

YORK & NORTH YORKSHIRE PARTNERSHIP EXECUTIVE

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10 -12.00 hours

Ryedale House, Malton

A G E N D A

Apologies and Welcome

1. Minutes of the Last Meeting (pages 3-8)

2. Matters Arising

3. Feedback from last Development Board (page 9)

Reports on what was discussed at the last Development Board on March 9.

4. Integrated Regional Strategy and Economic Assessments (page 10-25)

A direction of travel is emerging on the approach to the preparation of the Integrated Regional Strategy and Economic Assessments (IRS and EA). This report seeks to

- establish a common understanding of the current position*
- consider some immediate issues on IRS preparation*
- ascertain views on initial scoping of the EA in the sub region*
- agree revised proposals to use Regional Efficiency and Improvement Programme (RIEP) resources to support this work*

5. Sub Regional Partnership Arrangements (page 26-28)

The issue of adjusting the structure of the sub regional partnership to more effectively align with regionally arrangements is under active consideration. This report expresses some first thoughts and ideas on what a York and North Yorkshire thematic partnership on economy and skills might do and who could be involved. It would replace the Development Board as Leaders of Councils are expected to work together in a new sub regional leaders board.

6a. North Yorkshire Geographic Programme delivery Plan (page 29-34)

This report therefore sets out a summary of the Draft Delivery Plan, the current position regarding the Geographic Programme and raises a number of matters for discussion by this Executive. These include: -

- Infrastructure and major strategic sites proposals;*
- Renaissance Market Town (RMT) programme;*
- Rural Enterprise Capitals programme;*
- Low carbon Economy and environmental projects; and*
- ERDF and match funding requirements.*

6b North Yorkshire Renaissance Market Town programme (pages 35-38)

This report provides more detail on the Renaissance Market Town Programme on the issues now requiring a Partnership Executive decision on its delivery. It seeks the Partnership Executive view on three main issues, these are: -

- The role of the Partnership Executive in the context to the request by Yorkshire Forward that all RMT projects are locally endorsed;*
- The need to spend the first year (2009/10) budget profile of £1.8m for North Yorkshire; and*
- The future role and structure of Delivery Teams beyond March 2010, as these would have to be part of the £8m RMT five year allocation*

7. Yorkshire Forward regional projects (pages 39-44)

The York and North Yorkshire Geographic Programmes are made up of two financial forecasts. The first comprises the forecasts for projects located in York and North Yorkshire and the second amount is a figure which Yorkshire Forward has forecasted to be the share of regional projects. This report sets what information is currently available on these regional projects and considers how the partnership might respond to the RDA's request for an active dialogue on how these projects are taken forward and delivered in the sub region.

8 European Regional Development Fund (pages 45-48)

The last meeting of the Executive considered a performance management report on EU funding which identified a concern about the number of sub regional projects in the pipeline. This report examines the current position and notes that at this point we may not achieve our benchmark objective of ERDF investment in this sub region

9. Working with the Private sector (pages 49-50)

This report seeks to initiate a discussion about how we might develop objectives in this area. It has been carried over from the last meeting

10. Update report. (pages 51-55)

This report provides an update

- *The Cultural, Employment and skills and Business support Partnerships*
- *Economic Downturn*
- *North Yorkshire local area agreement*
- *Progress in York and North Yorkshire- research report.*

11. Next Meeting of the Development Board (page 56)

A report setting out a proposed Agenda for the next meeting of the Development Board on the 24 July 2009.

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YORK & NORTH YORKSHIRE PARTNERSHIP EXECUTIVE

MINUTES OF MEETING ; 19th February 2009

PRESENT

John Marsden (NYCC-Chair)	Clare Suddaby (Job Centre Plus)
Jeff Colcough (Business Link Yorkshire)	Martin Wynn (Learning & Skills Council)
Alan Blackwell (Craven College)	Colin Mellors (University of York)
Paul Shriften (Craven DC)	Peter Simpson (Hambleton /Richmondshire)
John Sowden (Harrogate BC)	Richard Gunton (North York Moors NP)
Stephanie Sturrock (Coast and Moors VA)	Julie Hutton (Yorkshire Forward)
Janet Waggott (Ryedale DC)	Jim Dillon (Scarborough BC)
Gary Verity (Yorkshire Tourist Board)	Roger Ranson (City of York Council)

IN ATTENDANCE

Jonathan French (YNYPU)
Andrew Leeming (YNYPU)

APOLOGIES

Richard Flinton (North Yorkshire County Council)
Bill McCarthy (City of York)
Alan Stewart (Alan Blackwell substituting)
Helen Black (Stephanie Sturrock substituting)
Andy Wilson (Richard Gunton substituting)
Liz Burdett (Martin Wynn substituting)
Martin Connor (Selby District Council)
Wallace Sampson (John Sowden Substituting)
Paul Grossan (GOYH)
Gary Williamson (Leeds, York & North Yorkshire Chamber of Commerce)

1. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

1.1 It was noted that John Shepherd should have been included on the present and that in para. 5.9 it needed to say Voluntary & Community Sector. Otherwise the minutes were agreed.

2. MATTERS ARISING

2.1 Jonathan French said that the Partnership Agreement agreed in para. 7.5 has now been signed.

3. The Voluntary and Community Sector

3.1 Stephanie Sturrock introduced a report prepared by Helen Black on behalf of the voluntary and community sector within York & North Yorkshire.

3.2 The sector is made up of a large number of organisations and has a vibrant infrastructure. This report looked at the economic contribution of the sector to the sub region. Work had been undertaken by the University of Teesside which had shown that the turnover of the sector was over £270 million p.a., employed 10,000 people and volunteers' contribution was worth around £203 million. It constituted somewhere between 1.5 and 3% of local GDP.

3.3 This is a diverse sector ranging from small charities such as village halls right through to significant social enterprises. 85% of organisations had an income of less than £500,000. One of the results of this study is there is now have a complete database of voluntary organisations.

3.4 The main contribution to the economy included reducing benefit claimants (through offering volunteering opportunities), local regeneration, providing tourism, retail and

hospitality opportunities, transport and access to employment and social enterprises (such as Richmond Station and the York Credit Union).

3.5 She noted that the impact of demographic change and the need to develop services for older people. Another area of activity was, becoming more involved in the delivery of public services both as a consultee and through direct delivery. It noted the economic downturn had led to a 23% increase in activity for the CABs.

3.6 The report recommended that a Partnership nominated representative becomes a member of the NYSP executive strategic steering group on developing a third sector strategy, that the report be accepted and that the Partnership Executive continue to support activities that build third sector organisation's capacity.

3.7 Peter Simpson commented that he thought that it was an excellent report and he was happy with the recommendations. Jonathan French noted the support for social enterprise had been developed with Business Link Yorkshire, through the Business Support Partnership.

3.8 The report's recommendations were accepted. Jonathan French agreed that the Partnership Unit would seek an appropriate person to join the NYSP strategic steering group.

4. Geographic Programmes

4.1 Julie Hutton introduced the report prepared by Yorkshire Forward. She said that the Yorkshire Forward Board had considered all the suggestions made to them, and subject to further discussions on finance, had made proposals as to how they should be taken forward. The amounts involved are included in the Partnership Unit paper. They now want to begin to work with the Partnership Executive, to manage aspects of the rural and environmental agenda.

4.2 A further consideration is that significant investment is undertaken through regional activities and that Yorkshire Forward wants to be more open and transparent. They will work with partners are to develop appropriate information flows and scrutiny.

4.3 Yorkshire Forward also wants to explore with the Partnership Executive the development of the priorities as this programmes was based on the 2007 SRIP. A flowchart attached to the report suggested a possible sequence for dealing with any decision makers by the Partnership Executive.

4.4 John Marsden commented that the total programme for the sub region was £170 million to be judged against the overall budget for Yorkshire Forward which might be £1.5 billion. Peter Simpson commented that it was time to move on and take forward the proposals in the Geographic Programmes. It was important that the outcomes of regional activity were presented regularly. He noted that there was a relatively small amount for the rural components of the programme and there was a need to bring some big projects together, in particular, to match possible ERDF funding. He also asked whether that those towns who had qualified for the "Market Town Initiative" will clearly now be dropped off the programme. That needs to be made clarified.

4.5 Julie Hutton said that a paper would be brought to the next meeting to see what regional programmes were delivered in the functional sub region. Julie Hutton said that Yorkshire Forward was currently seeking greater flexibility for the ERDF programme - hopefully to enable it to do more for infrastructure and to match with the private sector.

4.6 John Marsden asked how it would be possible to influence regional activity, particularly areas where there were uncommitted resources. But to do that one would need the information.

4.7 Janet Waggott welcomed the proposed transparency on regional projects and the importance of the flexibility to anticipate change and what emerges from the post recession environment. Is it possible to see what has been spent in the sub region by Yorkshire Forward? Julie Hutton said that it would be possible to share with people what Yorkshire Forward's resilience teams are spending in the sub region.

4.8 Colin Mellors welcomed the additional flexibility in delivering ERDF although there is already a lot of potential in place. He noted that there were lots of opportunities for North Yorkshire to align the programme with ERDF but commented that the speed of decision making was slow.

4.9 John Marsden said that he was having a meeting with the Yorkshire Forward Executive Board on the 4th March and he said that he would appreciate it, if one or two other District Council executives joined him.

4.10 It was agreed that Chief Executives would come back to John Marsden on this. Otherwise the report from both Yorkshire Forward and the Partnership Unit were noted.

5. Sub Regional Investment Plan Programme – North Yorkshire Geographic Programme Monitoring Delivery

5.1 Andrew Leeming presented his report which set out the intention to develop three mechanisms to monitor progress and facilitate decision making. These were:-

- A SRIP Performance Framework
- Monitoring for the North Yorkshire Geographic Programme including Regional projects.
- North Yorkshire Delivery Plan – to facilitate decision making on those items which require a consideration by the Partnership Executive.

5.2 Roger Ranson pointed out the importance of being mindful of the relationship with the Leeds City Region. John Sowden was concerned about detailed monitoring and felt that it should be a light touch approach which Andrew agreed to.

5.3 The proposals in the report were endorsed.

6. York & North Yorkshire Partnership Unit Business Case

6.1 Jonathan French introduced the report. There were some positive developments in respect of the income for the Partnership Unit since the business case was presented at the Executive in October. These included additional resources from Yorkshire Forward and Business Link Yorkshire. The other subscriptions and financial proposals within the business case had largely been achieved and the report suggested some re-balancing of the business plan.

6.2 In the light of the outcome of the discussions, the report suggests a reduction in the level of increase requested from authorities in North Yorkshire. Selby District Council faces the largest increase in subscriptions and it is proposed that a transitional increase of 100% be agreed.

6.3 Roger Ranson said that it was important that we are mindful of potential changes in the future in respect of the emergence of the city regions.

6.5 The Executive approved the revised objective expenditure budget and the proposed subscriptions and agreed to recommend them to the Development Board.

7. The Impact of the Credit Crunch and the downturn on York & North Yorkshire

7.1 Jonathan French introduce a report which provided information on Job Seekers allowance, the potential spatial impact of the credit crunch, the impact on employment sectors and other issues for consideration. The purpose of the report was to begin to draw together an understanding of the impact of the current economic conditions on the sub region and to contribute towards the debate at the Development Board.

7.2 Colin Mellors agreed with the conclusions of the paper, noted the enormous economic potential of Higher Education and proposals currently under discussion to support higher education activity which might assist those suffering as a consequence of the downturn. It

was important that North Yorkshire clearly articulated its needs and built on current investment activity.

7.3 Gary Verity said that it was difficult to assess what the consequence would be for tourism. It was holding up well at the moment with strong forward bookings. Although, business tourism did face a challenge. He noted that visitors saw retailing as part of the tourist experience and it was important to maintain a quality high street. There would be some benefit from the current Euro rate but this might be short-lived.

7.4 Peter Simpson agreed with the paper and the need to concentrate on the positive aspects. He thought it would be useful to see more detail on current vacancies. He felt the role of the Executive was to concentrate on medium and long term issues, using the economic assessment to form judgements. He felt that it was important to think about a different vocabulary from credit crunch / downturn.

7.5 Julie Hutton said Yorkshire Forward would be providing regular updates on the economy and would keep the Partnership Unit informed of that. Paul Shriften said there would be some job losses in the public sector and he also shared some concerns about the 18-24 age groups. In respect of the proposed figures, the car park activity should be balanced by the utilisation of concessionary fares.

7.6 Jim Dillon said that Scarborough was quite optimistic about 2009 and to date its foot-fall in the retail sector has held up. The local retailers were quite positive. Paul Shriften also noted the proposal for a business improvement district bid which has been successful in Skipton. Roger Ranson felt that Yorkshire cities work (and that of the core cities) would be relevant to this discussion.

7.7 Alan Blackwell said that Further Education was very keen to get involved and wanted to see significant increases in flexibility in its operation. He also agreed the problem for 18-24 olds was looming and we needed now to be planning for that eventuality. John Sowden felt that in terms of the indicators he supported the ideas around concessionary fares and felt that perhaps in terms of business activity, it might be better to use hardship requests in respect of non-domestic rates and building control figures for understanding housing starts. It also felt that there is real concern about possible loss of public sector jobs. In respect of car parking fees he felt that cash was rather more important than volume.

7.8 Clare Suddaby said that it was important to look at numbers coming off jobseekers allowance, 60% in the first 13 weeks of unemployment. It would be interesting to see where they are going and what vacancies are being taken. Jeff Colcough said that Business Link had established a whole range of activity to support local businesses and will be providing Local Authorities information on that. He thought that actually some businesses were doing quite well and it was important to recognise that. John Marsden said that there would be a decline in the public sector including education as the age profiles change.

