

Chief Executives' Group – North Yorkshire and York

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Sub-Regional Collaboration on Infrastructure Mapping and Planning

1 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To update members on sub-regional partnership work being undertaken in relation to infrastructure mapping and planning; to seek initial views as to the uses and benefits of this resource; and to seek agreement for a more detailed report to be presented to the Chief Executives' Group in May 2012 after discussions with officers from the district councils and the City of York.

2 Background

- 2.1 At its last meeting (20 January 2012) LGNYY received a presentation on the partnership working that is taking place using the County Council's GIS to map the strategic infrastructure needs of the sub-region's main housing and employment development sites into the 2020s. The presentation reflected the good levels of support and cooperation that the County Council has experienced so far in working alongside district council and City of York partners to gather and map needs onto a composite resource. It also recognised that this is an evolving and developing piece of work and that not all necessary data is currently available due to the different stages that the sub-region's suite of Local Development Frameworks have reached. However the County Council is keen to ensure that through continued joint working the resource is developed in such a way as to have greatest benefit to all sub-regional partners.
- 2.2 LGNYY resolved that the uses for this resource be considered further by the CEO Group and then reported back to LGNYY. It is initially suggested that the uses may include:
- to better collectively understand needs and competing priorities;
 - to assist in joint discussions about prioritisation;
 - to help to ensure that investment in infrastructure yields the maximum possible economic benefits;
 - to help evidence the infrastructure funding gap necessary to underpin the preparation of CIL charging schedules;
 - to evidence joint working under the Duty to Cooperate in plan making enshrined within the Localism Act; and
 - to provide opportunities for efficiency savings.

3 Proposed Approach

- 3.1 The initial views of members are welcomed in relation to the potential uses and benefits outlined above, and indeed as to whether additional ones are felt to exist. However in order to ensure that there is a more sophisticated and rounded understanding of the opportunities it is proposed that more detailed work is done with relevant officers from the district councils and the City of York. If members are in agreement it would be helpful, should it be necessary, for them to ensure that relevant staff fully engage in this process.
- 3.2 Following these discussions it is further recommended that a full report is brought back to the Chief Executives' Group for detailed consideration at your meeting scheduled to be held on 10 May 2012.

4 Recommendations

- 4.1 That members consider and make initial comments in relation to the potential uses and benefits of partnership working in relation to mapping and planning for infrastructure needs across the sub-region into the 2020's, including those outlined at paragraph 2.2 above.
- 4.2 That, following more detailed work with relevant officers from district councils and the City of York, a full report on the benefits and opportunities to be gained from partnership working on infrastructure mapping and planning, and including the uses that local authorities may have for the developing resource, be presented to the Chief Executives' Group for further consideration at its 10 May 2012 meeting prior to a subsequent report being presented to LGNYY.

5 Appendices

- 5.1 There are no appendices or background papers associated with this report.

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