkshire County Council North Yorkshire County Council North Yorkshire County Council North Yorkshire County Council (secretariat)</p> <p>North Yorkshire CCG York City Council East Riding of Yorkshire Council Scarborough Borough Council Harrogate Borough Council Community First Yorkshire</p> | |
| 1 | Minutes of last meeting – 3 June 2019 – and matters arising | Action |
| | <p>The minutes were agreed as a true record.</p> <p>Matters arising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Civic crowdfunding – Rachel Bowles, Leah Swain and Neil Irving are meeting with Spacehive on 7 October • Health integration – Governing bodies have agreed an amalgamated CCG and this will now progress through the approval process | |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business rates pool – a decision will be required by pool members on how to spend the North and West Yorkshire business rates pool 19/20 surplus. Further information will be circulated to the group. | NE |
| Part 1 | | |
| 2 | Brexit – local preparedness | Action |
| | <p>It was noted that there was much more activity leading up to the October deadline than there had been for the March deadline.</p> <p>Neil Irving gave an update on the current reasonable worst case scenarios in the event of a no deal Brexit relating to ports, prices, regulation change, migrant workers, fuel, food, and medicines. The impacts are likely to include some short term disruption and longer term disruption in relation to areas such as social care. There are also particular additional issues associated with the time of year such as warehousing capacity and winter pressures.</p> <p>The local resilience forum is holding meetings and carrying out exercise around particular risks which are felt to be the most pertinent to North Yorkshire. More regular reporting to Government will be required from mid-October.</p> <p>Issues with increase in demand for food export licences in Hambleton and the local voluntary and community sector lacking experience around recruitment of non-EU nationals were identified.</p> | |
| 3 | Climate change | Action |
| | <p>Neil Irving shared with the group what the County Council was doing following its motion aspiring to become carbon net neutral. It was agreed that all partners need to work together on this agenda. A network of contacts is being built up and the LEP is holding a stakeholder event on 25 September which will be used as a platform on which to build partnership working in this area.</p> <p>Partners around the table shared details of work which is underway, planned or carried out in relation to climate change.</p> <p>Wallace Sampson is the regional lead on this area of work and will be taking a paper to the wider Yorkshire chief executives' group and leaders' group providing a summary of work which is going on in the region.</p> <p>The LEP is hosting a post which will focus on rural energy.</p> <p>Community First Yorkshire is exploring opportunities to support communities who wish to take actions to combat climate change and are looking at funding a small pilot.</p> <p>It was highlighted that the spatial framework, to be considered later on the agenda, did not now reflect the current higher priority which is being given to the environment and it was agreed to discuss this point further under agenda item 9.</p> <p>Neil Irving agreed to circulate to the local authorities' representatives the names of officers who are participating in the contact network so that chief executives can ensure the right people in their organisations are involved.</p> | NI |

| 4 | Rural commission | Action |
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| | <p>Richard Flinton updated the group about the independent rural commission which is being set up by the County Council. Conversations have already taken place with local authorities and national parks on this subject. The intention is for the commission to be in place from October, meeting 6 – 7 times and looking at the sustainability of rural places. The commission will develop strong messages for Government and explore actions which could be taken locally to improve sustainability. There will also be a reference group of council leaders and national park authority chairs.</p> <p>A number of people have been approached to sit on the commission and take up has been very encouraging. There will be a mix of local and national influencers. The County Council will provide policy support and a small budget. It would be appreciated if any relevant data and information that partners have could be shared.</p> | All |
| 5 | A cultural strategy for North Yorkshire – progress report | Action |
| | <p>Mark Kibblewhite presented a report on progress on developing a cultural strategy for the county. The North Yorkshire cultural strategy working group has met several times and carried out a number of actions, including auditing key cultural assets, consultations with Arts Council England and developing the scope, principles and draft brief for commissioning delivery of the strategy.</p> <p>Discussions with neighbouring authorities who are also developing strategies has been positive as have interactions with Arts Council England. The strategy is intended to help when making future funding bids.</p> <p>Chief Executives were asked to provide feedback on the report and draft brief and to agree match funding, subject to Arts Council England funding being available.</p> <p>In general the group was supportive but a number of points were made, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • leverage of funding, cultural ‘cold spots’ and events needed to be more prominent, • need to highlight the potential for cultural offer to be a draw for younger people to live in the area • health and prevention benefits need to be emphasised more • need to ensure the uniqueness of North Yorkshire is emphasised <p>Some members of the group were unhappy with the financial ask which they felt penalised smaller authorities and it was agreed that this would be looked at again, possibly through a bid to the business rates pool. Scarborough are developing their own cultural strategy and would be unlikely to contribute financially to the county strategy development as it stands.</p> | |
| 6 | York and North Yorkshire devolution | Action |
| | <p>James Farrar presented a report giving the current situation in relation to devolution in the region. A recent meeting on the subject with MHCLG and BEIS was also discussed. It would appear that a York and North Yorkshire deal bid would be welcomed but would need to demonstrate a clear vision and ambition and deliver improvements in productivity. It is clear that a non-</p> | |

