

**Chief Executives' Group – North Yorkshire and York
10 November 2016 at County Hall, Northallerton
Minutes and action points**

Present and apologies		Action
<p>Present: Richard Flinton</p> <p>Tony Clark Jim Dillon Justin Ives Mary Weastell Tim Madgwick Wallace Sampson Nigel Hutchinson Samia Hussain</p> <p>Caroline O'Neill</p> <p>In attendance: Lincoln Sargeant Odette Robson James Farrar</p> <p>David Bowe Deborah Hugill</p> <p>Apologies: Sandy Needham</p> <p>Dave Jones Amanda Bloor Janet Waggott</p> <p>David Butterworth</p> <p>Andy Wilson</p> <p>Nigel Pearson Paul Shevlin Simon Hills</p>	<p>North Yorkshire County Council (chair) Richmondshire District Council Scarborough Borough Council Hambleton District Council City of York Council North Yorkshire Police Harrogate Borough Council North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Craven District Council (on behalf of Paul Shevlin) North Yorkshire and York Forum (on behalf of Simon Hills)</p> <p>North Yorkshire County Council North Yorkshire County Council York, North Yorkshire and East Riding LEP North Yorkshire County Council North Yorkshire County Council (secretariat)</p> <p>West and North Yorkshire Chamber of Commerce North Yorkshire Police Harrogate and District CCG Ryedale District Council and Selby District Council Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority North York Moors National Park Authority East Riding Council Craven District Council North Yorkshire and York Forum</p>	
1	Minutes of last meeting – 16 June 2016 – and matters arising	Action
	The minutes were agreed as a true record.	
2	North Yorkshire Director of Public Health's annual report	Action
	Lincoln Sargeant presented his fourth annual report as Director of Public Health for North Yorkshire. The 2017 calendar-style report concentrates on the health of the working age population in North Yorkshire. He emphasised that having a good job is a very important positive determinant of health; however work can also have adverse effects if not managed effectively. Each	

	<p>chapter of the report focusses on a specific issue and provides key facts, actions for employers, a case study and a personal action plan for individuals. The report makes two key recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create healthy workplaces • Build a healthy workforce, creating a culture that is diverse and inclusive <p>These are underpinned by nine “Focus for Actions” to address specific issues.</p> <p>He was keen to work with members of the group, in their role as employers, to improve the health of the working age population and there was a discussion about the offer which Public Health could provide, including a toolkit. Links to the Local Economic Partnership (LEP) had been made and there had been good and productive discussions at the LEP Board.</p> <p>Mary Weastell suggested that a sub-group of employers, facilitated through the LEP, should be set up to work on priority areas. The report of the Director of Public Health for York, which is currently in draft form, should also be linked in.</p> <p>There was a discussion about the importance of mental health issues and support required in this area. The input of the emergency services in reaching vulnerable people was highlighted.</p> <p>Caroline O’Neill emphasised the importance of the volunteer workforce and will share the voluntary sector’s Volunteering and Workforce Strategies with the Public Health team..</p>	
3	Black and Minority Ethnic groups in North Yorkshire - report	Action
	<p>Caroline O’Neill presented a report which had been commissioned by the North Yorkshire Equality and Diversity Partnership which looks at BME groups in North Yorkshire and considers a range of issues including sparsity and rurality, differential expectations of support and barriers to engagement. The researcher found that organised groups representing people from BME backgrounds were unusual in the county and many of the conversations were one to one. The partnership is pulling together an action plan and is keen to reach colleagues working in front line delivery. A bid for funding to work with the community learning partnerships is being worked up and a draft should be available in January.</p> <p>The report was welcomed and members detailed how the report’s findings were being incorporated into their internal groups or strategies. The opportunity to share learning with York was raised and this will be followed up. Links to the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment were also highlighted.</p> <p>Further information about the proportionality of the impact on public services would be useful.</p>	
4	North Yorkshire Community Safety Partnership	Action
	<p>Justin Ives, as Chair of the Community Safety Partnership, introduced the item and Odette Robson, Head of Safer Communities for North Yorkshire County Council took members through the detail of the report.</p>	

