

Chief Executives' Group – North Yorkshire and York

7 February 2019

Report of the York, North Yorkshire and East Riding (YNYER) 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 YNYER Directors of Development Group.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 This report advises and updates members of the Chief Executives' Group of the work of the Directors of Development Group (DoDs) and the key issues arising.
- 2.2 The Directors of Development Group met on 10 January 2019. The principal items of business addressed at the meeting related to:
- YNYER Housing Investment Plan (previously 'Housing Deal').
 - LEP Review – Submission update
 - M62 Energy Corridor Strategic Development Zone (SDZ) 1
 - Director of Public Health Annual Report

3.0 A Housing Investment Plan for YNYERH

- 3.1 Previous reports have highlighted the work done by the DoDs to develop a Housing Deal for YNYER. This has been renamed a Housing Investment Plan and has now been shared with the Ministry of Housing Communities & Local Government (MHCLG) and the local MPs.
- 3.2 The next step is to meet with Homes England (HE) and draw up a broad timeline for delivery of the plan and arrange a press release/ photo opportunity. The final document will be presented at DoDs on Thursday 9 May 2019.

4.0 LEP Review – Submission update

- 4.1 The YNYER LEP board has previously proposed maintaining the existing LEP geography including overlapping boundaries and this was the basis of its initial submission to the Secretary of State. Following further consideration however it has been proposed that York and North Yorkshire should be merged with the Leeds City region LEP area and East Riding of Yorkshire remain solely part of the Humber LEP. This has been the basis of the latest submission to Government and reflects LCR's initial proposal.
- 4.2 On this basis negotiations have begun in respect of the future constitution of the new LEP including the composition of the Board, the relationship with an accountable body (expected to be WYCA) and the proposed name of the new LEP. Transition groups have been set up to look at shadow arrangements and leadership; board membership; and decision making.

5.0 Ripon Barracks

- 5.1 A joint presentation by Harrogate Borough Council (HBC) and Homes England provided an overview of the proposed joint scheme. Ripon Barracks is a 53 hectare site on the North West side of Ripon, which is one of the three main settlements in the HBC Local Plan and which covers 11 hectares of employment land and 800 units. When HBC became aware that the MOD were leaving the site, a multi-agency group including NYCC, YNYER LEP, LCR LEP, HE and HBC was formed and Homes England became the development partner for Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO).
- 5.2 Partners have signed a statement of Common Ground which will be shared with the inspector and governance arrangements are currently being developed.
- 5.3 The project will set a precedent in respect of how future MOD sites are dealt with as, although currently the MOD have stated they are leaving seven sites, there are many more that have been identified as surplus to requirement, some of which are in the YNYERH geographical area.

6.0 Energy Corridor Development Zone Study

- 6.1 As the next stage of delivering the YNYERH Spatial Framework, a Development Zone Study, focussing on the M62 Energy corridor, is being developed. Initial work has been undertaken by Selby District Council, East Riding of Yorkshire Council, North Yorkshire County Council and Hull City Council. Officers met in November 2018 and agreed the approach towards delivery of this piece of work and how costs would be shared.
- 6.2 A draft brief for the study is being finalised, after which it will be ready for issue to invite bids to undertake the work. The brief for the study includes a focus on physical opportunity rather than desk based analysis and recognises the need to have input from major employers, the development sector and business, regarding opportunities and their potential for delivery.
- 6.3 When the brief for the study is finalised and issued, it will take around six months to fully complete, at which stage a further report would be taken back to DoDs.

7.0 Director of Public Health Annual Report

- 7.1 The Director of Public Health Annual Report has been published outlining the priorities of the Public Health for the next year.

8.0 Design Quality Fund

- 8.1 Work has been taken to move forward key work streams associated with the successful Design Quality Fund bid.

It was previously agreed that the fund would provide financial assistance towards the development of master plans for:

1. Alamien Barracks, Driffield
2. Cross Hills Lane, Selby
3. Pannal Gateway, Harrogate
4. South of Scarborough.

It would also fund work on unimplemented planning permissions, improving design quality of new housing and promote off-site manufactured homes.

9.0 DoDs Operational Budget and Investment Priorities 19/20 update

- 9.1 Following the decision at the May 2018 meeting to pull together a pooled pot of funds, all funds have now been collected, other than from Hull City Council who contribute on a case by case basis.
- 9.2 Investment priorities for the next 12 months:
- ~ Further development of SDZ growth zones
 - ~ Local industrial strategy – to be in a good position and have a solid evidence base.
 - ~ Market towns / High Streets
 - ~ Inclusive growth – what that means for a rural area
- 9.3 Cost implications of each suggestion will be outlined prior to the next meeting of DoDs and a paper created for approval.
- 9.4 The DoDs resolved contributions as per the 2018/19 financial year on the basis of York, North Yorkshire & East Riding of £122,400.

10.0 Recommendation

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

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