

## LEEDS CITY REGION LEADERS' BOARD

THURSDAY, 8TH APRIL, 2010

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Councillor Carter (Chair)	- Leeds City Council
	Councillor Baines	- Calderdale MBC
	Councillor Smith (Substitute)	- City of Bradford MDC
	Councillor Gardner	- Harrogate BC
	Councillor Houghton	- Barnsley MBC
	Councillor Khan	- Kirklees MC
	Councillor Knowles-Fitton	- Craven DC
	Councillor Mackman (Substitute)	- Selby DC
	Councillor Waller	- City of York Council
	Councillor Watson (substitute)	- North Yorkshire CC
<b>APOLOGIES:</b>	Councillor Box	- City of Wakefield MDC
	Councillor Crane	- Selby DC
	Councillor Hopkins	- City of Bradford MDC
	Councillor Weighell	- North Yorkshire CC
	Owen Williams	- Calderdale MBC
	Wallace Sampson	- Harrogate BC
	Rob Vincent	- Kirklees MC
<b>IN ATTENDANCE:</b>	Paul Rogerson	- Leeds City Council
	Phil Coppard	- Barnsley MBC
	Tony Reeves	- City of Bradford MDC
	Paul Shevlin	- Craven DC
	Kersten England	- City of York Council
	Martin Connor	- Selby DC
	Nick Howe	- Kirklees MC
	Caroline Allen	- Leeds City Council
	Mary Farrar	- Calderdale MBC
	Robert Norreys	- LCR Secretariat
	James Flanagan	- LCR Secretariat
	Colin Blackburn	- LCR Secretariat
	Katie Stewart	- LCR Secretariat
	Naz Parkar	- HCA
	David Williamson	- Innovations Partnership
Kevin Tomkinson	- Leeds City Council	

### 78 LATE ITEMS

The Chair reported that he had agreed to the circulation of two additional pieces of information as follows:-

- a) Employment and Skills Board (minute 81 refers) – Details of employer nominations to the Employment and Skills Board.

- b) Leeds City Region Investment Plan (minute 82 refers) – Details of the Investment Agreement.

## **79 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

**RESOLVED** – That the minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2010 be approved as a correct record.

## **80 MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising.

## **81 Employment and Skills Board**

The Chief Officer submitted a report updating update Leaders on progress in establishing an Employment and Skills Board for the City Region and developing an Employment & Skills Strategy; and seeking agreement to employer nominations to join the Employment and Skills Board.

### **RESOLVED –**

- a) That progress on strategy development be noted  
b) To agree that the following employer nominations be appointed to the Employment and Skills Board and that the appointment of John Anderson as Chair of the Board be supported ;

- John Anderson - BT
- Stephen Kennedy - CPP Group Plc
- Jill Ezard - Pace Plc
- Kevin O'Connor - Baker Tilly
- Amjad Pervez - Seafresh/Adams Group
- Gale Campbell - L&P Components Europe
- John Horvath - Cedar Court Hotels Yorkshire
- Mark McDavid - Hallmark Cards Plc

- c) To note that there are still a couple of seats vacant on the Board one of which is for a Public Sector employer.  
d) That John Yeoman be thanked for his work in overseeing the establishment of the Employment and Skills Board.  
e) That Members of this Board be kept updated in respect of progress on the work of the Board.

## **82 LCR Investment Plan**

The Chief Officer submitted a report presenting the draft Leeds City Region Housing and Regeneration Investment Plan.

The report updated Members on the Investment Plan particularly;

- The background to the preparation of the Investment Plan
- The process for preparing the Plan
- The content of the Plan
- Funding scenarios
- Next steps

**RESOLVED –**

- a) To receive and note the emerging Draft Leeds City Region Investment Plan;
- b) That the draft Leeds City Region Investment Plan be supported;
- c) To agree that the Chairs of the Leeds City Region Leaders' Board and Housing Panel / LCR HCA Board in liaison with the Chief Officer be authorised to sign the final Leeds City Region Investment Agreement 2010/11 with the HCA on behalf of the Leeds City Region Partnership.

