

**MINUTES OF THE SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL PARTNERS  
MEETING: 23 MARCH 2009**

**Attendees**

Paul Jagger	Chair
Nick Pontone	Chambers of Commerce
Patricia Farrell	Faiths Forum
Helen Groves	Regional Forum
Wendy Bundy	Rural Action Yorkshire
Tom Glossop	Town and Parish Councils
John Lewis	TUC

**Visitors**

Jane Hustwit	Consultant
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**Staff**

Sue Jeffrey  
James Paton  
Emma King

**Apologies**

Michele Sutton/Caroline Rowley	Association of Colleges
Naheed Arshad Mather	BME Regional Panel
Andrew Palmer	CBI
Tony Cherry	FSB
Cate Hammond	Regional Environment Forum
Amelia Morgan	Yorkshire Universities

**1. Welcome, Introductions and Apologies**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were **noted**.

**2. Minutes of the Last Meeting – 5 February 2009**

The minutes of the last meeting were **agreed** as an accurate record.

**3. Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

**4. Future Arrangements, Including Plans for the Emerging Stakeholder Unit and Confirmation of its Governance Arrangements for 2009/10**

Sue Jeffrey began this item by reminding all Partners of the final Assembly meeting on Thursday 26 March and encouraging full attendance due to the need to pass the motion of dissolution of the Assembly. It was noted that this is particularly an issue for SEE Partners now that Yorkshire Culture is no longer part of the Assembly membership.

It was also noted that a farewell reception would be held after this meeting and all Partners are invited to attend. This reception will be attended by the Regional Minister, Rosie Winterton MP.

Sue then gave a brief update on the situation regarding new regional arrangements. The following points were noted:

- A report that went to the Joint Regional Board on 6 March sets out the new regional arrangements including the new thematic boards.
- The Joint Regional Board will be designated as the Regional Planning Body.
- The English Regions Network will continue to hold national SEE Partner meetings and it is important that Yorkshire and Humber continue to be represented at these meetings.

Partners asked for clarification on the following issues:

- Will new contact details for existing Assembly staff be circulated to Partners? It was noted that the final issue of the Assembly newsletter 'Essentials' will contain contact details for new work areas.
- There may be an issue over SEE Partner representation on the new thematic boards – there will be eight local authority members, 4 Yorkshire Forward Board members (of whom most are local authority members) and only 4 SEE Partners. It was noted that this issue is being taken into account with the probability of an open nominations procedure for SEE Partners to join the boards.

Paul Jagger then gave a brief update on the work that the SEE Partner Leadership Group has been undertaking. He noted that they have discussed the management of future SEE Partner work which will now be initially funded from CLG regional resources and located with Yorkshire Futures. The issue of how to lead this work effectively to get maximum engagement has also been discussed. Finally it was noted that as of 1<sup>st</sup> April the SEE Partner grouping will no longer include government agencies working in the region and as a result Paul Jagger, representing the Learning and Skills Council will be stepping down as a SEE Partner. Nick Pontone has agreed to Chair the group on a temporary basis until the Summer.

At this point Jane Hustwit gave a further detailed introduction to the work that SEE Partners would be undertaking. The following points were noted:

- A prospectus has been created that sets out what the SEE Partners can offer to the new arrangements including contributing to the new Integrated Regional Strategy and to the thematic boards.
- Existing Assembly staff will continue to support the SEE Partners and Iain Lovell; currently Head of Communications and Scrutiny at the Assembly will take the role of Stakeholder Relations Manager. Jane will also continue to support the SEE Partners, at least initially.
- The Leadership Group will continue to lead the work of the SEE Partners and will look at a work programme initially to September 2009.

The Group **agreed** and **noted** the above updates. It was also **agreed** that both Nick Pontone and Wendy Bundy

should speak on behalf of the SEE Partners at the farewell reception on Thursday.

Finally the Group were informed that a stakeholder information session 'Influencing our Region's Future' will take place on Tuesday 31 March in Leeds. This will inform people of what is happening in the region, primarily from a SEE Partner perspective. It will be attended by Clare Coates (LGYH), Simon Foy (Yorkshire Forward), Les Newby (Yorkshire Futures) and Margaret Jackson (Government Office) who will be on hand to answer any questions. This event was **noted** by Partners.

**5. Final Assembly Meeting – 26 March 2009 (Agenda)**

The agenda for the final Assembly meeting was **noted** by Partners.

**6. Any other Business**

Thanks were **noted** for Paul Jagger as Chair of the SEE Partner Group, Deputy Chair of the Assembly and Chair of the Scrutiny Board.

Emma King, Business Services Officer  
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