

## LEEDS CITY REGION LEADERS' BOARD

**MONDAY, 30TH MARCH, 2009**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Councillor Carter in the Chair Councillor Box Councillor Gardner Councillor Hopkins Councillor Houghton Councillor Knowles-Fitton Councillor Metcalf (Substitute) Councillor Waller	Leeds City Council City of Wakefield MDC Harrogate BC City of Bradford MDC Barnsley MBC Craven DC North Yorkshire CC City of York Council
<b>APOLOGIES:</b>	Councillor Baines Councillor Khan Councillor Weighell Councillor Crane	Calderdale MBC Kirklees MC North Yorkshire CC Selby DC
<b>IN ATTENDANCE:</b>	Councillor Smith Paul Rogerson Bill McCarthy Owen Williams Wallace Sampson Joanne Roney Rob Vincent Martin Cantor David Hoggarth Stuart Turnock Rob Norreys Colin Blackburn Katie Stewart Kevin Tomkinson	Kirklees MDC Leeds City Council City of York Council Calderdale MDC Harrogate BC City of Wakefield MDC Kirklees MC Barnsley MBC METRO Leeds City Council LCR Secretariat LCR Secretariat LCR Secretariat Leeds City Council

### 93 CHAIR'S OPENING REMARKS

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked York for hosting it.

### 94 LATE ITEMS

The Chair reported that he had admitted 3 late items to the agenda.

(a) Transport Governance Review (Minute 100 refers)

To consider the report and receive feedback on the Chief Executive's facilitated discussions that took place on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2009 in respect of Transport Governance.

(b) City Region Representation on Pitt Review Task and Finish Group (Minute 104(v) refers)

To allow the appointments to the group to assist in preparing a regional response to the Review by the end of April deadline.

- (c) Draft Minutes of the Chief Executives Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2009 (Minute 108 refers)

To receive the minutes of the Chief Executives meeting in order that the minutes can be considered prior to the next meeting of the Chief Executives.

## **95 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

**RESOLVED** – That the minutes of the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2009 be approved as a correct record.

## **96 MATTERS ARISING**

- (a) Further to minute 91(a) – Any Other Business (Withdrawal of Service between Leeds Bradford International Airport and London Heathrow)

It was noted that it was intended to invite the Chief Executive of Leeds Bradford International Airport to a meeting to discuss the issue in detail.

## **97 UPDATE ON LCR FORERUNNER CITY REGION BID**

The Chief Officer submitted a report presenting an update on the LCR submission to Government for its forerunner city regions' programme.

The report outlined details of

- the bid submission
- those who the bid would be distributed to in order to maximise the chances of success
- the next steps

### **RESOLVED -**

- (a) That the progress on the Forerunner bid be noted.  
(b) That further distribution and publication of the bid be approved.  
(c) That an additional workshop be arranged for Leaders to discuss future implications and direction of travel.

## **98 HOMES AND COMMUNITIES AGENCY ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION**

David Curtis, Regional Director of the Homes and Communities Agency attended the meeting and provided the Board with an update on the work of the Agency and responded to Members' comments and questions particularly in relation to:

- the types of project likely to be included in the Business Plan for discussion
- local authorities setting the agenda
- priority projects
- National Mortgage Rescue Scheme
- Home Improvement Funding

Following the presentation and questions the Board agreed that it would be beneficial to both the Board and the Agency if Mr Curtis or his nominee be invited on a regular basis to meetings of the Board and / or Housing Panel.

**RESOLVED –**

- To receive the presentation.
- That Mr Curtis be thanked for his presentation.
- That a representative of the Agency be invited to future meetings of the Board and/or Housing Panel.

**99 METROCARD EXTENSION**

The Chief Officer submitted a report providing an update regarding the initial phases to an extension to the Metrocard ticketing system.

Mr Hoggarth, Metro attended the meeting and provided a brief update to the Board on the introduction of new rail zonal metrocards that add Harrogate and Skipton to the existing five zone West Yorkshire zonal system from 17<sup>th</sup> May 2009.

It was also reported that further work is being undertaken with the aims of achieving a Leeds City Region wide Metrocard.

Mr Hoggarth responded to questions in relation to:-

- communication and publicity arrangements for the new zonal metrocards (Harrogate and Skipton)
- the expansion of the zonal arrangements to include locations such as Knaresborough and Gargrave
- the inclusion of Selby/York and Barnsley

**RESOLVED –**

- To receive and note the report.
- That any publicity and communication should be released as a matter of urgency and that any such communication should provide detailed explanations as to why to date the scheme had only been extended to Harrogate and Skipton at this time.
- That a detailed report be submitted to the next meeting of the Transport Panel, the report should include:
  - details of future proposals
  - a timetable for the future proposals

- arrangements for the introduction of Knaresborough and Gargrave into the zonal scheme
- details of the communication plan to announce the new arrangements (any such information should have regard to the purdah period for the elections)
- detailed costings for the introduction of the new proposals including public subsidy options.