7.9 It was agreed that the report be noted and that the proposal for collecting data, as set out in the Appendix, should be adopted and the Executive agreed to encourage Partners to respond to requests of data as quickly as possible.

8. Implementing the Sub National Review (SNR)

8.1 Jonathan French introduced the report which set out the issues which arose from the Government's announcement on SNR in November 2008. It particularly identified the need to have an effective influence on the regional strategy and a high quality economic assessment, which would be undertaken during 2009, preparatory to the preparation of the strategy. The sub region, along with other sub regions in Yorkshire had applied to the Regional Improvement and Efficiency Programme (managed by LGYH) for resources to support over these aspects of the work.

8.2 John Marsden said that in respect of the sub regional response to the changes, there was a need to look at how the sub region might mirror the regional arrangements which were being established. It is hoped that the proposals might be brought forward for discussion on that in the next two months. He set out concerns within York and North Yorkshire, particularly about the development of a new integrated transport authority and the possibilities of the Economic Prosperity Boards.

8.3 Peter Simpson was concerned that guidance for economic assessments should not be heavy handed and that it was also important that the sub region should be developing relationships across the regions. Jonathan French said that his information was that the guidance would be 'light touch'. Roger Ranson said that York's concern was the legislation seemed to prevent Local Authorities belonging to more than one Economic Prosperity Board or Partnership and that would pose a difficulty for them. Janet Waggott said that she was pleased with the proposals for RIEP which would assist the functioning of the sub region.

8.4 The Partnership Executive noted the report.

9. Working with the Private Sector

9.1 There was a brief discussion on this report in the absence of Gary Williamson who had particular interest in this matter. Members did raise concerns that other existing chambers such as (Harrogate Chamber of trade and North East Chamber) and how they might be involved. The issue would be brought back to a future meeting.

10. Sub Regional Partnership

10.1 Martin Wynn introduced the section 2 in the Appendix on the progress on establishing the York & North Yorkshire Skills Partnership. He went through the issues around the Partnerships aims, the proposals for the position of Chair, membership and private sector engagement.

10.2 John Marsden said that it was important to have a discussion with the Chamber on how this might have progressed. Whilst he did not want to suggest a delay to the proposals for establishing a sub regional partnership, there was a need to consider the implications of partnerships around 16+ and establishing a regional work and skills partnership.

10.3 Alan Blackwell emphasised the need for flexibility to establish a demand led system. He said that it was important that we were in a position to respond to employers quickly to meet their needs.

10.4 It was agreed that the paper would be supported in respect of the Skills Partnership and bearing in mind the need to be flexible as circumstances developed. The issues around Cultural Partnership business and the business Support Partnership, also in the paper were noted.

11. Performance Management – European Funding in the Sub Regions

11.1 Jonathan French introduced the paper and emphasised that it was important to influence a large number of ERDF regional projects delivering in our areas. We are currently on track to get our "fair allocation of activity" but the pipeline for future projects for ERDF was weak. Colin Mellors noted that position and emphasised the importance of bringing forward new proposals as again this represented an opportunity for the sub region.

11.2 The report was noted

12. North Yorkshire Local Area Agreement – Progress Report

12.1 Andrew Leeming introduced the report which set out the current position on the targets for the North Yorkshire LAA and concerns that had arisen due to current economic conditions affecting an ability to achieve those targets. He said that work had been done on looking at a target for new business registrations and the report was proposing an essentially steady state target for this. Roger Ranson noted that in respect of York they had decided to examine all targets that might be affected.

12.2 The Executive noted the report and agreed the proposed LA target for the new business rate registrations.

13. The Agenda for the next Development Board Meeting

13.1 Peter Simpson wondered whether it might be better to reduce the number of items to perhaps three or four in order to facilitate and concentrate debate.

13.2 The Executive noted those comments.

14. Any Other Business

14.1 Jim Dillon noted the success of Scarborough Borough not only receiving the National Enterprise Award but they were down to the last three for the most enterprising town in Europe. He thought much of the work and success of this activity reflected, (in part) the work of this sub regional partnership.

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YORK & NORTH YORKSHIRE PARTNERSHIP EXECUTIVE ITEM 3

12 JUNE 2009

FEEDBACK FROM THE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

This report reports on what was discussed at the last Development Board on March 9.

Current Economic Conditions

A substantial part of the meeting was taken up by a presentation by Patrick Bowes, Chief economist at Yorkshire Forward on the issues facing the region and sub region resulting from the current economic conditions. There was a wide ranging discussion but no immediate conclusions except that excessive pessimism should be avoided

Implementing the Sub-National Review

This item looked at the actions resulting from the Government's decision on the Sub National review in November 2008. This included moving forward with the Integrated Regional strategy, the changing role of Yorkshire Forward and local authorities in economic development and the need for a coordinated approach to the preparation of economic assessments. There was a discussion on the role and membership of the Development Board and the need to fit it into the new arrangements sub regionally and how to react to proposals for a Leeds Economic Prosperity board.

Geographic Programmes

The announcement by the Yorkshire Board in January 2009 on Geographic programmes was discussed, looking particularly at the arrangements for managing the programme in North Yorkshire, and linkages with York. There was concern expressed about the relatively low per capita resources for local spending in north Yorkshire and the reliance on regional projects.

Partnership Unit Business Case

The board endorsed the partnership executive's recommendations on the budget and subscriptions.

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YORK & NORTH YORKSHIRE PARTNERSHIP EXECUTIVE ITEM 4

12 JUNE 2009

INTEGRATED REGIONAL STRATEGY AND ECONOMIC ASSESSMENTS

Purpose of the report

1. A direction of travel is emerging on the approach to the preparation of the Integrated Regional Strategy and Economic Assessments (IRS and EA) as Yorkshire Forward and LGYH are now working through how to manage the new regional arrangements. This report seeks to

- establish a common understanding of the current position
- consider some immediate issues on IRS preparation
- ascertain views on initial scoping of the EA in the sub region
- agree revised proposals to use Regional Efficiency and Improvement Programme (RIEP) resources to support this work

2. Normally the intention is to try to avoid too much paper circulation on these agendas but in this instance whilst the report sets out the main points background information will be interest if further explanation is required. This is in the following annexes.

- Annex 1 – a YF note on Context for economic assessments
- Annex 2 - a LGYH update on IRS
- Annex 3 - summary of the SRIP 2007
- Annex 4 – Revised Proposals for the RIEP Economy strand

The Current Position

3. The key points from annexes 1 and 2 and our own understanding of EAs are as follows

Main Context

- The preparation of the EA is essential to prepare the IRS.
- If IRS is to be prepared in 2010 the EA needs to be completed by March 2010
- Work on EAs will start before they are a statutory requirement
- Other evidence outside of scope of EAs also required (i.e. Transport, Housing etc.)

Timetable (current but may be extended to allow for more consultation)

- First scope of issues for leaders Board – July 2009
- First draft of evidence base for IRS - October 2009
- Consultation and conference - Nov 2009 to Jan 2010
- Final evidence base - April 2010
- Examination in Public (EIP) on evidence – May 2010
- Draft IRS by September 2010

IRS Process

- IRS is 'built from the local'
- LGYH and YF see Functional Sub regions(FSR) are key building blocks and channels of communication with Local Authorities(LAs)
- IRS will have a strong spatial dimension
- IRS will expect most priorities to be determined at FSR level, with IRS concentrating on clear regional concerns.

Economic assessments

- An emphasis on economic areas and not administrative boundaries
- Expectations of collaboration between authorities and others

- Local authorities and regional partners to agree framework
- May be different in content from earlier approaches and smaller in size drawing conclusions from data and research published elsewhere.(i.e. progress in the sub region)
- There will be a need to identify gaps in knowledge/areas of uncertainty and change and to start work now on research and data gathering.
- The process should be iterative and involve partners in active participation.
- NYCC and CYC will need to assure themselves about their statutory obligations
- District Councils will need to assure themselves that content reflects their needs and perceptions
- Guidance states need to include SWOT analysis, impact of local government itself on economy, local regeneration challenges and causes of worklessness
- Need to connect with other IRS areas in FSR including transport, Housing, etc.

Resources

- RIEP resources are available to assist this work
- Yorkshire Forward and Yorkshire Futures will utilise their research resources to support the IRS and EA preparation at regional and sub regional level.

Preparation of the IRS

4. There is a need to start work on the IRS (and indeed EAs) even though the legislation is still going through Parliament and Government Guidance is being drafted. There are however Government policy papers on both IRS and EA to provide indications of the way ahead.

5. LGYH and the RDA agree that the best way forward at this point is to launch an iterative process which enables the regional and sub regions to set out evidence and their priorities and then build understanding and analysis to validate them or not and identify issues that may be missed.

6. In July the regional Leaders Board will consider an initial setting out of existing priorities and evidence and areas which need further thinking under the following headings.

a) Economy and Skills (e.g. on employment, enterprise, economic structure, skills)

b) Climate Change and Environmental Resources (e.g. on energy, natural resources, carbon emissions, adaptation and flood risks)

c) Housing (e.g. on current stock, nature and scale of housing demand, fuel poverty)

d) Transport (e.g. on infrastructure, services, patronage, demands and opportunities)

e) Quality of Life and Equalities (e.g. on health, crime, culture, population, cohesion)

f) Spatial planning (how the evidence supplied on the above issues varies spatially, plus any other evidence about planning processes and development)

7. A request for information from the RDA on this (requiring around 1 to 2 pages on each) has been forwarded by the Partnership Unit to the Housing partnership and Transport groupings and this report considers the Economy and skills issues. The input from relevant partners is being sought on the Quality of Life and Climate change issues. Analysis will use data in the 'Progress in the sub region'

report. Spatial planning issues might be more appropriately considered downstream from this initial exercise.

8. Clearly as the new sub regional partnership structure develops processes on inputting to the IRS will become more formalised.

Scoping the EA in York and North Yorkshire

9. Annex 3 sets out the priorities in the 2007 SRIP and they generally feel valid and relevant. The main area where further consideration might be necessary would be on the impact of climate change and the importance of the sub regions natural resources in mitigating global warming. How the sub region and its businesses adapt to climate change is a critical issue. The role of existing and renewable energy industries especially in Selby district are becoming a major consideration and a source of new opportunities.

10. Since the SRIP was published there has been further research and development if thinking in areas such as the future of the York economy, the role of finance and business services in the light of the downturn, the development of Higher education and employment issues in Scarborough. There is continuing work regionally and sub regionally on information and research on skills and business support.

11. The issues below are ones that are especially important for the sub region or in some way pose questions as to what is the most appropriate scenario for the future. In most instances past trends are perhaps less of a guide than may have been in previous assessments. It is proposed that these are the areas which the sub region initially undertake additional work and advocates regional bodies to use their resources in that direction.

12. It is intended that consideration of these issues will be on an iterative basis closely involving partners at a local and regional level. Wider consultation and engagement might parallel the regional consultation period in the autumn. It is not proposed that a consultancy route is taken to address these issues, except when questions arise beyond the understanding of partners.

Low carbon economy

- Future of energy industries
- Role of bio-mass – especially supply side issues
- New Opportunities for Business
- Effect of low carbon economy on spatial distribution of housing and employment
- Environmental infrastructure - role of existing and potential environmental assets in carbon storage/ flood prevention – i.e. moorland, forestation

Agriculture

- Effect of climate change raising importance of regional agricultural production
- Changes in arable crops, balance of arable and livestock and implications for the food processing industry (especially primary)

Food Manufacturing (especially secondary)

- Medium to long term potential of industry
- Implications for logistics and distribution.

Private sector investment

- What is the reality for investment in regeneration, renaissance and property for business growth
- How does this affect our strategy and delivery proposals for the next ten years
- In particular how does this affect deprived and peripheral communities

Culture and the visitor economy

- Potential for this sector to take greater proportion of discretionary expenditure
- what are key opportunities (includes sport, active leisure, food, environmental assets, heritage, events, arts, education as well as creative and digital sector)

Ageing population

- What are business opportunities especially in social care (for profit and not for profit)
- Implications for skills and aspirations of learners
- Business potential as consumers of Culture and visitor economy
- Potential in "second careerers" – i.e. aged 45 to 75 - to maximise their economic impact

Self Employment

- Current economic impact as well as the potential for the future
- Specific needs for support

Local Economies

- Are there trends/changes from the downturn in local services employment e.g. public service, transport, retailing, care services
- How to equip people to respond as employees and self employed in what might represent half the sub region's employment opportunities
- what is the impact on of a substantial reduction in public expenditure

Spatial issues in the Sub region.

13. The expectation is that each FSR will produce evidence for the IRS and the EA in a consolidated view across each FSR. Indeed the guidance would require the Leeds City region to produce an EA. Whilst we can do likewise for this sub region we have a number of spatial areas as defined in the Regional Spatial strategy (RSS) unlike other FSRs (who are also City regions as defined in the RSS). There are separate economic areas - namely the York sub area, the vales and Tees link, the coast and the remote rural areas as well as the Leeds City Region.

14. We will work with Leeds City Region to produce their EA and achieve a common understanding of the issues. We want to avoid duplication of effort. This report proposes that we initially seek to use the RSS spatial structure to set out our conclusions spatially. This was the approach adopted in the SRIP. In respect of the York sub area and the coast we also need to work with the East Riding and with Tees valley City Region on the Vales and Tees link area.

