

MINUTES OF THE REGIONAL EXECUTIVE BOARD: 8 JANUARY 2009

1. **Welcome, Introductions & Apologies**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were noted. A special mention was given to Michael Noble who left his post as Chief Executive of Yorkshire Universities at the end of last year. Thanks were noted for Michael's contribution to the Assembly over the last few years. The Chair also gave a special welcome to Andrew Palmer who has replaced Penny Hemming as a SEE Partner representative on the Regional Executive Board from the CBI.

A separate attendance list is attached as **Annex A**.

2. **Minutes of the Last Meeting – 6 November 2008**

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

3. **Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

4. **Sub National Review and Transition Arrangements**

Sue Jeffrey introduced this item and took Members through the main issues regarding the Sub National Review and related transition of the Assembly. Members were advised that additional guidance on the single regional strategy and associated regional governance arrangements would be published shortly.

Paul Jagger gave a brief update on how the SEE Partners are progressing with the development of new arrangements and noted that so far this was proving positive.

There was a concern raised over the leadership of the new Joint Regional Board where it is proposed to have a system of co-chairmanship (Yorkshire Forward and LGYH on an alternate basis) and the apparent loss of democratic control over functions that are currently delivered through the Assembly.

ACTION

The concern was **noted**.

Members **agreed** that the final meeting of the Assembly should take place on Thursday 26 March 2009.

5. Report Back from the Boards

The Report back from the Boards was **noted** by Members.

6. Information Item - Regional Funding Advice 2008 – Info Note 3

Members were advised that a Regional Funding Advice (RFA) meeting had taken place earlier in the day attended by the Regional Minister Rosie Winterton MP. It was noted that the main message put to the Minister was that the Government needed to allow flexibility for this funding to be used by regions over the next nine years.

Chris Martin gave an update on the transport element of the RFA work. He noted that a long list of schemes had been submitted as bids for funding from the transport pot. However, once existing commitments are taken into account there will only be limited scope to fund new schemes. Input from regional stakeholders was being taken into account in drawing up the final short-list to go to the Regional Transport Board on 23 January.

Chris also made the point that this region, along with others, faces the problem that there are few major schemes ready to go in the early years of the programme. Recommendations would be put to the Transport Board that aimed to tackle this and make sure the region maximises its use of the funding available.

Members emphasised this last point and agreed that it was necessary to develop a strong transport infrastructure now to support the economy in the future.

This information item was **noted** by Members.

7. Any Other Business

There was no other business.

Date of Next Meeting: 5 March 2009

Attendees

Cllr Peter Box
Paul Jagger
Cllr Arthur Barker

Cllr Kris Hopkins
Cate Hammond
Bill Adams
Patricia Farrell
Andrew Palmer
Cllr Roger Stone

Chair
Deputy Chair
North Yorkshire Local Authority Partnership and Chair
of LGYH
Regional Housing Board
Regional Planning Board
SEE Partner Group
SEE Partner Group
SEE Partner Group
South Yorkshire Local Authority Partnership

Observers

Margaret Jackson
Paul Rogerson
Simon Foy
Terry Hodgkinson

Government Office
Regional Chief Executives Group
Yorkshire Forward
Yorkshire Forward

Staff

Sue Jeffrey
Chris Martin
Iain Lovell
Emma King

Apologies

Felicity Everiss
Cllr Carl Minns
Cllr Stephen Parnaby
Cllr Andrew Carter
Cllr Mark Kirk
Naheed Arshad Mather
Cllr Paul Scriven
Cllr Robert Light
Tom Riordan

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Hull and Humber Ports City Region Partnership
Humber Local Authority Partnership
Leeds City Region Partnership
Regional Transport Board
SEE Partner Group
Sheffield City Region Partnership
West Yorkshire Local Authority Partnership
Yorkshire Forward