

**Chief Executives' Group – North Yorkshire and York  
11 September 2020 via Zoom  
Minutes and action points**

<b>Present and apologies</b>		<b>Action</b>
<p><b>Present:</b> Richard Flinton Justin Ives Leah Swain Tony Clark Paul Shevlin Mike Greene Chris France</p> <p>Wallace Sampson Phil Cain</p> <p>Stacey Bulet Ian Floyd Janet Waggott Alan Menzies</p> <p>David Butterworth</p> <p><b>In attendance:</b> James Mason James Farrar</p> <p>Neil Irving Deborah Hugill</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b> Amanda Bloor Caroline Lacey Andrew Brodie</p> <p>Lisa Winward</p>	<p>North Yorkshire County Council Hambleton District Council Community First Yorkshire Richmondshire District Council Craven District Council Scarborough Borough Council North York Moors National Park Authority Harrogate Borough Council North Yorkshire Police (on behalf of Lisa Winward) Ryedale District Council City of York Council Selby District Council East Riding of Yorkshire Council (on behalf of Caroline Lacey) Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority</p> <p>Welcome to Yorkshire York, North Yorkshire and East Riding LEP North Yorkshire County Council North Yorkshire County Council (secretariat)</p> <p>North Yorkshire CCG East Riding of Yorkshire Council North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service North Yorkshire Police</p>	
<b>1</b>	<b>Minutes of last meeting – 5 February 2020 – and matters arising</b>	<b>Action</b>
	<p>The minutes were agreed as a true record.</p> <p>Matters arising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Armed Forces Day – plans for Armed Forces Day are being rolled forward to next year and the lead at Scarborough BC will be invited to the most appropriate future meeting of the group.</li> </ul> <p>Chris France was welcomed to the meeting as the interim Chief Executive at the North York Moors National Park.</p>	<b>DH</b>
<b>Part 1 2</b>	<b>Voluntary and community sector resilience survey findings</b>	<b>Action</b>
	Leah Swain updated the meeting on the findings of a survey of voluntary and community sector organisations about the impact of Covid-19. The survey was sent out in May and 188 responses were received. Small and medium	

	<p>VCS organisations are a major employer in the county and the survey found that 60% of the workforce was still in place. New volunteers were recruited during Covid, but there are reports of some shortages occurring now as people are returning to work.</p> <p>Funding is a major issue and those organisations with reliance on trading income have been worst hit. Fundraising events were also clearly unable to take place during lockdown and the picture from March 2021 onwards in relation to funding streams is very uncertain.</p> <p>Some managed closures of organisations have unfortunately already taken place and Leah stressed that the earlier that organisations come forward to ask for help the more options are available to Community First to provide that support.</p> <p>A follow-up survey is now live which aims to see how the picture has changed since May.</p> <p>Leah highlighted that the cross-sector joint working response to Covid in the county has been very positive and collaborative. The approach elsewhere has often been different and the North Yorkshire approach was a national exemplar which will be built on.</p> <p>Work is underway on a number of new campaigns and to utilise NHS volunteers and keep the sector updated on current Covid guidelines etc. Community First is also working to encourage people to donate to local charities rather than just national ones.</p> <p>Members of the group expressed their gratitude for all the work which had been, and is being, undertaken.</p>	
<b>3</b>	<b>Welcome to Yorkshire update</b>	<b>Action</b>
	<p>James Mason, Chief Executive of Welcome to Yorkshire, gave an update on the funding position of the organisation and the restructuring which has been undertaken. The future funding balance between public funding and private income streams was discussed, as was the importance of data and intelligence to inform future strategy.</p> <p>Working with universities and employers is being explored and a 'my Y' membership scheme has been launched for the public.</p> <p>The tourism picture in the county and nationally was discussed. Welcome to Yorkshire are working to ensure that Yorkshire's year round offer for the full range of visitor types is emphasised.</p> <p>It was agreed that a meeting would be arranged between James Mason, Wallace Sampson and James Farrar to discuss a post-Nightingale recovery strategy in relation to the significant impact of the use of the Harrogate Convention Centre as a Nightingale Hospital.</p>	<b>JM</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Covid-19</b>	<b>Action</b>
	<p>Richard Flinton gave an overview of the current situation in relation to Covid-19 cases which, although similar to England averages overall, have shown significant rises in certain parts of the county. These are mostly household</p>	

	<p>related rather than workplaces and predominantly, but not solely, among young people.</p> <p>A Silver meeting had been held and a Gold briefing meeting will take place next week. This will include discussion about potential Covid marshals for which guidance is awaited. It was agreed that any marshal schemes deployed in North Yorkshire and York would benefit from discussions to ensure consistency of approach.</p> <p>Phil Cain provided a North Yorkshire Police update emphasising that enforcement was a last resort in relation to ensuring that restrictions were being adhered to. Table top exercises to plan for any potential future local lockdowns are being undertaken, as well as scenario planning for a possible second wave which might see a national lockdown return in some form.</p> <p>Issues local to specific areas of the county were discussed.</p> <p>Communications messages will be available shortly and can be shared with voluntary and community sector colleagues. Community Support Organisations are being briefed directly.</p>	
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<b>Part 2 5</b>	<b>York and North Yorkshire Budget Submission</b>	<b>Action</b>
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	<p>James Farrar presented a paper outlining proposals to make a submission to government in advance of the 2020 Autumn Statement, in particular focusing on investments which accelerate recovery from Covid 19. The plan is consistent with both the Local Industrial Strategy and the devolution proposals and is currently out for final consultation. Proposed asks to Government cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• transport (bus services and decarbonisation)</li> <li>• digital access in deeply rural areas,</li> <li>• town centres and high streets</li> <li>• business and investment</li> <li>• innovation – proposals being developed by BioYorkshire</li> <li>• Low carbon</li> <li>• Natural capital</li> </ul> <p>The need to be able to respond to short timescale bidding opportunities from Government was emphasised.</p> <p>It was suggested during discussion that the pitch for low carbon funding was too low and it was agreed to increase this.</p> <p>It was also agreed that cycling infrastructure and strategic rail programmes should be included where these were ready and available.</p> <p>The town centre ask has capacity to include social distancing friendly public realm schemes.</p> <p>There was a discussion about governance and it was agreed that the plan should be submitted but that questions should also be asked of Government about their requirements of North Yorkshire and York’s local authorities prior to any devolution deal.</p>	
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<b>5</b>	<b>Report of the YNYER Directors of Development Group</b>	<b>Action</b>
	A report was presented updating the Chief Executives' Group on the work of the Directors of Development Group. The main points in this report were covered during discussion of the previous item.	
<b>6</b>	<b>LGNYY meeting 9 October 2020</b>	<b>Action</b>
	It was agreed that the meeting on 9 October would concentrate on unitary local government and devolution issues. Taking a report on the VCS resilience survey findings will also be considered if this is felt to be appropriate.	
<b>8</b>	<b>Any other business</b>	<b>Action</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unitary local government – it was agreed that the chief executives of the nine York and North Yorkshire local authorities should meet separately on an ongoing basis to discuss engagement with staff and other relevant topics.</li> </ul>	
<b>9</b>	<b>Date and time of next meeting</b>	<b>Action</b>
	To be agreed. The scheduled date in November now clashes with the LEP conference.	