15. This work aims to produce an EA for the sub region. The Partnership Unit also has the responsibility to produce the statutory EA for North Yorkshire. It is proposed that an iteration of the North Yorkshire assessment is produced at a smaller spatial area relevant to individual towns and market towns and their hinterlands (around 25 zones in North Yorkshire), working closely with Districts. Districts would also be involved in the relevant spatial areas consideration.

The City of York will produce an assessment for the City but that they will be able to use information gathered in this process and indeed participate in consideration of issues relevant to them. The formal statutory EAs will need to join up and the work on the York sub area is especially relevant to that.

Regional Efficiency and Improvement Programme (RIEP)

16. The LGYH have agreed to make resources available through the above programme to support this work. A bid from this sub region, which was circulated to Chief Executives of local authorities for input, was submitted in February. The bids concentrated on supporting effective participation in the process of evidence gathering, economic assessments and policy development for the new integrated regional strategy. LGYH have agreed that £200,000 should be made available to

each functional sub region. The earlier bid needs to be amended to align with the budget available.

17. The resources made available ideally need to be spent this financial year but there may be potential to roll them forward for six months into next year. The original bid was for 3 years and for this sub region the request was £281,000 pa. It was intended that staff would be directly employed to achieve the objectives.

18. Full details of the revised bid and the changes from the original bid are set out in Annexe 4. This includes a revised list of deliverables, an adjusted list of activities and budget allocations. It proposes that the staff element is met by interim management, agency and freelance staff. The revised activities are set out in the table below.

REVISED LIST OF ACTIVITIES	COSTS
Strategy Liaison <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist coordination of input to IRS • Support sub regional representatives on regional boards • Liaison with Sub regional Housing forum and transport partnership around IRS issues • Provide support to the rural partnership to facilitate linkages to IRS issues. • Assist development of work on Climate Change and Environmental Resources and Quality of Life and Equalities 	£60000
Private sector engagement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist Skills and employment partnership develop private sector links and develop those linkages for inputting to all IRS issues. 	£25000
Joint working on York Sub area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify and scope key issues on joint working ion the York sub area • Support the building of partnership capacity to take forward joint working 	£25000
Policy and research <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist in preparation of economic assessments for York and North Yorkshire and Leeds City Region (joint activity with LCR) • Facilitate the drawing together of CAA and IRS data and research 	£40000
Research Budget for commissioned work	£25000
Support for NYFVO - to facilitate Volcom participation in IRS work	£25000
TOTAL	£200000

Recommendations

19. The Executive is recommended to

- a. Consider and agree the initial scoping of the Economic assessment for the sub region
- b. Approve the proposed allocation of RIEP resources

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Annex 1

Context for Economic Assessments (YF NOTE 22 April 2009)

DCLG Guidance:

Assessments should form a significant element of the evidence base underpinning local and regional strategies. To achieve this will require a high level of co-operation amongst local authorities in the region and with other regional partners, such as the Regional Development Agency (RDA).

Local authorities and regional partners should establish a structured regional dialogue to agree a framework for taking forward the local economic assessments. This should be developed in alignment with the regional governance structures set up to develop and implement regional strategies. The local authority leaders' board should have a key role in agreeing the framework within which local authorities operate.

The Government believes that there are a number of broad principles that should be applied to local economic assessments to ensure that they have maximum impact. In particular, a local economic assessment should:

Identify the economic linkages, including the links between the urban and rural economies, within the area of the assessment and between it and the wider economy. This should involve analysing ways in which local areas fit into wider sub-regional and regional markets.

Identify the comparative strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats facing the local economy. This should include analysis of the sectors in which local firms and employees specialise as well as the geographical and social features of places that drive their economy. This should also include consideration of the local impact of national and regional demographic trends, infrastructure and expenditure and how economic, social and environmental trends will affect local conditions under a number of different economic scenarios.

Review the key ways in which local authorities and their partners influence local economic development and their impact. The assessment could also take account of the economic role of the local authority itself, including its procurement policies and the role its regulatory service can play in supporting local businesses.

Review the regeneration challenges of the area. Regeneration should tackle underlying economic challenges, thereby increasing social mobility and supporting people to reach their potential; regardless of where they live. The assessment should improve understanding of local regeneration challenges and assist in identifying priority areas.

Analyse causes of worklessness. Local authorities should examine the key weaknesses of the local labour market and the nature of labour market exclusion.

Consider the impact of local economic development on the environment, and how the local economy will be affected by the transition to a low-carbon economy. Economic growth can have detrimental consequences on the local and global environment, which will need to be considered.

Proposals to the Joint Regional Board:

The challenge in building an evidence base that is robust and complete, but also usable, will be to integrate and make sense of this full range of information and make it relevant at all spatial levels. That is a major task, and it will require considerable effort by a wide range of partners. However, it will put the region in

a good position to produce a strong IRS that is rooted in the impacts and outcomes for places/localities and serves the region as a whole better once produced.

It is proposed that partners at all geographic levels collaborate to produce and join up the required economic assessments. Furthermore, there will be value in ensuring that these adopt a broad enough view of 'economic' that includes context and links to wider issues covered in the IRS (e.g. housing, transport, climate change), and to any other assessments carried out in parallel. This will need to be done in a way that provides consistency and minimises unnecessary work, cost and duplication, whilst meeting the needs of all individual partners and allowing due flexibility.

The geographic level in the table (below) is particularly important as that is where different issues and types of evidence can best be combined to present a full picture that can properly inform priorities.

Dimension	Proposed Approach to Evidence
Geographic Level	Evidence will include strong information from community, local, functional sub-regional and regional level. On some issues, national and international information may also be required.
Issues Covered	<p>Core issues to include: all aspects of economy, employment, skills, regeneration, housing, transport, climate change & energy, environmental infrastructure and limits, and population.</p> <p>Further issues – the extent of evidence required on wider issues will depend upon decisions taken about the breadth of the strategy (see part C). As a minimum, we will need information about two way links between the 'core issues; and other issues including health, community safety, cohesion, culture, education, biodiversity, communities and participation.</p>
Types of Information	<p>Make use of the full range of evidence including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - trends analysis and benchmarking on key indicators - information about existing priorities, commitments and obligations at different geographic levels - modelling (economic and beyond) - economic (and wider) assessments - 'what works' reviews (including good practice and evaluation) - research results (existing and commissioned) - survey results - think pieces - futures analysis

ANNEX 2

Update on Process, Timescales and Evidence Base for the Integrated Regional Strategy following 24 April Joint Regional Board (LGYH note 30 April 2009)

SUMMARY

1. This paper provides a summary of the Joint Regional Board (JRB) discussions at its meeting on 24 April with regard to the process and timescales for the single Integrated Regional Strategy (IRS).

ROLE AND PURPOSE OF IRS

2. The JRB has set out its commitment to produce the single IRS in a way that builds on local and functional sub-regional priorities. The Government Sub-National Review also states that the outcome of the IRS should be '*Sustainable Economic Growth*' and that it must also contribute to a broad definition of *Sustainable Development*, encompassing social and environmental objectives, beyond simply "productivity" and GVA-driven growth.

APPROACH & TIMESCALE TO ESTABLISH AN EVIDENCE BASE

3. The JRB has agreed that the early focus must be on building the region's evidence base to inform the IRS, with initial mapping to take place between now and July 2009 (when the next meeting of the JRB is scheduled) and evidence work to be completed by March 2010.
4. At its meeting on 24 April, the JRB was presented with the following broad timetable for the IRS and its evidence base:

IRS Production Stage/Activity	Timetable
Stage 1: Produce the Evidence Base	
Scope Evidence Requirements	April-May 2009
First Phase Evidence Work – Collation, Commissioning and Partner Engagement on Evidence	May-Oct 2009
Produce Interim Evidence Base report	Oct/Nov 2009
Annual Conference	Nov/Dec 2009
Further evidence gathering – to fill gaps, add evidence due after Oct '09, and allow consultation on initial findings	Nov 2009-March 2010
Finalise and Sign Off Evidence Base	March-April 2010
Examination in Public (EiP) on evidence	by May 2010
Stage 2: Produce and Consult on a Draft IRS	
Draft the IRS (consultation version)	Up to Sept 2010
Annual Conference (to launch draft IRS and consultation on it)	Oct 2010
Formal Consultation on Draft IRS	Oct – Dec 2010

Stage 3: Finalise and Launch the IRS	
Revisions to draft IRS and sign off of these before EiP	Jan-March 2011
EiP on draft final IRS	April - May 2011
Revisions after EiP and subsequent sign off and launch	Summer 2011

5. Whilst the JRB welcomed this timetable in general, they requested further consultation to be carried out with local government and other partners on how practical it will be in reality, to establish an interim but robust evidence base, "built from the local", by the end of the year. Whilst the JRB have been keen to see swift action on the IRS's preparation, they have nevertheless emphasised the need for the evidence base to have full credibility.
6. The JRB also agreed that material covering the following would need to be factored into the evidence base:
 - (a) The geographic levels we are interested in (primarily local, functional sub-regional and regional);
 - (b) The full range of issues the IRS will need to consider; and
 - (c) Many different types of information, including economic assessments, indicator trends, modelling, futures analysis, mapping of existing priorities, research, think pieces and surveys.

COVERAGE AND THEMATIC APPROACH TO "BUILD FROM THE LOCAL"

7. The JRB has established a clear need for the IRS to have spatial relevance at all the key geographic levels within the region, particularly at the local level, reflecting local authorities' and functional sub-regions' leadership roles in their places and localities. The Board therefore endorsed an approach whereby priorities at the local and sub-regional level are the key "building blocks" for the IRS, balanced alongside the region-wide, strategic view of how Yorkshire and the Humber can respond to the objectives of the SNR.

LINKS TO LOCAL ECONOMIC ASSESSMENT DUTY

8. Economic Assessments, in response to the forthcoming statutory Duty, will be a key component of the evidence base and there is clear potential for such assessments to be coordinated at the Functional Sub-Regional level, in order to make the strategic and sustainable economic links between places and localities. The exploration of such linkages could be informed through a dedicated programme of sector-led, Peer Review, both within and between FSRs. Interim CLG guidance on the Duty encourages such collaboration between authorities and suggests that assessments should not necessarily be focused on councils' administrative boundaries. Support is also being proactively explored through the Regional Improvement and Efficiency Partnership to help ensure appropriate levels consistency in a collaborative approach towards the new Duty, with local authorities clearly leading the process for their places and communities.
9. In addition, other statutory and non-statutory local-level assessments – such as Local Infrastructure Assessments – also need to be reflected in this bottom-up process to the evidence base and recognised as further elements to the IRS "building blocks".

CONSULTATION & ENGAGEMENT

10. The JRB is required to prepare a consultation and engagement statement for the IRS, and it has made a distinction between two related, but separate processes that will both be required in this regard:
 - (a) An ***ongoing engagement process*** with key partners, including functional sub-regions and the region's new Thematic Boards and associated networks at the relevant spatial levels. This will inform directly the work on evidence and the drafting of the IRS; and
 - (b) ***Formal periods of consultation*** as required by guidance, to enable any body to offer feedback on or contributions to the IRS, adding to its strength and ownership (e.g. Examinations in Public)
11. As part of the above timetable, two formal periods of consultation are proposed that will allow both widespread and in-depth inputs, one focused around evidence and high level priorities that follow from it, the other seeking comment on a draft IRS in 2010. Appropriate levels of ongoing engagement will need to be a priority throughout the process.
12. Furthermore, by building the IRS "from the local", through the established aims and objectives at the local level (e.g. Local Area Agreements, Community Strategies etc.), partners already engaged in setting such local priorities will already have a key role in shaping the IRS.

ANNEXE 3

YORK AND NORTH YORKSHIRE INVESTMENT PLAN- JULY 2007 - SUMMARY

York and North Yorkshire has experienced:

- Strong population and workforce growth;
- A marked increase in employment, both full and part time;
- A high level of business start ups and the number of active businesses is considerable;
- Very low unemployment and low levels of multiple deprivation.

However, this very positive experience needs careful interpretation, as below these headlines, there are a number of issues which may have consequences for the sub region over the coming years. These are:

- The forecast data suggests that while York and North Yorkshire will continue to be successful, the sub region will experience lower levels of performance when compared to the national performance and for some indicators the regional performance.
- In particular, the forecast rates of economic growth will lead to a widening of the gap between the sub region and the national position, and the other sub regions, with strong urban centres, may close the gap more quickly.

In summary, the forecast suggests that York and North Yorkshire's time as the top performing sub region in Yorkshire and the Humber may be coming to an end.

Within the context of seeking 'A sustainable and prosperous York and North Yorkshire Economy' the vision for the sub region is for our people to

Aspire, achieve, enjoy.

With the underpinning values (which determine our priorities)

Contemporary

Innovation and creativity

Culture and the environment

Quality niche markets

Enterprise

Knowledge

This will be achieved through 5 transformational themes

- Exploiting Science and innovation
- Stimulating and supporting enterprise and enterprising culture
- Developing a contemporary high quality cultural and environmental offer
- Attracting and developing knowledgeable and creative people
- Ensuring a connected Sub region.

