

## **MINUTES OF THE FINAL MEETING OF THE YORKSHIRE AND HUMBER ASSEMBLY: 26 MARCH 2009**

### **1. Welcome, Introductions & Apologies**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked everyone, especially substitute Members, for making the effort to attend the final meeting of the Yorkshire and Humber Assembly.

A full attendance list is attached at **Annex A**.

### **2. Minutes of the Last Meeting – 12 February 2009**

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

### **3. Matters Arising**

It was **noted** that the Assembly had written to Yorkshire Forward regarding their current and future spending plans as requested at the last meeting. This letter and Yorkshire Forward's response were circulated to Members on 23 March.

This was **noted** by Members.

### **4. Minutes and Matters Arising from the Last Meetings of the Assembly as Follows:**

#### **a) Regional Housing Board – 16 January**

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

#### **b) Sustainable Development Board – 29 January**

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

#### **c) Scrutiny – 4 February**

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

#### **d) Regional Executive Board – 5 March**

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

#### **e) Regional Planning Board – 18 March**

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

#### **f) Regional Transport Board - 20 March**

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

#### **g) SEE Partners – 23 March**

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

There was also an additional set of minutes tabled from the meeting with the Regional Housing Board Chair, Cllr Kris Hopkins, to discuss the regional mortgage rescue scheme, held on 24 March. Cllr Waller outlined the details of the scheme to Members. These were **noted** by Members.

### **5. Regional Biodiversity Strategy**

Richard Wood introduced this item and gave Members a brief summary of the work that has gone into producing this document.

Members **endorsed** the strategy.

### **6. The Legacy of the Yorkshire and Humber Assembly**

The Chair introduced this document and asked Members to review and be proud of the Assembly's achievements over its lifetime. It was noted that the quality debate that the Assembly has generated has led to a number of excellent projects that are detailed in this document.

Members **noted** the document and thanks were **recorded** for all Members, Stakeholders and staff that have worked with and for the Assembly over its lifetime.

## 7. Dissolution of the Yorkshire and Humber Assembly

Members were advised that despite best efforts it had not been possible to secure attendance by three quarters of local authority members and three quarters of the SEE Partners as required by the Assembly's constitution to pass the resolution for dissolution.

However Members **noted** legal advice that confirmed it could reasonably be implied that the constitution relates the three-quarters voting to 'those present and able to vote'

Sue Jeffrey introduced the dissolution report and summarised the process that had been followed to bring the Assembly to an end and to introduce new regional governance arrangements.

It was noted that the Regional Environment Forum had considered voting against the dissolution as the arrangements for the new independent challenge board have yet to be agreed.

This was **noted** and Members were advised by Cllr Arthur Barker, Chair of LGYH that arrangements are being made to ensure that sustainable development work is taken forward. A paper on this issue will be presented to the Joint Regional Board meeting in July.

Members were advised that under the new arrangements from 1 April the Joint Regional Board would be designated as the Regional Planning Body. This was **noted** by Members.

Members considered and **agreed** the steps to wind up the Assembly as recommended by the Regional Executive Board.

Members further **agreed** to delegate any remaining decisions relating to the wind up of the Assembly including the final date for dissolution to the Chair and Deputy in consultation with the Assembly Executive Directors and/or the Chief Executive of LGYH.

Finally Members considered the motion for dissolution of the Yorkshire and Humber Assembly.

All Members present voted in favour and in line with the legal advice the motion was declared carried. The vote was **recorded**.

The Chair closed the final meeting of the Assembly by thanking everyone for their attendance and inviting them to join him at the Farewell Reception at the Assembly offices, 18 King Street.

