

LEEDS CITY REGION LEADERS' BOARD

THURSDAY, 4TH FEBRUARY, 2010

PRESENT:	Councillor Carter (Chair)	- Leeds City Council
	Councillor Baines	- Calderdale MBC
	Councillor Cooper (Substitute)	- Harrogate BC
	Councillor Hopkins	- City of Bradford MDC
	Councillor Jefferies (Substitute)	- City of Wakefield MBC
	Councillor Khan	- Kirklees MC
	Councillor Newman (Substitute)	- Barnsley MBC
	Councillor Percival (Substitute)	- Selby DC
	Councillor Watson (substitute)	- North Yorkshire CC
APOLOGIES:	Councillor Box	- City of Wakefield MDC
	Councillor Crane	- Selby DC
	Councillor Gardner	- Harrogate BC
	Councillor Houghton	- Barnsley MBC
	Councillor Knowles-Fitton	- Craven DC
	Councillor Waller	- City of York Council
	Joanne Roney	- City of Wakefield MDC
IN ATTENDANCE:	Paul Rogerson	- Leeds City Council
	Anne Pittard	- City of Wakefield MDC
	Owen Williams	- Calderdale MBC
	Wallace Sampson	- Harrogate BC
	Rob Vincent	- Kirklees MC
	Martin Cantor	- Barnsley MBC
	Paul Shevlin	- Craven DC
	Kersten England	- City of York Council
	Mark Turnbull	- Leeds City Council
	Jonathan Lund	- Selby DC
	Robert Norreys	- LCR Secretariat
	Sue Cooke	- LCR Secretariat
	Colin Blackburn	- LCR Secretariat
	Katie Stewart	- LCR Secretariat
	David Curtis	- Homes & Communities
	David Williamson	- Innovations Partnership
Kevin Tomkinson	- Leeds City Council	
Iain Moffatt	- KPMG	
Nicole Brock	- KPMG	

66 LATE ITEMS

The Chair reported that he had admitted one late item to the agenda:-

- Low Carbon Framework (minute 76 refers)

To allow the Board to have early consideration of the recent Government announcement.

67 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 10th December 2009 be approved as a correct record.

68 MATTERS ARISING

- a) Further to minute 56(b)(Summit Update and Engagement Activity 2010) it was noted that the one page briefing note had been circulated to Leaders along with a more detailed briefing note.

69 EMPLOYMENT AND SKILLS BOARD

The Chief Officer submitted a report updating Members and seeking further views from Leaders on progress in establishing an Employment and Skills Board (ESB), in line with the Action Plan discussed by Leaders in December, as well as seeking nominations to join the full ESB.

RESOLVED –

- a.) That proposals to recruit ESB members, develop a Skills and Employment Strategy, and for the process for the ESB to be assessed by UK Commission for Employment and Skills for statutory strategy-setting powers be agreed and for provision to be made for the remuneration of private sector ESB members, where appropriate.
- b.) That five Local Authority representatives be nominated to join the ESB to cover 'place' leadership and public employer roles: Cllr Hopkins (City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council); Cllr Baines (Borough Council of Calderdale); Cllr Metcalfe (North Yorkshire County Council); Phil Coppard (Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council); and Rob Vincent (Kirklees Metropolitan Council).

70 LCR SINGLE CONVERSATION: INVESTMENT PRIORITIES

The Chief Officer submitted a report for Members to consider the city regionally significant housing and regeneration priorities to inform the preparation of the City Region HCA Investment Plan and Agreement.

RESOLVED –

- a) That the process being undertaken to prepare and develop the City Region Investment Plan and Agreement be noted;
- b) That the proposed city region housing and regeneration priorities set out in Tables 1 and 2 be endorsed;
- c) That further development work being undertaken to inform the 2011-14 city region Investment Plan and Agreement be supported.

71 GOVERNANCE WHITE PAPER

Iain Moffatt and Nicole Brock of KPMG presented to the Board a high level project plan outlining an approach for a new city region project regarding potential future governance models.

Members were informed that the objectives of the engagement of KPMG were to:

- a) prepare a 'white paper' which outlined a model of regional governance which was capable of maximising the city regions ability to deliver the ambitions of its 'forerunner status'.
- b) support the City Region Partnership, through a small number of set piece interviews, in influencing both Whitehall and the three main political party front bench teams of the merits of the proposed regional governance model, ahead of a General election.

Members also noted that the 'white paper' would seek to:

- determine how the newly created 'forerunner' Leeds City Region should fit in the near term within the overall governance of the Yorkshire and Humber Region.
- articulate a Leeds City Region opinion on future regional governance matters.
- advise on the additional roles, remits , and responsibilities the City Region may wish to secure.

RESOLVED – To note the presentation and that there would be a further report submitted to this Board in due course.

72 KEY ISSUES AND PROGRESS

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

RESOLVED – That the contents of the report be noted.

73 CHIEF EXECUTIVES' MEETING MINUTES

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Chief Executives meeting held on 18th January 2010 be noted.

74 HOUSING PANEL MINUTES

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Housing Panel minutes held on the 30th November 2009 be noted.

75 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

a) Future Summit

Members considered the possibility of a summit meeting in the future and agreed that this matter be revisited after April.

b) Metrocard

Members agreed that work should continue on proposals for a City Region Metrocard and that indicative costs should be presented to members. No financial commitments should be given at this stage and any report back should include options for a card similar to the 'oyster card' and should not presume that there would be any subsidies.

76 LOW CARBON FRAMEWORK

The Chief Officer submitted a report introducing proposals for a Low Carbon Framework programme across the Leeds City Region.

RESOLVED -

- a) To receive and note the report
- b) That a further report be submitted to this Board when more detail is available.

77 DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was agreed as Thursday 8th April 2010 at 1.30pm in York.