**83 LCR HCA Board Arrangements**

The Chief Officer submitted a report setting out the governance and operational arrangements of the LCR HCA Board, which will have the responsibility for delivering the Leeds City Region Housing and Regeneration Investment Plan.

**RESOLVED –**

- a) That the proposed LCR HCA Board arrangements, including the strong relationship between the Board and the Housing Panel in relation to investment and delivery matters be supported.
- b) That the proposed investment planning and programme management roles of the LCR HCA Board be supported.
- c) That the proceedings of the LCR HCA Board being reported to the Leaders Board be supported.

**84 LCR Urban Eco Settlements Funding Announcement**

The Chief Officer submitted a report informing Members of the recent announcement for additional Government funding to progress the LCR Urban Eco Settlement (UES) Programme.

**RESOLVED –**

- a) That the funding announcement to support both the four Urban Eco Settlements and the Dearne Valley Project be welcomed.
- b) That further updates be provided to this Board on progress in delivering the eco proposals.

**85 Innovation Capital Prospectus and Investment Plan**

Draft minutes to be approved at the meeting  
to be held on Thursday, 10th June, 2010

The Chief Officer submitted a report presenting Leaders with the emerging priorities and programme of activity for the Innovation Capital Prospectus and Investment Plan (ICPIP). The report particularly provided information in respect of the background to the Plan, the consultation process and the next steps in the development of the Plan.

**RESOLVED –**

- a) That the emerging priorities from the Innovation Capital Prospectus and Investment Plan be noted.
- b) That the process for sign off moving forward be noted.

**86 Key Issues and Progress**

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

Members of the Board received a brief update on the various activities undertaken within the City Region particularly in respect of;

- The Research and Data report appended to this report
- The Financial Times supplement of the 17<sup>th</sup> March 2010
- Total Capital
- The engagement with the private sector and events with the Federation of Small Businesses and the Chamber of Commerce.

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

**87 Shadow Employment and Skills Board**

**RESOLVED –** That the minutes of the Shadow Employment and Skills Board meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2010 be noted.

**88 Chief Executives' Meeting Minutes**

**RESOLVED –** That the minutes of the Chief Executives meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2010 be noted.

**89 Housing Panel Minutes**

**RESOLVED –** That the minutes of the Housing Panel meeting held on the 25<sup>th</sup> January 2010 be noted.

**90 Economic Drivers and Innovation Panel Minutes**

Draft minutes to be approved at the meeting  
to be held on Thursday, 10th June, 2010

**RESOLVED** – That the minutes of the Economic Drivers and Innovation Panel meeting held on the 18<sup>th</sup> March 2010 be noted.

## **91 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

### a) Independent Sustainability Development Board

Members agreed that Councillor James Monaghan (Leeds City Council) be appointed to the Independent Sustainability Development Board as the representative of the Leeds City Region Leaders' Board.

### b) Jarvis

Members noted that Jarvis had recently gone into administration and the Leaders' Board agreed that they would be happy to support City of York Council in its efforts to retain as much of the functions carried out by Jarvis within the City.

### c) KPMG – Governance White Paper

Members received a verbal update from the Chief Officer on the work conducted by KPMG and noted:

- that this will form a platform for further detailed work to be undertaken by the City Region Chief Executives which will be concluded once the outcome of the General Election is known
- and that a meeting of Leaders and Chief Executives will be arranged towards the end of May for the purpose of agreeing a final submission to the incoming Government.

## **92 Closing Remarks**

As this was the last meeting of the Municipal Year the Chair thanked everyone involved with the Leaders' Board for their contribution to the work of the Board over the last 12 months.

## **93 DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting was agreed as Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2010 at 1.30pm in Kirklees.

(Please note that this date has been rearranged from the previous date of Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2010)