	<p>She highlighted the introduction of integrated hubs across the county which are mostly being driven by the District and Borough Councils in combination with North Yorkshire Police. One issue which has emerged is lack of administrative support to these hubs. A business case for a bid for funding to specifically fill this gap is being put together and various routes will be explored.</p> <p>A web based case management system is being considered.</p> <p>Prevent is a priority area nationally and key officers have recently been trained as Prevent Peers. An innovation bid, in conjunction with Connecting Youth Culture and North Yorkshire Youth, to produce a graphic novel on Prevent, has been submitted to the Home Office.</p> <p>A recent Safeguarding Week in the county concentrated on domestic abuse and it is proposed that next year's theme will be exploitation.</p> <p>Headline priorities are emerging from the Joint Strategic Intelligence Assessment which have been discussed at the Community Safety Partnership. A task and finish group is being established to take relevant strategic outcomes forward. The assessment will be more widely shared with partners after it has been formally signed off.</p> <p>Wallace Sampson welcomed the links which are being made with Safeguarding Boards. He felt that the integrated hubs were starting to see real benefits and that mental health issues have been highlighted which would benefit from more engagement with the health sector. The clinical commissioning groups are constituted members of the community safety partnership but are not always actively involved.</p> <p>Links between the Prevent groups and the Equality and Diversity Partnership were highlighted and these will be made.</p> <p>Richard Flinton requested that the County Council be included at the design stage of any integrated hub and emphasised the prevalence of domestic abuse issues in children's care plans.</p>	CO/OR
5	Fire and Rescue Service Governance	Action
	<p>Nigel Hutchinson explained the background to a possible change in the governance of North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service and recent developments. For some months discussions have been progressing to consider the merger of the North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority with the neighbouring Humberside Fire and Rescue Authority in view of the impending statutory duty on blue light services to collaborate in the Policing and Crime Bill.</p> <p>At the same time the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) for North Yorkshire and York has expressed interest in taking over responsibility for the fire and rescue authority. Either of these options would require a business case and ministerial approval. It has been made clear that ministers do not want to see competing bids and that agreement should be brokered at a local level.</p> <p>At the most recent meeting of the LGNYY it was agreed that business cases for both of these options would be submitted for consideration at their meeting on 16 December 2016. However, it now looks extremely unlikely that</p>	

	<p>members of the Humberside Fire and Rescue Authority will support the option of a merger. The business case for the merger will therefore not be taken to LGNYY.</p> <p>A meeting has also been arranged on the 15 December between the Policing and Fire Minister and interested parties. It is however unclear whether the PCC business case will be available in time for this meeting.</p> <p>The political sensitivities in this area were acknowledged.</p> <p>There was a discussion about the purpose of the meeting on 15 December and the attendee list. It was agreed that this will be clarified with Julian Smith MP who is bringing the meeting together.</p> <p>Cllr David Carr, who chairs the LGNYY, will be contacted to ascertain whether an item should still be taken to the meeting on 16 December, or whether this should be delayed until there is more clarity.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>RF</p>
6	Devolution	Action
	<p>Richard Flinton provided a verbal update on the current situation. There has been little progress locally as the outcome of proposals in other local areas is awaited. James Farrar highlighted that the LEP area is being penalised in terms of Growth Deals due to the lack of a devolution deal.</p>	
7	LEP update	Action
	<p>James Farrar presented a report on the Local Growth Fund, European Structural and Investment Funds and wider LEP development.</p> <p>It seems likely that the LEP will receive between £20m - £25m through the Growth Fund which is positive, especially since some areas have been disappointed with their allocations. Housing ambition and private sector leverage are areas for improvement, however.</p> <p>This year's allocation is on track with the s106 agreement having been signed for North Northallerton.</p> <p>European funding agreements will be honoured if signed up to the point at which the UK leaves the EU, even when these projects continue after leaving the EU. This is welcomed. Approximately £20m worth of skills projects will be launching in the area before Christmas.</p> <p>A number of wider developments were also discussed, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sign off of financing package to allow construction to begin on York Potash. • Further education review is progressing well and expected to be completed in March 2017. • A bid for Garden Village development funding based around Church Fenton has been submitted • Working with local partners to bid into the Arts Council Great Places fund to support development of the arts and culture sector as a contributor to economic growth. Two bids have been shortlisted for full applications. • The opportunities and challenges of working with the MoD 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tourism infrastructure • Strategic energy • Local growth deal 3 	
8	Directors of Development Report	Action
	<p>David Bowe presented a report on the work and progress of the York, North Yorkshire and East Riding Directors of Development Group.</p> <p>The preparation of the Spatial Framework is progressing on time, with draft spatial options due to be presented for the consideration of Directors at their next meeting in December.</p> <p>The group has agreed to support the proposed Expression of Interest to the Home and Communities Agency Starter Homes programme.</p> <p>The County Council is working to try to ensure a better service and more comprehensive coverage of mobile telephony, and is working with the group to encourage support for the improvement of the mobile network.</p> <p>The group has been very supportive and positive in relation to work to assess the wider economic impact of a package of desired improvements to East-West transport connections. It is hoped that a connectivity study will be completed within this financial year. The scope has been expanded in response to requests from Selby DC and East Riding Council.</p>	
9	LGNY meeting 16 December 2016	Action
	There were no additional items suggested. The relevant action under item 5 will be progressed.	
10	Any other business	Action
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tony Clark raised the issue of accredited training for Gold Commanders which had been discussed at the North Yorkshire resilience forum. It is very important that Gold Commanders are trained, and North Yorkshire Police make it compulsory for their relevant staff, but there is clearly a time and cost commitment. The course is 3.5 days and it is likely that more than one person within the organisation would need to be trained. The group were broadly supportive of the training being held but felt that the time commitment could be a stumbling block for participation by chief executives. • North Yorkshire and York Forum and Rural Action Yorkshire are proposing to merge, subject to due diligence, and are consulting their members. 	
11	Date and time of next meeting	Action
	Thursday 9 February 2017 at 2.00pm – County Hall, Northallerton.	