These could be delivered both at sub regional level and at a local spatial level according to what actions are appropriate. The spatial focus is;

- Developing the opportunities for significant new investment, economic and employment growth in York and its hinterland
- Significantly raising the economic performance in Scarborough town
- Addressing the problems of rurality through building a sustainable economy
- Sustaining buoyant economies integral to the City Regions of Leeds and the Tees Valley (covering Harrogate, south Craven and the lowlands)

Delivery is achieved through converting the themes and spatial focus into six priority Groupings and programmes are as follows: -

York and Science

Programmes:

- ❑ Invest in Strategic sites for business growth and Science investment
- ❑ Developing the York Innovation Hub
- ❑ Create a sustainable, contemporary cultural City: developing York's tourism and city centre offer.
- ❑ Connecting people to Jobs.
- ❑ Securing transformational change in Selby Town

Enterprise and Innovation

Programmes:

- ❑ Promoting an Enterprise Culture and Entrepreneurship
- ❑ Developing ambition and innovation within businesses that relate to or depend on the visitor economy
- ❑ Promoting business competitiveness
- ❑ Supporting the growth and impact of the digital and creative cluster

Rural, Outdoor Adventure and Landscape

Programmes:

- ❑ Creating culturally vibrant rural towns
- ❑ Developing Specialist sites and premises within rural settlements
- ❑ Achieving international recognition for our Outdoor Adventure
- ❑ Increasing the economic value of our heritage landscape

People and Skills

Programmes:

- ❑ Raising aspirations within York and North Yorkshire
- ❑ Sustaining the high level knowledge base for competitiveness
- ❑ Engage employers in renewing skills

Scarborough Town

Programmes:

- ❑ Developing a contemporary and vibrant Scarborough - renaissance programme
- ❑ Developing Scarborough as a Learning Town
- ❑ Connecting Local People to Local Jobs

Harrogate, Craven and the Lowlands

Programmes:

- ❑ Developing specialist high quality sites and premises
- ❑ Exploiting the sub regions strengths in Food and drink
- ❑ Promoting Harrogate as a centre for business tourism
- ❑ Capitalise on the economic opportunities arising through the investment in Catterick garrison

ANNEX 4

REVISED PROPOSALS FOR RIEP ECONOMY STRAND: YORK AND NORTH YORKSHIRE

Introduction

The LGYH have agreed that £200,000 should be made available to each functional sub region to support the work identified in the bids submitted in February. The bids concentrated on supporting effective participation in the process of evidence gathering, economic assessments and policy development for the new integrated regional strategy. Those bids have been accepted but now have to be amended to align with the budget available.

The resources made available ideally need to be spent this financial year but there may be potential to roll them forward for six months into next year. The original bid was for 3 years and for this sub region the request was £281,000 pa. It was intended that staff would be directly employed to achieve the objectives.

This report seeks to set out a revised list of deliverables, an adjusted list of activities and budget allocations and proposes that the staff element is met by interim management, agency and freelance staff.

Requirements and Objectives

Current thinking on the strategy suggests that initial evidence work will concentrate on the following topics.

- 1) **Economy and Skills** (e.g. on employment, enterprise, economic structure, skills)
- 2) **Climate Change and Environmental Resources** (e.g. on energy, natural resources, carbon emissions, adaptation and flood risks)
- 3) **Housing** (e.g. on current stock, nature and scale of housing demand, fuel poverty)
- 4) **Transport** (e.g. on infrastructure, services, patronage, demands and opportunities)
- 5) **Quality of Life and Equalities** (e.g. on health, crime, culture, population, cohesion)
- 6) **Spatial planning** (how the evidence supplied on the above issues varies spatially, plus any other evidence about planning processes and development)

The original objectives of our RIEP bid were: -

- To provide an effective sub regional participation in the development of the regional strategy
- To develop strong and collaborative partnerships increasing coordination and integration of partner activity.
- Improve collaboration and cross border working developing a shared understanding of issues
- To provide capacity to develop economic assessments for functional economic areas for the preparation of economic strategies.
- To develop a series of interventions to address the development of the economy in the short, medium and long term.

These will remain the objectives for the partnership but it can no longer be expected that they will be achieved within the reduced time period and resources now made available.

Deliverables

It is proposed that a revised set of deliverables as set out below are adopted for this programme:-

- Effective sub regional participation in IRS decision making
- Effective linking between IRS and comprehensive area assessments(CAA)
- Private sector engagement in sub regional issues including assistance in responding to changing economic circumstances
- The rural Partnership to fully participate in IRS preparation
- A Volcom sector engaged with IRS activity
- Enhanced regional recognition of sub regional issues in housing, transport, economy and skills (with additions in italics) *and in addition Climate Change and Environmental Resources and Quality of Life and Equalities*
- A long term economic assessment that is widely understood and supported
- (Amended in italics) *Establishing the key issues to achieve for an integrated strategy for housing, transport, skills and economic development for the York sub area.*

It is proposed that the following deliverables in the original bid whilst remaining targets for the partnership are not directly tied to this revised programme. They are more long term in nature and whilst work will continue they are no longer put forward as outcomes to be achieved within the timescales now set.

- An integrated sub regional structure that will draw together opinion and build consensus on all aspects of the IRS at a political and technical level
- Seamless processes between Leeds city region and York and North Yorkshire sub regional governance
- More effective engagement with Tees valley and Humber ports City regions

The deliverable of *a capacity to understand and reduce uncertainty and thereby develop short term reactions to rapidly changing economic circumstances* is to be dropped as the passage of time since it was first proposed has meant that much short term action is now in place.

Activities and Budgets

The original activities are set out at the end of this report. These will remain as activities for the partnership but like the deliverables no longer form part of this programme but will be taken forward on a longer time scale and perhaps to a reduced intensity.

The revised programme of activity seeks to concentrate on what would have been the first year of the original programme and concentrates on

- liaison and support to partnership participating in the IRS
- assistance on research to achieve a comprehensive economic assessment by March 2010
- supporting the private and voluntary sectors participate in the processes
- Addressing joint working in the York sub area.

REVISED LIST OF ACTIVITIES	COSTS
Strategy Liaison <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist coordination of input to IRS • Support sub regional representatives on regional boards • Liaison with Sub regional Housing forum and transport partnership around IRS issues • Provide support to the rural partnership to facilitate linkages to IRS issues. • Assist development of work on Climate Change and Environmental Resources and Quality of Life and Equalities 	£60000
Private sector engagement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist Skills and employment partnership develop private sector links and develop those linkages for inputting to all IRS issues. 	£25000
Joint working on York Sub area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify and scope key issues on joint working ion the York sub area • Support the building of partnership capacity to take forward joint working 	£25000
Policy and research <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist in preparation of economic assessments for York and North Yorkshire and Leeds City Region (joint activity with LCR) • Facilitate the drawing together of CAA and IRS data and research 	£40000
Research Budget for commissioned work	£25000
Support for NYFVO - to facilitate Volcom participation in IRS work	£25000
TOTAL	£200000

Implementation

It is proposed that the support for the Volcom sector will be commissioned through the NYFVO and that the potential to commission the activity on private sector participation through the Chamber of Commerce would be explored.

The research Budget would be for short research activity on a consultancy basis

In respect of all other activity staff would be recruited on an interim manager, agency or other freelancer basis. The intention would be to avoid use of consultants in this area of the work.

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 4 June 2009

Appendix - Programme of activity in the original bid (to cover up to three years)

ACTIVITY	ANNUAL COSTS
<p>Strategy Liaison</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interface with City regions(Leeds, Tees Valley and Humber ports) • Operational link with IRS secretariat • Coordinate input to IRS • Support sub regional representatives on regional boards 	£57800
<p>Partnership development (economic)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist Skills and employment partnership develop private sector links and develop those linkages for inputting to all IRS issues. • Lead on work, skills and regeneration aspects of the IRS • Assist Business support partnership on policy issues • Assist with development of sub regional tourism and cultural coordination • Assist secretariat functions for York and North Yorkshire partnership 	£45000
<p>Partnership development (spatial and sustainable development)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinate work on spatial and sustainable development issues • Facilitate and support joint working on York Sub area • Draw together and support joint working on transport • Provide support to the rural partnership to facilitate linkages to IRS issues. • Liaison with Sub regional Housing forum around IRS issues • Liaison with Leeds City region on these issues • Assist secretariat functions for York and North Yorkshire partnership 	£45000
<p>Policy and research</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide analytical skills to assist the development of policy from research activity • Facilitate the drawing together of CAA and IRS data and research • Assist Skills and employment partnership draw together labour market information for input to policy work for schools , 16+ and adults and for engagement with private sector • Assist Business Support Partnership draw together data on service delivery, needs and opportunities in enterprise and innovation. • Assist case making for key transport issues(joint activity with LCR) • Assist in preparation of economic assessments for York and North Yorkshire and Leeds City Region (joint activity with LCR) and for the region as a whole • Technical links with IRS secretariat 	£38600
Support for NYFVO - to facilitate Volcom participation in IRS work	£30000
Research Budget for commissioned work	£50000
Communications	£15000
TOTAL	£281400

YORK & NORTH YORKSHIRE PARTNERSHIP EXECUTIVE ITEM 5

12 JUNE 2009

SUB REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP ARRANGEMENTS

Purpose of the report

1. The issue of adjusting the structure of the sub regional partnership to more effectively align with regionally arrangements is under active consideration.
2. This report expresses some first thoughts and ideas on what a York and North Yorkshire thematic partnership on economy and skills might do and who could be involved. It would replace the Development Board as Leaders of Councils are expected to work together in a new sub regional leaders board.
3. The report seeks the Executive's input

Role

3. It is expected that any new body would report to the new sub regional leaders' board but also seek to influence directly the work of the regional Work and Skills thematic board as well as Yorkshire Forward. It would need to ensure a coordinated approach with the sub regional housing board on 'regeneration' issues that are the responsibility of the regional Housing and Regeneration thematic board. To emphasize the changes it might be called the York and North Yorkshire Economy and Skills board rather than the Development Board.

4. The role of the sub regional economic partnership might include;

Regional interface - The sub region needs to ensure that

- The economic objectives of the sub region are reflected in the new integrated regional strategy and the relevant regional thematic Boards
- Regional funding through regional institutions and regional delivery projects need to reflect the sub regions needs and opportunities
- To develop an appropriate relationship with the Tees valley city region

Sub regional coordination and collaboration – Undertaking joint work on:

- Implementing the sub region Investment Plan
- Coordinating activity on skills, Business support and Culture and tourism
- Facilitating EU and other sources of funding
- Ensuring coordination with Leeds city region objectives
- Research including joint working on economic assessments
- Coordination for the York sub area
- Oversight of Partnership Unit

County of North Yorkshire - Undertaking collective decision making between the local authorities in North Yorkshire and partners and acting as the economic thematic partnership for the North Yorkshire Strategic Partnership, working with District LSP economy or prosperity groups. To include:

- Signing off the geographic programme
- approving and monitoring LAA targets
- agreeing statutory North Yorkshire economic assessment

Partnership Executive

5. The Development Board is supported by the Partnership Executive, made up of chief executives and senior officers of key organisations. They act as advisor to the Board and give prior consideration to all matters that are placed before the Board. It is proposed that the Executive continues as constituted and becomes the advisor to the Economy and Skills Board. It is the primary reporting body for the Partnership Unit.

Membership

6. As with the Development Board, the new board should be a body where local authority representation is at member level and other interests should be represented by lay persons rather than paid officers, although it may not be possible to do this in all cases. There should be no cross membership with the Partnership Executive.

7. It is proposed to substantially change the type of member by
- Seeking local authority nominations at cabinet, lead member or committee chair level rather than leader
 - Increasing the numbers of private sector members and perhaps using that group as more of a general sounding board on private sectors issues. It could be the core of a private sector skills grouping as advocated by the chamber of commerce
 - Reviewing the level of other representatives of public bodies.

Proposed membership

8. Local authorities – one from each of the nine authorities. It would be helpful if the NYCC representative was also the NYCC nominated member of the regional Work and Skills Board

9. Other bodies - one representative from
- The National Parks jointly - an authority member
 - Further Education - There will be a college principal on the Partnership executive so if the net could be cast wider (chair of Governors of a college?) it might be helpful but not obligatory.
 - Higher education - currently the Vice chancellor of York. It may be more appropriate to go for a pro vice chancellor from York, York St. John or Hull to reflect the lower level of Local Authority representation.
 - Yorkshire Forward – ideally to retain a board member representative rather than an officer. (YF officers will be invited to attend)
 - Voluntary and community sector – nominated by NYFVO but ideally someone who can articulate the worklessness, diversity and equality messages. (Could be lay or an officer). One possibility might be a senior person and expert say from Joseph Rowntree Foundation

10. Private sector organisations (three seats)
- Leeds, York and NY Chamber – senior business person from their NY committee
 - North East chamber - to secure links with Tees valley and northern part of county
 - Land based - a business person from NFU or CLA

11. Private sector champions (three seats) - To identify individuals who could champion specific areas and connect with the private and public sectors.
- Business Support – currently David Dickson, former vice chair of the sub regional business link and chair of the legacy company. Business Link

Yorkshire's Board or advisory group could make the nomination although reappointment of David Dickson would provide continuity

- Culture and tourism – to come from sub regional cultural partnership. ATP chair or active member would be a possibility or a member of Welcome to Yorkshire board.
- Skills - More difficult to appoint but could be nominated by the three private sector organisations above.

12. This adds up to 21 members. Formal substitutes should be nominated as well. We should also take account of membership of Work and Skills board regionally to check whether any member from York and North Yorkshire might also fill any of the above slots or we might add them as 'ex officio' members.

Officer Support

13. The Executive Manager of the Partnership Unit will act as secretary to the Board. The chair of the York and North Yorkshire Partnership Executive would continue as the principal advisor. The Assistant Director of Yorkshire Forward for the sub region would also attend.

Chair

14. It is proposed that the Board is chaired initially by the North Yorkshire County Council and the City of York Council representatives on an alternating basis as now, but with a view to consider the appointment of a high profile independent chair at some later date.

Conclusions

The views on these ideas are requested from the Executive.

