

Chief Executives' Group – North Yorkshire and York

3 June 2019

Update on North Yorkshire business rates pool – year ended 31 March 2019

- 1.0 The outturn position for the North Yorkshire Business Rates Pool has been finalised based on NNDR3 return data for the year ended 31 March 2019 and shows that the **pool created a financial benefit of £3.5m for the year** from savings in levy payments. Had the pool not been in existence these levies would have been payable to Central Government rather than being retained within North Yorkshire.
- 2.0 The table below shows the levy amounts paid into the pool based on the surplus business rates generated by each participating authority.

	Levy payments transferred to the Pool £'000
Craven District Council	659
Hambleton District Council	803
Ryedale District Council	494
Richmondshire District Council	218
Scarborough Borough Council	1,326
North Yorkshire County Council*	-
TOTAL	3,500

* North Yorkshire County Council do not incur levy payments under the localised business rates scheme

- 3.0 The levies retained by the Pool are redistributed in line with the Pooling Agreement, which states that:
- 20%, up to a maximum of £250k, will be allocated to an economic development fund which will be administered by the Chief Executives and Leaders of the pool authorities as a function of an established subgroup of the LEP;
 - The remainder will be distributed as follows:
 - 30% to NYCC
 - 35% to districts in proportion to their growth above DCLG baselines
 - 35% to districts in proportion to their funding targets
- 4.0 Based on the surpluses retained within the pool and the agreed distribution mechanism the amounts due to each authority are as follows:

	Distributions from the Pool £'000
Economic Development Fund	250
Craven District Council	441
Hambleton District Council	465
Ryedale District Council	321
Richmondshire District Council	219
Scarborough Borough Council	871
North Yorkshire County Council*	933
TOTAL	3,500

- 5.0 These monies have already been distributed with the exception of the Economic Development Fund top-slice and Chief Executives are asked to consider how this £250k will be utilised. Historically these funds have been paid to Welcome to Yorkshire, however representations have been made to pay the equivalent contribution from the North and West Yorkshire Pool surpluses in 2019/20 although this is still subject to approval.
- 6.0 A meeting of the North and West Yorkshire Pool is scheduled for the end of June.

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