

**MINUTES OF THE REGIONAL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING:
21 DECEMBER 2006**

ACTION

1. Welcome, Introductions and Apologies

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

A full list of attendees and apologies can be found at **Annex A**.

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting – 16 November 2006

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

3. Matters Arising

The matters arising from the last meeting were **noted**.

4. Integrated Regional Framework (IRF) – Vision

Members discussed the draft IRF discussion paper and, in particular, the proposed draft vision for the IRF, which was drawn up by the Sustainable Development Board at a special meeting on 13 December 2006.

In the discussion that followed relating to the proposed new vision, the following points were raised:

- Could be seen as being 'a bit woolly' – should it be more specific?
- More specific to the region than the previous vision.
- More measurable.
- The vision is less important than what happens as a result.
- Easy to understand.
- Very positive statement.
- Indicators are really important, as is how we measure achievements.

- Need to check grammar!

Members then considered the wider discussion paper, in particular appendix A, and the following points were raised:

- General – need to be careful about making specific points about what life will be like when we can't foresee it.
- Land use and transport – some concerns raised about the content.
- Employment – need to be more specific and explicit about getting more people into employment.
- Health – need to capture the obesity issue.
- Consumption and waste – need to be careful about what we say in this section.

Members **agreed** the vision and discussion paper in principle to allow further consultation with the wider Assembly, the Boards and other stakeholders.

5. Regional Executive Board Work Programme

Members discussed the proposed work programme for the Board. The proposed work programme identifies five key activities for the Board over the coming year:

- Developing the Integrated Regional Framework
- Regional Leadership and Communication
- Lobbying and Working with Government and others
- Co-ordinating, overseeing and monitoring the Assembly's functional board activity
- Policy and strategy development and endorsement.

In the discussion that followed, the following points were raised:

- Need to ensure the Board can measure achievements.
- Needs to be a distinct gap between the work programme of the Board and the Business Plan for the wider Assembly.
- Need to avoid duplicating work (in relation to YHA and LGYH activities).
- In relation to Housing, Transport and Waste (Activity 2), is this not covered by the functional Boards? How will the Regional Executive Board add value? Should be

moved to 'Report Backs' under Activity 4 – along with Climate Change.

- Work programme needs to give an indication of how much time these activities will take up.
- Need to add MEPs to Activity 2.

Members **agreed** that the draft programme should go out to consultation to the full Assembly.

6. Business Plan

Members were asked for their comments on the draft business plan priorities for the period 2007/08.

In the discussion that followed, the following comments were made:

- The scale of the contribution to the European Office - figure should be included. It was **noted** that the European Office business plan (including funding) would be set out in a separate document.
- Rural areas and gypsy and traveller provision are key issues.
- Need to ensure effective links to the work of the Boards.
- As well as the corporate activity, we need to look at activities where we can add real value.
- Need to ensure we get the right amount of detail within the plan.
- Need to highlight the cross cutting activities.
- Need to specify what is new and what is existing work.
- Need to specify who is doing what.
- Need to highlight whether there are any resourcing issues with any of the activities.

Members **noted** that the final draft business plan would be presented to Executive Board on 18 January 2007 for agreement and to the Assembly meeting on 15 February for endorsement.

7. Transport Lobbying

At the last meeting, members agreed that securing resources to fund transport would be a key lobbying priority for the region.

It was confirmed that a series of thematic meetings had been

set up with civil servants in January 2007 on aspects of the CSR submission - with the transport meeting taking place on 5 January 2007.

In addition, members were informed that a letter has been sent to relevant ministers requesting a joint meeting between them, the Chair and Terry Hodgkinson (Chair – Yorkshire Forward) on how the Government might support the region's transport activity.

It was **agreed** that a specific briefing on transport should be drawn up to help members and other partners better present the region's case. It was **agreed** that a draft briefing would be prepared in discussion with the Regional Transport Board and submitted to the Regional Executive Board for approval.

Chris Martin

8. The Sub National Review and the Implications of the Eddington (Transport), Barker (Planning) and Leitch (Skills) Reviews

Members were informed that, at the time of the Budget, Government announced a cross cutting review of sub national delivery of economic development and regeneration. The review would not report until after the Budget 2007 and members were asked for their views on whether the Assembly should take the opportunity to influence the outcome, as to date the Assembly has only commented on the review as part of the overall English Regions Network (ERN) response.

In the discussion that followed, the following points were raised:

- Important to have a response from the Assembly in addition to the ERN submission.
- Need to emphasise the added value the Assembly and its functions bring to regional structures and decision-making, and look forward to how this might be developed in future.
- Need to avoid duplicating the comments of other stakeholders who would be drawing up responses about their roles.

Members **agreed** that the Assembly needed to draw up a specific response. A statement of intent and key headings would be drawn up early in the new year to help inform

Sue Jeffrey

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discussions with the Treasury.

It was **agreed** that the Chair would contact the Treasury to establish the timescales for the response.

Chair

9. Any Other Business

A report back was made on the visit of the Sustainable Development Commission to the region in early December. It was noted that they questioned whether the Assembly's Sustainable Development Board met the criteria of independence that the Commission thought such regional 'champion' bodies should have. However, the Commission agreed that the region has a good reputation on sustainable development and accepted that the important issue was that the Board should be able to prove its effectiveness.

DCLG commissioned ARUP to undertake a review of Assemblies. This work has now been completed and the report will be published in the new year. It was **agreed** that copies of the report would be circulated the members when available.

Nicola Plumstead

Date of Next Meeting: 18 January 2007

Nicola Plumstead, Business Services Support Officer
9 January 2007



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Present:

Chris Glen	Chair - Regional Transport Board
Paul Jagger	Deputy Chair
Felicity Everiss	Government Office for Yorkshire and Humber
Cllr Stephen Parnaby	Humber Sub Regional Partnership and Chair of Local Government Yorkshire and Humber
Cllr Arthur Barker	North Yorkshire Sub Regional Partnership
Paul Rogerson	Regional Chief Executives Group
Michael Noble	SEE Partners
Neil Irving	SEE Partners
Cllr Roger Stone	South Yorkshire Sub Regional Partnership
Cllr Robert Light	West Yorkshire Sub Regional Partnership
Don Stewart	Yorkshire Forward (Deputy for Tom Riordan)
Chris Martin	YHA
Iain Lovell	YHA
Nicola Plumstead	YHA
Sian Ferguson	YHA
Sue Jeffrey	YHA

Visitors

Martin Cantor	Barnsley MBC
Kazuko Kakegawa	Centre for Urban and Regional Studies, University of Birmingham
Caroline Gaden	East Riding of Yorkshire Council

Apologies

Cllr Peter Box	Chair
Cllr Kris Hopkins	Chair - Regional Housing Board
Cllr Steve Galloway	Chair - Regional Planning Board
Cllr Carl Minns	Hull and Humber Ports City Region Partnership
Cllr Andrew Carter	Leeds City Region Partnership
Cllr John Weighell	Rural Local Authorities
Michele Sutton	SEE Partners
Penny Hemming	SEE Partners
Wendy Bundy	SEE Partners
Cllr Jan Wilson	Sheffield City Region Partnership

Rob Warm
Tom Riordan

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