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YORK & NORTH YORKSHIRE PARTNERSHIP EXECUTIVE ITEM 6a

12 JUNE 2009

NORTH YORKSHIRE GEOGRAPHIC PROGRAMME DELIVERY PLAN

Purpose of the report

1. In response to the Yorkshire Forward Geographic programme for York and North Yorkshire an approach was agreed, at the last meeting of this Executive, on how this should be taken forward in York and North Yorkshire.

This included the preparation of 3 reports: -

For York and North Yorkshire

- (i) A performance management framework for the Sub Regional Investment Plan. This will build on previous SRIP monitoring reports and be produced by December 2009.

For North Yorkshire, specifically: -

- (ii) A North Yorkshire Geographic Programme Monitoring Framework. This will be presented to the September meeting of this Executive; and
- (iii) A Delivery Plan for those elements of the Geographic Programme that are to be locally determined, i.e. by this Executive. This to include Renaissance Market Town, Enterprise Capitals and Low Carbon and environmental projects. This report sets out the current position regarding these and the preparation of a draft Delivery Plan.

2. This report therefore sets out a summary of the Draft Delivery Plan, the current position regarding the Geographic Programme and raises a number of matters for discussion by this Executive. These include: -
 - Infrastructure and major strategic sites proposals;
 - Renaissance Market Town (RMT) programme;
 - Rural Enterprise Capitals programme;
 - Low carbon Economy and environmental projects; and
 - ERDF and match funding requirements.

A further report has also been prepared for this meeting (item 6b) to consider in more detail the implications of the RMT programme, in particular the role of this Executive in the decision making process, the budget requirements for 2009/10 and the future role of the Delivery teams.

Overview of Current Position and the North Yorkshire Delivery Plan

3. Yorkshire Forward stated the following in their response to the North Yorkshire Geographic Programme: -

“Yorkshire Forward will continue to support major investment in selected North Yorkshire market towns of Catterick/Richmond, Skipton, Northallerton/Bedale, Malton, Whitby and Knaresborough. A delegated fund will be available to support smaller activity in Settle, Boroughbridge, Pickering, Helmsley and Kirkbymoorside. Yorkshire Forward will invest in the sub-regions renaissance market towns e.g. circa - £8m. Additional investment will be made in market towns, to encourage workspace developments, e.g. Rural Enterprise Capitals Programme circa - £3m.”

In addition “investment of e.g. - £2.2m will be made from regional funds into environmental projects in the sub-region, including a pilot project for Low Carbon Rural Capitals.”

4. On this basis, and as agreed at the last Executive meeting, an initial Delivery Plan has been produced in co-operation with the County and District Councils in North Yorkshire. This has helped to draw together the key projects and also highlight a number of issues and/or concerns. In drawing together this Delivery Plan it seemed appropriate to refer back to the agreed Sub Regional Investment Plan priority themes. Yorkshire Forward have recently issued an initial response to this draft Plan and also set out criteria for the RMT programme, this is referred to further within the RMT report item 6b. A summary of this Delivery Plan highlighting the key proposals, current position and issues is set out below. A full version including a more detailed schedule of proposals is available as background if required: -

Summary of North Yorkshire Geographic Programme Delivery Plan Proposals.		
Proposals:	Current Position:	Critical issues:
Major Investment in Selected NY Market Towns - Malton, Knaresborough, Northallerton, Whitby, Skipton and Richmond/Catterick.		
Major infrastructure and development of strategic sites for business growth and competitiveness (SRIP – Sites and premises in Lowlands and York & Science): Includes: (i) Malton (ii) Skipton (iii) Northallerton	Yorkshire Forward has indicated that these are not RMT projects. They will however need significant early investment in development and feasibility costs, clarification is being sought on whether this could be supported through RMT. Fall outside Geographic programme.	Where do they go if they fall outside of RMT? What RMT support could be given to support development and feasibility work?
Development of Business Competitiveness Units (SRIP – Specialist sites and premises in Rural/Lowlands and York & Science): Includes: (i) Malton Enterprise Centre (ii) Whitby Business Park (iii) Knaresborough	Yorkshire Forward have indicated that these would be pursued through the Enterprise Capitals Programme. YF are about to do some soft market testing, re-running the model. This will be happening over the next few months and Yorkshire Forward is arranging meetings with district officers as to how this might work in the various locations. This will be done by July. Enterprise Capitals	There is some concern being expressed about the viability of the Enterprise Capitals Programme. Also although at this stage these projects are not ready to go so can await the outcome of the soft market testing, the momentum in their development should not be affected.
Cultural/Creative enterprise 'hub' developments (SRIP – Culturally vibrant towns): Includes proposals for: (i) Knaresborough Arts development (ii) Malton (Milton Rooms/Market place) (iii) Richmond (iv) Skipton (Belle Vue Mills)	Employment creation projects. Should fit into Yorkshire Forward RMT criteria. RMT	To form a key component of the Delivery Plan. Match funding an issue. These may also fit with the criteria for the Enterprise capital programme.
New economic uses for underused and vacant town properties (SRIP – Culturally vibrant Towns): Includes (i) Town Centre property schemes for: a. Richmond b. Knaresborough (ii) Office/training facility	Continuation of current RMT proposals. Should fit with Yorkshire Forward RMT criteria. Schemes already running with match funding in place for property grant schemes.	No specific issues. Proposals to be worked up and prioritised for larger individual projects.

<p>developments in:</p> <p>a. Northallerton</p> <p>b. Whitby</p> <p>c. Knaresborough</p>		
<p>Cultural development inc. Outdoor Adventure (SRIP – Culturally vibrant Towns)</p> <p>Number of schemes being developed for mountain bike satellite centres within towns, improving routes and projects that improve the tourism product within market towns.</p>	<p>RMT</p> <p>Further discussions are required in terms of whether this type of project will fit within the RMT criteria.</p> <p>RMT</p>	<p>Proposals to be worked up further.</p> <p>Further consideration against criteria will be required regarding this type of proposal.</p>
<p>Improving the tourism/visitor economy of the selected market towns (SRIP – Culturally vibrant towns)</p> <p>This includes for example developing the evening economy in Richmond, Riverside and castle improvements Knaresborough, improvements to parks and museum Whitby.</p>	<p>Further discussions are required in terms of whether this type of project will fit within the RMT criteria.</p> <p>RMT</p>	<p>Proposals to be worked up further.</p> <p>Further consideration against criteria will be required regarding this type of proposal.</p>
<p>Small scale Renaissance projects and public realm projects.</p> <p>All 6 selected towns.</p>	<p>Currently being processed through the Yorkshire Forward PMF process. Delegated Fund £10,000 per town per year for five years. Administered by North Yorkshire County Council.</p> <p>Delegated RMT</p>	<p>No decisions for the Executive to make.</p>
<p>Transitional Investment in Selected NY Market Towns</p>		
<p>Delegated Fund for Transitional Towns. This includes the following towns: Bedale/Settle/Boroughbridge/Pateley Bridge/Helmsley/Kirkbymoorside and Pickering.</p>	<p>Currently being processed through Yorkshire Forward PMF process. Delegated Fund £30,000 per town per year for 3 years. Administered by NYCC.</p> <p>Delegated RMT</p>	<p>This is transitional funding and rather than walk away from these towns completely it was agreed that some YF support would be made available.</p> <p>However larger projects have been identified within these towns that may not be able to access funds, this includes for example, Pateley Bridge workspace, Pickering extension of enterprise park.</p> <p>How will these be developed further?</p>
<p>Rural Enterprise Capitals</p>		
<p>Property/enterprise projects within each District are currently being gathered together.</p>	<p>YF are about to do some soft market testing, re-running the model. This will be happening over the next few months and Mark Firth and the relevant Manager is arranging meetings with district officers as to how this might work in the various locations. This will be done by July.</p> <p>YF are looking to deliver this programme in 2011/12. Time will be needed between now and then to do preparation and site assembly. YF will report</p>	<p>Concern has been expressed from partners regarding the viability of this scheme in the current economic climate, although the soft market testing will help to determine this.</p> <p>Discussions will take place at the end of June to clarify what role the Executive and sub regional partnership will have in determining priorities for this programme.</p>

	back on soft market testing results	
Enterprise Capitals		
Low Carbon Economy		
No proposals identified at present through the Delivery plan.	Yorkshire Forward have indicated that this will be a regional project and therefore requires no local/Executive endorsement. Low Carbon Economy (Regional)	North Yorkshire will see some benefit, through the continued funding of the sustainable Development Fund within the National Parks, and further discussion will need to take place regarding priorities within North Yorkshire for this.

5. In conclusion the preparation of this initial Geographic Programme Delivery Plan has highlighted a number of matters for further discussion and consideration. These are set out below.

Matters for Discussion

6. **Renaissance Market Towns (RMT):**

This is the subject of a separate report which addresses the issues raised above and in particular setting out the role of the Executive, the budget requirements, prioritisation and the future role of the delivery teams.

7. The main issue here, however, relates to those proposals identified within the initial Draft Delivery Plan that fall outside the criteria for RMT. A number of strategic site and major infrastructure development projects have been put forward by District Councils within the selected market Towns. These lie outside the criteria for RMT and there appears to be no other mechanisms within the Geographic programme to fund work on these projects. Although these developments are likely to be led by the private sector it would assist the development of these schemes if at least at this stage the RMT programme could support some of the feasibility and viability work. Further discussions on the delivery of these projects and their future funding requirements would then follow at a later stage.

8. **Rural Enterprise Capitals Programme:**

Yorkshire Forward have indicated that they will not consider proposals for the creation of business space through the RMT programme but that these should go through the Rural Enterprise Capitals Programme. This Programme is based on the pooling of sites across the region and then to seek a private sector partner to undertake the development of them all, with Yorkshire Forward financial support.

9. This programme is currently in the feasibility stage within Yorkshire Forward with an indication that it will be soft market tested shortly. A Business space/workspace study, commissioned by Yorkshire Forward was produced in October 2008 this involved discussions with each of the District Councils, regarding potential sites and locations. An initial indication suggests that Yorkshire Forward would invest in around 10 projects across the region from selected locations, in North Yorkshire this includes the towns of Whitby, Malton and Norton, Pickering, Thirsk, Richmond & Catterick Garrison, Selby, Skipton and Knaresborough. The scheme is likely to take at least 18 months before the first project is developed.

10. The main issue that has been expressed by Partners is that the programme was devised prior to the economic downturn and there now some concern that it may no longer be a viable model. The soft market testing will enable this to

be tested but it is important that this does not affect the momentum in the development of any North Yorkshire workspace/enterprise projects. It is proposed that this concern is expressed to Yorkshire Forward at this stage.

11. Low carbon Economy and Environmental Projects:

In the original Yorkshire Forward response to the North Yorkshire Geographic Programme an investment of circa £2.2m was identified for schemes within the County. This would involve the potential for a pilot low carbon rural capital to be established in addition to investment in local environmental projects. Although a regional programme there appeared to be an indication that this would require some sub regional involvement/endorsement from the Partnership Executive. At present there is still limited information on the delivery of this programme and in particular what, if any, is required from the sub regional partnership. It is proposed therefore that a request is made for Yorkshire Forward to provide a further report to clarify the current position and what it may require from the Executive in order to assist the delivery of this programme in North Yorkshire.

12. Matched funding – including ERDF and District Council resources:

The preliminary work undertaken on the draft Geographic Programme Delivery Plan highlighted the issue of matched funding. In particular the availability of District Council resources to match fund the projects or the ability for them to commit their own resources until they have confirmation of what Yorkshire Forward will support, and whether best use is being made of Yorkshire Forward funding to maximise the availability of ERDF.

13. In terms of ERDF there would hopefully be significant spend on the Rural Enterprise Capitals Programme and therefore the pressure on RMT will generally be less. Wherever possible RMT projects will be matched with ERDF (e.g. a project like Richmond Station would have some potential for ERDF) however there is still some concern that much of the RMT is not eligible for ERDF and this could cause problems if increased pressure is put on Yorkshire Forward resources to match ERDF in the future. If this does occur then it will be important that the implications are discussed with partners as soon as possible. Sub regional partners are also involved in the decision making processes for ERDF and are aware of the real difficulty of achieving the expenditure targets and output. The RDA is contractually responsible for those targets and may find it has to use more of its single pot to achieve them than is currently proposed. This could mean a rapid change of priorities to more ERDF eligible projects at some point on the next 2-3 years (which will not include the more popular public realm type activity). This report is raising the question as to whether this has been thought through.

14. In terms of the District Council resources and in particular future priorities, these need to form part of the proposed RMT Town Delivery Plans referred to in the RMT report. This will enable us to have a clearer picture of the situation and how this can be addressed.

Recommendations

15. That this report is received as a summary of the draft North Yorkshire Geographic Programme Delivery Plan and a current position statement on its progress.

16. That although the soft market testing will assist with testing the viability of the Rural Enterprise Capitals Programme, concern is expressed to Yorkshire Forward regarding its viability and that this does not affect the delivery of workspace/enterprise projects within the selected market towns.

- 17. That the concern regarding the potential inability of RMT projects to attract ERDF is highlighted to Yorkshire Forward.**
- 18. That a request is made to Yorkshire Forward for inclusion within the RMT programme of major infrastructure and strategic site investment projects. At this stage that at least any feasibility and/or development preparation work is included.**
- 19. That a request is made to Yorkshire Forward for clarification on what the role and involvement of the Partnership Executive will be regarding the low Carbon economy programme.**

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YORK & NORTH YORKSHIRE PARTNERSHIP EXECUTIVE ITEM 6b

12 JUNE 2009

NORTH YORKSHIRE RENAISSANCE MARKET TOWNS PROGRAMME

Purpose of the report

20. This report provides more detail on the Renaissance Market Town Programme that the previous item on the North Yorkshire Geographic Programme Delivery Plan identified as the only part now requiring a Partnership Executive decision on its delivery.

