

Chief Executives' Group – North Yorkshire and York

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Report of the YNYER Directors of Development Group

1 Purpose of the Report

To update Chief Executives as to the work and progress of the YNYER Directors of Development Group, and, in particular, progress towards preparation of a forward looking Spatial Framework for the region.

2 Background

- 2.1 This report advises and updates members of the Chief Executives' Group of the work of the Directors of Development Group and any key issues arising.
- 2.2 The Directors of Development Group last met on 14 April 2016. The substantive items of business addressed at the meeting related to:
- The YNYER(H) Spatial Framework.
 - The acceleration of housing delivery.
 - The streamlining and alignment of officer partnership working structures.
 - Enhancing the Group's role in considering the cross-boundary issues posed by emerging Local Plans, and assisting collaborative working under the Duty to Cooperate.

3 Progressing the YNYER Spatial Framework

- 3.1 Following the approval of Chief Executives during the winter, work is progressing to build upon the work undertaken last year to develop a YNYER Spatial Plan by preparing a forward looking Spatial Framework for the YNYER(H) region. Against the backdrop of the work that he did to assist with the development of the earlier Spatial Plan, Richard Wood of Richard Wood Associates Ltd has been commissioned to support partnership work to develop the Spatial Framework. In view of on-going discussion around the devolution agenda, the City of Hull has been invited to participate in the preparation of the Spatial Framework. Whether or not this happens formally, it will still be important that the Framework has regard to the City and its significant economic inter-relationships with the wider region.
- 3.2 Chief Executives are reminded that the Spatial Framework will be a non-statutory document looking to identify opportunities that could unlock

economic growth across the region through until 2050. Directors remain keen to ensure that this does not undermine or cut across existing and emerging Local Plans. A detailed Project Delivery Plan has been developed which aims to prepare a draft Spatial Framework for the subsequent consideration of the Directors and Chief Executives Groups in the Autumn / early Winter. This is a challenging timescale, particularly given the importance of ensuring that all local authorities have full opportunity to engage and participate throughout each stage of the process. Two interim reports will be presented to Directors at key milestones which will help them shape the emerging document and ensure that progress remains on schedule.

- 3.3 Further progress updates will, of course, be given to Chief Executives prior to a presentation of the draft Spatial Framework document later in the year.

4 The Acceleration of Housing Delivery

- 4.1 The Directors of Development Group continues to monitor progress in the delivery of housing. Discussions have taken place as to how the Group can most effectively enable the acceleration of delivery, including through supporting the development of a forward pipeline of projects and proposals which could attract external enabling funding. As a member of the DODs group, the YNYER LEP has sought to promote and encourage the submission of potential proposals for Growth Fund monies with a view to further supporting the acceleration of housing delivery.

5 Streamlined Officer Structures

- 5.1 Directors have considered, agreed and are implementing a number of revisions to streamline and better connect the structure of officer working groups supporting the LGNY Y partnership. Whilst elements of these structures were felt to be working well (particularly in respect of housing matters and in support of the Housing Board), other elements were less well configured. In particular revisions have been made to update, streamline and better connect working arrangements in support of planning matters and in support of the Spatial Planning and Transport Board, through the establishment of a new Heads of Planning Group. This group reports to the Directors and will replace two separate groups which currently have no such reporting lines. The revisions will also better connect the work of the Economic Development Officers into wider growth agendas. The two diagrams accompanying this report (appendices 1 and 2) summarise the previous arrangements, and the amended ones now being implemented.
- 5.2 Together, the revisions will reduce the number of officer groups that have been meeting; better connect and align them; provide more effective support to the LGNY Y Sub-Boards; and enable the Directors Group to more effectively drive forwards the growth agenda on behalf of the Chief Executives' Group.

6. Enhanced Collaboration and the Duty to Cooperate

- 6.1 The Directors Group recognises that it has the potential to enable any cross-boundary issues presented through the development of Local Plans to be addressed strategically and collaboratively. Emerging Local Plans will be presented to the DoDs as part of this process, and the newly configured Heads of Planning Group will provide a vehicle through which detailed working on strategic cross-boundary issues can be undertaken.

7. Next Steps

- 7.1 The Directors of Development will next meet in early July when progress in relation to the issues outlined above will, of course, be monitored and further progressed. The City Of Hull will also be joining the group at that meeting in view of on-going discussions in relation to the devolution agenda, and, it is hoped, its formal engagement in the process of developing the YNYER(H) Spatial Framework.