## **100 TRANSPORT GOVERNANCE**

The Chief Officer submitted a report updating Leaders on the recent meeting of Chief Executives to clarify the issues around the establishment of a City Region Integrated Transport Authority.

The report also set out the outcomes of the Chief Executives' discussions.

### **RESOLVED –**

- (a) To note that following the full exploration of the option of a single Leeds City Region Integrated Transport Authority, both York and North Yorkshire are of the view that the balance is best maintained for the immediate future by the retention of separate Local Transport Plans for their areas and the development of a strong partnership to deliver the Leeds City Region Transport Vision and Multi Area Agreement.
- (b) To note that a full Leeds City Region Integrated Transport Authority is not deliverable without the agreement of all the Local Transport Plan authorities.
- (c) That the consequential next steps be supported.
- (d) That the approach should be reviewed in twelve months time and
  - check that the arrangements are achieving sufficient strategic strength
  - assess the progress made in pursuit of the Multi Area Agreement
  - take stock of any opportunities to strengthen Leeds City Region integrated transport planning in the context of developments in national and regional arrangements
- (e) That Chief Executives and officers representing all the Local Transport Plans/Integrated Transport Authorities meet again to confirm an action programme.

## **101 NEW GROWTH POINTS PROGRAMME DELIVERY**

The Chief Officer submitted a report proposing spend profile for the £6.3 million funding allocated to the city region for 2009/10 and 2010/11 to deliver the City Region's New Growth Points Programme.

Officers also reported on the recent Government announcement of full business cases to be drawn up for an additional 2 transport schemes worth £3.5 million:

- a pedestrian scheme in Wakefield (£0.9million)

- the Dearne Valley Project in Barnsley (£2.5 million)

**RESOLVED –**

- (a) That the proposed city region support mechanisms for managing the City Region New Growth Points Programme be supported.
- (b) That the proposed funding profile for 2009/10 and 2010/11 as detailed in paragraph 3.2 of the report be endorsed.
- (c) That further reports be submitted to this Board detailing progress in delivering the Programme.
- (d) That officers be thanked for their effort on this programme.

**102 LEEDS CITY REGION SUMMIT 2009**

The Chief Officer submitted a report updating Leaders with plans for a City Region Summit to mark the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Leeds City Region Partnership as a platform for engaging key decision makers and stakeholders.

The report detailed the:

- objectives of the event
- provisional date (27<sup>th</sup> November 2009)
- provisional venue (Harrogate International Conference Centre)
- format and programme of the event
- proposed national and regional audiences
- project management of the event
- sponsorship already secured and still required

**RESOLVED –**

- (a) That the Secretary of State and spokesperson for the opposition parties should be invited to the event.
- (b) That the summit should deliver clear outcomes and a way forward.

**103 LGYH LEADERS REPORT**

The Chair of the Board provided an update on the work of the LGYH and confirmed Leaders' views on the role of the Leaders Board particularly in relation to:

- the way forward
- the need to avoid duplication
- the delivery of real outcomes
- college capital funding

**RESOLVED –** That the Leaders report be noted.

**104 REGIONAL REPRESENTATION**

The Chief Officer submitted a report seeking to appoint Leeds City Region representation on the LGYH Leaders Board and the Thematic Boards supporting the Joint Regional Board.

**RESOLVED –**

- (a) That the representatives on the LGYH Leaders Board be Councillor Andrew Carter (Leeds) and Councillor Kris Hopkins (Bradford) and that Councillor Baines (Calderdale) be the Deputy
- (b) That the representatives on the Thematic Boards be as follows:
  - (i) Spatial Planning Panel
    - Councillor Naylor (Bradford)
    - Councillor Anderson (Leeds)
  - (ii) Regeneration and Housing
    - Councillor Jeffery (Wakefield)
    - Councillor J L Carter (Leeds)
  - (iii) Transport
    - Councillor Hawksworth (Bradford)
    - Councillor Watson (Calderdale)
  - (iv) Work and Skills
    - Councillor Khan or nominee (Kirklees)
  - (v) Pitt Review Task and Finish Group
    - Councillor Waller (York)
    - Mr Sellens (Leeds – Officer)

**105 DRAFT HOUSING PANEL MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** – That the minutes of the Housing Panel meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2009 be noted.

**106 DRAFT SKILLS AND LABOUR MARKET PANEL MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** – That the minutes of the Skills and Labour Market Panel meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2009 be noted.

**107 DRAFT ECONOMY AND INNOVATION PANEL MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** – That the minutes of the Economy and Innovation Panel meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2009 be noted.

**108 CHIEF EXECUTIVES' MEETING MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** – That the minutes of the Chief Executives meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2009 be noted.

**109 KEY ISSUES AND PROGRESS**

Draft minutes to be approved at the meeting  
to be held on Thursday, 11th June, 2009

The Chief Officer submitted a report providing an update on progress with City Region activity.

**RESOLVED** – That the report be noted.

**110 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting was agreed as Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2009 at 2.00 pm in Kirklees.