Emma King, Business Services Officer,  
March 2009



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**Attendees**

**Members/Substitutes:**

Caroline Rowley	Association of Colleges (Sub)
Cllr Bill Newman	Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council (Sub)
Cllr Anne Hawkesworth	Bradford Metropolitan District Council (Sub)
Cllr Graham Hall	Calderdale Metropolitan Borough Council (Sub)
Cllr Peter Box	Chair
Nick Pontone	Chambers of Commerce (Sub)
Cllr Andrew Waller	City of York Council
Andrew Palmer	Confederation of British Industry
Cllr Jane Evison	East Riding of Yorkshire Council (Sub)
Patricia Farrell	Faiths Forum
Cllr Arthur Barker	Hambleton District Council
Cllr Mike Gardner	Harrogate Borough Council
Cllr John Bale	Leeds City Council (Sub)
Cllr Mark Kirk	North Lincolnshire Council
Cllr John Weighell	North Yorkshire County Council
Cate Hammond	Regional Environment Forum
Jane Hustwit	Regional Forum (Sub)
Cllr Roger Stone	Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council
Wendy Bundy	Rural Action Yorkshire
Cllr Keith Knaggs	Ryedale District Council
Cllr Tom Fox	Scarborough Borough Council
Cllr Mark Crane	Selby District Council
Cllr Tom Glossop	Town and Parish Councils
Kevin Lancaster	Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority
Amelia Morgan	Yorkshire Universities

**Observers:**

Felicity Everiss	Government Office
Vanessa Gilbert	Highways Agency
Terry Hodgkinson	Yorkshire Forward

**Chief Executives:**

Carole Hassan LGYH  
Tom Riordan Yorkshire Forward

**Visitors:**

Barry Fleetwood North Lincolnshire Council

**Staff:**

Chris Martin	Andy Horrocks
Sue Jeffrey	Jatinder Singh Mehmi
Emma King	Richard Wood
James Paton	Jenny Poxon
Martyn Roberts	Andy Haigh
Hannah Madajewski	Iain Lovell
Vanessa Curry	Lyndsey Bunn
Liz Drexler	Kelly Jevons
Hannah Howe	Chris Pilkington

**Apologies:**

Michele Sutton	Association of Colleges (Sub)
Naheed Arshad Mather	BME Regional Panel (No Sub)
Cllr Kris Hopkins	Bradford Metropolitan District Council (Sub)
Cllr Chris Knowles-Fitton	Craven District Council (No Sub)
Mayor Martin Winters	Doncaster Metropolitan Borough (No Sub)
Cllr Stephen Parnaby	East Riding of Yorkshire Council (Sub)
Toby Willison	Environment Agency
Tony Cherry	Federation of Small Businesses (No Sub)
Rob Vincent	Kirklees Metropolitan Council
Paul Jagger	Learning and Skills Council (Deputy Chair) (Sub)
Paul Rogerson	Local Authority Chief Executives
Peter Nottage	Natural England
Cllr Andrew De Freitas	North East Lincolnshire Council (No Sub)
John Marsden	North Yorkshire County Council
Cllr John Fletcher	North York Moors National Park Authority (No Sub)
Meredydd Hughes	Police
Cllr Paul Scriven	Sheffield City Council (No Sub)

Record of those voting for the motion for dissolution of the Yorkshire and Humber Assembly at the special general meeting held on 26 March 2009, County Hall, Wakefield

Local Authority	No of Votes	Voted?
Barnsley MBC	5	Y
Bradford MDC	9	Y
Calderdale MBC	4	Y
City of York Council	4	Y
Craven DC	1	
Doncaster MBC	5	
East Riding of Yorkshire Council	7	Y
Hambleton BC	1	Y
Harrogate BC	1	Y
Kingston upon Hull CC	5	
Kirklees MBC	7	
Leeds City Council	15	Y
North East Lincolnshire Council	4	
North Lincolnshire Council	4	Y
North Yorkshire County Council	7	Y
Richmondshire DC	1	
Rotherham MBC	5	Y
Ryedale DC	1	Y
Scarborough BC	1	Y
Selby DC	1	Y
Sheffield CC	11	
Wakefield MDC	7	

National Park	No of Votes	Voted?
North Yorkshire Moors National Park Auth.	1	
Yorkshire Dales National Park	1	Y

SEE Partner	No of Votes	Voted?
Association of Colleges	4.733	Y
BME Regional Network	4.733	
CBI	4.733	Y
Federation of Small Businesses	4.733	
Public Health	4.733	
Learning & Skills Councils	4.733	
Town and Parish Councils	4.733	Y
Regional Environment Forum	4.733	Y
TUC	4.733	Y <sup>1</sup>
Y&H Chambers of Commerce	4.733	Y
Y&H Faiths Forum	4.733	Y
Y&H Regional Forum	4.733	Y
Yorkshire Culture	4.733	
Rural Action Yorkshire	4.733	Y
Yorkshire Universities	4.733	Y

<sup>1</sup> Confirmed by email after the meeting.