21. It seeks the Partnership Executive view on three main issues, these are: -

- The role of the Partnership Executive in the context to the request by Yorkshire Forward that all RMT projects are locally endorsed;
- The need to spend the first year (2009/10) budget profile of £1.8m for North Yorkshire; and
- The future role and structure of Delivery Teams beyond March 2010, as these would have to be part of the £8m RMT five year allocation.

Overview and Background

22. When the Executive first considered their role regarding the Geographic Programme it was to encompass all aspects of the SRIP and a large proportion of future Yorkshire Forward investment in to North Yorkshire. Over the past six months the parameters of this have change significantly. This culminated in the publication in February of the Yorkshire Forward Geographic programme identifying those areas (set out in the previous item) that would require some level of local sub regional endorsement. Over the past few months as more details on this emerged, there is currently only an immediate requirement for endorsement relating to the funds available through the Renaissance Market Town programme.

Role of the Partnership Executive

23. As indicated above the role of the Partnership Executive in making strategic decisions within the scope of a North Yorkshire Geographic programme has significantly reduced since the Geographic Programme process was first proposed. Yorkshire Forward, in consultation with District Council Partners has agreed the selected towns for investment and has issued a set of criteria (attached to this report – Annex 1) that will determine the type of project eligible for support. There is an RMT Programme of £7 million available over five years to six towns across North Yorkshire, The Yorkshire Forward criteria (no.5) indicates that this is not available to support projects that create business space that would duplicate the Rural Enterprise Capitals programme or major strategic site developments. This potentially limits the role perhaps to areas that do not require a Partnership Executive level of decision making. It had originally been proposed that the Executive would consider each project but the level of discretion is such that it does not merit an extra layer of decision making at that level of detail. The executive should concentrate on achieving spend and outputs and maximising the benefits of the RMT Programme and wherever possible delivers Sub Regional priorities from a strategic perspective.

24. To do this it is proposed that Delivery Plans for each of the six towns (Northallerton, Knaresborough, Skipton, Malton, Whitby and Richmond/Catterick) are prepared for September 2009 for endorsement at this Executive. These should contain a programme of priority projects within

each town that both meet the Yorkshire Forward RMT criteria and address the priority themes within the SRIP, e.g. employment creation and culture/outdoor adventure focus. Each project should identify how it will contribute to the overall outputs, its resource requirements including any matched funding, and when it will be delivered. The Plans should clearly identify projects in a priority order for each town so that these can be considered against the overall budget and how these will deliver against the Yorkshire Forward outputs set out in their criteria attached in Annex 1. This would enable the Partnership Executive in September to endorse the Plans and agree the RMT programme in its entirety, rather than considering applications for funding on a project by project basis. The production of these delivery plans should build on the work undertaken on the draft Geographic programme Delivery Plan summarised in the earlier report. They should also be endorsed locally by the Town Team and encompass the District Councils own priorities.

25. The Partnership Executive would then receive regular performance monitoring statements on these Plans as part of the overall monitoring of the North Yorkshire Geographic Programme. It is proposed therefore that once these Plans have been endorsed by the Executive that there would not be any further requirement for the Executive to consider and endorse individual project applications.

2009-10 RMT Budget Allocation

26. Yorkshire Forward in May, in response to the Draft North Yorkshire Geographic Programme Delivery Plan, indicated that a budget of had been allocated to North Yorkshire for RMT of £1.8 million for this year – 2009/10. This includes £1.1 million for capital and £700k for revenue. Earlier discussions regarding the budget had indicated that there may be only a small budget for the first year however it now appears that the overall RMT budget has simply been divided up into the 5 years. This causes a significant concern for North Yorkshire as the initial process of identifying projects through the Draft Geographic Programme Delivery Plan highlighted that there is a current lack of match funding and there are very few, if any, ready to go projects. It is therefore proposed that the Executive request that Yorkshire Forward reconsider their profiling for 2009/10 to a lower more realistic level.
27. As reported previously, Yorkshire Forward now require all RMT projects to go through a sub regional endorsement process prior to them being considered and fully appraised by Yorkshire Forward. As we currently have no process locally for dealing with these, any strategic view could be lost in a simple first come first serve basis and also any potential 'ready to go now' projects could be significantly delayed by adding an additional decision making layer to the process. It is therefore proposed that Yorkshire Forward be requested to continue to process RMT applications under the current arrangements until the Executive have considered the Town Delivery Plans in September, at which point the process set out in paragraph 4-6 above comes into play. It is not expected that this will affect many if any applications for RMT funding.

Delivery Teams post 2010

28. Delivery Teams were established back in 2005 with a mix of funding ranging from Local Authority, Yorkshire Forward to European Objective 2 funding. Since then they have been revisited and redefined, current Yorkshire Forward funding has been agreed up to March 2010 from the existing SRIP RMT budget. Any further funding to support Delivery Teams, beyond 2010, will then come from the Geographic Programme RMT budget (£8 million minus £1 million delegated fund). A decision is therefore required on their future and the appropriate budget allocation.

29. The current role of Delivery Teams includes the following: -
- Development of projects identified in the Market Town Business Plans;
 - Identifying and securing match funding from public and private sectors to support delivery;
 - Ensuring the delivery of projects identified in the Market Town Plans;
 - Assisting town teams in the delivery of community based initiatives;
30. There are currently Delivery Team officers employed within Craven District (covering Richmondshire and Craven), Hambleton, Harrogate, and Ryedale. Yorkshire Forward has previously provided a contribution to Delivery Teams of approximately 10% of the RMT budget a total by the end of March 2010 of £872,297. If a similar percentage contribution to the running costs for Delivery Teams were made from the Geographic Programme allocation then circa £700,000 would need to be allocated over the remaining 4 years of the programme.
31. The Executive therefore needs to give consideration to the likely proportion of the RMT budget it wishes to allocated towards the costs of providing 'Delivery Teams' post 2010 and the roles required.
32. In order to consider this further an options paper setting out both the case for town based and joint teams, (sub-region wide) will be developed. It is proposed that this options paper is prepared for consideration at the next Executive meeting in September.

Recommendations

33. **That a Delivery Plan is prepared for each of the six selected market towns, Northallerton, Knaresborough, Skipton, Malton, Whitby and Richmond/Catterick, as set out in paragraph 5 of this report, and presented for consideration at the September Partnership Executive meeting.**
34. **That this Executive expresses its concern over the budget profiling for the RMT programme and whether a lower figure can be agreed for the first year with no effect to the overall £8 million five year budget.**
35. **That Yorkshire Forward is requested to process all RMT projects through there existing procedures until the Town Delivery Plans have been endorsed by this Executive.**
36. **That the Partnership Executive highlights any initial thoughts regarding the provision of future funding for the Delivery Teams. This will help form the basis for the preparation of a detailed options paper to be considered at the September meeting of the Executive.**

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ANNEX 1

Renaissance Market Towns Programme 2009- 2014

Project Assessment Criteria

The North Yorkshire Geographic programme which became operational on 1 April 2009 allocates £8m for the continuation of the Renaissance Market Towns Programme. Additional funds are also available to support the Rural Enterprise Capitals and the Low Carbon Rural Enterprise Capitals Programmes, these will be taken forward separately and are subject to results of ongoing work.

Below are the key criteria which must be applied to projects looking for funding from the RMT programme funds.

A point to note is that the £8m agreed from RMT includes the future funding for both RMT Delivery Teams from 2010 -2014 and the delegated transition fund for former RMT towns.

Criteria

1. Projects brought forward for funding from the RMT fund must be in the relevant Towns RMT master-plan/delivery plan. There will be an opportunity to refresh master-plans but projects included in these refreshed plans must be supported with a detailed socio-economic evidence base. (The socio-economic assessments undertaken at the start of the RMT programme in towns provide the starting point as to level of detail, which would need to be updated – for those towns that did not have a socio – economic assessment undertaken (Whitby, Skipton & Malton – some support can be provided by YF to help with this)
2. Project must be supported by the town team or town partnership.
3. Project seeking funding must have a clear economic focus and contribute to the delivery of the output targets listed below.
 - a. 146 Jobs Created
 - b. 513 people assisted to gain employment
 - c. 33 businesses created
 - d. 112 businesses assisted
 - e. £10.9m of regeneration funding invested public/private investment
 - f. 672 assisted in skills development
 - g. 280 tonnes of CO2 emissions savings
 - h. £280k of private sector investment levered
4. Whilst the focus of projects in the current recession should be on job creation & business start ups, this needs to be balanced with projects that will help the long-term sustainability of the sub-regions rural capitals.
5. Yorkshire Forward will not support the creation of new business space as it may duplicate our work being undertaken through the Rural Enterprise Capital Programme. We would consider supporting workspace proposals through a Heritage Partnership approach on a town by town basis if the emphasis were on bringing redundant spaces back in to an economic use. The focus for this is on renaissance of the town centres, encouraging employment into the centre and helping money to circulate in the local economy, reducing redundant upper floors and making the economy of North Yorkshire's rural capitals more resilient.

YORK & NORTH YORKSHIRE PARTNERSHIP EXECUTIVE ITEM 7

12 JUNE 2009

YORKSHIRE FORWARD REGIONAL PROJECTS

Purpose of the Report

1. The York and North Yorkshire Geographic Programmes are made up of two financial forecasts. The first comprises the forecasts for projects located in York and North Yorkshire and the second amount is a figure which Yorkshire Forward has forecasted to be share of regional projects.

2. This report sets what information is currently available on these regional projects and considers how the partnership might respond to the RDA's request for an active dialogue on how these projects are taken forward and delivered in the sub region.

3. It specifically seeks the Executives view on its involvement and that of the Development Board and how this might be managed

Regional Projects

4. The financial forecasts for the sub regions geographic programmes are as follows.

NORTH YORKSHIRE

Non-regional activity				Regional activity			
Approved & Committed	Currently under Appraisal	Future Proposals	Sub Total	Approved & Committed	Currently under Appraisal	Future Proposals	Sub Total
£5.6m	£0.0m	£29.1m	£34.7m	£48.5m	£17.8m	£17.1m	£83.6m
Grand Total:	£118.1m						

YORK

Non-regional activity				Regional activity			
Approved & Committed	Currently under Appraisal	Future Proposals	Sub Total	Approved & Committed	Currently under Appraisal	Future Proposals	Sub Total
£1.2m	£14.0m	£12.9m	£28.1m	£9.6m	£6.2m	£10.2m	£26.1m
Grand Total:	£54.1m						

5. The list of regional projects expected to benefit North Yorkshire are attached in Annex 2. The list for York is very similar.

6. There are no figures published as to how these figures are calculated. Some may be provided in the future. YF are also proposing to supply impact and expenditure information so it would be possible to know if we are achieving these financial forecasts but that would be retrospective.

7. We have done some analysis of the RDA's corporate plan to ascertain any regional comparisons. There are difficulties with like for like comparisons but it appears that the average ratio across the region for non-regional activity (i.e. local) and regional activity is 44% local to 56% regional. The proportions in North Yorkshire are 29% to 71% and for York 52% to 48%. This largely reflects the distribution of renaissance resources across the region and commitments to projects of which York central is an example.

8. It would appear that the distribution of regional resources broadly tracks the level of population although there are some variances between areas. There is a much wider variation on the local component with Leeds, East Riding and North Yorkshire having around 60% of the regional average per head. York is however 50% above the regional average.

9. This stresses the importance in North Yorkshire especially in ensuring effective engagement with regional project delivery. This engagement will also assist delivery in York.

Engagement with Yorkshire Forward

10. Yorkshire Forward is offering engagement and discussion around the policy and delivery aspects of these project areas and wants the Partnership Executive to be involved in those discussions. This would be important so that we can work with the RDA to assist on effective and efficient delivery of regional projects to achieve the forecast levels of investment in our area.

11. The partnership unit has proposed that initial discussions would be held with the relevant sub regional partnerships in the first instance, and then presentations by assistant directors of Yorkshire Forward would be organised for the Executive. Some issues might also be discussed by the Development Board. There is a willingness within York to see if this is a path that will meet some of their requirements for engagement.

12. The RDA suggest an initial concentration on the following topic areas.

- Business Link
- Tourism and Major Events
- Higher level Skills
- Innovation
- Access to Finance

We are suggesting that rural and low carbon should also be on the list.

13. An initial proposal has set out below. The intention is to have a sub regional partnership meeting first before the issue is discussed at the executive and then subsequently by the board. Links have also been made to reviews of the work of these sub regional partnerships. There are issues the Executive will need to address as to how it want to plan its agenda as clearly with a number of presentations from Yorkshire forward then these will become substantial items .

14. In summary it is proposed for the Partnership Executive and Development Board address the following issues at the next few meetings as set out in the table overleaf. This is subject to the availability of appropriate attendees.