8 Recommendations

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

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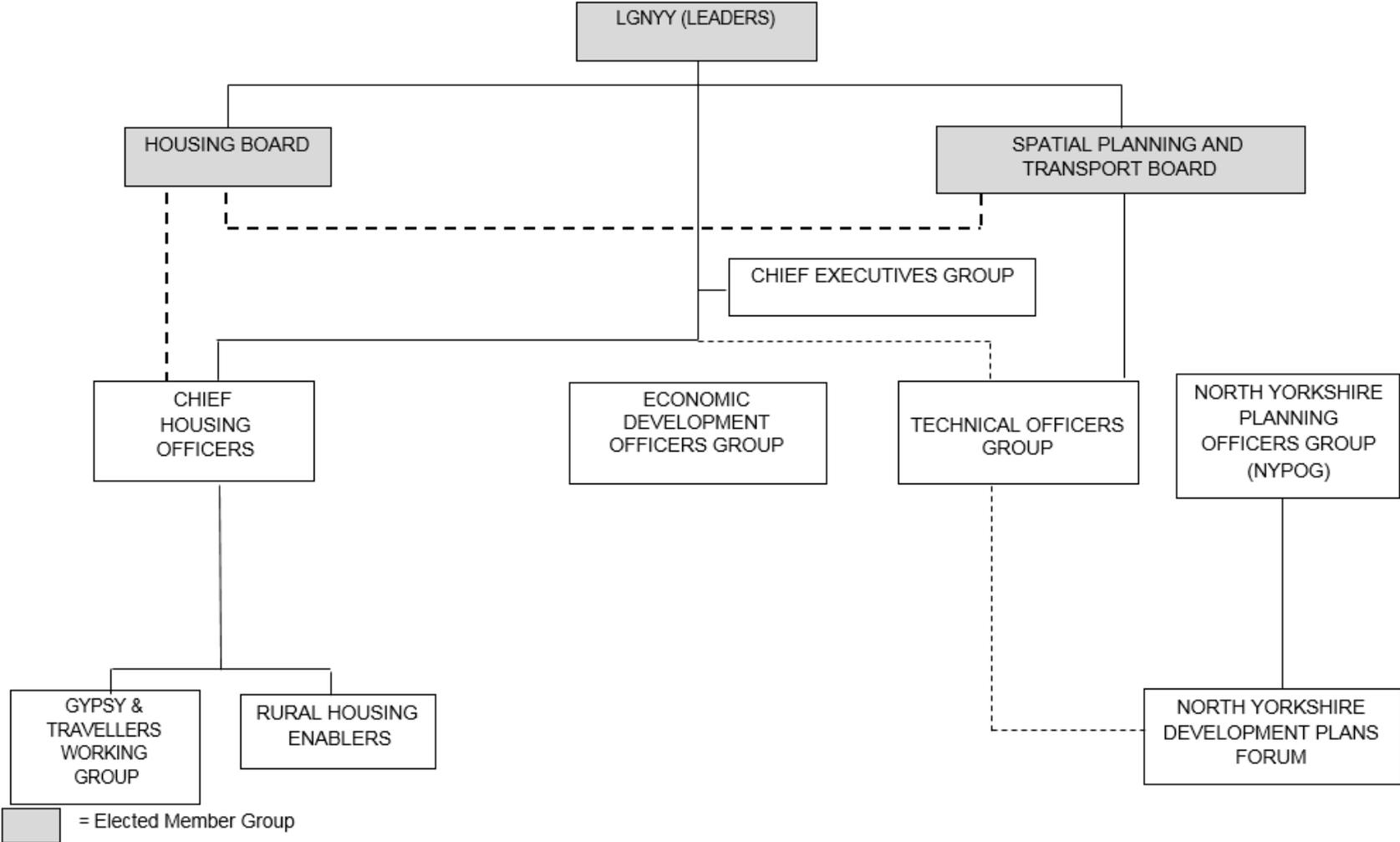
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Appendices:

- Appendix 1 - Existing partnership arrangements
- Appendix 2 – Revised partnership arrangements

LGNYY: EXISTING PARTNERSHIP ARRANGEMENTS



LGNYY: REVISED PARTNERSHIP ARRANGEMENTS (AGREED BY YNYER DIRECTORS OF DEVELOPMENT, APRIL 2016).