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| | <p>Mayoral deal would not bring the same dividends in terms of powers and funding.</p> <p>There was a discussion sharing the current views of the North Yorkshire local authorities on this issue. It was acknowledged that national political uncertainty was having an effect.</p> <p>In relation to the actions suggested in the report it was felt that it was best to focus on a potential deal rather than governance at this stage and to save resources by making full use of work previously carried out.</p> <p>James Farrar highlighted the issue that the LEP has to be compliant with the review decisions by March which complicates the situation.</p> <p>It was agreed that a paper will be produced to go to the October meeting of LGNY.</p> | JF |
| 7 | Tourism | Action |
| | <p>Welcome to Yorkshire update – An update was provided on the financial situation of Welcome to Yorkshire. An improvement plan will soon be in place to address the issues identified in recent reports. The West Yorkshire police investigation is still ongoing. There has been some drop off in membership but Welcome to Yorkshire has been working hard to maintain levels.</p> <p>Funding opportunities – Tourism action zones are being set up as part of a sector deal. A York and North Yorkshire bid is being worked up.</p> | |
| Part 2 | | Action |
| 8 | LEP update | |
| | <p>James Farrar presented a report giving an update on delivery and energy and low carbon.</p> <p>Business support engagement is exceeding targets and skills programmes continue to be high performing.</p> <p>The Local Growth Fund is in a good position to deliver spend and outputs by March 2021. However, chief executives were asked to accelerate delivery of projects and make sure claims were submitted on time as there would be no slippage capability.</p> <p>A range of actions are being taken in relation to energy and low carbon, including a stakeholder event, referred to in agenda item 3, on climate change and the LEP is working with local authorities on a bid for EU funding for electric vehicle charging points.</p> <p>Progress was also reported on the local industrial strategy. Partners were thanked for hosting consultation events. Emerging priorities are likely to cover quality of place, emerging growth opportunities, smart region, clean growth and inclusive growth.</p> | |
| 9 | YNYERH spatial framework | Action |
| | <p>David Bowe, as Chair of the YNYER Directors of Development Group, presented a report seeking endorsement of the spatial framework and vision for growth of York, North Yorkshire, the East Riding and Hull and approval for it to be made available for stakeholders and the wider public.</p> | |

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| | <p>The document is a local and shared vision for YNYERH to help provide a guide for future Local Plan development and better enable cross-boundary strategic investment decisions on matters such as infrastructure to be made. It is an influencing document designed to be used internally and has not been formally made available more widely. However, it is increasingly being reference by external agencies and the Directors of Development Group recommend that there should be a soft release of the Core Approach document on the relevant local authorities' websites.</p> <p>It was felt that political sign up to the document before release would be the best approach and that Members should be briefed to avoid misunderstanding of the purpose of the document.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Directors of Development Group would ensure that their individual leaders and administrations were fully briefed and that a paper would then be taken to a meeting of the LGNYY.</p> <p>The issue of the framework not reflecting the higher priority which is currently being given to the environment was discussed and ensuring links to work relating to climate change will be considered.</p> | <p>DB</p> <p>DB</p> |
| 10 | Report of the YNYER Directors of Development Group | Action |
| | <p>David Bowe presented a report on the recent work of the Directors of Development Group which highlighted York Local Plan, the local industrial strategy and business rate funds and spending priorities. A potential use for any surplus funds was identified as a masterplan approach for all seven Districts' principal towns, identifying growth priorities and infrastructure requirements.</p> | |
| 11 | LGNYY meeting 18 October 2019 | Action |
| | <p>Agenda items for the meeting were considered. The previously identified paper on devolution needs to be added.</p> <p>No response from the Home Office in relation to the allowances query for the Police, Fire and Crime Panel has yet been received.</p> | |
| 12 | Any other business | Action |
| | <p>UCI Cycling World Championships – there was a general discussion and it was agreed that arrangements were on track.</p> <p>RSPB birds of prey crime figures – North Yorkshire has the highest bird crime figures in the country. However, North Yorkshire Police are putting resources into this area.</p> <p>CCTV – the countywide CCTV proposal will not now go forward and a letter has been sent from North Yorkshire Police to all local authorities. However, NYP will be pursuing other options as the criminal justice process requires digital data presentation. Research is currently being carried out on possible approaches and a report will be brought to a future meeting.</p> <p>Government commitment to increase police numbers – this commitment would see North Yorkshire Police gain 200 police officers over the next 3 years. It is planned that these posts would be targeted to prevention and early</p> | |

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| | help. It was confirmed that this would be planned with partners to ensure that there was no duplication with existing services. | |
| 13 | Date and time of next meeting | Action |
| | Friday 8 November 2019 at 10am – County Hall, Northallerton, North Yorkshire. | |