YF Policy Product	Partnership Executive	Development Board
Major events/culture/Tourism	12 November include review on progress on cultural partnership	Possibly April (as December date not workable due to diaries.)
Rural Renaissance and Rural Development Programme	4 September	17 December
Economic Inclusion Skills	November 12 including a review of skills partnership	17 December
Competitiveness Enterprise/Access to finance International Business	January 2010(tba)(link to Business link and review of Business support)	April 2010 (tba)
Urban Renaissance Land and property Transport	March 2010 (tba)	April 2010 (tba)
Low carbon Economy	March 2010(tba)	April 2010 (tba)

Conclusions

The Executive is asked to agree to these arrangements

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ANNEX 2 List of Yorkshire Forward regional Projects expected to benefit north Yorkshire

Policy Product range	Project Number	Project Name
Capacity Building	901800	Y&H EUROPEAN OFFICE (901800)
	903053	Strategic Evaluation (903053)
	903601	Geographical Prog Transitional Support-NY - 903601
	903609	Yks Futures-Network Development (2)-903609
	903620	Y.Futures & Evidence Base - 903620
	903937	Y&H European Office (2) -903937
Capacity Building Total		
Competitiveness	900430	Innovation Promoters - 900430
	900440	CIC PROGRAMME (900440)
	900452	E-BUSINESS UNLIMITED (900452)
	900912	PROMOTING KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER (900912)
	901001	REG.SCIENCE&INNOVATION COUNCIL (901001)
	901043	PROMOTING INNOVATION-YDFD (901043)
	901091	AEM CLUSTER MARKETING (901091)
	901096	MANUFACTURING ADVISORY SERVICE (901096)
	901114	INTERNATION'T'N OF F&D CLUSTER (901114)
	901281	KNOWLEDGE RICH (901281)
	901351	FOOD & DRINK CROSS CUTTING (2) (901351)
	901657	DIGITAL MEDIA CONTENT PROG (901657)
	902033	EUROPEAN INNOVATION PROG PART (902033)
	902061	EU INNOVATION UNIT (FP7 Suppt) (902061)
	902161	BIOSCIENCE ENTERPRISE PROGRAM. (902161)
	903125	Prog of Reg Healthcare Tech Activity (903125)
	903284	Food & Drink Investment Prog 2007-12 (903284)
	903312	Yorks & Humber Sustainable Futures Company(903312)
	903319	Programme for implementation of the RIS (903319)
	903357	Grid connected renewable energy deployment(903357)
	903379	Reg.Centre for EU Innov. Support Services (903379)
	903388	Carbon Action Yorkshire (903388)
	903410	Y&H Manufacturing Advisory Service (903410)
	903436	CompeteFor London 2012 (903436)
	903447	AEM Network Support (903447)
	903523	Grow the reg's bus's with NHS inv'm't-Ph 2(903523)
	903524	Resource Efficiency Programmes (903524)
	903565	Designing Demand (903565)
	903566	Access to Markets - Sector Networks (903566)
	903588	Reg Wood Fuel Infrastructure Develop'm't (903588)
	903621	E Business - 903621
	903628	Mentoring - 903628
	903944	Centre for Low Carbon Futures - 903944
	903967	Innovation Hubs (903967)
	903993	Institute for Product & Process Dev'p'ment(903993)
	904022	Business Crime - 904022
	904023	VEN 2- (904023)
	904024	Supply Chains - 904024
	904054	Yorkshire Bio-refinery Facility (904054)
	904053	VEN 3 (904053)

Competitiveness Total		
	901396	CHARITY BANK (901396)
	901815	REGIONAL REFUGEE NETWORK (901815)
	903300	Foundation Placement Scheme (903300)
	903479	Regional Diversity Framework (903479)
	903543	Diversity Enabled Programme (903543)
	903608	Community Asset Transfer Feasibility/Pilot -903608
	903624	Aspiration 3rd Sector - 903624
	903682	CSR Regional - 903682
	903685	Diversity Framework - 903685
	903718	Response to Redundancies - 903718
	904005	Marketing Economic Inclusion (904005)
	904029	National Centre for Diversity (904029)
	904031	Holbeck Urban Village Film Project (904031)
Economic Inclusion Total		
Enterprise/Access to Finance	901445	BL REGIONAL - CORE FUNDING (901445)
	901806	EMBEDDING ENTERPRISE IN Y&H (901806)
	901818	FUTURE YEARS (901818)
	902122	GRADUATE ENTREPRENEURSHIP NY (902122)
	903077	Yorkshire Concept – PCCF (903077)
	903085	YF Regional Knowledge System (903085)
	903228	Business Link (903228)
	903345	Large Company R&D Award Scheme-2nd Round (903345)
	903480	Grant for Research and Development (903480)
	903604	Finance Yorkshire (YABA) - 903604
	903739	Regional Venture Capital and Loan Fund (903739)
	904026	Business Link - Pipeline project (904026)
Enterprise/Access to Finance Total		
International Business	901095	KEY ACCOUNT MANAGEM'T(CENTRAL) (901095)
	902003	OVERSEAS OFFICES (902003)
	903100	International Business Development Prog. (903100)
	903443	Leeds Financial Services Initiative Ltd (903443)
	903470	Regional Targeted Export Support Scheme (903470)
	903482	Yorkshire Forward Marketing (903482)
	903634	Key Account Management (Central) - 903634
	903635	Central Cluster Marketing - 903635
	903636	International Business Development Prog - 903636
	903638	LFSI Step Change - 903638
	903640	New Corporate Mktg etc - 903640
	903642	Regional TESS (2) - 903642
International Business Total		
	901142	SUSTAINABLE DEVELOP'T PROOFING (901142)
	901773	REGIONAL ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE (901773)
	903513	Biomass Supply Chain Development (903513)
	903737	Climate Chge Agen follow clim Change Bill - 903737
	903816	Humberhead Levels - 903816
	903817	North Yorks Geo prog - Env assets strand - 903817
	903818	Regional Flood Defence Levy - 903818
	903820	Strategic Waste Infrastructure projects - 903820
	903905	Sustainable Production & Consumption - 903905
Low Carbon Economy		

Total		
Major Events/Culture/Tourism	901279	NYKS&YORK-AREA TOURISM P'SHIPS (901279)
	903049	Major Events 2007 (903049)
	903229	Major Events Strategy Implementation (903229)
	903369	BUSA (903369)
	903591	Visitor Information Provision - 903591
	903595	Regional Tourism Programme - 903595
	903596	Tourism - Innovation Development - 903596
	904002	Yorkshire Embassy - 904002
	904003	Developing Destination Yorkshire (2) (904003)
Major Events/Culture/Tourism Total		
Rural Renaissance	903631	RMT Partnership Skills (2008/09) - 903631
	903637	Access to Opportunities Scheme - 903637
	903639	Regional Rural Capitals Research & Pilots-903639
	903645	ROSE (2008/09) - 903645
	903647	Rural Estates - 903647
	903649	Rural Policy - 903649
	903650	Rural Retail Scheme - 903650
	903911	Farm Resource Efficiency Programme (SP)- 903911
Rural Renaissance Total		
Skills	901311	SKILLS FOR CLUSTERS (901311)
	901511	REGIONAL LANGUAGES NETWORK (901511)
	901752	NY STEM DELIVERY (901752)
	902195	HIGH.LEVEL SKILLS-NYKS (902195)
	903409	The Yorkshire Planetarium (903409)
	903773	Regional Languages Network - 903773
	903792	Engineering - HLS - 903792
	903793	Higher Level Tourism Skills - 903793
	903807	Integrated Brokerage - 903807
	903813	North Yorkshire Higher Level Skills - 903813
	903827	Support Work and Skills Boards - 903827
	904069	Stimulating Demand (2) - 304069
	Skills Total	

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EUROPEAN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND (ERDF)

Purpose of the Report

1. The last meeting of the Executive considered a performance management report on EU funding which identified a concern about the number of sub regional projects in the pipeline.
2. This report examines the current position and notes that at this point we may not achieve our benchmark objective of ERDF investment in this sub region

The Programme

3. The Yorkshire and Humber ERDF Programme has a value of c. £312.5m (excluding match funding and excluding provision for South Yorkshire where separate arrangements apply). Based on relative population share, the sub-region could look for a total ERDF investment of c. £62.5m during the lifetime of the programme. This is a benchmark which shows our degree of success in achieving ERDF investment locally.
4. A number of "early wins" reflect good initial progress. Projects already approved, or committed and awaiting approval, are shown in the table below:

Sponsor(s)	Project	£ ERDF
Hambleton DC	Managed Workspace – Northallerton and Leeming Bar	2,446,000
Scarborough BC	Scarborough Job Match	594,000
Science City York, York University, CSL	Embedded business space and technology transfer	19,500,000
Science City York	Specialist Business Services	1,500,000
		£24,040,000

These "early win" projects represent a total ERDF investment of over £24m. Based on relative population share, the sub-region's benchmark for ERDF investment was £25.7m during the initial programme period 2007-09 and the figure achieved is therefore in line with this. The majority of this investment is related to the York Science City/York University development.

5. The same population share benchmark indicates the sub-region should be looking for a further £38.5m of ERDF investment over the next four years. However, there is a major concern about progress with bringing forward future projects and there are no pending applications from the sub-region currently in the Yorkshire Forward system.
6. However there are some new projects that have submitted initial ERDF Enquiry Forms, or are expected to submit these in the near future. These projects do have identifiable match funding and therefore have a reasonable chance of progression. The projects are in the table overleaf:-

Sponsor(s)	Project	£m ERDF anticipated	Match funding
University of Hull	Scarborough Campus	2.0	HE
Scarborough BC	Sustainable Communities projects	1.2	Scarboro' Renaissance
Coast & Moors Voluntary Action	The Hub	3.0	Own funds/Charity Bank
		£6.2m	

8. Another group of projects have a recognised potential for ERDF support, and will also be submitting Enquiry Forms, but these projects are in earlier stages of development. These include:

Sponsor(s)	Project
Scarborough BC	Eco-Innovation Centre
Ryedale DC	Assembly Rooms, Malton
Ryedale DC	Site remediation projects
Novo Homes	Belle Vue Mills, Skipton

At this stage, the estimated eligible ERDF value of these projects above might be **£2.5m**.

9. Yorkshire Forward's Enterprising Rural Capitals programme has clear possibilities for attracting ERDF investment and this potential might be estimated at **£2m**.

10. Major future schemes in the City of York may also attract ERDF for specific elements of multi-use developments e.g. on the York Central and former Terry's factory sites and, although eligibility questions will undoubtedly need to be addressed, maybe up to **£3m** ERDF could possibly be invested in these developments.

11. The sub-region will also benefit from regional projects, led by Yorkshire Forward and other sponsors, which are committed to delivery in York and North Yorkshire including the Manufacturing Advisory Service and Business Research and Development Grants. These projects as known are shown in the table overleaf. (Note: in most instances the "target figure" for York and North Yorkshire ERDF investment is calculated from the relative sub-regional population share. However, some projects have specified actual sub-regional "shares" which vary from this figure. In these cases the actual specified figures have been used).

12. Further direct investment in the sub-region may also result if Selby is selected as the location for the new £18m Yorkshire Bio-refinery project.

Sponsor	Project	ERDF (ex South Yorks)	Y&NY ERDF target
Yorkshire Forward	Innovation Networks	3,723,000	620,500
Leeds Uni & Partners inc York	Nanomanufacturing Innovation	1,200,000	240,000
Yorkshire Forward	R&D Grants	1,110,000	222,000
Yorkshire Forward	Large Company R&D Scheme	4,687,500	937,500
Sheffield Hallam	Innovation Futures	477,724	95,545
Yorkshire Forward	Venture Capital Fund	16,500,000	3,300,000
Yorkshire Forward	Manufacturing Advisory Service	2,242,500	448,500
Sustainable Futures	Resource Efficiency Programmes	2,448,550	659,225
Key Fund Yorkshire	Key Fund Yorkshire	744,091	148,818
Yorkshire Forward	Access to Finance	1,250,000	250,000
Yorkshire Forward	Understanding Finance for Business	2,261,000	452,200
VEN Group, Sheffield	Procurement & Supply Chains Programme.	2,632,000	526,400
Urban Biz	Social Enterprise Support	930,493	186,099
SCEDU	Social Ent. Growth Programme	452,375	90,475
Goodwin Trust/DTA	Practitioner Support for SE's	976,872	162,812
North Lincs Developments	Humber & NY Social Ent.Support	929,189	92,919
Total		42,565,294	8,432,993

13. The following table shows the scenario with a rounded summary for actual and potential ERDF investment to date.

	ERDF £m
Approved projects	24,.0
Pipeline projects with identified match funds	6.2
Other pipeline projects	2.5
Enterprising Rural Capitals	2.0
City of York development	3.0
Regional Projects	8.5
Total	£46.2m

14. The above figures would indicate a shortfall on the sub-regional benchmark target of £62.5m for the duration of the ERDF programme. This shortfall would be removed should a decision be taken to locate the large Bio-refinery Project in Selby. Even within the figures above, much of the future scenario for ERDF investment in the sub-region remains speculative and is subject to the successful progression of projects and addressing issues on match funding and eligibility.

15. The availability of match funding is the central issue affecting the development of future projects. Although higher education funding is a significant source of match and new flexibilities in the ERDF programme allow for the use of private sector match, Yorkshire Forward remains the key player in this regard.

16. The Geographic Programmes for North Yorkshire and the City of York provide over £62.8m for local projects over the next 5 years, including investment in Scarborough and Selby Urban Renaissance, the City of York, market towns and

Enterprising Rural Capitals and £109.7m as a share of regional projects. This analysis might suggest that of the total geographic programme in the sub region of £172.5 million, £21.5 million is matching ERDF. This is 12.5% but rises to 23.5% if the bio refining project comes to Selby.

17. This is an issue for local partners as well, as the priority (including local match funding) to projects, which are not eligible for ERDF, clearly contributes to this outcome.

