

## LEEDS CITY REGION LEADERS' BOARD

THURSDAY, 8TH OCTOBER, 2009

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Councillor Carter (Chair)	- Leeds City Council
	Councillor Baines	- Calderdale MBC
	Councillor Box	- City of Wakefield MDC
	Councillor Crane	- Selby DC
	Councillor Houghton	- Barnsley MBC
	Councillor Khan	- Kirklees MC
	Councillor Knowles-Fitton	- Craven DC
	Councillor Waller	- City of York Council
	Councillor Watson (substitute)	- North Yorkshire CC
<b>APOLOGIES:</b>	Councillor Hopkins	- City of Bradford MDC
	Councillor Gardner	- Harrogate BC
<b>IN ATTENDANCE:</b>	Paul Rogerson	- Leeds City Council
	Joanne Roney	- City of Wakefield MDC
	Tony Reeves	- City of Bradford MDC
	Wallace Sampson	- Harrogate BC
	Rob Vincent	- Kirklees MC
	Martin Cantor	- Barnsley MBC
	Martin Connor	- Selby DC
	Richard Flinton	- North Yorkshire CC
	Mark Turnbull	- Leeds City Council
	Robert Norreys	- LCR Secretariat
	Colin Blackburn	- LCR Secretariat
	Melanie Taylor	- LCR Secretariat
	James Flanagan	- LCR Secretariat
	Katie Stewart	- LCR Secretariat
David Curtis	- Homes & Communities Agency	
Jeff English	- METRO	
Kevin Tomkinson	- Leeds City Council	

### 38 Minutes Of The Last Meeting

**RESOLVED** – That the minutes of the last meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> August 2009 be approved as a correct record.

### 39 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

## **40 Transport Strategy**

The Chief Officer submitted a report seeking approval of the Leeds City Region Transport Strategy and its formal launch at the City Region Summit in November 2009.

The report provided background information in respect of the Strategy and informed Members that the aim was to produce a more focused strategy to link better with Local Transport Schemes and Major RFA Schemes.

The Consultants presented their findings to the Board and responded to queries and comments raised by Members particularly in respect of ;

- The current level of bus usage
- The value of some of the data as it was based on West Yorkshire and not the Leeds City Region and also the age of the data (2007) in view of the fact that there were significant changes in circumstances happening regularly.
- The current arrangements in respect of bus contracts and contractors.

### **RESOLVED-**

- a) That the Leeds City Region Transport Strategy be approved.
- b) That the Leeds City Region Transport Strategy be formally launched at the City Region Summit in November 2009.
- c) That a report be submitted to this Board on the arrangements in respect of bus services and operators.

## **41 Housing and Regeneration Strategy and Investment Framework**

The Chief Officer submitted a report seeking Members consideration of the draft Leeds City Region Housing and Regeneration Strategy and Investment Framework.

The report set out the background to the development of the Strategy and Framework , details of the preparation process and the key challenges in producing the document.

Following a presentation by the Consultants Members raised a number of comments that it was agreed should be taken into account prior to the document been finalised, particularly comments in respect of ;

- Whether Theme 5(facilitating shared resourcing and research) in the document was appropriately categorised as a Theme
- The need for the collaborative working element to be more flexible and less rigid to ensure that the desired outcomes can be achieved

- The changing demographics across the Region and the making of certain assumptions in respect of Economic Growth

**RESOLVED-**

- a) That the comments made by Leaders on the draft Housing and Regeneration Strategy and Investment Framework be considered prior to the finalisation of the document.
- b) That the draft Housing and Regeneration Strategy and Investment Framework be endorsed subject to any final changes.
- c) That the Chair in liaison with the Housing Panel Chair and Chief Officer agree the final document.
- d) That the City Region Housing and Investment Framework be formally launched at the City Region Summit in November 2009.

**42 The Leeds City Region Budget Plan 2010/11**

**RESOLVED** -That the report on the Leeds City Region draft Budget Plan for 2010/11 be deferred to the meeting in December 2009.

**43 Update on City Region Forerunner Programme**

The Chief Officer submitted a report presenting Leaders with an update on progress on the City Region Forerunner programme.

The report provided Members with the background to the awarding of the Forerunner status and an update on activity carried out to date with a view to a ministerial meeting taking place in November 2009 to sign off the final pilot programme agreement.

**RESOLVED-**

- a) That the progress on negotiation of the Forerunner Programme be noted.
- b) That the current timescale for signing off and launching the final agreement with Government be noted.

**44 Party Conferences and Summit Update**

The Chief Officer submitted a report presenting to Leaders a brief update on party conferences and the Leeds City Region Summit 2009.

**RESOLVED-**

- a) That Partnership activity at this years autumn fringe events be noted.
- b) That updated plans for the Leeds City Region Summit 2009 be noted and that Leaders be asked to ensure that the Summit activities for the 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> November 2009 are in their diaries.
- c) That officers be thanked for their work promoting the work of the Leeds City Region at the recent Party Conferences.

#### **45 City Relationships**

Board Members received a presentation from representatives of Work Foundation and Centre for Cities on relationships between both Cities and City Regions.

The presentation focused on the following main areas;

- Why City relationships are important
- The aims of the City Relationships project
- Findings from the consultation exercise that had been undertaken
- Retail and Financial Services sector and their links
- North South divide within the Leeds City Region
- Policy Lessons

Discussion followed the presentation particularly in respect of the success of the Leeds City Region and the possible close links to the Manchester City Region as well as the Sheffield City Region.

**RESOLVED-** That the presentation be received.

#### **46 Economic Drivers and Innovation Panel Minutes**

**RESOLVED-** That the minutes of the Economy Drivers and Innovation Panel meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2009 be noted.

#### **47 Key Issues and Progress**

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

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

#### **48 Date And Time Of The Next Meeting**

The next meeting was agreed as Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2009 at 1.30pm in Wakefield.