Conclusions

18. The executive is asked to consider the report and note that

- **the main issue is to secure ERDF funding for those projects already identified**
- **Broader concerns about achieving the ERDF programme need to be more widely discussed.**

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WORKING WITH THE PRIVATE SECTOR

1. Purpose of this Report

1.1 This short report seeks to initiate a discussion about how we might develop objectives in this area. It has been carried over from the last meeting

2. Background

2.1 Private sector engagement with economic development processes has always been an important objective but has often been quite difficult to achieve. There are some examples of good practice, particularly in Renaissance Town Teams, York-England.com (inward investment and key account management), business associations formed around industrial estates and work on the future of the York economy.

2.2 Private sector engagement also tends to be more effectively achieved in urban locations where the private sector might be a more cohesive group and where the numbers of the public sector participants is less than applies in more rural/two tier areas.

2.3 However, there are very real benefits from achieving a much greater and a more efficient dialogue with the private sector. These are:

1. **Improved service delivery** – ensuring coherent and relevant public funded services aimed at the private sector.
2. **Active representation** – ensuring that the views of the private sector are represented fully in public policy development.
3. **Efficient consultation** – facilitating private sector input into community and governance issues.
4. **Clearer research** – providing an agreed and widely accepted evidence base of business needs, whether for investment, skills, transport or other issues.

2.4 One of the components of developing relationships are in direct liaison with private sector organisations and individual businesses through key account management, which in York & North Yorkshire is principally managed by York-England.com but with Local Authorities also involved.

2.5 The private sector can also make an important contribution to community life by adopting corporate social responsibility principles and good working relationships with the public and voluntary sectors can ensure that there is an efficient use of that commitment.

3. Matters for consideration

3.1 The merger of the York and North Yorkshire Leeds Chambers of Commerce has provided a vehicle with a much stronger capacity to facilitate engagement with the private sector, although there are some sensitivities in parts of North Yorkshire where membership of that Chamber is more limited.

3.2 It does however provide a vehicle for engagement with the private sector beyond its membership. For instance, the Chamber has promoted the idea of a "Skills Board" to articulate the skills needs of employers. It is important to note that employer engagement is a broader concept than private sector engagement as it would involve major public sector bodies as well.

3.3 The proposals for a new Economy and Skills board discussed on this agenda include proposals for much more private sector engagement. That might be the appropriate lever or initial priority to see if new working relationships can be established.

3.4 There are many quite localised relationships and between industry sector organisations with appropriate public bodies. At a certain level these may be performing satisfactorily, but perhaps much intelligence and information is lost to the wider partnership.

4. Conclusions

4.1 This report is seeking to start a discussion around these issues and determine what might be the immediate priorities in this area of activity. It could be an area that could utilise RIEP funding as discussed at the beginning of this agenda. A more detailed view and an initial action plan could be brought back to the next meeting. It would also be appropriate to promote a similar discussion at the Development Board.

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12 JUNE 2009

UPDATE REPORTS

Purpose of the report

1. This report provides an update
 - The Cultural, Employment and skills and Business support Partnerships
 - Economic Downturn
 - North Yorkshire local area agreement
 - Progress in York and North Yorkshire- research report.

York and North Yorkshire Cultural Partnership

2. The Cultural Partnership held its first meeting in March 2009. This first meeting provided an initial introduction to the role of the new partnership, bringing the tourism and cultural sectors together. The Partnership elected Richard Flinton Director of Business and Environmental Services at NYCC as its Chair, considered some early thoughts regarding the refresh of the cultural strategy and received a presentation from the Forestry Commission on the successes of Partnership working at Dalby Forest and the proposal to bring the Mountain Bike World Cup to North Yorkshire.

3. Further progress includes: -

- The new Culture and 2012 team started at the Partnership Unit at the beginning of March, Emma Hoddinott is the Culture and 2012 Manager and Tania Weston the Culture and 2012 Delivery Officer.
- Following the first Partnership meeting further work has been undertaken on producing the refreshed cultural strategy. This has included a series of one to one interviews with tourism and cultural officers across the sub region and a series of focus groups with key stakeholders. It is proposed that the findings of this will be presented to the next meeting of the Cultural Partnership on the 24th June 2009. This will set out the priority themes for the Partnership and an initial set of actions.
- A York and North Yorkshire Cultural Partnership conference is to be held on the 1st October 2009 at the Scarborough Spa. This will provide an opportunity to launch the refreshed strategy to the wider cultural and tourism partners across the sub region. There will also be a range of speakers from the cultural sector with guest speaker Charles Allen CBE Member of the London 2012 Organising Committee and Chair of the Nations and Regions Group.
- In terms of 2012, the Yorkshire Gold strategy has been re-launched and the Committee restructured. This restructured has resulted in improved involvement and engagement of partners outside of the five key cities. Through the Cultural Partnership and the Culture/2012 Team, North Yorkshire is now better represented and engaged in this process. A more detailed update on what York and North Yorkshire are doing regarding 2012 will form part of a more detailed report on culture to the next Partnership Executive.

York and North Yorkshire Employment and Skills Partnership

4. The first meeting was held on 3 June with Liz Burdett in the chair. It decided that the main action points were to
 - Seek to ensure that businesses in the sub region take more advantage of current training support as we may be underperforming
 - Consider how to focus support on the smaller business

- Promote alignment on economic issues and the 16-19 agenda.

5. It also agreed that a group drawn for the LSC, The partnership unit and CYC and NYCC would act as an executive group one of whose tasks were to agree a chair. Julie Chandler in the Unit is now the Skills Partnership Manager and is supporting this work.

6. The new regional Work and Skills partnership met for the first time on 4 June but as this clashed with the elections a number of Councillors were not available. Cllr. Greg White is the representative of this sub region with John Marsden as substitute.

York and North Yorkshire Business Support Partnership

7. The partnership has not met since January but meets again in July. It is considering the impact of regional activity in the sub region and innovation activity in the first instance. It is also looking at taking forward social enterprise activity with NYFVO and supporting proposals for enterprise activity in disadvantaged areas.

Economic Downturn

8. The information discussed at the last meeting of the executive is new being circulated and two monthly reports have been completed, Yorkshire Forward's weekly reports are also widely circulate.

NY LAA

9. The North Yorkshire Local Area Agreement is now reached the end of its first year. As part of the annual review of the LAA a risk assessment has been undertaken on each of the indicators. The main issue is the affect the economic downturn is having on achieving the targets in particular the likelihood that the working age benefits target will not be achieved. Action is ongoing within all the indicators to ensure there delivery and progress will continue to be reported to this Executive. An extract from the report is set out below.

<u>Extremely likely that the target will be missed (1)</u>			
Indicator Ref	Name of Indicator	Accountability	Delivery Assessment
NI 152 (D)	Working age people on out of work benefits.	Scarborough BC*, Jobcentre Plus, LSC. Jim Pearse – YNYPU	
Issues / obstacle to delivery	This indicator is heavily influenced by the economic downturn but also confusion re NI 152 definition and the future definition.		
Mitigating actions	Delivery of projects through the LSC ESF Adult Engagement and Skills for Jobs Funds will continue. The Jobs Match project will assist employers with recruitment of work less people. Scarborough Borough Council and partners will continue to monitor and co-ordinate responses to recession.		
<u>Likely that the target will be missed (0)</u>			
<u>Possible that the target will be missed (0)</u>			
<u>Recommendations:</u>			

That the Partnership ensures its future work programme aligns itself to the results of this risk assessment;

That this risk assessment be undertaken on a 6-month basis to update the Partnership of progress / movement and to amend planned work programme if required.

Progress in the York and North Yorkshire

10. As part of the Partnership Units research function and its work with Yorkshire Futures through the York and North Yorkshire Data and Intelligence Partnership, it recently published the 2009 Progress in York and North Yorkshire report. A copy of which will be available at the meeting and also available to view on www.ynypu.org.uk. Progress in York and North Yorkshire is one of a suite of documents available across the region. 'Progress' is produced for the whole Yorkshire and Humber region and each of the four functional Sub/City Regions; Leeds, Sheffield, Hull and Humber Ports and York and North Yorkshire.

11. The Progress in York and North Yorkshire report is set out under six chapter headings and measure progress made against a the Regional Strategy indicators. The overall progress and the key findings are as follows: -

12. The following table outlines the progress of York and North Yorkshire against the Headline Indicators. Quality of Life and GVA have improved. Although little/no change is recorded for carbon emissions they can currently only be measured for 2005 and 2006.

Table 1: Summary of Progress against Headline Indicators by Key Policy Area

Quality of Life	H1	Quality of Life Index	☺
Economy	H2a	Total Gross Value Added (GVA)	☺
	H2b	Regional Index of Sustainable Economic Wellbeing (R-ISEW)	n/a
Climate Change	H3	Per capita carbon dioxide emissions	☹

13. Of the 35 High-Level Indicators, progress can be measured against 24, the results of which are indicated below. York and North Yorkshire is improving in 13 of the measures, saw no real change in 4 (2 of which remain at 100%) and has declined on the earliest presented data in 7. Although the current economic downturn is still too recent to impact fully on the indicators used, the downturn will significantly affect the sub-region and its economy; how this will effect long term progress will not be apparent until trends are clearer.

Table 2: Summary of Progress

	Improving	No real change	Declining / worsening on baseline	Data / trend not available
Economy	2	1	0	3
Quality of life	2	0	3	3
Environment	3	2	0	2
Infrastructure	1	0	3	2
Education and skills	5	0	1	0
Governance and Civic Participation	0	1	0	1
Total	13	4	7	11

14. a comparison to the region can be assessed in 22 of the 35 High Level Indicators. Of the 22, York and North Yorkshire compares favourably in 18, shows no notable difference in 2 and is lower or worse than the region in just 2.

Table 3: Comparison to the Region

	Higher or better than region	No notable difference to region	Lower or worse than region	Comparison not available
Economy	3	0	0	3
Quality of life	4	1	0	3
Environment	4	0	2	1
Infrastructure	1	0	0	5
Education and Skills	5	1	0	0
Governance and Civic Participation	1	0	0	1
Total	18	2	2	13

15. Some **key findings** that have emerged are;

- Gross Value Added in the York and North Yorkshire sub-region has continued to grow, reaching £12.9 billion in 2006, an increase of 46% since 1998, although growth does appear to be slowing. GVA per head is significantly higher in York than in North Yorkshire.
- The sub-region is dominated by a large number of small businesses. At the start of 2008 the stock of VAT registered businesses per 10,000 population was 508 which is significantly greater than the national and regional figures. Rural districts show higher levels of VAT registrations and have proportionally high levels of self-employment.
- In 2007 the employment rate for York and North Yorkshire (76.9%) compared favourably to both the regional and national rates. This rate is however below the 1999/2000 baseline (77.8%) and has continued to fall since 2005. Employment rates are falling in North Yorkshire but are rising in York.
- The Claimant Count for the sub-region has risen to its highest level in 10 years with high levels of worklessness particularly concentrated in Scarborough.
- Overall quality of life in the sub-region is high. In terms of health the sub-region is however making mixed progress. Life expectancy has increased in the sub-region, however high levels of obesity, smoking and binge drinking are potential issues. Participation in sport and active recreation has also fallen.
- While total crime in the sub-region has decreased since 2002/03, the levels of violent crime have increased. Although this provides some cause for concern the picture has improved over the last three years.
- The level of carbon emissions in York and North Yorkshire is broadly in line with those seen for the region yet the sub-region has an ecological footprint which is the highest in the region.
- The amount of municipal waste sent to landfill has decreased significantly and the proportion of household waste sent for recycling continues to increase.
- The quality of local environments remains good. Sites of Special Scientific Interest are in a more favourable condition. No local areas fall into the poorest air quality quintile in England and water quality has improved from an already high base.
- Housing Affordability remains an issue. Average house prices have increased by 185% since 1998 which meant that in 2007 house prices were approximately 9 times higher than earnings, compared to four times

higher than earnings in 1998. Although 2060 new homes were completed in 2007/08, figures have continually dropped since 2005/06. This is one area in particular that may have recently been affected by the economic downturn.

- Progress has been made in all of the learning and skills qualification measures, with a higher level of performance in the sub-region than the region as a whole. The percentage of the working age population without qualifications has reduced since the 1999 baseline.
- Job-related training has declined since the 2001 baseline. This has however also been the case regionally and nationally.
- Local Governance is measured by Comprehensive Performance Assessment. The City of York Council and North Yorkshire County Council achieved scores of 3 and 4 stars respectively (meaning the sub-region achieves a score of 100% as both are considered to be either good or excellent).
- Higher levels of civic participation occur in the sub-region than regionally or nationally.

The executive is asked to note the report

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AGENDA FOR NEXT DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEETING

Purpose of the report

1. This report sets a proposed agenda for the next meeting of the Development Board for approval by the executive.

Proposed agenda

2. Clearly items on the agenda are based on the discussion at this Executive which is appropriate for the Board. The following items are suggested

Integrated Regional Strategy and Economic Assessments (IRS and EA) – *Considering the issues discussed at this meeting including approving an initial scope of the assessment and any possible feedback from the regional leaders Board which would have met in mid July*

Sub Regional Partnership Arrangements
Considering ideas for an Economy and skills Board

Private sector Engagement
A discussion on working with the private sector

Geographic Programmes
Initially to look at regional projects and what they might like reports and presentations on. And then the position on the North Yorkshire programme and finally ERDF

3. I had hoped to have a presentation on the new tourism vision and arrangements but am unable to get a high level representative for diary issues. Does the executive feel that the agenda needs more substance? Options might include feedback from major projects such as the University of York or Scarborough Renaissance or we could have a speaker from LGYH or YF on the new regional arrangements.

The executive is asked to consider this draft agenda

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